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# LETTERS

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LETTER OF THE WEEK

**Critic,**  
Just need to vent that recycling lecture notes and recorded lectures from last year with wrong information and dates is low effort bullshit. I'm paying over \$1,000 for a 300-level compulsory psych stats paper to get into post-grad, that doesn't even count towards my major, and there is a 25% in-class test that we have been given 3 dates and times for. The syllabus says the 7th of April, lecture notes say the 19th of April, and the fucking recording that goes with the lecture notes says the 8th? Come on. It can't take long to check the basics of when a 25% test is?

Surely other students have had similar frustrations. Honestly, it just feels like lecturers are taking advantage of not having to lecture when we are still paying top dollar for the content.

C.H.

**Dear Critic,**  
In the wasp article of this week's issue, the author Fox Meyer writes "... you are more likely to be stung by a wasp than a humble bee,...". I am shocked and appalled that Meyer didn't have the presence of mind to instead say "a humble bumblebee". I honestly expected better from this magazine, and I expect to see a full retraction and apology in next week's issue. You need to do better.

Regards,  
N. A. Brown

*Editors' Response: Damn it, you're right.*

**Dear Critic,**  
I offer my take as to why the ID cards are not a vibe this year. The conspicuous and unjustified absence of penguins! What is this madness? Why deprive the ID card of a threatened species, an inadvertent gay icon and a poster child for Otago? Penguins rock, I say bring them back!

Best  
A bird fan

**Dear Critic,**  
Look, it's going to be an unpopular opinion but I hate Dunedin sunny days. Well not entirely but I mainly hate the mass migration to the beaches because I can not stand SAND. Yeah yeah say the Star Wars quote about the fact that sand is grainy, coarse, irritating, and it gets everywhere – I've heard it every time I tell people that I hate sand. All of those facts about sand are true though. Especially the part where it gets everywhere. I actually can't stand this aspect of sand. Even thinking about sand in my bedsheets makes me physically curl up into a ball. How does anyone deal with this? So when it's a sunny day and everyone heads off to the beach, I am usually left alone wondering how I can make use of a sunny day by myself. I'm not against doing things alone but it would be a lot better with friends. Alternatively, on overcast days I can usually convince people to be outside with me and just not at the beach which is ideal. Is this selfish? Absolutely. Will I continue to hate the mass beach migration? As long as I live in Dunedin.

They say that love and hate are closely related emotions and a million shit Netflix-original rom-coms will tell you this, but let me tell you. I will never love sand. So if you're reading this and also hate sand with a fiery, burning passion, please reach out. I want friends that don't go to the beach all the time.

Regards,  
Lake Supremacist

**Dear Critic,**  
I appreciated the whale metaphor in your last editorial, and I thought I'd provide some more context. Whaling kicked off with these guys named the Wellers (no pun intended), for whom Weller's Rock is named. They sucked. They have, dare I say it, the worst reputation of any Dunedin settler. These guys hunted the whale populations mercilessly, and when the whales ran out, they said "fuck it", and moved on to the timber buisiness. They stripped the hillsides of greenery, destroying in a few years an ecosystem that we will never see in our lifetimes. They took Maori hostages to Sydney, they instigated conflicts, the lot. In the end, I think one of them died and didn't even consider Aotearoa suitable for a burial - his ashes were sent back to the UK in a rum casket. Scoundrels, really. Fuck 'em.

Cheers,  
A. J. Taylor

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# Editorial: This was never a peaceful protest

By Fox Meyer

Helluva week, huh? We've got a war, we've got a scary new climate report, and we've got the shitstorm that blew through parliament grounds on Wednesday. This whole issue of Critic has a bit of a calamitous fog hanging over it, which you can probably tell from the cover. I guess that's sort of how we're all feeling, and what's going on in Welly really put the cherry on top.

In the livestream, I saw occupiers tear apart a Wellington sidewalk and hurl the cobblestones at officers. I saw them set fires, and then throw propane tanks on those fires. They exploded. I saw neo-Nazi hoodies, and I saw people who looked like they were just so stoked to finally have an excuse to try to harm another human being. Some of the cops looked the same, beating protestors as they dragged them away, and liberally applying pepper spray. And behind all of this, in the most surreal way, the Hare Krishas were singing.

Nothing about this occupation seemed normal from the get-go. There was an overtly imported flavour to the entire movement, part of the wider anti-government craze sweeping through the global West. And this is a real shame, because a healthy distrust of the state is a genuinely good thing. It's the cornerstone of all progressive societies. So it sucks to see an attempt at scepticism co-opted by a bunch of vagrant, violent muppets.

But wait! This is a peaceful protest! It's about peace and love, see, that's what we graffitied all over the Cenotaph! It's about good vibes and music, bro, it's about our freedoms. If you chuck a glass bottle at a cop, is it still a peaceful protest, even if that bottle was filled with nothing but good intentions?

No. A few years ago, I watched as Trump teargassed a genuinely peaceful protest in DC so that he could get a photo op at a nearby church. In that protest, the public yelled at police and held signs, sure, but not like what we just saw in Wellington. Nothing was thrown, and the language used was astronomically different to what we heard on the Wellington livestream. Unlike DC – a city that knows how to protest – the Wellington occupation isn't peaceful, it never was, no matter how many hippies you saw.

It's clear that the people drawn to these movements are often marginalised folks, with a real bone to pick and plenty of reason to distrust the state. And they have good reason to be that way; if the state had done a better job addressing things like child poverty and inaccessible housing, maybe the population wouldn't have been so easily radicalised. But now, those feelings of indignity have enabled these people to fall prey to imported conspiracy theories and other backwater bogus peddled as "standing up for your rights".

Campaigning for freedom from mandates doesn't make a lot of sense when those mandates are, quite quickly, being lifted (no thanks to the occupants). And it sucks to see that this wider message of governmental critique has been seized by a violent and misguided minority, because it means that if you're skeptical of the government – which you should be – your most visible allies are now a group of conspiratorial nutjobs that rub shoulders with Nazi sympathizers.

It's not a peaceful protest if you have neo-Nazis in your group. It's not a peaceful protest when you scream at a cop, "We're going to get you, and your children." It's not a peaceful protest when you harass schoolgirls. You can't just say "Oh, this is a peaceful protest," and then magically be on the right side of history while your partners try (and fail) to make a Molotov cocktail.

There are people opposed to mandates who have protested peacefully, like our Dunedin occupants, and I whole-heartedly support their right to air their grievances. Yes, Big Pharma is evil. Yes, the healthcare system doesn't work for everyone. And yes, the restrictions were confusing and frustrating. But if you're in the Octagon, you'd better take a close look at exactly what it is that your group is protesting, and you'd better be ashamed of what just happened. People carried your signs and your flags into an embarrassing riot, and have tarnished your reputation as a genuine protest. And the longer you continue to support these acts of violence, the less I'll believe you when you say "this is a peaceful protest".

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## Anti-war Protest in the Octagon as Russia Invades Ukraine

Ukrainians, Russians and allies stand in solidarity

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A crowd of around 50, including Ukrainians, Russians and others, amassed in the lower Octagon on the 26th to peacefully protest Russian aggression against Ukraine. An anti-mandate convoy passed through at the same time, providing a backdrop of honking, yelling and loud music.

The group gathered in response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine, which had been announced by Russian President Vladimir Putin just 3 days prior. "We want the world to help us stop Putin, because it could be World War 3 if we do not do something," said a Ukrainian national at the protest. "Since 2014 Russia has annexed Crimea and occupied a part of Eastern Ukraine. Now, it's a genocide."

Among the protesters were Russian nationals who strongly opposed Putin's "authoritarian, dictatorial" invasion. "In my opinion the current Russian government is totally illegitimate and it doesn't represent the majority of Russia's view," said Elle, a politics PhD student and Russian national. "The majority of people are against the war, but the protests [in Russia] are heavily suppressed – people are risking their lives and health and they're put to jail."

The protesters included students who, though having no direct personal connection to the Ukrainian invasion, felt strongly enough to protest. Rose, a 23 year old student, told Critic Te Arohi that she was there, because "I never thought I would see in my lifetime this kind of imperialism, with one country taking over another just for the sake of it. It's pretty shocking."

The sombre mood at the protest, though, was marred by an anti-mandate convoy passing through the Octagon at the same time. As horns honked, "Let It Be" blared through speakers and children yelled "Vaccine mandates are apartheid!" through megaphones. A sign was quickly fashioned reading: "Worry about the war in NZ."

# "Peace must belong to all people, not only to those who have something to offer us."

One anti-mandate protester told Critic Te Arohi that it was "interesting" the anti-war protest was held at the same time as the convoy was due: "We came because we were expecting a counter-protest. We didn't expect this." We don't think Ukrainians expected Russia to invade their homeland either, but there you go. Another confidently affirmed that "Putin's kind of on our side," claiming the real targets of the Russian invasion were "American bioweapons factories" – claims that other anti-mandate protesters openly side-eyed.

The anti-war protesters were not impressed. "We are both wanting freedom, but our freedom is very different to theirs," said Elle. Neither were some passers-by in the Octagon: one group we spoke to called them "fuckwits" and "disrespectful as hell", saying "at least [the anti-war protesters] are protesting something important".

Asked about whether there would be a peaceful resolution to the conflict, most were pessimistic. "There is no way for diplomacy; we have to fight," said one Ukrainian woman. "Older people and people with small children have attempted to evacuate but most Ukrainians decided to fight – they are fighting for freedom and sovereignty. Probably all my friends in Ukraine are fighting."

In a joint statement, the National Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies (NCPACS) and the NCPACS Student Association condemned the Russian invasion, saying "there is never any excuse for such acts of aggression." However, they also acknowledged "many Russian people are risking themselves to express their opposition to this war," and rejected the "narrative of 'East vs. West' that is being manipulated and used to fuel this invasion and violence".

"We cannot afford to send would-be aggressors the message that we will turn a blind eye to violence as long as it does not affect 'our' patch and pockets. And neither should we only protect wealthy or resource-rich nations. Peace must belong to all people, not only to those who have something to offer us."

If you want to provide individual support for the Ukrainian crisis, global humanitarian groups such as World Vision, UNICEF and Doctors Without Borders are currently providing support on the ground, along with local NGOs including Red Cross Ukraine, Nova Ukraine (humanitarian aid), Voices of Children (trauma counselling) and Sunflower of Peace (paramedic supplies).



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## "Good Karma" Nets OUSA's \$800 Camping Giveaway

Sick new tent soon to be seen at a music festival near you

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OUSA recently held an online giveaway for \$800 worth of new camping gear. The winner, Tayla, reckoned that "good karma" won her the grand prize, which she is hoping to show off at R&A.

"Never have I ever won something like this," said Tayla. She'd entered a few online contests in the past, but had never had any luck with them until now. A bunch of her mates are in isolation at the moment, and, because Tayla and her flatmates have been doing the good mahi of delivering groceries and aid, "We decided we had good karma and we thought that good karma would come back to us. And it has!"

Tayla was excited about the pots and pans included in the prize, "because I can use

them in the flat, we don't really have many". However, the real highlight of the giveaway for her was a brand new three-person tent. Tayla is a bit of a tent aficionado, not because she's an especially keen trumper, but because "last R&V we had a two-man tent split between four girls. This one is a three-man tent, so I reckon we can get at least four or five of us."

There's a simple trick to making a small tent work at a music festival, said Tayla: "well, not everyone stays the night in the tent, haha, they find guys to go stay with." This is a nuanced and delicate strategy, she explained: it's important to "do a walk-by first, see if [the potential boy's tent] is a no-go. If it is, you call a friend to get you out of that situation. You've just gotta

take the punt, really." When asked if this strategy worked at her last R&V, Tayla said yes, "it really did."

While Tayla is keen to get the tent bumping at future festivals, she reckoned there were more potential adventures to be had than just joining the froth. "The only time I've really camped was at R&V but I dunno, I think it's time to start something new. I think I'm gonna pull my red card and make all my flatmates go camping with me," she said. Sorry if that's a spoiler. Critic is unsure if her flatmates have tents, but if not, they can always follow Tayla's simple advice, have a poke about the local sea lion populations and see if any of them have got some room to spare.

## Peace and Conflict Centre Begins Improvements

Scathing review leads Uni to commit to "fundamental reset"

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A review into the National Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies has found an "unsustainably toxic" workplace culture despite "excellent" teaching staff and "enthusiastic" students. The University of Otago has committed to a "fundamental reset" in response, aiming "to build a truly top-flight and bicultural centre".

The review was first leaked to the Otago Daily Times. It found that over the course of a decade, the Centre developed a "toxic and unproductive culture" that led to "staff and students barely able to function, communicate or cooperate on small issues". There was also mistrust between the Centre and the wider Uni, with the reviewers highlighting "much more support and unity around the values of the Centre... than [they] seem to understand."

Despite the challenging workplace environment, the review found "signal highlights" in the teaching programme, and widespread praise from students for "the dedication and quality of dissertation supervisors... and the staff". A student told Critic Te Arohi that "from my experience just beginning the course, I haven't noticed

a negative environment within the Centre". The reviewers found this high performance all the more remarkable while staff were "carrying a heavy burden of hurt, grievance and distrust".

A "fundamental reset" was called for, with a process of "reconciliation" and "team-building" to "address their workplace culture" top of the priority list. Other recommendations included "[accommodating] a significant focus on indigenous/bicultural practice and research" (including a Māori director who "implicitly understands tikanga Māori"), a review of the Centre's curriculum, and greater integration with the wider Uni.

The review ended on an upbeat note, concluding that with "high research output, high quality teaching and [valuable engagement] with the wider community, there was "an amazing opportunity... to build a truly top-flight and bicultural centre". While acknowledging the changes would be "extraordinarily difficult", the report said that if these changes were "carried out well, it can result in... a healthy and happy professional work environment,

alongside development of a Treaty-led truly bicultural [Centre] with astonishing capacity and global profile".

Responding to the report, Division of Humanities Pro-Vice Chancellor Professor Jessica Palmer told Critic Te Arohi that the Uni were "previously aware of some of the issues highlighted... and were already working through [them] with Centre staff". She committed to accepting all the report's recommendations, saying they were "both timely and helpful," and said an interim director is being hired to implement these changes.

The National Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies Student Association said in a statement that "[students'] views were taken seriously and are reflected in the recommendations. We think that the Review has painted a pathway forward, which we are supporting, and are also pleased to hear that the University has accepted the recommendations in full... We feel fortunate that the relationship [we] currently have with the Centre will enable us to continue to contribute towards the implementation of the Review's recommendations."

## Clubs Struggling without Clubs Day

Suffering societies struggle to snag sufficient students

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The Omicron outbreak really screwed up many clubs' recruitment plans. Most are relying on social media and word-of-mouth, but are finding they cannot replace a good ol' Clubs Day tent.

For the Otago University Tramping Club (OUTC), historically the largest club on campus by membership, Clubs Day is huge – "the biggest thing for recruitment", according to OUTC President Anita. However, after Omicron cancelled the event, they've had to shift to "pretty passive" methods, "relying on social media and freshers from halls". Despite being "quite famous anyway", membership numbers have collapsed from 550–600 in previous years to just 200 this year. The lack of international students probably contributed also.

The Otago University Japanese Club has found that "the number of signups are currently nowhere near... what we recruited last year, or even what we hoped for."

President Justine and Vice-President Amy told Critic Te Arohi that, like many clubs, they're pivoting their focus to social media platforms, and also will try and reach out to new members through the Uni's Japanese language programme.

Kathryn Corry, at OUSA Clubs & Socs, said "Keeping our clubs active, and front of mind, is of utmost relevance." Some initiatives they've run include "social media, marketing-supported advertising, Radio One features, a display wall in the Link, meet-and-greet opportunities... and booklets in hall packs".

For the Otago University Snow Sports Club (OUSSC), surviving without Clubs Day was "doable" said Vice-President Katie, but "you can't get that reach anywhere else". According to Nick, OUSSC President: "That's a lot of money coming in that we use to offset club costs. It makes skiing more accessible by having that subsidised.

Additionally, we need money to put on events and that's not happening."

As well as cold, hard cash, clubs also lose out on new connections, added Nick: "You can't sell a club on a Facebook post. You have to see that there are students behind the scenes running the show. It's the personalities behind the club that make people fall in love with it... first years and new students might not have any idea where to look." Justine and Amy agreed: "Social media is not effective in recruiting members outside the club... particularly if they don't follow our page."

The overwhelming advice we got from clubs: find one you're passionate about, follow them on social media and spread the word, because they really need it right now. As serious young professionals, Critic Te Arohi will start by connecting with as many clubs as we can on our platform of choice: LinkedIn. OUSSC already has a page.

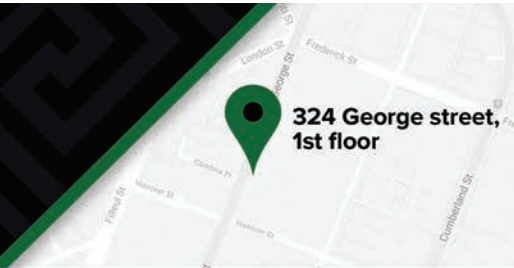
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# CCTV Project Phase 3 Foiled by Covid-19, Budget Constraints

Uni considering turning footage into TikToks to raise revenue

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The University's plans to install more CCTV cameras around North D has hit a snag. The culprit: our old friend Covid-19.

The new CCTVs were planned to be placed on Union Street, between Campus and Unipol. They had claimed that this move would provide "safety for students and staff" and "take care of both people and property". However, according to Deputy Proctor Geoff Burns, these high-minded plans have been nixed, for some depressingly familiar reasons: "Phase 3 has been officially off the drawing board for the past couple of years due to the pandemic and the current economic situation the University finds itself in."

Burns added that the Uni has "no immediate plans for reinstating it." In a

statement, a University spokesperson said that while Phase 3 has been iced for now, "the University supports the Proctor's recommendation" which includes the "targeting of identified 'at risk' areas on a case-by-case basis as the budget allows." The temporary pause of the Phase Three plan comes as the Proctor's report highlights an increase of violence and offending "at the higher end of the scale".

According to the Proctor's Office, around 90% of requests to review camera footage were from students – primarily due to "damage to property" (including vehicles and bicycles). Indeed, "requests to view CCTV camera footage have increased significantly in recent years from about 50 requests in 2017 to about 240 requests in 2021." Ben, a student, said: "CCTV cameras are used to punish bad behaviour but

it doesn't necessarily prevent it, which doesn't seem to me like an ideal solution".

With all these students viewing CCTV footage come concerns over privacy and misuse of information. Speaking to Stuff in 2018 about Auckland Transport's CCTV rollout, New Zealand Council of Civil Liberties chairman Thomas Beagle said: "You are setting up a society where the government watches the people just in case, and I find that quite chilling." Some students think the same way, with one telling Critic Te Arohi: "It sounds like the University is just trying to create a tighter level of surveillance culture, which I don't think should be taken for granted."

Critic is of the belief that if the Uni can't see us at our worst, they don't deserve us at our best.

# New IPCC Report: Impending Irreversible Climate Devastation (again)

Ahhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh

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As if a global pandemic and the threat of world war weren't enough, the cheerful souls at the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change have threatened climate-related mayhem will be coming for us as well. Again.

The IPCC report, "Climate Change 2022: Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability", again highlighted the rapidly closing window of opportunity we have to act on climate change, if we want to lessen its worst effects. UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres didn't mince his words, describing the report as an "atlas of human suffering" whilst condemning "failed climate leadership". According to IPCC co-chair Prof Debra Roberts: "Our report clearly indicates that places where people live and work may cease to exist, that ecosystems and species that we've all grown up with and that are central to

our cultures and inform our languages may disappear."

Despite (or maybe because of) the existential threats of destruction in the new IPCC report, it didn't seem to be a priority for students we asked. "It's long, and I think it will make me feel depressed. I would probably read a summary of it though," said 2nd year student Linea. Work smarter, not harder, as they say.

Any solution to the problem, said the Marine Science department's Professor Chris Hepburn, "requires long-term thinking... an inclusive approach that incorporates cultural values, indigenous, local and scientific knowledge and enhancement of biodiversity and ecosystem resilience – all of which requires place-based knowledge and data." In the context of Aotearoa, "we must engage

Mātauranga Māori, applying principles such as kaitiakitanga, and empower local and more long term views of managing the environmental and natural resources often applied by indigenous peoples."

For its part, the Uni emitted 30,661 tons of carbon dioxide-equivalent gases in 2020. To make those numbers slightly more relatable, that's the equivalent of driving 17,521 Suzuki Swifts for a year, or producing 456 bottles of beer for every Otago student. "As part of pursuing net zero by 2030, the University is targeting reducing emissions by 54 per cent from the 2019 base year by 2029," said Sustainability Office Head Ray O'Brien.

Either way, it's probably past time for all of us to wake up and smell the burning rainforest. As for our leaders – well, let's just say we'll be watching you.



# Iso Rules Baffle Students

Covid regulations: somehow more confusing than beer pong

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Jake, a Master's student living in Brighton, is in the middle of a 20 day isolation.

"At the end of our first 10-day isolation we were all joking and saying "oh we're gonna get it again, haha, we're gonna have to restart", and then that's exactly what happened." After his housemate attended one of the first Castle Street parties, Jake and co. settled into ten days of isolation. On day ten, someone else tested positive, restarting the cycle, although "we have no idea how [they got infected]."

This was especially frustrating, seeing as "if we had gotten tested [on day nine], and gotten a positive, we wouldn't have to do another ten days." Jake said that it was just part of the rules: "It is what it is... we jinxed it." He was frustrated that a 24-hour window just cost him ten days of freedom, with no change in who actually has or doesn't have covid. "I think the rules are a bit stupid, yeah, but there's a point to it."

The rules themselves have confused many students – one told Critic Te Arohi that trying to figure them out "made my head spin a little". As of the 3rd of March, the

Government's guidance was that anyone who tests positive, or lives in the same house as the positive case and stayed at least one day or night when they're around, must self-isolate for 10 days. However, people who live in the same "group accommodation" as a positive case (e.g. halls of residence, boarding houses, hostels, backpackers, etc.) do not have to isolate, as they're not household contacts.

Anyway, with that mess out of the way, if someone in your flat comes down with Covid, you have to isolate with them for 10 days. You have to get tested as soon as you get symptoms, or on days 3 and 10 otherwise. There's a handy website (<https://requestrats.covid19.health.nz/>), where you can order free RATs for your flat now, to pick up from the testing centre on Malcolm Street. You can also get free rats on Malcolm Street if you know where to look.

If more people in your flat get Covid-19 within that 10 day period, you don't have to re-start your isolation period – as long as you test negative on day 10 and you don't

have any symptoms, you're free to go. So while a Covid party may sound fun to "get iso out of the way," don't do it, because you may not get Covid immediately. If you get Covid on day 9, you still have to isolate for 10 more days. If you get it on day 11, congratulations, you've put your whole flat in isolation for 10 more days!

On a side note, for those of a hornier disposition: those who stay the night with a positive case are, also, strangely, not household contacts but close contacts. So, technically, a positive case's flatmates will legally need to isolate (under Section 70 of the Health Act 1956, on pain of a \$4,000 fine and a stern telling off from Daddy Bloomfield). However, if you've only had a steamy, passionate one-night stand with the same positive case, you won't. There is, technically, a Section 70 order requiring you to "report... and submit to medical testing for Covid-19". The Ministry of Health advises that you only do this if you've got symptoms. But long story short, if you fucked someone who has Covid, you'd be a fucking idiot to not get a test and isolate. You've had your fun.

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## Wanted: Chip Packets to turn into Survival Blankets

All you do is eat chip, clean pack and lie

By Denzel Chung

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Some of Dunedin's chip packets will be getting a second chance at life, with a new initiative turning them into survival blankets for rough sleepers.

Jessica Ladbrook is Dunedin's volunteer coordinator for the Chip Packet Project NZ (CPPNZ). With origins in the British "Crisp Packet Project", this worldwide movement turns empty foil packets – such as those used for chips and biscuits – into a variety of useful things. These things include pillows, sleeping rolls and survival blankets for rough sleepers.

The process is "pretty easy, which was why I was keen to do it", said Jess: once you've chomped on your chips (or biscuits), clean out the pack and cut them open to flatten them out. When you've got five of the same size, line them up and fuse them together with an iron. These strips of 5 can then be fused together and fashioned into just about anything you need. For survival blankets, you need about 5 or 6 strips

– that's 30 chip packets – and a plastic layer for waterproofing, made from pallet cling wrap. For pillows, meanwhile, biscuit packets seem to work best.

This upcycling is hugely appealing, said Jess: "We're taking rubbish that will take at least 80 years to decompose in landfill, and turning it into a valuable resource... for those whose housing is not up to standard." The fact that she can do it from her flat is a bonus, too.

While turning chip packets into survival blankets can be hugely motivating, Jess was careful to emphasise that CPPNZ are not here to be heroes. "We don't want to impose on the good work that's already being done," she said. Instead, they work closely with groups that are already involved with Dunedin's rough sleeping community – including Night Shelter and Servants Health Centre – saying that they're best able to target support.

The group started early this year, and Jess's efforts to place collection boxes were affected by the Omicron outbreak. "It's a really stressful time," she said, and collecting chip packets was not high on the priority list for many. However, she's been spreading the good word to flatmates and friends, and they've already got enough to make "a few blankets". She's hoping a collection box outside the Chaplaincy Office and in Mornington will boost things further.

"We're here and we understand it's stressful, but we're super open to whatever level of involvement you want, whether it's dropping off a chip packet, making a "strip of 5" or helping us make blankets," she said. "Just collect as many as you can, I'll fill up my room!" In solidarity with this cause, Critic will accept all donations of full chip packets for processing into empty packets.

Visit [facebook.com/CPPNZDunedin](https://facebook.com/CPPNZDunedin).

## University Shops Struggle With Omicron

Sandwiches just don't hit the same when you can't taste anything

By Denzel Chung

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The Omicron outbreak has hit Otago Uni's cafés and food outlets hard. A one-two punch of fewer students on campus and staff shortages have led to financial losses and rolling closures of outlets.

The University Union is like the Pablo Escobar of Dunedin's campus – gives students the goods, rakes in the dough. Owned by the Uni, they run every retail outlet on campus, from Frankly Sandwiches to the Staff Club to the gift shop in St Dave's. They feed every hall, as well as running and catering most Uni events. With the lone, brave exception of Chatime, this is the University Union's world, and we're just living in it.

This money tap, supported by time-limited staff and caffeine-fixing students, has recently been hit hard. The rapid spread of Omicron through the student community


has not spared the Union's team of baristas and sandwich artists, many of whom are students. This has forced rolling closures of the Union's network of shops. One student employee said that they've "had to shuffle staff between our stores, cafés and helping deliver packages to isolating freshers".

In addition, with the Omicron outbreak shifting most learning online and a large chunk of students and staff either isolating or working from home, those who report for duty seem to find themselves twiddling their thumbs, with little to do except watch the few students on campus hurry past.

The Uni's Campus and Collegiate Life Services Director, James Lindsay, confirmed this, telling Critic Te Arohi that "The Omicron outbreak, coupled with a move to online learning, has seen

fewer students and staff on campus, so our cafes and shops are quieter than normal. This semester we have also been deploying staff where necessary and have had some staff away with non-Covid-related sickness."

While saying there may be "some effect on our bottom line, depending how long it takes us to get through this Omicron wave," James was confident this wouldn't spell ruin for the Union: "The University Union has diversified revenue streams and a large part of the operation is catering to almost 2600 students across the University colleges. This part of the business is very busy at the moment." If they're looking to plug budget shortfalls, Critic suggests the University Union opens a student bar, which is surely a responsible and risk-free venture.



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## FINANCE AND STRATEGY OFFICER

**Emily Fau-Goodwin**

Kia ora!!

I hope you have all enjoyed your first week back of classes at uni!  
I'm Emily, I'm the Finance and Strategy Officer on OUSA this year. I am in charge of working with the budget and dealing with the more strategic side of OUSA and how student money is spent.

We always want to make sure that what we are doing is in line with the values and priorities of students. So, I wanted to let everyone know how you can give feedback into my work on OUSA's strategic direction, constitution, and budget.

Every year we hold two referenda (one in each semester), a Student General Meeting, and a survey which

will be open for you to answer and comment on. All of these will ask for feedback on changes to OUSA, or priorities within OUSA, as well as giving you an opportunity to review and pass our budget. If you are interested or passionate about how student money is being used, I really urge you to get involved in these. These are really important ways we decide which direction to go in, so we want them to be backed by students!

If you have any questions, then please email me at [finance@ousa.org.nz](mailto:finance@ousa.org.nz)! I'd love to hear any comments about the work I do here at OUSA!

Ngā mihi,

Emily

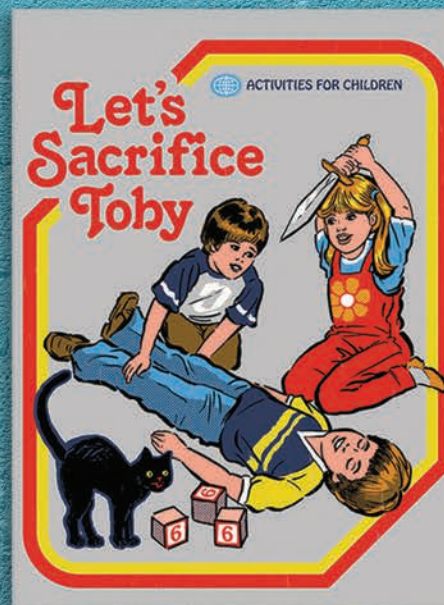
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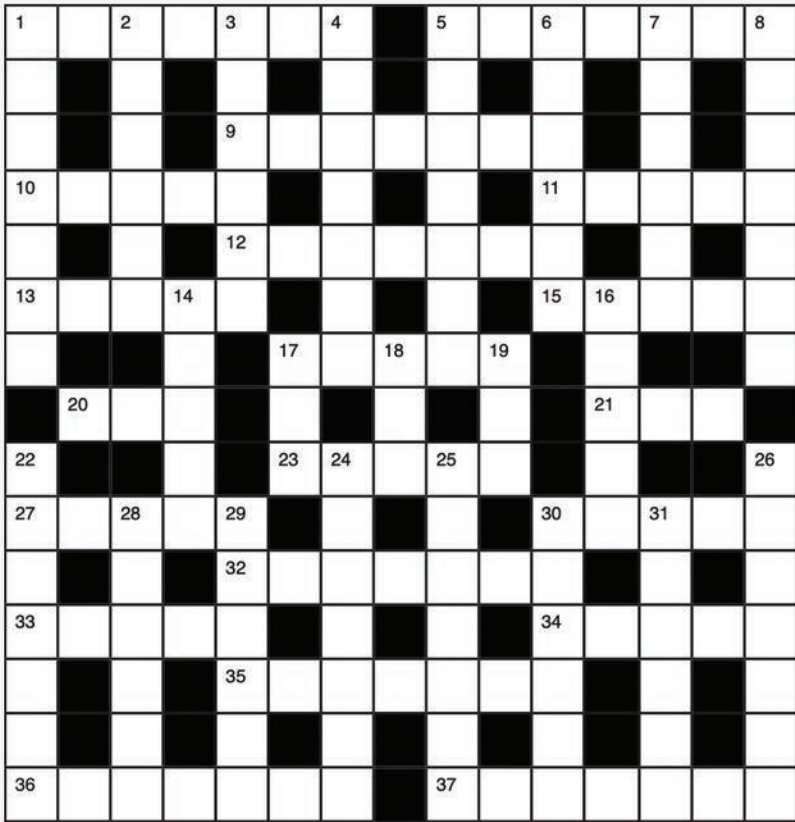
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# PUZZLES

## CROSSWORD



- ACROSS:**
- 1. Dunedin city centre (7)
  - 5. Beds for vampires (7)
  - 9. Communist Party member (7)
  - 10. Practical joke (5)
  - 11. Handle dough (5)
  - 12. Censorship worthy (7)
  - 13. Notorious Far Side cartoon: Cow \_\_ (5)
  - 15. Fit for a queen (5)
  - 17. Make fun of (5)
  - 20. " \_\_ welcome to my crib" (3)
  - 21. Martini ingredient (3)
  - 23. Admired celebrities (5)
  - 27. Bleeds orange, green and white (5)
  - 30. Non-studio movie (5)
  - 32. 1905 Red Manifesto (7)
  - 33. Small role (5)
  - 34. Cool place to live (5)
  - 35. Paddled (7)
  - 36. Gets angry (4,3)
  - 37. Blood sucker (7)

- DOWN:**
- 1. Māori name for Dunedin (7)
  - 2. Fruit, but not a fruit (6)
  - 3. Tropical lizards (6)
  - 4. "I bow to you" in Sanskrit (7)
  - 5. Ski lodges (7)
  - 6. Harry Potter's Quidditch position (6)
  - 7. Cafe (6)
  - 8. Beach irritant (4,3)
  - 14. American clothing coveted in USSR (5)
  - 16. Maternity ward doctor (5)
  - 17. NZ songbird (3)
  - 18. "Much \_\_ About Nothing" (3)
  - 19. Dawn goddess (3)
  - 22. Darwin's birds (7)
  - 24. Able to see in the dark (3,4)
  - 25. "Lolita" author Vladimir \_\_ (7)
  - 26. "Pure \_\_", Lorde album (7)
  - 28. Can't be zombified (6)
  - 29. NZ Kickboxing champion 'The Hangman' (6)
  - 30. Heterochromia \_\_, different coloured eyes (6)
  - 31. Site of the Ancient Greek oracle (6)

## MINI CROSSWORD



- ACROSS:**
- 1. \_\_ Anderson, aesthetic filmmaker (3)
  - 4. Relax in the bath (4)
  - 5. \_\_ scheme (5)
  - 6. Deep black (4)
  - 7. Health and safety campaign abbreviation (3)
- DOWN:**
- 1. Chocolate factory boss (5)
  - 2. Rapper G-\_\_ (4)
  - 3. Glide downhill (3)
  - 4. Male heirs (4)
  - 5. Apple seed (3)

**WEEK 01 CROSSWORD ANSWERS**

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**DOWN:** 1. Seamen 2. Iggy 3. Thor 4. Icy 5. Extra 6. Sumac 7. Seasonal 8. Decrypt 11. Octave 12. SMS 13. A-La 14. Ennui 18. Talons 19. Enormous 20. Nadal 21. Topless 22. Get 23. In 24. STD 25. Eleven 27. Icing 28. Mimed 31. Orbs 32. Amok 33. Eno

**MINI CROSSWORD ANSWERS**

**ACROSS:** 1. Evil 5. Gore 6. Otago 8. Eton 9. Desi

**DOWN:** 1. Ego 2. Voted 3. Irate 4. Legos 7. Oni

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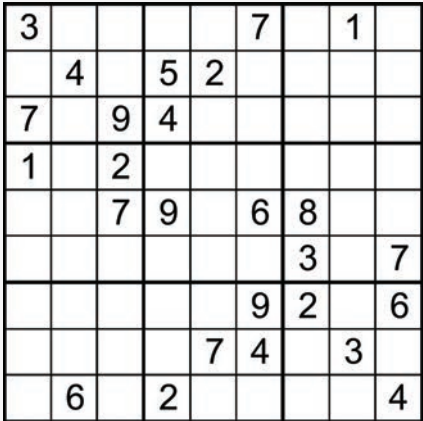
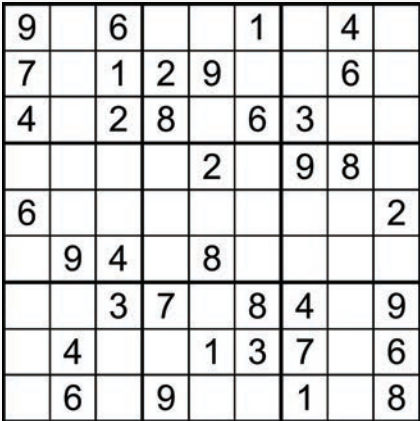
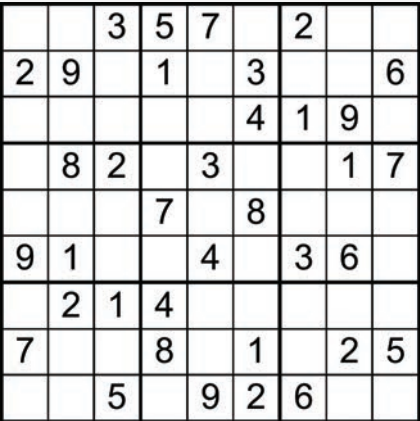
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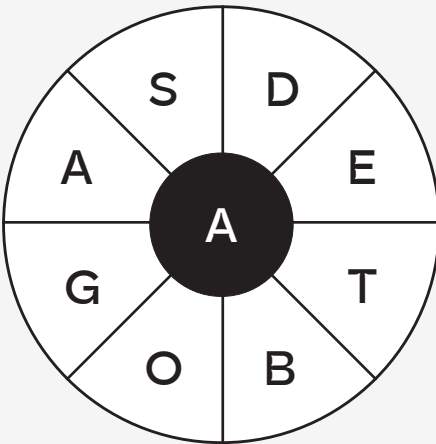
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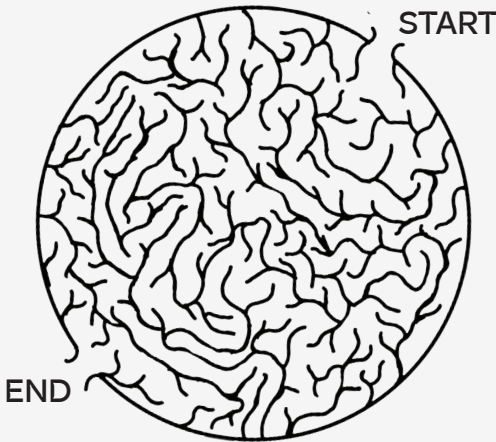


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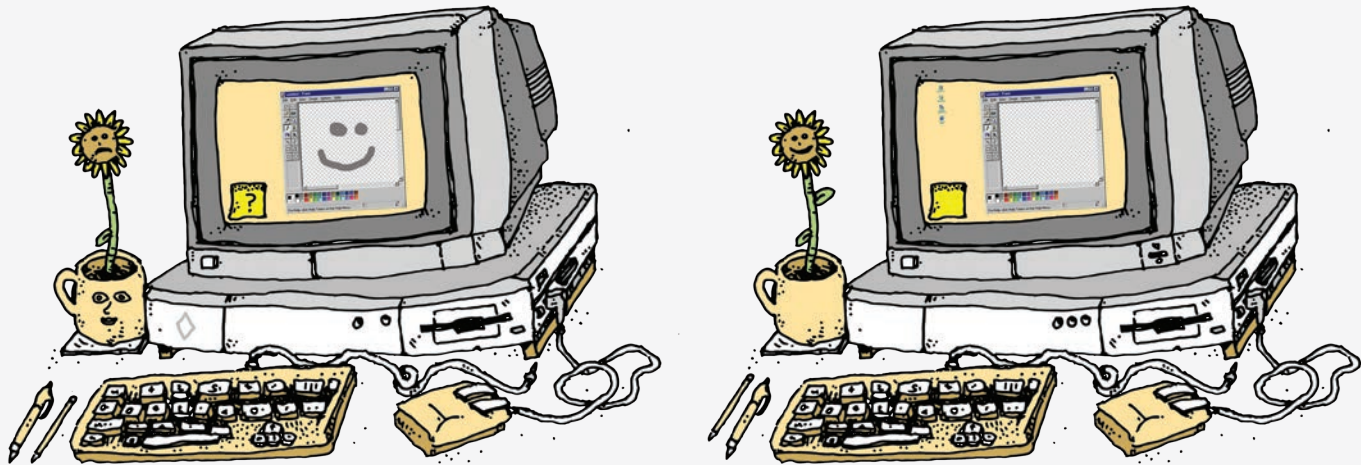
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# FRINGE SPORTS FOR A FRINGE TOWN



BY ELLIOT WEIR

Many students have grown tired of dragging themselves to Unipol and have instead taken up one of the many “new” sports that have become increasingly popular and accessible in the last two years. Critic talked to people involved in these rising stars of the Dunedin sports scene to find out why bouldering, disc golf, and women’s ice hockey are some of the fastest growing activities in the city, and how you too can ditch the monotony of the gym for a more engaging workout.

## BOULDERING

Bouldering involves climbing on small rock formations (2-10m high), or artificial walls, without any ropes or harnesses. People have been doing it for as long as we've looked up at boulders and decided we wanted to be at the top of them, but with the opening of a new climbing gym on Moray Place in 2021 and the debut of climbing as a sport at last year's Olympics, more students than ever are giving bouldering a go.

David Sheppard is the climbing officer of the Otago University Tramping Club and has been climbing for over ten years "from the world stage in Italy, high up on Moir's Mate in Fiordland and to our local crag at Long Beach". David describes bouldering as "an independent challenge, just you and the wall", adding that when you finish a climb "there are an endless number of new routes to try with different styles and difficulties, you can never get bored."

David says that the bouldering gym that used to exist in Dunedin would often be empty, but nowadays at Resistance Climbing there is "always a handful of people and it's especially busy during the evenings". He attributes this to climbing's inclusion in the Tokyo Olympic Games, and to the new gym being welcoming to both experts and beginners.

Arlo, a second-year student, and Zak, a third-year student, have both been bouldering for less than a year. They agree that having a local climbing gym has made the sport far more accessible to beginners. Arlo believes that despite being very physical, it often doesn't feel like exercise simply "because it's so fun". Zak also thought that the grading system "really helps track improvement as you progress".

David believes that climbing is "going from a fringe sport to more in the mainstream". Zak and Arlo also told Critic that as more people convince their friends to give it a go, and those friends convince their friends, the sport will continue to grow in popularity, with Zak adding that "you'll be very sore but it's worth it."

## ICE HOCKEY

Ice hockey is arguably one of the oldest sports in the Otago region, having been played here for around 80 years. And yet, until two years ago, Dunedin didn't have a women's team, and any women wanting to tear it up on the ice had to join the Southern Storm, which had players from all across Otago and could mean travelling four hours for training. Now, Dunedin's is the only local women's league in the country.

Angelique Mawson, who has represented New Zealand in ice hockey for a decade, as a player and then as an assistant coach, is the manager of the women's league in Dunedin. She says that the decision to form a women's team just for Dunedin was a natural one. In addition to the logistical nightmare of organising a team across multiple cities, "the numbers in Dunedin were growing for women's hockey." The Dunedin Thunder women's team was officially created in 2020, giving even more incentive for local women to pick up the sport, and Angelique says it is "quickly growing and gaining a lot of new players".

"Now's the prime for girls to join," says Rina Watt, who is an Otago Uni student, assistant captain for the Dunedin Thunder and a player on the national team, the Ice Fernz. "The NZ Ice Hockey Federation is really looking to promote more growth for younger girls so there's a lot of hype." Rina has been playing ice hockey for 13 years, and reckons the Dunedin Thunder have a "great team culture", saying that they are "a strong team with a great range of ages and strengths, so we all bring something different to the team."

Angelique says Covid-19 has made playing internationally difficult, and that it might be hard for the national teams to "regain the momentum" they had before the pandemic. However, she's proud of the growth the sport has seen locally, particularly with the women's league where multiple clubs can play against one another within Dunedin. Their annual "Give it a Go Day" is also popular, providing an opportunity for women (and any other) newcomers to take to the ice and try this exciting sport for themselves.

## DISC GOLF

While a disc golf course has existed in Dunedin since 2015, a student club dedicated to the sport was only formed last year. Modern disc golf emerged in the '60s when students from universities across the US started throwing frisbees at targets in their local parks, including trees, rubbish bins, and presumably each other after they'd had a few drinks. The first official disc golf course in Aotearoa was opened in 1996 in Queenstown and with grants from the rotary club and the council, the Chingford Park Disc Golf Course opened in North East Valley in 2015. The move was indicative of the growing number of people interested in disc golf in the city seven years ago, but Keegan Wells, President of the Otago University Disc Golf Club (OUDGC), says the sport is growing "now more than ever before".

OUDGC was formed in January 2021, and Keegan describes fellow student Matt Watson as "the driving force" behind the club's formation. Keegan was new to the sport at the time, but became Vice-President in the club's first year before being elected president for 2022. Keegan reckons the best things about the sport are its accessibility and sociability. "Getting out into the green park for just 45 minutes a day is not difficult at all, it's not a huge commitment like other sports where you have to play tournaments in Christchurch. Thus making it incredibly accessible to heaps of people."

Finella O'Leary, who is in charge of the club's social media, describes disc golf as "a great way to meet new people, get out of the house and have a break from studying". Finella said her favourite thing about the sport was "can-a-hole on a Saturday arvo", referring to a version of the game where players sink a can of booze after each hole. She sees the sport overtaking golf in the next five years, with golf courses being turned into parks "where holes are converted to chain baskets and tees are converted to... well, tees may stay the same."

While it may not overtake traditional golf anytime soon, the sport is certainly increasing in popularity in Dunedin. According to Keegan, "more people are playing the courses, buying their own discs and getting councils to set up official courses". A new course at Brockville Park, out near Kaikorai Valley, will hopefully attract even more new students to the sport. "I think disc golf is going to continuously grow all over New Zealand and at the Uni specifically."





# The Online World of Fake Psychics

I PREDICT THIS WON'T END WELL...

By Ruby Werry

As I'm sure we all know, the internet is a lawless wasteland, and of that lawless wasteland, Facebook is undoubtedly the Wild West. Traders on Marketplace asking for used diapers; updates from unhinged family members; more scammers than you can wave a stick at. Not only are these scammers numerous, they're also creative as all hell. My favourite scam, one that I personally participated in as a bored and chaotic seventeen-year-old, was posing as an online psychic.

Now although I may have spent hours online arguing on TikTok and Instagram comment sections under my real name, for my psychic business I tended to err on the side of cowardice. Creating an incredibly realistic fake profile requires a catchy name and an exotic location on the other side of the world. For me, this was the Emerald Isles of Ireland.

**Pro tip #1:** Turn off your location when you post, or it's gonna get real awkward. Going under the name Marcy Davis, a graduate of Communications from Trinity College Dublin and psychic extraordinaire, I arrived fresh faced, wide eyed, and ready to fuck around in the Facebook group, "Psychics, medium and Clairvoyant's Ireland". The grammar mistakes in the name of the group assured me

this would be the perfect place to start Marcy's promising psychic career, given her Communications degree was a bust. Soft launching Marcy's psychic business was of utmost importance to me, so once accepted into the group I immediately posted an offer for free readings.

Oh, how the requests flooded my DMs. Now, readers might assume that an account made ten minutes ago offering free psychic readings, with a banner picture that was one of the first three results to come up when you google crystals, would be a red flag. That Marcy only had three friends, all of which were other clumsily built fake profiles of mine should have been the nail in the coffin for this group of grown adults over in Ireland. I mean, mother, Christian, and widow Scarlett Pascoe and the others were hardly convincing, but they clearly did the trick.

**Pro tip #2:** Have something connect all your fake profiles. All my ladies were proud graduates of, you guessed it, Trinity College Dublin. Regardless of the obvious deceit, the comments exploded and my inbox was chock full of requests for guidance from psychic Marcy. These people were like cats in heat, yowling outside my door. Unfortunately, recently seventeen year old me was the only one to answer.

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**STAY SPACED**

Now for privacy's sake, I will keep names anonymous and refer to those who messaged me as letters. Initially, it was incredibly fun and honestly very easy. One of my first DMs was from S. We ended up on the topic of soulmates, and I provided high quality information that was totally bullshit.

**S:** I'm very content for the most part. I have my health and an amazingly supportive family but would love to meet a true soul mate at some point in the future and progress in due course with work.

**Me:** I'm not reading anything at the moment for work, but the green and yellow colours in that soulmate avenue are really standing out to me.

At the time, my lounge curtains were yellow and I was sitting on a green rug.

S left happy and hearty, safe with the knowledge that her future soulmate would probably be some court jester character, and I moved onto the next person to make up more crap. At this point, Marcy had been operational for about two hours. So far, it had all been pretty light-hearted: people wanted to know general information, I gave them vague answers that they wanted to hear, that I would then tentatively link to information they had already mentioned. Mix it all together, mention the spirits and you've got a psychic reading.

Soon, though, they were spreading word to their friends, and I was receiving more messages. Marcy started turning into a bonafide influencer, with her own version of like and subscribe: **"No worries, let your friends know about me!"**

Telling vague half-truths while fishing for more information is what real psychics do, in order to con more money out of people. Scummy, when you think about it, but neither Marcy or I were charging for these readings, and people were leaving happy, so how bad could it be?

Well, as anyone could have predicted, that attitude did not last. My empathy struck me as hard and as suddenly as the fourth \$3 vodka shot around four readings later, with T's messages.

**T:** Hi Marcy I'd love a reading if your drawn to me xx

**Me:** Hey! I can give you a reading! What's a big life event right now?

**T:** Big event god wats not,,,, my partner whats another baby, I'm still struggling with the lost of my dad x

**Me:** I have to say... the fates can only do so much to guide us. Have you considered talking to a professional in mental health?

T was clearly going through it, and my teenage, self-absorbed view of what I was doing was shattered. I came to the stark realisation that neither Marcy nor I were qualified to be the answer to these sorts of problems. This lady was clearly in desperate need of expert help, a therapist of some sort, so I gently tried to prompt T in that direction. It did not work. As I tried to ignore her messages, they kept coming through, each sadder and more upsetting than the last. I checked out her profile, and her story all checked out. I felt like a piece of human shit. Marcy, a force I had dreamed up for a bit of trivial chaos and fun online, was now a suffering woman's last resort. I needed to swap gears, and fast. But releasing a notesapp apology wasn't really possible here, so following the lead of many an influencer caught in scandal, Marcy underwent a rebranding – now, she was an Ethical Psychic.

"Ethical psychic" is, unfortunately, an oxymoron. In a profession that feeds off suffering, the only way to be ethical is to be clear that you are a big fat fraud. At this point, Marcy was far too deep to pivot. Besides, four hours in, one of my loyal fans had just informed me there was a doppelganger posing as Marcy in the group, stealing my customers. Given there was now a fake of a fake account, I figured it was about time for Marcy's retirement.

**Customer:** I have got a message from a strange person pretending to be you sending back a reading

**Me:** That's not me, thanks for letting me know!

**Customer:** I realised that after the 1st message she sent me so I have now blocked and reported her. Stay safe

**Me:** Thanks so much doll, if anyone in the group asks, let them know to block her too!

Entering the group as Marcy one last time, I deleted the post offering free readings in my new state of guilt. Interested messages slowed down over the next couple of hours, going from almost two every ten minutes to one every couple of hours. Marcy Davis, psychic extraordinaire turned ethical psychic, was no more. Her rise to fame had been frantic, fast, and exciting, full of glitter and hope, taking only like, twenty minutes. But the fall was just as fast and hard. Doppelgangers, my overwhelming guilt and the realisation I was just being a dick to suffering people caught up to me. That, and I had also just started re-watching Catfish with my sister and had nightmares about Nev knocking on my door and exposing me on MTV. But mostly the guilt got to me.

However, while writing this I wondered if the good people of Dunedin were equally as susceptible to my ruse now as this group was years ago, and I had some pretty hard-hitting cabin fever due to all the recent isolation. So I quickly found "Dunedin buy sell anything," the Facebook group equivalent of "Dunedin Flattening Goods" ugly younger sister. Posing as a 2001 Otago University Communications drop out, once again, the messages flew in. Potentially the most captivating however, was M.

Asking advice on whether she should pull out her kids and go off grid as she didn't want to vaccinate them and was worried about CYFS, I remembered that the definition of stupidity is doing the same thing over again, expecting different results. After doing my best to guide her away from this rather drastic path by convincing her that if she vaccinated her kids I saw one of her sons as the next prime minister, I once again shut down my accounts.

The psychic business model relies on desperate people needing help and advice. It profits off misery occurring and continuing, on people having nowhere else to turn but a sympathetic stranger. And not every psychic is as ethical as I am, willing to stop once they realise the error of their ways. So if you find yourself needing guidance, go to a therapist. An online psychic is just as, if not more likely, to be a random person with an urge to mess around than someone with actual supernatural powers. But, if you want to have a good time and waste twenty bucks, feel free to email [ruby@critic.co.nz](mailto:ruby@critic.co.nz). Just know that I, along with Marcy and every other psychic out there on Facebook, am faker than the avatar I took from [thispersondoesnotexist.com](http://thispersondoesnotexist.com) to use as Marcy's profile picture.

# THE MORAL ALIGNMENT OF OUSA'S CLUBS AND SOCS

BY ELLIOT WEIR  
& FOX MEYER

Clubs day couldn't be held this year, so we thought we'd help you out by sorting all the clubs in one convenient table. Whether you're trying to fit in, trying to find friends, or trying to join the froth, there's a club for you. All participating clubs have supplied their current size and cost of membership, and we've asked them to write a blurb and self-identify on this moral alignment chart so you can browse based on your ideal club ideology. This was a self-reported score, so it's not entirely trustworthy, but it's worth noting that the only three clubs to identify as lawful evil were the Association for Law students, The Association for Chemistry students, and... Cat Rescue Dunedin. Somehow that makes sense.

<b>LAWFUL GOOD</b>  Acts with sense of duty and honour and follows their code for good	<b>NEUTRAL GOOD</b>  Believes doing the right thing means breaking some rules	<b>CHAOTIC GOOD</b>  Does whatever is needed, often without organised methods, for good
<b>LAWFUL NEUTRAL</b>  Follows concepts like honour and tradition, but for their own personal goals	<b>TRUE NEUTRAL</b>  Neutral on all axes and doesn't align in any direction	<b>CHAOTIC NEUTRAL</b>  Abandons rules and follows their own desires
<b>LAWFUL EVIL</b>  Uses well-ordered systems and a strict code of conduct for evil	<b>NEUTRAL EVIL</b>  Sees no value in order but has no passion for chaos, is out to get everyone	<b>CHAOTIC EVIL</b>  Has no respect for rules or for others, follows their own cruel desires

## LAWFUL GOOD

**Wildlife Hospital Students Association (WHSA)**

700+ members / Free

We are a group of student volunteers who to aim to raise money for The Wildlife Hospital in Dunedin, one of the few places in the South Island that specialises in treating NZ's native animals.

**Cancer Core**

60+ members last year. The more the better / Free

Cancer Core is a volunteer group providing a link between students and Cancer Society Otago & Southland. It provides a means to learn about the Cancer Society and find out how to get involved to help out a very worthy cause!

**Sri Lankan Students Association (SLSA)**

Free to join / \$5 membership card

SLSA includes a diverse group of students that are dedicated to bringing the Sri Lankan culture to the heart of Dunedin. It's a chance to immerse yourself in the culture, food, dance and arts. So come and be a member of our pride!

**Otago Campus Badminton Club (OCBC)**

120ish members last year / \$20 per semester

OCBC provides badminton to the University for new and experienced players! In co-operation with Unipol and the Otago Badminton Association, we provide tournaments, trainings and a social club throughout the Uni year!

**Otago Postgraduate Association**

760+ members on Facebook / Free

OPA's mission is to create a supportive community of postgraduate students from all corners of the University through social and professional engagement.

**Otago University Taiwanese Students Association (OUTSA)**

300+ members / \$10

The OUTSA welcomes all students to experience this rich culture. Our club sticker provides discounts to over 60+ food outlets. Wherever your roots might be, the OUTSA invites you to immerse yourself in your heritage, or broaden your cultural horizons.

**Otago Student Volunteer Army**

350+ member on the SVA mobile app / Free

Well known for the Covid-19 Grocery Services, we're the Otago branch of the Student Volunteer Army. Accessible volunteering, no commitment necessary! Activities range from tree planting to bike repairs through weekly platoons, one-off events, and an annual camp. Queenstown, anyone?

**Women in Health Network**

>1,000 members across Aotearoa / Free

WiHN is a non-profit organisation that fosters a network of women working across the health sector. It aims to nurture the next generation of women health professionals and leaders with personal and professional development opportunities.

**Southern Youth Choir**

40-50 members / \$40 a year

The Choir is a great way to meet others who enjoy singing. We rehearse once a week, working towards a concert at the end of the first semester. If you are keen contact John Buchanan (j.buchanan@xtra.co.nz) to register your interest in joining. If you enjoyed taking part in your school choir and The Big Sing then no audition will be required.

LAWFUL NEUTRAL

Society of Atheists, Rationalists and Skeptics

277 members / Free

We get together to have group discussions about everything from philosophy to current events, either in person or online. All are welcome to come along and join in the fun; variety is the spice of life.

Otago Dance Association

300 members last year. \$30/year \$20/sem

Otago Dance Association is a student-run club that was formed in 2013 with the purpose of providing accessible dance classes to everyone. We offer weekly classes during the University semesters as well as holding numerous social, performance, and competitive events.

LAWFUL EVIL

Society of Otago University Law Students

600+ members / \$15

SOULS provides over 600 law students with legal competitions, wellbeing initiatives, educational advantages and the biggest social events of the year. For only \$15, SOULS members pull big discounts on events and get an all access pass to everything law-school.

Otago University Chemistry Students Association

6.02E+23 / Free

From liquid nitrogen ice cream, suspiciously white powders and colourful explosions... we've got ya covered! A club for

majors, minors and keen beans! So if you're interested in developing your criminal potential, this is the club for you! Jk... unless?

Cat Rescue Dunedin Student Society

New club / Free

Our feline overlords need feeding and on a schedule at that! Join us in helping the less fortunate kitties of Dunedin stay fed and healthy before they go find their forever-slaves. We do our best as measly humans to fundraise by doing crafts, watching movies and petting cats to ensure we give them the very best we can in association with Cat Rescue Dunedin.

NEUTRAL GOOD

Otago Japanese Students Association (OJSA)

~100 members / \$8

OJSA is an association dedicated to providing opportunities for both Japanese and NZ students who are interested in Japanese culture to interact and get to know one another.

Effective Altruism Dunedin

New club, 14 members and plenty of capacity for more! / Free

Ever wonder what's the best way to help people? Us too! We are part of a global movement focused on how we can live lives that most benefit the world! We're interested in big discussions over book clubs, seminars, game nights, and BYOs. Come along!

Otago Computer Science Society (OCSS)

Free

OCSS is a social club that *(editor's note: doesn't finish their sentences, apparently).*

Animal Aquatic Plant Ecological Society (AAPES)

>200 members last year / \$15 for one semester, \$20 for two

The student club for all things natural! Our events range from volunteering (plantings, penguin surveys, pest control), to socialising (BYOs, documentary nights) or just getting into nature (camps, glow worm walks). Make sure to give our Facebook page @AAPESOtago a follow to keep up to date with our events!

Students for Environmental Action

~70 members / Free

We're a community of nature-lovers, sustainability swots and climate warriors who aspire towards a cleaner, greener, healthier and ultimately happier Dunedin. We're all about radical tree-hugging action, but also see value in getting together to share ideas and food freshly plucked from our student garden!

Otago Photography Club (OPC)

New Club / \$5 a year

OPC is a club for anyone who is interested in photography to know more people and have more reasons to take photos. Main activity: monthly themed photo challenges! (Prizes available if we get our grants?)

Otago Singapore Club (OSC)

~140 members / \$6 a year

The OSC family welcomes everyone from different walks of life to immerse in Singapore's diverse and unique culture. We want to bring Singapore to YOU so if enjoy food, heaps of sponsors (>50) & meeting new people, join us!

International Socialists

A couple of dozen members / Free

We follow the tradition of International Socialism: We engage in solidarity with the working masses across borders, fight for true people's democracy from below, and discuss how we can affect change locally while thinking globally. Join the fight for socialism!

TRUE NEUTRAL

Generation Vote

40 members / Free

Generation Vote provides civics education workshops to Dunedin schools and community groups because (surprise!) civics education is not a compulsory part of NZ's secondary curriculum. Help us help empower the next generation of New Zealanders to get involved in our democracy!

Otago Vietnamese Student Association (OVSA)

~20 members / \$5 a year

Just like our alignment being true neutral, we are accepting of all people. You don't have to have lived in Vietnam, visited Vietnam or even be Vietnamese to join our group. If you love Vietnamese culture, people or food then come join!

CHAOTIC GOOD

Otago Finance and Accounting Society (OFAS)

~50 members / Free

OFAS is a group of students who share an interest in Accounting and Finance. We run a range of events which are educational and social! Highlight of our year is the pub quiz night. It's a good time!

Otago University Snow Sports Club (OUSSC)

500+ members / \$20

Biggest club on campus baby! Like snow? Never seen snow? Don't know what snow is? We are the club to join. With a hectic events schedule in semester one and six ski trips in semester two we will provide you with access to that sweet POW while having a jolly good time doing it.

Otago University Athletic Football Club

~150 members last year / \$250

Train, play and win with Dunedin's Football club for students! If you want to mix some high quality footy with the incredible student social scene then this is the club for you!

Otago Students of Colour Association (OSOCA)

Brand new this year / Free

As a first of its kind in Aotearoa, we have the chance to establish a community like you've never seen before! If you identify as a person of colour (POC), come help shape our club into a safe and positive space for POC on campus!

Student Christian Movement (SCM)

Small but perfect for discussions / Free

Looking to explore your faith in a queer-friendly, socially conscious space? SCM is the place for you! We host topic discussions fortnightly, with special events throughout the year. Join our FB group to get all the latest updates on what's happening!

Students for Sensible Drug Policy (SSDP)

15-20 members / Free

SSDP is a group of students advocating to reform our drug policies in Aotearoa. We run social events with talks about drugs, drug use, and drug policy and we are often around campus advising students on how to use drugs safely. If you want to help make a difference then hit us up!

**Otago University Tramping Club (OUTC)**  
~550 members / \$25

Tramping, Climbing, trail running, mountaineering, caving, we do it all!! Join us on big, small, rocky, snowy, or holey trips during the week or on weekends throughout the year. Can't do any of the above?? We'll teach you!! Or just come down to the Bog at 6pm on Tuesdays for happy hour and a yarn. Also we're a bigger club than OUSSC, ha.

**UniQ Otago**  
\$5

Are you queer, questioning, or simply allied with the fruity? UniQ creates safe spaces to socialise, have fun, and be yourself. Join our Facebook group to hear about our online events to keep you connected and sane in these plague-ridden times.

CHAOTIC NEUTRAL

**Otago University Tea Enjoyment and Appreciation Society (OUTEAS)**  
\$5 or \$20 for the Gold Membership

Drink Hot Leaf Juice (tea) with the best. Wax poetic as you nibble on biscuits and enjoy your delicious flavour of choice! Monthly events are a really relaxed way to meet new folks and make firm friends.

**University of Otago Classical Society (CLASSOC)**  
~30 members / \$10

Feel like you were born in the wrong era and seeking something back to BC/early AD? Went through a mythology phase, or maybe read Percy Jackson a dozen times? CLASSOC can fulfil your dreams.

CHAOTIC EVIL

**Otago University Disc Golf Club (OUDGC)**  
"Enough members that it's not incest" / \$10

We love to throw plastic discs of slightly different widths into metal baskets in order to feel somewhat okay about

**Otago University Tennis Association (OUTA)**  
\$20

Like balls? Like whacking them? Ever fantasise about giving them a good wallop? Well boy do we have the club for you. Whack as many balls as you can from 4-6pm every Friday at Logan Park. Stocks only last until the last pair of balls go flying, so get in quick x

**Otago University Handball Club**  
30 members / \$10 for social members

Can you catch and throw? European Handball involves a wide range of sporting skills. Beginners or advanced-ers are welcome to come and train with us! We train Thursdays at 6pm Smithells Gym or get in contact on Facebook for more information.

**Geography and Environmental Management Society (GEMS)**  
~50, \$10 (discounts on events!)

GEMS is the society for Geographers, Environmental Managers and Planners. By facilitating social events, volunteering opportunities, and fundraising events we can help enrich the social lives of students in the School of Geography outside of their academic commitments.

ourselves. Never heard of disc golf (DILF for short)? Neither had we until start of last year. Not that great at it? We can promise you we might be worse. So join us. Be the people doing the glaring rather than the ones getting glared at.



Scan this QR code to check out OUSA's clubs online!

BY ELLIOT WEIR



# HOW DID YOU GET COVID?

Everyone knows that your current outfit and legal name can predict your susceptibility to viruses, so here's a quick and easy way to forecast the future of your immune system.

Colour of your top + star sign + third letter of first name = how you got Covid

## 1. COLOUR OF THE TOP YOU'RE WEARING NOW

- Blue:** Over the weekend
- Green:** Last night at 11:30
- White:** Early this morning
- Black:** At precisely 4:20 yesterday,
- Grey:** In two hours
- Yellow:** A week from now
- Purple:** Last year
- Pink:** Directly after your next breakup
- Red:** The moment you realise you've already peaked in life
- Orange:** Precisely four months and two days before you develop IBS
- Brown:** At some point, who knows, whatever
- Other:** Tonight

## 2. YOUR STAR SIGN

- Aries:** At the beach
- Taurus:** At a Castle St party
- Gemini:** At church
- Cancer:** At your partner's flat
- Leo:** In the KFC drive-thru
- Virgo:** At the supermarket
- Libra:** On a Tinder date
- Scorpio:** At the Octagon protest
- Sagittarius:** In the St. Dave's toilets
- Capricorn:** At a BYO
- Aquarius:** In the mall
- Pisces:** At an irresponsible rager

## 3. THE THIRD LETTER IN YOUR FIRST NAME

- A:** After sharing a line.
  - B:** From a blanket your ill flatmate had been using.
  - C:** After you licked all the nearby doorknobs.
  - D:** When an anti-vaxxer coughed on you.
  - E:** After getting oral from a stranger.
  - F:** Directly from Mayor Aaron Hawkins.
  - G:** From the joysticks in Timezone.
  - H:** Ironically, from the lady that swabbed your nose.
  - I:** From the bong that got passed around.
  - J:** From one of the many, many mouths you were inside.
  - K:** After handling an infected Bible at church, Matthew 10:8.
  - L:** During a very loud and spit-filled breakup.
  - M:** Making out with your ex.
  - N:** Hooning on your mate's vape.
- O:** Intentionally, by hovering up the air around anyone that looked ill.
  - P:** From that really sweaty dude dancing right next to you.
  - Q:** When that person you'd been eyeing up offered you some of their drink.
  - R:** Because The Lord told you to.
  - S:** Because you had to quickly swap outfits with someone to escape the cops and it turns out they had Covid.
  - T:** When you finished off all the wounded soldiers.
  - U:** During a karaoke duet (My Way, Frank Sinatra).
  - V:** From some filthy double-dipper.
  - W:** To win a bet.
  - X:** Because of a prank.
  - Y:** From an infected Kea (it made national news).
  - Z:** From Clark Gayford.

# Dunedin Dating RED FLAGS

By Annabelle Vaughan & Fox Meyer

The start of every semester is always the start of a new beginning. New papers, new friends, new flats and new parties. It is also always the beginning of new romances. Perhaps you have a cute neighbour in your hall, or there's someone you've got your eye on in a lecture (or Zoom call). Maybe you mixed and mingled with some singles during Flo and O, or you've managed to sustain somewhat decent conversation on Tinder. Whatever your situation may be, we have taken it upon ourselves to compile a list of Dunedin specific dating "red flags" for you to be aware of before you catch those feelings (or chlamydia).

## 1. They're in your hall

This is a general PSA for freshers of any gender. Now look, I know this may be hard to hear. You've just moved into your hall away from mummy and daddy, and are excited by all the new company you are surrounded with. But I am telling you right now, don't go after someone in your hall, especially in your friend group. Call me cynical or non-committal, but getting into a relationship from the get go at your college can really impact the year you have. Getting into something serious right away and only hanging out in each other's rooms can really impact the social aspect of being in a college. While the person themselves may not be a red flag, the situation might be.

## 2. Soft bois

There is no greater gaslighter than the Dunedin softboi. For those of you who are not familiar, allow me to explain. Softbois are what one may consider a "hipster", but worse and more nauseating. They can generally be spotted by their outfits, which are usually a combination of thrifted Save Mart items and a few leftovers from their dead grandma's closet. By day they can be spotted sitting in Modaks drinking long blacks while writing a novel about how dark and depressing the world is. By night, they can be found lurking in the corners of Dive Bar watching a Marlin's Dreaming concert while sipping on craft beer and mansplaining feminism. While the soft boi may at first seem like a charming intellectual who sympathises with the female experience, this will not last for long. It is only a matter of time before their true condescending and egotistical nature comes out. So, if you encounter someone you suspect may be a softboi, I can only suggest you disappear away into the haze of their ciggie smoke and run.

## 3. Dunedin Social Club is their favourite drinking spot

Alongside our Dive Bar softbois, including DSC eliminates both undesirable ends of the Dunedin dating spectrum, creating the ultimate, full circle red flag. On one hand, you've got the breathas at DSC, who are either horny freshers or second years who don't understand the concept of manners or consent. DSC is not romantic, charming or pleasant in any way. So, if you meet a guy at DSC, or one who asks you to hang out there, take that as a sign to run in the other direction. It's cheap, nasty and sticky, just like the sex you'll have after going there.

## 4. They do law (with honourable mention to politics or commerce)

Dating a law student is like dating that one teacher in primary school who, one day, decided to wake up and have beef with an eight-year-old for literally no fucking reason. Initially, their charm and charisma (which they will eventually use in a courtroom to advocate for Big Oil) will draw you in. You will think you are so cool, so special, because a law student has taken time out of their day to acknowledge your presence. However, the novelty wears off really quick. Soon, you will be subject to mixed messages, backhanded comments and arguments that they always seem to be able to get out of. They will never reply to your snapchats or signs of lust, because remember, they do law, and they don't have time for a commoner. Instead, you will simply be discarded like their empty oat milk latte takeaway cups from Dispensary. People who major in politics or commerce also get an honourable mention, since they often embody the same characteristics of mansplaining, arguing and thinking they're always right. However, they're slightly less toxic and are more inclined to at least give you the time of day.

## 5. They have dozens of houseplants but none of them are thriving

This one's pretty straightforward. Houseplants are great, and the feeling of nurturing one to its full potential is an emotional high that can last for years. Having a green thumb is a green flag. But the corollary is a major no-go. There is a specific type of person that buys up these plants with an "I can fix you" attitude, and then proceeds to put in absolutely none of the work required to fix them. When the plant inevitably dies, this person just moves on to the next stray, bringing them into a room already crowded with the corpses of their fallen comrades. Now, this is a pretty direct metaphor. You want to avoid anyone whose habits fit the narrative of wanting to bring in strays, wanting to fix them because they're so special, and then completely lacking the follow-through to do that. When considering a hookup, remember: always check the houseplants.

## 6. They think Jake Gyllenhaal did nothing wrong in the 10 minute 'All Too Well (Taylor's Version)'

At this point, we should all be familiar with Taylor Swift's 10 minute version of her hit break up ballad 'All Too Well', in which she brutally calls out Jake Gyllenhaal for being a gas lighting-scarf-stealing-piece of shit. However, it is highly likely you may come across some who "don't get it" or want to hear "his side of the story". If you catch an inkling of this, or anything of the sort, drop them right then and there. Chances are, if they can't see what Jake did wrong, then they will do exactly what Jake did to Taylor. Do you really want to get lost in translation, and feel like you've asked for too much? Do you want to be crumpled up on the floor like a piece of paper, lying there? Do you want to be broken like a promise? The answer is no, you don't. The even bigger red flag is if your sneaky link thinks "Taylor Swift is lame" or "stupid". Shut up, hating Taylor Swift doesn't make you cool, it just makes you a misogynist douchebag who needs to get with the times.

## 7. Their explanation of what Jake Gyllenhaal did wrong is longer than the 10 minute version of 'All Too Well (Taylor's Version)'

There's absolutely nothing wrong with Taylor Swift and if you are immature enough to think that there is, then that's a red flag in and of itself. But when it takes someone longer to explain what Jake did wrong than it takes to actually listen to the entire 10-minute song, then you may be in for a bit more than you bargained for. It's the same reason your first dates always disappear after you give them a 10-minute schpiel on the lore of Warhammer 40k, even if the subject matter is intensely important and reflective of today's modern political discourse. There's just something about that intense obsession with justice, and the compulsive need to launch into a rant about it within minutes of meeting someone, that may suggest that this person will be too hot to handle.

## 8. They have heaps of too-large hoodies

Think of this as a graveyard. It's a collection of fallen breathas, much like Medusa's garden. A quick inspection is a good idea, though, because all may not be as bad as it seems: those hoodies could be from her older brothers, or they could just be her style and she actually bought them. But do a quick reccie. Are there different names on all the tags? Different smells, stains or otherwise differentiating features? If so, grab your jumper and run. The last thing you want to do is to fall victim to a hoodie collector and be spat back out as soon as you relinquish your prized jumper in a gesture of romantic interest.

## 9. They're American

Now, there's nothing technically wrong with Americans. And they aren't in short supply, either. But in the late 1900's something went wrong in the United States, and it's a problem that persists to this day: circumcision. Now, nobody knows exactly why American parents thought this was such a great idea, but the result was generations of American men with greatly reduced sensitivity. Now, fellas, this might mean that your American beezy may be unfamiliar with the nature of a hood, and may be used to a little extra elbow grease to get things going. But for those lucky enough to escape the genital-mutilation craze that swept the world in the late twentieth century, the sexual tactics of an American girl may be too much for your little guy to handle. Best to avoid unless you want to risk tearing that banjo string.

## 10. They keep comparing you to their ex

Again, this isn't gender-specific, it's a catchall. If ANYONE can't think or talk about you in terms that go beyond their last relationship, it's time to gap it. This means that they're not actually into you, they're just into the idea of getting back at (or staying relevant to) someone else. You don't wanna be a part of that. Besides, who wants to have pillow talk about some past romantic interest? Absolutely fucking no-one, that's who. If you find that the only compliments you're getting are "Oh, you're so much sweeter than my ex," it's time to leave the table. Cheque please!

# Party Themes:

## Weird and wonderful ideas for when you're stuck on your next hosting sesh

By Ruby Werry

Throwing parties is hard. It requires lots of planning, and induces plenty of anxiety. You find yourself thinking: Will people come? Will they have fun? Will people think my idea is cool and original? Or will it be boring and will I be socially outcast forever?

Never fear, Critic is here! This list of party themes you may or may not have heard of, but all of which we have seen executed successfully at least once.

### First Lamb of Spring/Country Calendar



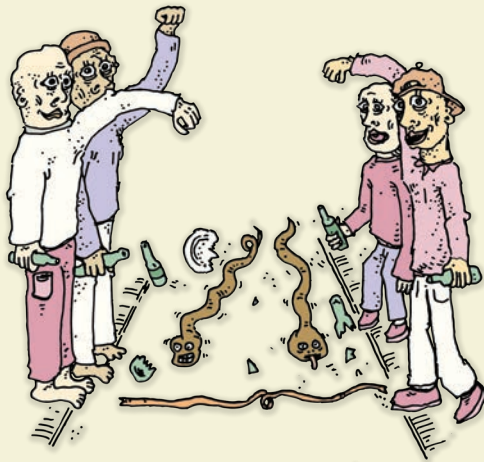
A favourite of your rural flatmate, getting on the piss when lambs are in spring is a September country tradition. When that first lamb emerges from the sheep-vag, pop open a cold bev and let the reckless drinking in an empty field with all your fellow farmer friends begin. Since most flats don't resemble the countryside, we recommend just hosting a "country" themed party, either at your house or one of the many fields North Dunedin has to offer. For those of you with a rural background, run games and competitions that will make no sense to your city mouse flatmates. Ask them what an irrigator is. Send them to the "shearing shed." As you can see, this one has real potential to get sexy. Cuntry Calendar, baby.

**Recommended drink:** Speights if you're basic, Lion Red if you're classy.  
**Achievability:** 7/10. Can lack the authenticity of the real thing, and is best hosted by someone who actually knows something about farming.

### Worm Races

We've all heard about the cruelty of the Races. The treatment of the horses and their living conditions is only a step up from most Dundas flats, after all. There's a solution for those who want to enjoy the thrill of the sport without the ethical implications: worm racing. All that's needed is several worms, which can be sourced from the flat backyard. Gently place them on a paper plate, and off you go. Place each worm into a racing pool, and the first worm to wiggle outside the plate is the winner. The winner gets to boast the glory of being the ultimate Worm Warrior. Also, get creative with names. Think Oprah Wormfrey, Jeff Wormzos, or Denzel Wormington. Just please don't eat the worms.

**Recommended drink:** Tequila (has a worm in it if you buy the fancy ones).  
**Achievability:** 9/10. You just need dirt, plates and worms. However, not for those with a squirmy, weak stomach as worm touching is required.



### Red Flag



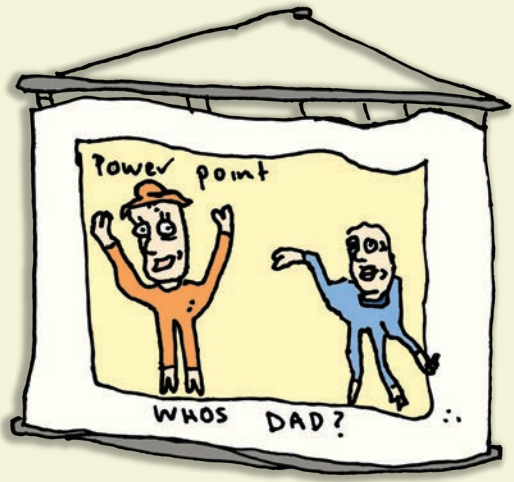
One piece of advice – be careful with the guest list on this one. It can get brutal. But if you have a red shirt, write down your "red flag" on it, or tape it on. Now, this can get incredibly (emotionally) messy, so it's important to vibe check the crowd beforehand. Make sure you invite people who can take a joke, and steer clear from inviting recent exes, mean girls, or people who are friends with benefits. Or if you don't care and want to see the drama unfold, invite whoever the fuck you want.

**Recommended drink:** Tequila never fails.  
**Achievability:** 10/10, all you need is a shirt and a marker, also highly recommended is a sense of humour and the ability to shake off painful truths.

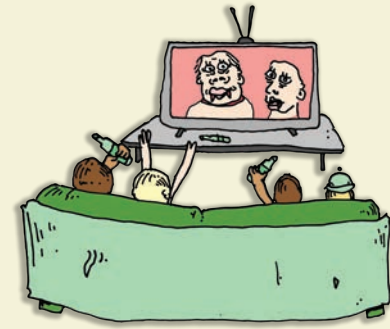
### PowerPoint

Perfect for smaller, intimate groups, a PowerPoint party is a bit like an alcoholic TED Talk. Everyone brings a 5-minute presentation on a rogue topic, because we all know how important it is to understand which Disney dads your best friend thinks are most fuckable. Just make a PowerPoint on practically any topic and hold your friends hostage with the most disturbing content you can think of. The goal here is to start building the presentation already quite inebriated and then struggle to remember what the hell you were thinking when you wrote it. You'll need some shots after hearing some of these – the only thing worse than rating Disney dads is rating people's actual dads. Gag.

**Recommended drink:** BYO cocktails are the go.  
**Achievability:** 7/10 as long as it's kept small. Points deducted as there is always the risk you will get too drunk to finish.



### Twilight Saga



This one is not a universal party theme, I will admit. This is a selfish theme born only out of deep love for Twilight and the joy and nostalgia it brings. Twilight drinks are where it's at, are perfect for smaller groups, and can be adapted for any audience. If you hate Twilight? Well, first you're objectively wrong and seem to be living with a serious lack of taste. Go get checked for Covid. You can definitely make a drinking game out of the movies that will get you TANKED. Take a drink whenever Edward displays clownish behaviour. Whenever the dialogue makes you cringe. Whenever you see the Mormon really jump out in those outfit choices for literally every character. We all know you're just watching it for the baseball scene anyway.

**Recommended drink:** the strongest red wine New World can offer, a minimum of 16%.  
**Achievability:** 10/10, though does require someone who knows how to work Soap2day given Netflix has taken Twilight off their platform.

### Anything but a Cup



This one goes out to the real alcoholics. 'Anything but a cup' is a theme that most are familiar with - bring your pick of poison in any vessel that isn't a bottle, can or cup. Prizes given to the best vessel. If you're looking to blackout and lose not only the night but the past 48 hours, I have some recommendations. A mix of a minimum of 3 spirits, and your vessel should be deep, wide, but also importantly relatively spill proof. Think toddler sippy cup, but on a much larger scale, maybe like a vase or a gumboot. The rainhead of a humble watering-can also creates a truly experimental drinking experience.

**Recommended drink:** it all tastes the same out of a shoe.  
**Achievability:** 9/10, does require a bit of creativity and effort, but keep faith that if there's one area Dunedin students will always get creative in, it's ways to get fucked up faster and more efficiently than the party before.

### Scrumpy Hands

No party theme list would be complete without the Dunedin classic, Scrumpy Hands. Two bottles of Scrumpy are taped to your hands for the night, and the only way to make that next step in evolution and regain opposable thumbs is to drink each bottle. Chill those bottles in the fridge beforehand, and drink that first bottle asap, just to regain control of at least one hand. Over the course of the night you can nurse the second like it's your firstborn child. Not being able to use your hands has the side effect of not being able to use your phone, so this party actually makes for a far more social experience than you may think. Some people consider the challenge of the night to be actually having to drink Scrumpy, but I'll drop a hot take here: Scrumpy is good. Red Scrumpy doesn't taste bad and it's cheap, so you can afford to hit Night 'n Day afterward. Bonus points if you also climb Signal Hill.

**Recommended drink:** this one's obvious babes.  
**Achievability:** 8/10. It's hard to operate with no hands, but at least you don't have to think about what you're buying.



# Eugene Yeo:

By Keegan Wells

## The Man Underground with a Camera

Eugene Yeo likes to spend his free time in cold, damp underground spaces. No, not Dunedin basements, but rather the intricate cave systems that lie beneath Aotearoa. He's also a keen photographer, shining a light on places that sometimes exist in utter blackness.

Eugene, who just graduated here, is one of seven people located in the Otago-Southland Region who are part of the New Zealand Speleological Society, AKA the caving society. The NZSS is a tight knit community of around 300 people, with two additional members since Eugene got his flatmates to join.

Eugene started the caving branch in the Uni's Tramping Club after convincing the executive to invest in caving equipment and go on annual caving trips. He spends time exploring the different cave passages, underground rivers, and beautiful structures beneath. Eugene described caves as truly "the final frontier of land exploration" since most mountains, climbs, and other outdoor places have been fully discovered.

The largest enclosed space in New Zealand is a cave, at over 1 million cubic metres large. These immense systems attract all sorts of adventurous types, like Eugene. Many people are under the impression that caving is about sucking in your breath to squeeze through ridiculously tight spaces, sometimes while being submerged in

water up to your neck - and they are 100% correct. But caves can also take the form of magnificently large and incredibly pristine chambers. Eugene said that caving provides a way for people to see sights they might not otherwise see on a normal hike or tramp. "[I've seen] some of the clearest blue pools, amazing waterfalls, and massive chambers that many people have no idea about," he said.

Eugene was introduced to caving back in Malaysia when he was a kid. Malaysia has many significant cave systems, including the longest in the Southern Hemisphere, spanning 215km. "I didn't get into technical caving until [I came to] New Zealand, when I happened to meet the right people," he said. His main draw to caving is the wild scenery. He described it as a "little time capsule" as everything is "stashed away from the elements, both natural & human, and has been in the making for thousands and thousands of years".

The Otago region does not have many caves. The South Island's caves are mostly in Golden Bay and on the West Coast, with a few scattered in Canterbury and Southland, meaning Eugene spends most of his time at the top of the South Island. Eugene described the West Coast as a "limestone graveyard" due to the fact it holds a plethora of "whale, dolphin, Moa and Haast Eagle fossils that are significant for archaeology and palaeontology".

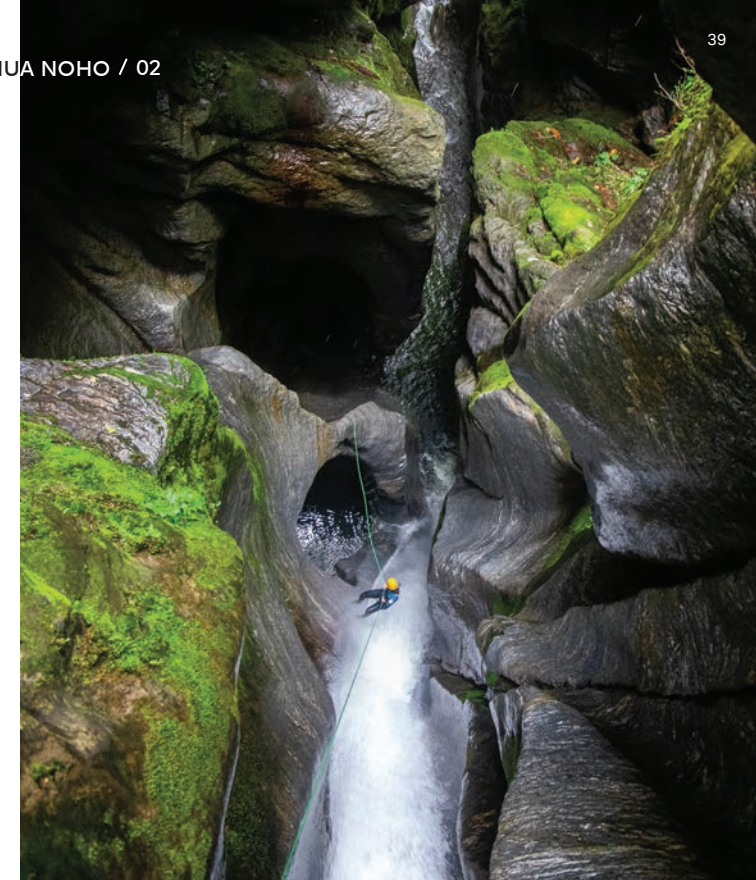
## "It's fun to be afraid sometimes."

One of Eugene's largest caving missions took place over Christmas in Kahurangi National Park. His group spent five hours trekking in gumboots, the preferred footwear for caves, to start a three day adventure. "We carried wetsuits, which is kind of a strange thing to take on a hike up a mountain," he said. One significant passage within this cave resembled a whale's chest cavity, complete with massive formations that look like "ribs coming down that you walk through". The interior slowly turns into a tunnel somewhat like "a subway tunnel that is 20 metres high with a perfectly carved circular chamber". Further along this 7km cave system there is a certain passage called the Jungle Gym Traverse. "You're up against a perfectly smooth wall hanging off a horizontally rigged rope and you have to traverse sideways over a pristine green pool towards a waterfall - you can swim if you want, but it's quite deep, cold and difficult to climb back out," said Eugene. Since the group didn't bring their wetsuits in that day, they opted for the rope on the side of the chamber.

Caving is not a safe sport in the slightest. The average time for search and rescue increases by a day for every hour you spend going deeper into a cave. While Eugene has been lucky and prepared enough to avoid a big cave rescue, accidents happen, and other people do get stuck and trapped within caves. He told a story of sitting by a blue pool with a waterfall over 50 metres tall, which he couldn't see the top of as "light just dissipates into the darkness". While his group was sitting on this unlikely beach 350m underground, there was suddenly a series of rumbles. At first, Eugene's group shrugged it off as sounds of rocks falling in the distance, but as the rumbling noises became more consistent, they began to suspect an earthquake. "It was the most afraid I've ever felt in a cave, but it's fun to be afraid sometimes," he said.

Their group promptly retreated back up to the surface. Locals later confirmed that there was indeed an earthquake, and that the houses on the land above the cave Eugene was in were shaking. Just like any sport, you can prepare for the elements, but many things can be out of your control. However with tramping, you can be rescued via helicopter with a personal locator beacon [PLB], but these don't work in underground environments. Rather, you should always take precautions such as always telling someone on the surface exactly what your plans are and when you're expected to return, always packing emergency supplies, and leaving a PLB at the entrance. Worst case scenario, a small but highly trained Cave Search and Rescue team will come to get you out, sometimes using small explosives to make passages bigger if need be.

All cavers are incredibly protective of caves and cave entrances, partly for safety reasons but also partly because of over-tourism. Eugene referenced caves in Southland that people have graffitied or parts of the cave on the Kepler track that have basically been destroyed by



people wanting to take home a piece of the formations as a souvenir. "It's a very fine balance," he said. "We want to share these experiences and share these places, but also protect them because they are extremely fragile and very changeable".

Eugene, for this reason, introduced caving into the Uni's Tramping Club and became the first official 'Caving Officer' of the club. He aimed to introduce people to technical caving, but also make sure they understand the responsibility they have going into these environments. The club has run two 10-day caving trips up to Golden Bay, organised by Eugene and a dedicated group of student leaders. Ethan, one of the students on the trip described the experience as an amazing opportunity. "I probably would have never gone caving to that extent if it wasn't for OUTC. Honestly, it amazes me that we can just go on a trip like that." Eugene said that it was "a really cool privilege to experience these places and be able to share them with people who are willing to treat them well."

When Eugene is not caving, he lives his above-ground life rock climbing, canyoning, working at Uni, and dabbling in photography. All the photos you see here are taken by him. He described his lifestyle humbly, saying that the things he has done "may sound extraordinary to an outsider, but [my achievements] are nothing compared to the top dogs in these communities who are actively going out there and searching for new canyons and pushing new caves". While some explore caves with a desire to set foot where none have ever gone before, Eugene has a more obscure goal: roasting marshmallows over lava. Critic wishes him all the best in this endeavour, which he ominously admits may require something more extreme than a cave.

Check out @eugeneyeooo on IG for more adventures.

LOCAL PRODUCE  
By Jamiema Larimer

LILLIAN

Over the summer, Ōtepoti singer-songwriter Lillian released her debut album 'Cerulean', which navigates feelings of heartache and hope. Critic caught up with Lillian to chat about her new music. Socially distanced, of course.

Lillian Gibbs is in her fourth year, currently studying a mixture of Politics, Management and Geography papers. In her undergrad, she majored in Sociology and minored in Classical Voice. This allowed her to carry on interests in formal singing, having attended a choral school and sang as a chorister when she lived in the UK. Lillian describes her sound as folk and indie rock. "Very mellow. Very very chill." Growing up with her parent's taste in folk music, Lillian emulates the sixties American folk singer Dave Bixby. "I think it's just... pure... how it doesn't need a lot of instruments or background to make it really special."

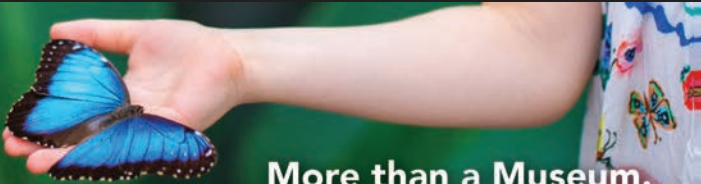
Cerulean is named after the shade of blue, not the city from Pokemon. "I was trying to come up with a name that would sum up all of the songs in the album and how I felt about them. And I thought of the colour blue, because that's kind of how I feel the mood of the album," she said. Lillian settled on cerulean, a colour that represents sadness but also peace and calm.

Cerulean is also a chronological time capsule of Lillian's songwriting to date. The earlier tracks come from 2017 when Lillian started

creating her own music. She began with piano then picked up guitar the following year. "I'd had these songs that were just from a range of different points in my life and I treated the album like it was a timeline...it's kind of like a little journal to me," she says.

Listening to Cerulean is like floating in the ocean on a balmy summer day. Although the ocean can be dangerous, although there may be something darker lurking underneath, suspended in the comforting hold of the waves, these anxieties are a humble trade to make. Framing the album is the melancholic opening song "Cloudland" and the gracious closer, "Happy". Lillian also channels her academic interests into her work. The song "The Art of Being a Woman", deals with heartache whilst also allowing Lillian's interest in sociology to shine through.

Lillian and her flat are currently self-isolating. When we asked Lillian what she had been listening to to get through, she admitted that her flat has been listening to a lot of Adele. Trapped alone in a flat with the same six people, mainlining Adele's emo lyrics seems like a dangerous game to Critic. If you perhaps crave something a bit more serene, you can listen to Lillian's album Cerulean on Spotify. And as our collective health improves, you can expect to see Lillian performing at some local venues. You can keep up to date with these on her instagram @lillian\_\_music.








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2. TAARA  
3. SAM  
4. DUSTY  
5. JESS

Each week, Critic asks five students five of the same questions. See if you can figure out which row of answers came from which student. Answers are published weekly.

	What was your last injury?	What did you collect as a child?	Would you rather start a cult or join one?	Do you wet your toothbrush before or after the toothpaste?	Have you had sex with a flatmate?
JULIE 	A broken heart, result of a French malfunction.	Hot wheels cars. My favourite was the one that went really really fast.	Probably join. What type of cult are we talking here?	After, definitely.	Um, uh, yeah.
TAMSYN 	I won 10 games of beer pong and then fell halfway down the stairs head first.	Bugs. Just pretty weird bugs.	I'd definitely rather start one so I could make the rules. In fact, I've already got a cult cooking.	After. Both is too much effort, cut out the middleman.	No. I don't sleep where I shit. (???)
JONO 	Slipped a disc over summer jumping off rocks at the beach.	Miniature Schleich animals. I had the biggest collection but they were so expensive I would spend all my money on them.	Start one, to abolish government and return to the primal state, fuck thinking. I'm not about that anymore.	After, it's the correct way.	No, it would complicate things.
TORI 	Ages ago. I haven't cut or scraped myself since I got bottled in second year.	Zuzu Pets, to make them fight to the death in the Zuzu Pets battle area.	Probably join. I'm not a very good leader. It'd have to be something chill - nothing murderous, I'd be bad at it.	Both? Do people not do both? I guess after, if you wet it after... it softens the toothbrush.	No. I would probably never, flat relationships are too deep now to ruin them. If it was gonna happen, it would have already.
ELLA 	My right knee was fucked up for weeks from running, somehow.	Gemstones. I still have a rock box of amethysts and emeralds and opals and agates.	Start one, because it would be about what I wanted it to be about and I could cancel it if I wanted to cancel it.	After! You put the toothpaste on and THEN you wet it. It annoys me so much when it's the other way around.	Nope!

# SKUXX DELUXE

BY ROSIE JOYCE @SKUXXFOOD

## CHINESE-INSPIRED CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP



If you're like half of North Dunedin, you may have been hit by the big C this past week. Whether that is Covid or Chlamydia, this Chinese-inspired chicken noodle soup is sure to bring you back to full health in no time.

### INGREDIENTS

Serves 6-8 hungry people (probably with leftovers to freeze)	
<b>BROTH</b>	<b>SOUP</b>
1 whole chicken (approx 1.6kg)	Chicken broth
1 bulb of garlic, head chopped off and cloves separated but kept whole	1/3 cup of soy sauce
2 onions, quartered	2 Tbsp hoisin sauce
2 tablespoons pepper-corns	2 Tbsp of sesame oil
2 carrots, peeled and roughly chopped	2-3 Tbsp (or to your taste) of Chinese Zhenjiang ("Black Vinegar") or Rice Wine Vinegar
1 thumb of ginger, roughly chopped	2 tsp of brown sugar
2 stalks of lemongrass (optional)	2 carrots, thinly sliced
	200-300g mushrooms, thinly sliced.
	2 bunches of baby bok choy or pak choi
	Any other vegetable of your choosing
	200-300g of egg noodles (a few packets of Indomie Mi Goreng also goes well if you have them on hand)

### METHOD

1. Add the whole chicken and the broth ingredients to a large pot. Add enough cold water to cover all ingredients. Turn the heat up to medium/high heat. When the water is simmering, turn the heat down to maintain the simmer and cook for 25 minutes.
2. Remove the chicken from the broth. When it is cool enough to touch, use a sharp knife to separate the breasts, wings and legs. Remove all the skin and discard. Place the bones, wings and legs back into the broth and continue to simmer for another 40 minutes. If the breasts are not cooked through, place them back into the broth for another 5 minutes until they are cooked. When they are cooked through, place them aside.
3. After 40 minutes, take chicken bones, wings and legs out of the broth and set aside. Pour the broth into a sieve over a large bowl/pot, allowing the sieve to collect other ingredients. Pour the broth liquid back into the pot. Discard the other ingredients.
4. If some of the water has evaporated whilst making the broth, top up the pot with more water. Add soy sauce, hoisin sauce, sesame oil, vinegar, brown sugar, carrots and mushrooms. Bring to a boil.
5. Meanwhile, pull the meat off the bone. Using your hands, or two forks, shred all the meat.
6. After 5 minutes of boiling, add noodles and cook according to packet instructions (usually 3-5 minutes). Add shredded chicken meat and bok choy/pak choi and cook for 2 more minutes.
7. Top with any yummy toppings - I recommend chilli flakes/chilli oil/sweet chilli/fresh chilli, sesame seeds, coriander. Serve!

### BOOZE REVIEW:

# RANFURLY DRAUGHT

BY CHUG NORRIS

Long ago, in a simpler time, a time of carefree binge drinking uninterrupted by lockdowns, there existed the greatest beers ever to be brewed: Southern Golds. They were a humble beverage, with a quiet but confident air that reassured you as you grasped their beautiful golden exterior that, in the end, everything was going to be ok. Every sip was as if it were poured by the gods. But for reasons unknown, Southern Golds were taken from us. In a sudden and cruel blow, Southern Golds disappeared overnight from shelves throughout Dunedin, never to be seen again.

But life goes on, and with the period of mourning for SoGos well over, the search begins for a worthy successor. After scrutinising the shelves of every supermarket and off-licence in Dunedin, Critic has determined that the only possible beverage that can be called the spiritual successor to Southern Golds is... Ranfurly Draught.

The perfection of Southern Golds is a hard thing to achieve, but Ranfurly Draught gets closer than most. First, in terms of value, Ranfurly Draught ticks all the boxes. The 18 pack of 440mL cans is exactly the same volume as a tray of 24 SoGos and at around the \$28 mark they are exactly the same price per standard as SoGos were in their later days.

Second, like SoGos, Ranfurly Draughts have that caramello texture that makes southern beers go down so easily, but it's not weak to the point of wateriness like Speights. There is absolutely no bitterness. Like a bowl of chicken soup, Ranfurly Draught is simple yet comforting. Just like Southern

Golds, Ranfurly Draught is one of those beers that allow you to get 12 deep without realising it because there isn't any build-up of negative tastes.

Third, the packaging of Ranfurly Draught has a humble aesthetic, similar to SoGos. One of the best things about SoGos was that they didn't pretend to be something they were not. The packaging was simple but elegant, with an understated gold exterior that hinted at a hidden beauty. Ranfurly Draught has a similar vibe; the packaging is understated, so it takes a while to find amongst the more flashy packaging of its competitors, but this is what makes it a hidden treasure.

While there will never be another beverage like Southern Gold, something must take its place as the apex beer in Dunedin. If you are old as fuck and find yourself fondly remembering SoGos, go buy yourself a box to relive your glory days. If you have no idea what SoGos are, then go buy a box to find out. While the void in Dunedin drinking culture created by the disappearance of SoGos can never be filled, if you drink enough Ranfurly Draught you'll definitely be able to forget about them, if only for a moment.

**Tastes like:** warmth, joy  
**Pairs well with:** a crackling fire, nostalgia, nostalgia for something you didn't experience  
**Froth level:** off the charts  
**Taste rating:** 10/10 outstanding

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# HOROSCOPES



## AQUARIUS Jan 20 – Feb 18

Keep developing that character and nicotine addiction, bestie!

*Iso activity: becoming TikTok famous*



## PISCES Feb 19 – Mar 20

Sure, being funny is cool and all but so is addressing your deep rooted trauma. Maybe it's time to check in with your therapist.

*Iso activity: making bomb ass ramen*



## ARIES Mar 21 – Apr 19

There's a difference between being straightforward and aggressive. Learn the difference ASAP before your flatmates hate you.

*Iso activity: self-help*



## TAURUS Apr 20 – May 20

Autumn is nearly here! It's the perfect time to be a Taurus. 'Tis the season for reading, sleeping, drinking coffee, and complaining!

*Iso activity: finish reading Dune, re-read Harry Potter, or at least break out the crosswords*



## GEMINI May 21 – Jun 20

Go you, always doing the most for all your pals. Just make sure you are getting the time and energy out of the relationships that you invest in. 2022 is the year of self worth baby!

*Iso activity: social media cleanse*



## CANCER Jun 21 – Jul 22

Cancer men get shit on a lot. We need to stop the slander. If you're a Cancer man, go you. Treat yourself. Buy that new video game or whatever.

*Iso activity: online shopping*



## LEO Jul 23 – Aug 22

This year's stars predict lots of lovers in your future. Just make sure you get tested for Covid and STD's, imagine having both at the same time!

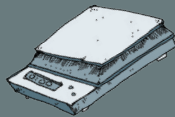
*Iso activity: refining your Tinder profile, filtering your matches*



## VIRGO Aug 23 – Sep 22

It takes everything in you to not voice your judgemental opinions on the daily. However, there are perhaps some people in your life who need to hear the tough love.

*Iso activity: plotting revenge on those who have wronged you*



## LIBRA Sep 23 – Oct 22

Libra, I am constantly unsure of what to make of you. But one thing's for sure, you're annoying as fuck on the piss. Take a chill pill and say less.

*Iso activity: wine tasting*



## SCORPIO Oct 23 – Nov 21

They say Scorpios can be intense and possessive! And they're right. Please calm down and take a deep breath.

*Iso activity: working on your anger issues*



## SAGITTARIUS Nov 22 – Dec 21

Despite what a Sag believes, it's possible to voice your opinion in a way that doesn't come across as condescending to others.

*Iso activity: reflect on the phrase "think before you speak"*



## CAPRICORN Dec 22 – Jan 19

There is a reason your symbol is the goat. It's because you are the GOAT! Also you need to shave.

*Iso activity: starting a political activism page*

# MOANINGFUL CONFESSIONS

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## Hungry like the Wolf

So this one's a bit of a doozy. I was coming out of a long relationship, and looking to get back out there. I had this sort of mutual friend, and I could tell for a while that there were some definite vibes kicking off between us, so one night, on the couch I was squatting on, we got down to it.

I'm not a fan of being a squatter, and those days ended soon after. But I kept things going with this girl, partly because I was enjoying the rebound, and partly because she had a great vape and a bedroom and shower. I was going through my own things, she was going through her own things, it was all very mutual and we understood it wasn't anything serious.

Which is a good thing. Because some weird stuff started happening pretty quickly. The first incident happened about a week into the fling: we were laying in bed and, with no provocation, she got up, walked to the bathroom, and shaved half her head into an undercut. No real concern from me, I thought it looked good enough, and it was her hair, anyway. It was just weird that she got up, shaved, and came back without saying a word. So that was strange.

The other thing I noticed was the wolves. This girl's bed was a sort of bunk-bed setup, it had a sort of roof over it and walls, which was cool. But the entire inside of it was covered with pictures of wolves. Again, no worries from me, wolves are cool and all, it was just a lot of wolves. I didn't notice them at first, but after a little while, they were hard to ignore. It just made the already confusing situation even more confusing.

But finally, the strangest thing of all came about two weeks in. We were in the wolf den, going at it, as you do, when she locked eyes with me and asked me a question I'll never forget: "Do you like pretzels?"

I mean, what? I was stunned. I actually stopped in my tracks. What the fuck? Sure, I guess? Before I knew what to say, she had grabbed both her ankles and pulled her feet up by her head, transforming herself, I guess, into a sort of pretzel. I did not know what to make of this. I think I said, "Uhh, yeah, I do", and just kept going. But that question has been seared into my mind, and even now, a year later, I cannot see someone grab their ankle without thinking of Pretzel Girl.

The rest of the affair went by with a similar sense of surrealism. I don't know when it ended, how it ended, or why it ended, but I do know that my concept of what can and can't be a pretzel is forever changed. Not in a bad way, mind you, just in a "I can't eat pretzels without thinking of wolves and sex" kinda way.

I have a home now, and my own bedroom, which is not decorated with wolves. I have not heard from Pretzel Girl since we last spoke, and I can't help but wonder what she's up to. I hope she's moved past whatever she had going on, and I hope that whoever she ended up with can match the absurdly chaotic - but ultimately quite endearing - vibes that she gave off.

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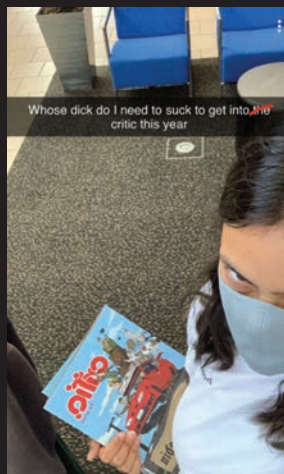


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**Yes – get tested**

Order a Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) online at [RequestRats.Covid19.health.nz](https://RequestRats.Covid19.health.nz) or get one from a participating local pharmacy, GP or testing centre. Take your RAT test.

**No**

If you test negative but have symptoms, stay at home and test again 24 hours later. If you test negative again and still have symptoms, contact a health professional for support.



**Yes**

**Tested positive?**

## Report your result

Enter your positive RAT result at My COVID Record or call 0800 222 478. You'll get a text within 24 hours with further info and support.

## Isolate with your household

Your whole household needs to isolate. Food and supplies must be delivered contactlessly.

## Your household needs to get tested too

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## Monitor your symptoms

For most people, COVID-19 will cause mild to moderate symptoms that can be managed at home. If symptoms get worse, call Healthline for advice on 0800 358 5453. If it's an emergency call 111 immediately.

**Yes**

They need to report their result and restart their isolation period from the day of the result. If you've already tested positive, or you tested negative after the initial isolation period, you don't need to isolate longer.

**Did someone in your household test positive?**

**No**

You can all leave iso at the same time.

## Extra support

If you need extra support while you're self-isolating, you may be able to get money to pay for urgent and essential costs, like food, medicine and some bills.

## COVID-19 leave support

If you're an employee who can't work from home while self-isolating, talk to your employer about applying for the Leave Support Scheme to help pay you.

## Financial support

Call Work and Income's COVID welfare line on 0800 512 337, 8am–8pm, 7 days a week. You do not need to be getting a benefit.

Thank you for helping keep yourself and others safe.  
For more information, head to [Covid19.govt.nz/positive](https://Covid19.govt.nz/positive)