

Christmas Update

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2017 has been a year of milestones and events for the Trust's 50th celebrations



Glenfalloch Golden Night Garden saw our garden glowing with golden light as sculptures from talented artists were showcased and lit spectacularly. Hundreds of people came to enjoy magic spring evenings discovering the garden anew.

A Trustee and staff reunion was held on the final evening.



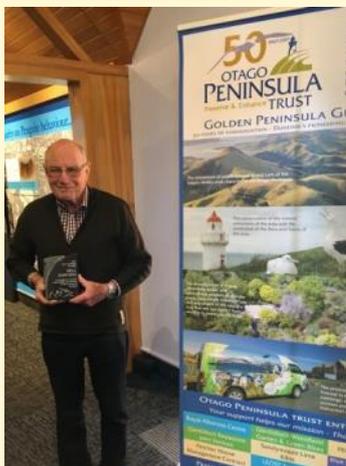
Glenfalloch Restaurant rocketed into the top 10 Dunedin restaurants—renowned for the innovative “Trust the Chef” menu!

See review in January 2018 Cuisine Magazine

“**Peninsula People**”, our show on Otago Access Radio 105.4FM ran all year. Many interesting people from the Trust's past and present were interviewed sharing their stories of the early days of the Trust, challenges and highlights, tips on peninsula exploring, living and working in Dunedin's wildlife capital, tourism growth, wildlife encounters, favourite spots, the Trust's 50 years and hopes for the future. Episodes at <http://oar.org.nz/event/peninsula-people/>



Dunedin's Heritage Festival began with a boom at the Royal Albatross Centre, opening the festival and celebrating the **30th anniversary of Fort Taiaroa tours** from 1987. Bill Dawson was honoured as a heritage hero with the 2017 Bluestone Award for his work over 50 years. Founding Trustees Bill and Laurie Stewart cut a celebratory cake then presided over the firing of a 25 pounder gun acknowledging the important role of Pukekura/Taiaroa Head to the harbour heritage of Dunedin.



The Trust has opened an Info Zone in the ODT building at 52 Stuart St to showcase our work and attractions as well as the Fort Taiaroa archives. We'd love you to pop in; bring your friends and visitors to find out more about our wonderful Otago Peninsula.

Open weekdays 9am-5pm.

Glenfalloch Golden Gala Day bloomed brightly during the heritage festival with a stunning day to celebrate with locals and visitors. Fundraising stalls were held by local schools, charities and organisations with great success. A wedding dress exhibition included dresses from five decades of Glenfalloch weddings. The gardens were alive with performers, stilt walkers, dancers and singers along with hundreds of guests.



A blow was struck to the 50th year as Dunedin had a huge deluge in July; Taiaroa Head, the Royal Albatross Centre and Blue Penguins Pukekura were closed with 13 slips and an inaccessible road for 12 days. Two penguins also perished in a very large slip at Pilots Beach. Glenfalloch Garden and Restaurant had issues with a large slip in the garden cutting off the water supply for a few days.



Blue Penguins Pukekura celebrated its fifth birthday with a pop up party in the Octagon and enjoyed cake cutting, a song and penguin toys giveaways



Congratulations across all the Trust teams as **Four TripAdvisor Certificates of Excellence** awarded for 2017: Royal Albatross Centre, Blue Penguins Pukekura JV, Glenfalloch Restaurants (all top 10 Dunedin experiences) and Glenfalloch Garden were acknowledged as standout Dunedin experiences. The Trust is very proud of all the hard work and wonderful visitor hosting our team extend to our visitors from all over the world.

New Look! Our Royal Albatross team have new uniforms, an upgraded centre to work in, and a \$100,000 projector and screen with which to WOW our tour visitors



Our commemorative book "Otago Peninsula Trust. The First 50 years" is now available. Copies \$20 from the Glenfalloch Trust Office ph 476 1775 or Info Zone + Royal Albatross Centre.



The Trust also celebrated 25 years of managing Fletcher House and 45 years of Royal Albatross tours. 2017/18 viewing looks great with 30 albatross nests, 3-4 in observatory view. A breeding bonanza of penguins with 233 chicks hatched and 150-200 penguins returning each evening.