

Management:

The Island is designated as a public Recreation Reserve under the Reserve Act 1977, and is managed by the Quarantine Island/ Kamau Taurua Community (Inc.) and the Department of Conservation (DOC). The Community leases part of the Island from DOC and owns and looks after all the historic buildings, animals and fauna. Beginning as the St Martin Island Community, we have been caring for the Island since 1958!

Please note:

- ❖ By laws prohibit dogs and camping and there is a No open fires/No smoking policy on the Island because of the fire risk.
- ❖ Water is scarce on the Island. Please conserve it!

Staying on the Island

The Island Lodge can be hired for very reasonable rates. It has basic accommodation for 28 people. We encourage smaller groups to consider sharing.

For more information about visiting the Island see our website: quarantineisland.org.nz or contact the Keeper/Manager on 478 0874 or quarantineisland@gmail.com

Our postal address is PO Box 5478 Dunedin

Who the Community are:

The Quarantine Island/ Kamau Taurua Community is a diverse group of people who love the Island. Most of us live in around Dunedin and come together to work and enjoy the Island on Open Weekends, usually the last weekend of the month.

Members care about the environmental, spiritual and social issues for the Island, having a deep commitment to care and sustainable management for the Island. The Community is welcoming to all who share a passion for the Island and encourages the wider community to get involved.

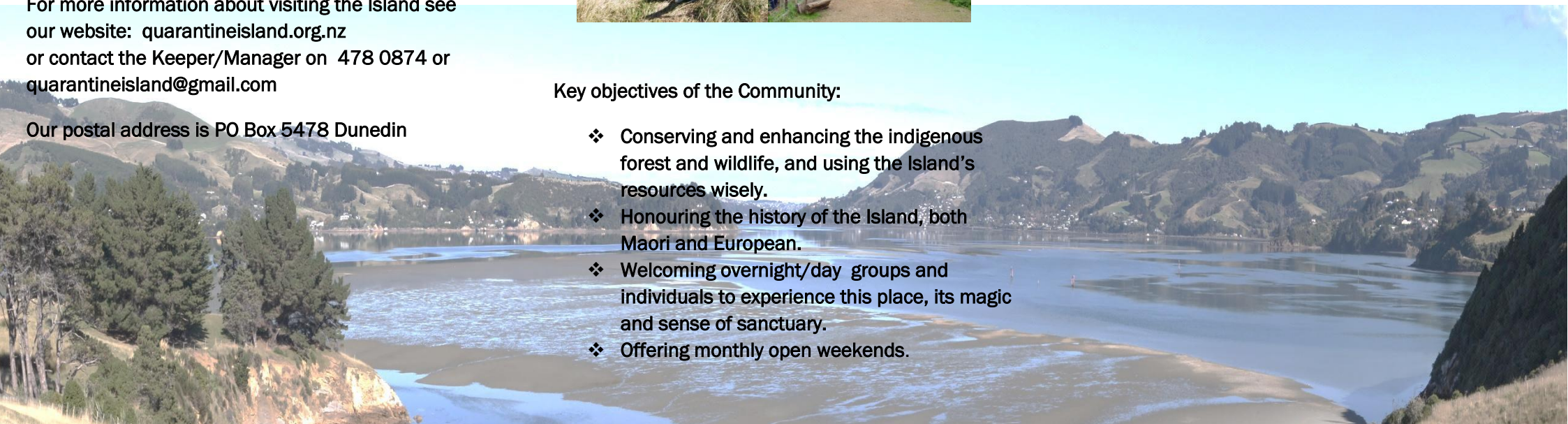


Key objectives of the Community:

- ❖ Conserving and enhancing the indigenous forest and wildlife, and using the Island's resources wisely.
- ❖ Honouring the history of the Island, both Maori and European.
- ❖ Welcoming overnight/day groups and individuals to experience this place, its magic and sense of sanctuary.
- ❖ Offering monthly open weekends.

Quarantine Island Kamau Taurua

A public recreation reserve
Visitors are welcome!



Places to see on the Island:

Transport to the Island



The gateway to the Island



Remains of two ships: On the left as you come ashore is the former harbour ferry, the Waikana, built in 1909. On the right is the Oreti, built in 1900.



Explore the beaches and foreshore of the Island at low tide. You can help by taking a bag to pick up washed up rubbish. The beach beside the jetty is safe for swimming.

Native Bush: Enter over stiles. The track takes you through new & original bush. With the help of Forest and Bird, schools and many community groups we are gradually extending the area of native bush.



We welcome your help with this project- seed collecting and raising, releasing young trees, planting, watering, monitoring.



Site of the second Hospital: built in 1873, site located at the top of the hill above main buildings.

The Cemetery contains the graves of 72 early immigrants, the headstone of the 1860's "Keeper of Quarantine" John Dougall and his family, and a memorial to the Rev Dave Wilson, the community's first resident keeper.



The Married Quarters is the only wooden two storied quarantine building that remains standing in NZ. It was built in 1872 as part of a quarantine station on

the island. Originally the Single Women's Quarters and Dining Hall stood alongside.

There has been extensive work to save this iconic building, and now we are repairing the interior as funds allow. We are working to meet the standards of a hall, which can be used by groups visiting the island.

The St Martin Lodge: Our Community house is built around the original 1860's Keeper's Cottage. For much of the year the Lodge is available for groups to stay on the Island - contact the Resident Keeper to enquire about a stay. If you are a day visitor you are welcome to use the composting toilets in the Lodge. However please respect the privacy of those staying in the Lodge.

The Cottage is the Resident Keepers private home and is situated at the top of the gravel track. It is built around the former staff recreation hut, built during WW1 when the Island was again used as a quarantine station.

The Cave: Access is steep, but if you are fit and able, visit to the cave. The track branches off the main bush track and runs down the hill to the main channel.

