



Title: "Southerly"

Description: Sandymount, Otago Peninsula, Dunedin

Photographer: Trevor Douglas

Where, when: Otago Peninsula, Dunedin, July 2018.

Sustainability? This image demonstrates the tenacity of these trees on the Otago Peninsula here in Dunedin. With an almost continuous wind from the South the trees have grown accordingly. The tortured trees speak to us of our own resilience to make a living in this place.

The broken ground also gives an ecological clue of the way pasture can not always seal the ground. You can think of vegetation as the earth's blanket – it holds the soil together and stops it being blown away, keeps moisture in and prevents heavy rain from destroying the soil structure. The roots of trees gradually build organic matter in the soil underneath. This organic matter is the glue that holds soil particles together to build soil structure enough to allow air into the soil profile, and to provide spaces in the soil profile to store water. Really the world runs on the top 30 cm of the soil, so maintaining earth's blanket is key for healthy ecosystems.

Photo notes: Exposure 1/80s at 18 mm focal length, f/11 aperture and ISO-200.

Digital specs: 4,896 x 3,264 pixels (16 MP).

Key words: Sandymount, Otago Peninsula, Tortured, Trees. Wind Blown, Dunedin, Trevor Douglas, Aotearoa, New Zealand, Sustainability.

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Trevor Douglas, 23 November 2021.