

STEWART ISLAND NEWS

CELEBRATING RAKIURA

JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2006

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Tradition tells us to take down the Christmas tree on 6 Jan. But what about the un-burnt bonfire pile from New Year's Eve? Downpours of rain sent revellers running for cover on 31st Dec. The flames prevailed, burning valiantly until the morning. But still, soggy piles of leftover wood and brush lay in the Bay afterward as a reminder of a rainy New Year, and were finally carted away on 10 Jan.

The rain continued for days, making mild Mill Creek foam at the mouth, closing the Back Road, cancelling barbeques, and causing numerous slips including a landslide the size of George Thompson's house which fell into the sea off Bungaree (to the surprise of some fishermen having smoko nearby).

It was windy too, enough for several ferry cancellations. Holiday makers who didn't flee via plane actually seemed quite content, and happily made the best of their vacations. (Although one indignant guest at the South Sea Hotel suggested that the town build covered walkways between buildings so visitors won't get wet!)

Meteorological drama reached a crescendo with an electric storm that wreaked havoc on the island after a lightning bolt frizzled Islanders' computers, telephones and televisions, sending repair guy Chris Dillon in circles. (The *SIN* editor's computer was fried too, in case anyone wonders why the January issue is arriving on February's doorstep.)

The New Year has seen lots of new babies



PHOTO: OLIVIA KANY

Edward's Island seal pup

around the island. Penguin chicks are hatching; seal pups poke their heads up from behind rocks; baby bellbirds bounce along the branches at Ackers; and Bay residents were charmed by the oystercatcher chicks at the beach past Pearlers. Baby shags and wekas abound. Rakiura is a real "box of fluffies" these days.

Other not-so-fluffy creatures have paid a call too, including a leopard seal at Butterfields and a white pointer in Thule. And sometime in February we can expect to see an enormous angry ape in Oban (check the Rakiura Theatre listings!)

In a moving tribute, a fleet of local fishing boats escorted Reuben Morris' ashes to Deadman's Bay on 10th Jan after a service at the Community Centre. A bugler played *Last Post* for the beloved Islander who was a dear friend, a great granddad, and a WWII Veteran.



There weren't many dry eyes after a day on the briny sharing yarns of a wonderful man who lived a long life and had so many good mates here.

*"Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar
When I put out to sea..."*
Crossing the Bar,
Lord Alfred Tennyson

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Boat of the Month

SECRET

Someone said to me recently “Hey, have you seen that beautiful old yacht on the slip?” I had a quiet grin to myself, and said “No, but I’d say it is the **SECRET**, an old timer from these parts. I’ve heard that she was around.” And so it turned out.

She is one of the fleet of vessels built at Horseshoe Bay, on the site of the present Horseshoe Haven, by Ned Johnson in the early 1900’s. She remained in the Johnson family these many years until just recently, when she was sold to Alan Evans of Blenheim. But let’s go back a while.

Built as a ketch rigged sailing vessel, open decked, and with tiller steering, she was later given a wheelhouse and various engines – the last being a 3LW Gardner. Her early days are a bit hazy, but I assume she was fished by Ned Johnson or his son Bill until 1920, when she was taken over by Bill’s son Archie Johnson, who was aged 16 at the time. He skippered her until he was given the **VIOLET** when his father retired. Other skippers have been Ken and Bert Johnson – grandsons of builder Ned, and then we go to great-grandson Ian, who started restoration work on her. He then handed over to his boatbuilder son Douglas (a great-great grandson of the builder) to complete. When Douglas shifted to Picton the project was put on hold until Alan Evans came into the picture and bought her. He shifted her into one of the big sheds at the Greenhills Quarry and carried on to complete the work, bringing her back to the way she was in the photo at right. Since her launching at Riverton she has wandered as far as Doubtful Sound in Fiordland, and now has made it back to her “birthplace.”



Photo: Rakiura Museum.

It is good to see her again in her element, giving us a glimpse of the past!



Photo: Elaine Hamilton.

<<<< **SECRET** in her more modern fishing days, with wheelhouse but still no line haulers!

That’s it for this month – hope you enjoyed it, and to those who have told me how much they look forward to these pages, many thanks!

Merv King.

On the Move

by Kari Beaven

Stewart Island Weka are on the move!! Released at Harrold Bay between April & June 2005, approximately 75 weka have been seen ranging from Ackers Point through as far as Nichol rd. That was, until November 2005.....



The weka don't seem to have batted an eye-lid about finding themselves in new surrounds in 2005. They have marched in, claimed a patch of bush or lawn all for themselves, found a mate and set about making more weka.

Now, the first chicks, fully grown and feathered, are making moves of their own. With available "land-home packages" getting tight around here, the juveniles are starting to "sub-divide" the rest of Halfmoon Bay. Reports are coming in of weka seen at Halfmoon Bay beach, Thule Bay and the Back Road. Recently a weka was seen at the Community Native Plant Nursery!!

In November, radio tracking "backpacks" were fitted to two chicks which were fully grown and about to leave home. By re-locating these birds, we would be able to see how far chicks ventured, how long before they settled down, and more importantly, how well they survive on their own.

The next couple of weeks saw us traipsing over ridges and down cliffs, driving every road and even skirting the coast in a dingy with an aerial held over our heads, trying to locate any slight "beep" of recognition.

And it paid off!! Both weka chicks are alive and well. One has settled within the Restoration Area, greeting visitors as they walk to Wholers Monument, and has already paired up with another weka and may well breed in the same season it was born!! The other has ventured a little further to Mapou Rd, though we're not sure if he/ she is still on the move or has finally settled down.

This is great news; chick survival is paramount for the survival of the weka in Halfmoon Bay.

More transmitters will be used to continue monitoring this essential information, observing the next generation from beginning as an egg, through to the adult chick finding its own territory and mates, and gradually developing the overall story for weka in the Bay.



Monitoring will also show us whether or not the protection afforded them is enough, demonstrating clearly if there are gaps to be filled.

In the meantime, the older birds aren't wasting any time. There are nests to be made and chicks to be fed, feathered and flung out of the home grounds to make room for the next nest

For more information about the Halfmoon Bay Habitat Restoration Project, visit our website www.glowingsky.co.nz

This weka wasn't wasting any time. She's left dad to bring up their still fluffy chick while she begins on the next clutch!!



ban Globetrotter *off-island adventures*

A group of Islanders recently visited Lord Howe Island. Following is Margaret Hopkins' account of their trip.

Destination Lord Howe Island

Our first view of Lord Howe Island as we came in to land was of a dramatic island in a sparkling blue ocean. The



Mt Lidbird (left) and Mt Gower beyond The Lagoon

first of the yachts completing the annual Gosford to LHI race were just edging their way into the reef-enclosed harbour and sun shone on the golden beaches. The crystal clear water looked inviting to the group of 11 of us from the far south of New Zealand who had been invited as family or friends to join Elaine and Bill Hamilton on a week long holiday to what proved to be an interesting holiday destination.

Situated in the Tasman Sea 770km northeast of Sydney LHI is a 1455ha crescent shaped island, which was granted World Heritage status in 1982. Tourism, the mainstay of the economy is based on the island's outstanding natural features and biodiversity and is carefully controlled with only 390 visitors allowed on the island at a time. LHI is often cited as a good example of careful planning for residential and tourist development with many planning aspects that we could learn from for Stewart Island.

Accommodation on LHI ranges from guesthouses to apartments or lodges and most are tucked away in the bush with guests walking or cycling everywhere. Compared to Stewart Is. there seemed to be a low number of motorized vehicles on the island with restrictions on the number and size allowed for residents. The speed limit is 25km/hr, which seemed funereal as we were driven from the airport to our accommodation at Somerset Apartments but when out walking or cycling we appreciated the safety of slow moving vehicles on the roads. We noticed that the standard of vehicles seemed much higher than ours on Stewart Island.

LHI is part of NSW and Administration on the island is run by the LHI Board which comprises 3 elected members, a chairman appointed from the Department of Local Government and a representative of NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service. The Lord Howe Island Board operates on a budget of around \$6.5 million and carries out a wide range of local government functions.

The Board provides among its services a retail liquor store and the State Bank. Profit from the liquor store is part of the revenue that supports services on the island. About 22 staff are employed to oversee electricity generation, aerodrome

operation, maintenance of public roads, buildings, refuse station and tourist facilities as well as playing a key role in tourism planning and palm production. Sale of the Kentia palm seeds and seedlings has been a major source of revenue for the Island since 1870 with up to 1600 bushels of seed harvested per annum. Visitors to LHI pay a tourist levy of \$20 pp, which goes towards administration of island facilities for the 13,000 visitors per year.

As a holiday destination LHI is a really laid-back, relaxing kind of place. We did a guided tour with local postmaster Peter Phillips (ex Kiwi) who picked us up at Somerset Apartments and took us on an introductory tour of the island. It was a great way to learn about the island and we got to visit places like the local school, refuse centre and weather station that were all of great interest to our group. The tour ended with a coffee on the verandah of



Balls Pyramid - 551m high

Peter's home which was a nice touch of island hospitality.



Elaine Hamilton (front) and Sandra Dalziel on the track from Malabar to Kims Lookout

At 11km long and 2km wide LHI is only a fraction of the size of Stewart Island but with a similar population. 70% of the island remains uncleared and protected with the town adhering to strict developmental guidelines. Most of the 120 houses and 25 commercial establishments are nestled in the bush and not obvious from the road or sea. With an average summer temperature of 25 de-

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HALF MOON BAY BEAT

JANUARY 2006

Hi there and welcome to the new year,

Christmas and New Year is always the busy time for police and other emergency services and it is always good to get through it without too many dramas. We'll leave the 'boy racer' crowd to the mainland.

Firstly a big thank you to those who assisted at such short notice recently when the trimaran run aground in the inlet and later the same day a person reported 'swimming' in the inlet. The response was simply fantastic from both commercial operators and recreational boaties.

The weather has been the biggest factor lately with high winds and flooding on a couple of occasions. It has kept Graham and Matt from South Roads busy closing roads etc. The odd boat has ended up running out of water beneath it, but overall we seem to have got through unscathed.

Behaviour around the bay on the whole has been good. One gripe is still the incidences of drink driving. A couple of apprehensions recently resulting in locals heading to court. Is the message not getting through? Consider what you have to lose. It is not worth the risk.

An interesting one the other day with the white pointer shark being caught in a set net in Paterson Inlet. It is worth mentioning here that Te Whaka a Te Wera or Paterson Inlet is a Mātaitai reserve. The mātaitai reserve is managed by tangata tiaki (caretakers) and the local community chosen by tangata whenua (Māori holding customary rights to an area). Different rules regarding fishing are in place to ensure the sustainability of kaimoana (seafood). One of the rules means no set nets are allowed. Cod pots and long lines are also prohibited. The areas designated as 'Marine Reserve' prohibits any fishing at all. Please familiarise yourselves with the rules for the inlet. Information leaflets are available from the police station or DOC.

I'll be on an annual hunting trip in early Feb, so give the relieving cop 'Scotland' a warm welcome, a haggis on the spit or something. Don't save the work up for me.

Lastly, Reuben..... gone but never forgotten old timer.

Take care and look after each other.

Senior Constable Tod Hollebon
Half Moon Bay police



Your little library is bursting with BIG news:



we have a big new shelving unit! The Library Santa (a.k.a. District Library Manager Lynda Hodges) had it sent on the ferry last month packed in a big crate.

Thanks to some area blokes for doing the blokey thing when I

wrung my hands like a dopey librarian in distress. Spraggon transported the crate from the ferry to the library doorstep, Squizzy de-crated the thing and carried it inside, and Ewan Gell assembled the shelves which was no small task.

To celebrate the long-anticipated arrival of our new shelf unit, the library ladies partied as only library ladies can.

I initially kept the shelf's arrival a secret, simply telling the guests that we would be welcoming a surprise mystery guest of honour. The ladies arrived, wondering if J. K. Rowling or Elvis Presley might jump out of a cake.

Like any nervous party host, I began to second guess myself a bit too late. "Maybe I talked this mystery guest up a bit much," I worried, as I whipped the sheet from the strange lump on the floor and revealed not the King but a pile of beige inanimate unassembled shelf parts.

Nevertheless, Jenny, Pat, Kerry and Margaret seemed delighted. After all, they have been waiting longer than I have for the shelf to make its way down here from an Auckland warehouse, or the North Pole, or someplace very far away.

I brought a bottle of bubbly to smash ceremoniously over our new vessel, but the ladies wisely suggested that we drink it instead, which nicely chased egg salad sandwiches, potato salad, and happy book banter.

The new shelving unit is great, and has been situated directly in front of the door and features new fiction, new non-fiction, and a book flavour-of-the-month shelf.

This month's slightly salty flavour is *Boats*. The other side of the new unit houses the Juvenile and Young Adult fiction and non-fiction. We have created space for many more books, and relieved the growing pressure in the non-fiction stacks.

The shelf directly across from the circulation desk now features books on Local Interest, South Sea Neighbours, and Native Plants and Animals. We are still in the midst of shifting things around in the library, so don't hesitate to ask if you can't find something, and please forgive us our messiness.

The Christmas holidays have come and gone—our festive wiry little tree is once again packed away in a box. The library has been extremely busy with the combination of numerous visitors and numerous raindrops.

Another circulating collection has arrived, the terrific selection of books includes *The Ice Master: The Doomed 1913 Voyage of the Karluk* by Jennifer Niven. I was very rude over Christmas and wouldn't pull my nose out of a most disturbing page-turner: *We Need to Talk About Kevin* by L. Shriver. We have the new Anita Shreve, Michael Cunningham, and Ruth Rendell. *Inside the Sky: A Meditation on Flight* is a fascinating book by William Langewiesche, one of the most articulate journalists writing today. As for chopper flying, nothing beats Robert Mason's *Chickenhawk*, a gritty true memoir of navigating helicopters in Vietnam.

The *Hollidays* have come and gone too —Sue and Kelvin Holliday that is. Thanks to the Holliday family for a kind donation of the DVD *Polar Express*. And thanks to Bonnie Leask for a really cool new cube puzzle for wee ones, and to Lorainne Hansen for her ongoing generous donations of books.



The new shelving has arrived!

The library welcomes visitors, who may borrow a book for just 50 cents!

Our hours are:
Wednesday 2-3.15
Friday 11-noon
Saturday 11-noon

If you need something from the library before the next opening day, feel free to call me at 2191 367.

Happy Reading, Jess

greens and a minimum winter temperature of 13 it is a very pleasant climate.

There are only 10 km of roads and a network of walking tracks to many great vantage points and bays. At the northern end of the island two imposing peaks Mt Lidgbird and Mt Gower rise steeply to the sky with their summits

often cloaked in mist. At 875m Mt Gower is a steep 8-hour return hike for the physically fit and walkers must go with a guide. Only Sandra from our group undertook the challenge saying the views and the amazing plants in the mist forest were well worth the effort.



Colin Hopkins feeding kingfish at Ned's Beach

ing 551m island 23 km south east of LHI. Clearly visible from LHI Balls Pyramid is one of the peaks of a large underwater mountain range rising from the seabed 2000m down situated on the western edge of the Lord Howe Rise, a 2000km long undersea plateau that extends from NZ to the Chesterfield Islands in the north. The fishing was pretty good with catches of kingfish and a very large Wahoo, which was later on the menu at the restaurant where we ate that night. We cooked the kingfish on the BBQ next day and it was really delicious. Those of our group

that didn't go out fishing chose instead a 'round the island cruise' which gave us a different perspective of LHI. Ron (from Ron's Rambles) who some of us had met on a local guided walk a few days before, was on board and gave a very interesting commentary.



Neil Hamilton holding a kingfish and a trevally kingfish

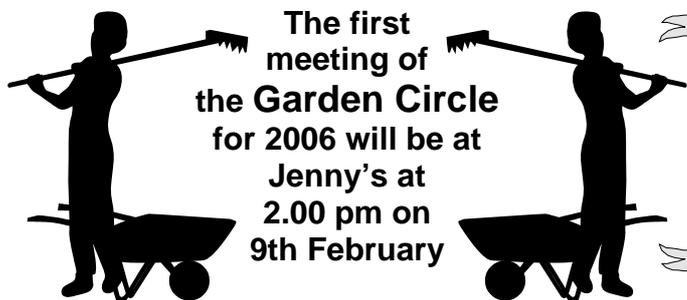
LHI has the southern most coral reefs in the world. The minimum water temperature of 17 degrees allows a huge array of coral to flourish in the clear, nutrient free water. We did a trip out in a glass bottom boat and some went snorkeling or swimming at several of the lovely beaches. Feeding fish at Neds Beach is a great tourist attraction and many people go to stand in the water where large kingfish and other species brush around your knees while feeding on bread or fish scraps offered to them.

The island is serviced by daily flights from Sydney and less often from Brisbane. Today the Dash 8 aircraft make the journey easy but from 1947 - 74 Catalina and Sandringham flying boats provided transport to LHI. The local museum and Post Office both have wonderful displays and photos of the history of the flying-boat service. A freight boat brings supplies to the Island once a fortnight.

We pretty much covered all of the island tracks on our weeklong stay and were constantly amazed at the prolific bird life. Every cliff, hillside, rock stack and beach had hundreds of birds including sooty terns; flesh footed shearwater (mutton birds), masked booby, red-tailed tropicbird, common noddy and many varieties of petrel and shearwater. It is a birdwatcher's paradise. The blokes in our group went on a fishing trip out to Balls Pyramid, a tower-

There are about 40 students at the school on LHI with a junior school and facilities for older students doing long distance education. As with Stewart Is. children many go to boarding school on the mainland. LHI has a hospital with resident doctor and nurses.

Our group enjoyed our visit to LHI and would recommend it as a great holiday destination.



The first meeting of the Garden Circle for 2006 will be at Jenny's at 2.00 pm on 9th February

CONGRATULATIONS

Proud Parents
Jolene and Matty
Welcome Eli!

Renewed
newlyweds
Marty and Sarah



Yellow-eyed penguin News

Sandy King, the Projects Officer for the Southern Island Yellow-eyed Penguin Trust, has been “in the field” monitoring nests for the past two months. She is coming back to Halfmoon Bay and will be giving a talk on the Yellow-eyed Penguin study. If you harbour any curiosity about these fascinating hoiho, know that Sandy is one of the more knowledgeable penguin people around and well worth a listen.

Yellow-eyed Penguin Talk

starts at

8 pm on Tuesday 24th January at the Visitor Centre

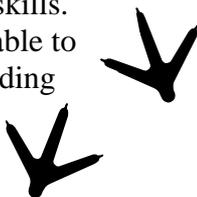
Admission \$3 for adults; kids are free

Did you know...

The **oystercatcher** is found on every continent except Antarctica, and ornithologists cannot agree on how many species of oystercatchers exist worldwide.

Stewart Island oystercatchers are black and pied. These birds are renowned for their fiercely protective parenting skills.

This summer residents were able to observe a mum and dad guarding their two chicks on the beach near Pearlers.



The age-old question: which can do more damage to your computer, a freak lightning bolt or a cheeky parrot?

The timeless saying: watched toast never pops but unwatched toast gets eaten by an unruly bird.

This uninvited guest made himself at home on my keyboard, ate my toast and dipped his beak in my coffee. (Kakas on caffeine: *not good.*)

Turn your back for a minute ...

Commercial paua divers can spend eight or more hours in the water, chipping abalone from rocks. Divers' wetsuits are usually 7 or 9mm thick and include booties, gloves and hoods. Some men's suits have a “scupper” so they can pee out of the suit. Summer diving is preferable because winter work can cause “ice cream headaches.” In paua lingo, big pauas are referred to as “dinner plates.”

Do you think your mind's playing tricks on you some days, and it couldn't possibly have rained and screamed as much as you imagined it did? There's a simple way to get concrete scientific proof: The following website collects Oban's daily weather data and displays it in a chart which includes rainfall, max and min temperature and wind speed:

<http://obanweather.flatout.co.nz/obanweather.html>



Doggy paddling at Thule

Native bird monitoring update

by Kari Beavan

I have just been analysing the information from monitoring the Titi and Little Blue Penguins. This will form a baseline for monitoring the two species over the years, and will show us amongst other things, whether or not our pest control work is having enough of an effect to protect the birds out there.

The data has been gained by burrowscoping (sending a small camera down to look around) nest burrows in 4 plots around the Ackers Point breeding colony, then crawling through the mud (and worse) to count all the burrows in the area. From that we can estimate the approximate size of the colony at present, and some noteworthy starting points (no.s of eggs, occupiers etc)

So far we have got:

64 burrows within the 4 plots

200 burrows in the total colony (just from the saddle to the very end)

47% of the burrows in the 4 plots are occupied, 23.5% with titi and 25% with LBP's (sometimes both species occupy the same burrow, but different branches of it)

Approximately 17% of burrows with titi are incubating eggs (making a total of about 34 eggs in the whole colony)

In the whole colony approximately 6 LBPs are still on eggs, and 38 have small chicks. Little blues raise their young earlier than titi, so their nests are more advanced.

We're doing more monitoring in February and one last look in April, that way we can tell which of these hatch, and which survive through to leaving home.

Nurses' News

Dr. Tapper will be holding a clinic on 28th January at the Stewart Island Nurses' Clinic. Phone 2191 098 to make an appointment.

This will be Dr. Tapper's last visit before he retires. *The island community would like to offer him a heartfelt thank you for all of his support.*

Clinic Hours

**Daily Morning Clinic
10-12.30 am**

**Well Women Clinic
Thursdays 2.30-5 pm**

**Well Child/Family Clinic
Wednesdays 2.30-5 pm**



KidZone kidz were walking tall and bouncing around the Hall on 16-17 Jan during the SDC/Venture Southland sponsored holiday programme. The afternoon of fun activities was capped by the delightful production Mean Jean the Pirate Queen.



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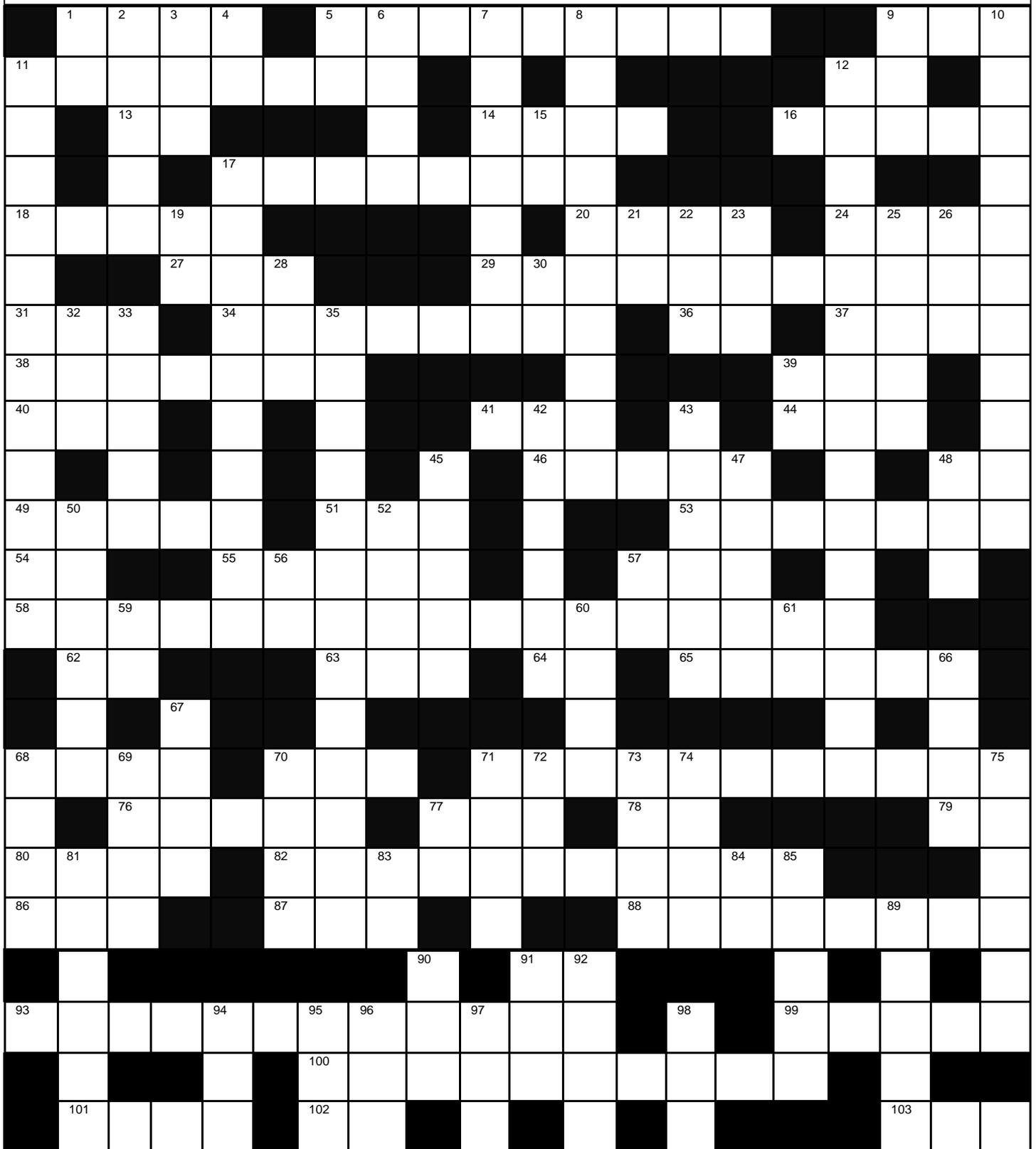
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Island Cuisine

This delicious puzzle features 13 South Sea specialties, most of them are hidden in the *italicized* clues. The bracketed numbers indicate how many letters are in each word of the answer.



ACROSS

- | | | |
|-------------------------------|--|---|
| 1 red traffic light means: | 14 sulk | 27 called out at a bullfight |
| 5 <i>inanga</i> | 16 Bob Dylan's big ----- bed | 29 <i>native of Japanese Island [4,7]</i> |
| 9 mama | 17 <i>chatter all by oneself [3,5]</i> | 31 before (archaic) |
| 11 Italian dessert | 18 tropical fruit | 34 scorned; hated |
| 12 green traffic light means: | 20 They sang "Shake it Up" | 36 drop -- for a visit |
| 13 initials of poet who wrote | 24 Paradise Lost is an ---- poem | 37 fire and ----stone |

Crossword continued

- 38 margarita ingredient
- 39 enemy
- 40 Australian flightless bird
- 41 employ
- 44 "... happily ever after" is this in a fairy tale
- 46 fly fishermen's delight
- 48 -- apple a day
- 49 treasured holy keepsake
- 51 kimono sash
- 53 some medical personnel have completed this degree
- 54 Marvin Gaye's "Let's Get it -"
- 55 *currency of Papua New Guinea*
- 57 container for ashes
- 58 *reason to purchase beautiful native NZ high quality wood [5,7,5]*
- 62 Demi Moore movie "-- Jane"
- 63 tell a fib
- 64 rapper -- Dre
- 65 ending for butter or hop
- 68 Sherlock Holmes solves it
- 70 a pig on the Christmas table?
- 71 *large lasso [3,4,4]*
- 76 Biblical King
- 77 Our closest star
- 78 Let's meet -- noon
- 79 busy place in hospital (abbr)
- 80 October gem
- 82 *sooty shearwaters*
- 86 disgusting slob
- 87 kind of tide
- 88 slang word for mental institution
- 91 movie rating
- 93 *likes horror [6,6]*
- 99 rock between Bench Island and the Neck
- 100 *pale sickly flatfish [7,3]*

- 101 a bit of change
- 102 passport or driver's license, for example (abbr)
- 103 canine

DOWN

- 1 Our home (abbr)
- 2 this follows a bride down the aisle
- 3 cereal base
- 4 not am
- 5 The Bard's initials
- 6 Hawaiian dance
- 7 these warnings help the cops prevent crimes
- 8 *sad geezer [4,6]*
- 9 extinct NZ bird
- 10 *long for living in a tent [4,7]*
- 11 *a brass instrument hits the wrong note [7,5]*
- 12 *naïve orthopaedic surgeon [5,10]*
- 15 pub has Speights — tap
- 17 she visited the Three Bears' house
- 19 Japanese board game
- 21 not FM
- 22 steal
- 23 Chicken Little thinks it's falling
- 25 peeled
- 26 Maori word for community
- 28 slippery, sometimes electric fish
- 30 often seen in subject line
- 32 They sang Shiny Happy People and Losing My Religion
- 33 Sugar substitute
- 35 *NZ dub/reggae band [10,3]*
- 39 iron symbol
- 42 leave behind

- 43 World's Fastest Indian's family
- 45 passageway between seats
- 47 Ancient Roman garment
- 48 insect notorious for cooperative work
- 50 mystery
- 52 Indonesian Island
- 56 third person present singular of be
- 57 fizzy drink Seven --
- 59 do, re, --
- 60 pirates' drink
- 61 negative word
- 66 sharpen
- 67 part of a shoe
- 68 chicken abode
- 69 kind of rug or cormorant
- 70 where we live
- 71 float
- 72 there wasn't room there for Joseph and Mary
- 73 between 2-down and the ground
- 74 Spanish other
- 75 Mexican slang for foreigner
- 77 short for saint
- 81 outdoor lunch
- 83 infectious pulmonary disease (abbreviated)
- 84 the verb to use after wedding vows
- 85 pure white
- 89 it rises in the bakery
- 90 Irish organization (abbr)
- 91 Kiwi slang for Brit
- 92 white wine Pinot ----
- 94 Japanese currency
- 95 ---'chi
- 96 finish
- 97 Clifford the Big --- Dog
- 98 Noah built one

Shark at Thule

Yes, the rumors of white pointer are true: a great white shark was caught in Thule Bay on 8 Jan.

Apparently the net was rowed out from the Thule wharf in a dinghy by some NZ visitors that were renting a house locally. The intention was to net some greenbone on a piece of foul just off the point. The net caught quite a few fish,



including some rather lively dogfish. It is possible that the dogfish thrashing around in the net attracted the shark to the net and it ensnared itself while trying to have a feed. The shark was apparently still alive when the net was brought ashore.

No nets are allowed in the inlet under the MinFish regs set up to protect this area. The fact that people were netting in the inlet really brassed off some of the locals and a few of them told these netters directly. The visitors were not aware of the special regs for Paterson Inlet and said they had no intention of catching a great white shark.



Ship to Shore



We try to accommodate every-one's needs in the shop. It would be appreciated if the people who run holiday homes/B&B or backpackers could let their clients know that we stay open at least half an hour after the last flight/boat arrives. We are finding a number of people commenting that they are missing the shop because they go to the accommodation first, so they can't pick up something to get them by for the first night. Thanks for your support in this.

We are slowly building up a supply of Gluten and Wheat free products -- cereals, custard, biscuits, etc --and we are more than happy to extend this range if you require anything specific.



Cheers



RAKIURA THEATRE



Movies coming in February:

King Kong

Chronicles of Narnia

Seducing Dr Lewis

The Queen of Sheba's Pearls

And more...

New frequent Users cards now available

Catch 9 movies get the 10th one free.

Buy 9 large pizzas get the 10th one free

You laughed,
you sang,
now do it all
over again!

*Beastie and
the Beaut*
videos are
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and Bruce
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5 Argyle St.



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