

# STEWART ISLAND NEWS

## CELEBRATING RAKIURA

**JULY 2005**

**\$2**

Cray fishermen have been preparing their pots and ropes and rumbing the bay as they head toward fishing grounds. The rest of us have been preparing gear too: the **July** toolkit contains pots of chowder, woollen blankets, Lucifers, a gym swipe-card for indoor sport (and sauna), and a Singles' Ball ticket for someone to snuggle.

The seafood chowder contest at the South Sea was a hoot. Weekly netball works athletes into a real thirst (Thursday nights at the pub are getting crowded). The murmur about the Singles' ball has turned into a real buzz. Knitting needles have been clicking overtime: **Read more about these beautiful blankets on Page 6...**



The earth trembles. At the roadside, a tethered goat bleats nervously as a booming sound resounds across the treetops. A rumble, and a giant cranes its neck and moves forward, leaving deep claw marks tracked in the mud.

No, this is not a Hollywood dinosaur movie, it's just another day in Halfmoon Bay. Our roads and lives have been subjected to the earth movers of various roadwork contractors for, well, it seems like a long time now. It's difficult to remember a time when the roadies *weren't* getting amongst our pavement — they are a familiar sight here.

While we are capable of grasping the big picture and the long-term goal, the everyday experience of weaving a car on a steep uphill through a freaky slalom of cones, heavy moving machinery, and yawning holes in the ground isn't always pleasant. One minute you're tootling along with the honest intent of returning a 2-week late video to *continued on page 8...*



### Stewart Island Singles' Ball

*A yarn with the guy who started it all*

*Get a ticket!*

Once upon a time, Prince Charming went to the Ball and there he met his True Love. But he lost track of her at the seafood buffet, and spent the whole next day trawling the neighborhood, clutching a shoe she left behind. Finally he found the perfect footy match. He dropped to his knee, grasped his True Love's ankle, and slipped upon her pretty foot a glass... *gumboot*.

Sound familiar? Of course not — we've never had a Singles' Ball before. But on 20th August that will change with the inaugural Stewart Island Singles' Ball.



Doug Beck got the singles' ball rolling

A four-person committee now runs the show, backed by the Lions' Club and the generous support of numerous community members.

But it wasn't always this way: the Ball began with one persistent local man, Doug Beck.

"I'm doing it for the troops, I know a lot of guys go to the shop and get alcohol and go home, they don't even bother to step foot in the pub," he said. "There's about 20 single ladies to 60 single men. If there was more woman *continued on page 5...*

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Boat of the Month:

## **JOHN- A- SETTREE**

A well known vessel fishing from Halfmoon Bay in the years 1968 to 1999, the **JOHN A SETTREE** underwent many changes since arriving in New Zealand from Australia back in 1954.

She was built in Rushcutters Bay, Sydney, for a retired mill owner named Settree, in 1951, and was 42' x 10'6" x 8'6" with a 6cyl Ford diesel engine. Her planking was 1.75" hardwood, and a 6 ton lead keel was fitted to balance her cutter rig – she had a single cedar mainmast, and her wheelhouse/galley etc was aft over the engineroom, with trawl gear ahead of this. The freezer was next, and the accomodation was right forward.

In 1954 Ewan Densem, of Port Chalmers, bought her and fished mostly around Fiordland until he sold her to Napier interests in 1961. She worked out of Napier until 1968, when Bob Bailey bought her back to Stewart Island and fished the Island and Fiordland waters until his sudden death from a heart attack in 1970. Neville (Mick) Squires bought her, and was to own her for many years, mainly fishing the Lord's River grounds. He changed her to a ketch rig with alloy masts, made his own sails to suit, and shifted the wheelhouse further forward.



**UNDER FULL SAIL**

Photo: Phillip Smith.

Eventually he sold her to Peter Leask Jnr, who shifted the wheelhouse again – this time right forward to cover access to the living accommodation — and changed the rig back to a single mast again. He fished the South Cape area and other grounds around the Island.

On 17<sup>th</sup> May 1999 he struck trouble and was driven ashore south of Big Kuri, on the South-east coast of Stewart Island, the **JOHN A SETTREE** being a total wreck. The owner/skipper was the only person aboard, and managed to scramble ashore to be rescued later by helicopter.

So ended the story of another “Island” vessel – hope you found the tale of interest.

See you next month. Merv King.

## Stewart Island Community Board

### Public Forum

I would like to make it quite clear that, while members of the public are most welcome to attend general meetings of the Community Board at any time, they do not have speaking rights. There is a section on the Community Board agenda called "Public Forum". Members of the community are welcome to address the Board members and staff at this time in the meeting but they must contact the Chairman of the Board (Barry Rhodes) and the Secretary (2191-049 between 9.00 - Noon weekdays - Colleen Dawson) at least a week prior to the meeting to request an opportunity to speak and to advise of the matter which they would like to speak about.

It is requested that the matter be concise and to the point when the opportunity arises to speak - discussion will not take place at this time.

### AA type finger signs

This matter has been discussed many times over the past few years. Members of the community have been advised that permission for these signs had to be granted and proof of this was to be presented to the Community Board. It is now quite clear that permission to erect these signs will no longer be granted by the Community Board. It has been considered that there is a proliferation of signs in the Community therefore the only AA type finger signs to be erected in the future will be ones that are specifically community related and emergency service type signs. Signs belonging to private individuals and businesses will be removed.

Colleen Dawson  
Secretary.



### ban Globetrotter off-island adventures will return next month...

Tune in next issue to read all about Margaret and Colin Hopkins' experiences on the mysterious RAPA NUI (a.k.a. Easter Island). *If you'd like to share your travel yarns, write it down and send it in!*



### Stewart Island Funding Welcomed

News of \$2.5 million government funding for Stewart Island's infrastructure has been hailed by Mayor Frana Cardno as an example of local and central government working in partnership to benefit a small community.

The Minister of Conservation, Chris Carter, made the announcement at the Council's offices in Invercargill on 12 July. He said that the funding was "an investment in the future of Stewart Island, and the future of Rakiura National Park.

"Rakiura accounts for 93 per cent of Stewart Island. It promises to become a magnificent destination on New Zealand's tourism trail, but the experience of visiting it will be undermined if basic infrastructure on the island is not provided and maintained."

The Southland District Council has identified more than \$20 million worth of work to provide essential services such as public toilets, roads, upgraded electricity supply and a new visitor centre.

While funding is available through several government schemes to help pay for some of those costs, the Council has persuaded the Government that it should fund the shortfall rather than leaving the islanders and other Southland District ratepayers to bear the cost.

Mrs Cardno has constantly reminded the Government how the Minister of Conservation, Sandra Lee, made a public commitment in 2002 that Stewart Island would not be left to carry the burden of providing essential infrastructure for visitors drawn by the new National Park.

"I have always had the utmost confidence that the Government would honour this commitment and the Minister's presence here is proof that my confidence was justified," Mrs Cardno said. "Our Council has worked closely with Government officials to quantify the amount of work that is required.

"Like the Topoclimate Project and the development of the HumpRidge Track before it, this funding for Stewart Island infrastructure is an excellent example of a partnership between central and local government.

"Each partner makes a contribution to ensure that a shared objective can be achieved, in a climate of mutual respect, understanding and goodwill. In this case, our shared objectives are to ensure the wellbeing of the Stewart Island community and the sustainability and long-term development of a viable tourist industry built around a pristine national park."

### Sewerage Scheme all but Complete

Construction of the extension to the sewerage scheme is all but complete and crews should be off the island by mid August. However, because of ground conditions, sealing the trenches will be left until the spring.

Discussions are still underway about whether there will be an official launch (maybe a "First Flush") for the scheme. Details will be announced when a decision is made.



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**Weka Footprints.....**

Below is the up-dated map of weka movements; however, from recent comments, backyard experiences & 4am "wake-up calls" many Islanders won't need a map to know where the weka have been!

**Mobile!**

Thanks to the generous sponsorship of the Community Trust of Southland, the Halfmoon Bay Habitat Restoration Project has wheels! (powered ones... not the wheelbarrow I have been using to cart rat-traps!)

The vehicle will greatly increase our efficiency in this set-up phase of the project. The rate at which we are creating protection for native wild-life will escalate, more threatened species will be returned to the community sooner, and the flow-on

effects to the whole community will be evident by this summer breeding/ tourism season.

We hope to use it to transport traps and equipment around the project area, protect items and reports as they travel to or from the post, take funding providers, media personnel and other important visitors around the area, and a whole raft of other powered tasks.

Until now several people have been very generous with the loan or sponsorship of their own ve-

hicle for important events, and we would like to sincerely thank them for the help they have given. In particular, I would like to thank Brett & Tanya Hamilton, and the Department of Conservation for their support.

We are using free space on the sides and rear of the vehicle to thank the Community Trust of Southland for their sponsorship, and to highlight the future birdlife experiences in Halfmoon Bay.



Coming soon to Halfmoon Bay!



For more about the weka release or the Habitat Restoration Project, feel free to contact the project manager (Kari Beaven) 219 1533, e-mail [sircet@callsouth.net.nz](mailto:sircet@callsouth.net.nz). visit [www.glowingsky.co.nz](http://www.glowingsky.co.nz) or leave a note c/o PO Box 124

**WHAT'S NEW - IN WASTE?**

The next allocation of Kerbside Recycling Tickets for the period 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006 have been sent out to rate-payers on the collection route. The **ticket allows you to collect your official prepaid bags** from the Council Area Office or the Resource Recovery Centre (Horseshoe Point Road). If you have not received your ticket or have misplaced it contact Donna Peterson on 218-7259 or email [waste@southlanddc.govt.nz](mailto:waste@southlanddc.govt.nz).

Effective 1 July 2005 the charge to dispose of waste at Council Transfer Stations has increased. The recycling/reuse charges have remained the same – **free disposal for a carload of recycling/reuse** and \$10 disposal charge for an ute/single axle trailer load. The new schedule of charges is listed below:

Description	Refuse	Recycling/Reuse
Cars	\$8.00	Free
Ute type loads & small trailers	\$20.00	\$10.00
Tandem Trailers & high sided trailers	\$40.00	\$20.00
Trucks per 1,000kg gross weight	\$44.00	
Trucks per tonne confirmed by weight docket	\$90.00	
Unstripped Car body	\$100.00	
Stripped Car body	\$30.00	
Car Tyres (each)	\$4.00	
4WD Tyres (each)	\$10.00	

**Whole tyres cause a problem in our landfills** because as the compactor is driving on/off the tyres, they compress and decompress and eventually they work their way to the surface. The landfill operators are treating tyres as special waste and a separate charge is being imposed. The charge covers the cost to shred tyres before they enter the landfill. The Council has introduced charges to cover the cost of separate transportation and the landfill charge for tyres.

Over the coming months you will be seeing information on the up-coming **Clean Up New Zealand Campaign**. This year the theme is Keep Southland Beautiful. Local Authority officers are working on a series of projects including – community spot clean ups, a roadshow for schools and displays. If you would like to be involved contact Donna Peterson on 218-7259 or email [waste@southlanddc.govt.nz](mailto:waste@southlanddc.govt.nz)



# NZ ~~IDOL~~ LADEL

## Contestants strut their mussels in a sometimes spicy, sometimes smoky SEAFOOD CHOWDER COOK-OFF

Fresh fish stock. Heavy cream. Three-point-one-four pinches of curry powder. Crunchy capsicum. Groper. Scampi. Bacon. Evenly diced onions and carrots...

Everyone believes they know the key to a great seafood chowder. On 12th July a seafood chowder contest at the South Sea Hotel showcased the community's chowder aficionados. Attendees sampled and judged the 13 chowders chased with samples of wine during a delicious evening

that raised a couple hundred dollars for the school.

The panel of judges consisted of Jim Barrett, Sue Graham and chowder connoisseur Mike Squires. Mr. Squires once did a "chowder tour" in North America, hitting the hot seafood spots of coastal Maine, Nantucket and Boston. "Being a fisherman you're always interested in tasting new fish," he explained. (He observed that strangely, the best seafood chowder he tasted on that trip was the furthest inland.)

This seaside town dished up a great assortment, however. The winning entry came from the kitchen of Liz Cave and Dan Young, who joined their culinary expertises to create a favourite amongst judges and the general public "tasters."

Young believed his recipe was a rough memory from good old Edmonds, but after the contest he perused the cookbook and wasn't able to find it.

Dan, who savours fond childhood memories of "chowder days" in Bluff spent assembling ingredients from the sea and the seashore, said "I reckon the key is mussels." Other secrets: don't boil it, and add half a can of smoked fish. (A certain third party reckons it was the scampi pinched from her freezer, but never mind.)

Second prize went to Ali Eade, and third prize was shared by Debbie Barry and Helen Cave (who wasn't able to add scampi to her pot, she could have sworn she had some in the freezer but when she went to look, it just wasn't there...).

The contributor of a "mock fish" fish-less chowder received a conciliatory prize — a recipe book of seafood chowders.



The judges deliberate



*SINGLES* continued from Page 1... on the island the troops would frequent the pub a lot more." It's not just an alternative to drinking alone. While Doug doesn't personally bank on finding true love on 20th August, he sees a grander picture of the ball. "If someone gets married off or engaged or kids come out of it to keep the school open, and keep the population growing, that's good too," he said.

**—come down and do a tour of duty, come learn how to smile—**

And there are noble reasons: the event is a fund-raiser for the local medical clinic. "Even if you come over and check out the place and just have a good weekend I don't give a toss, as long as the Doctors' Club gets some money."

It hasn't been easy to organize. "I know how to run a party, put a notice on the board and she's

all go — but I've never run a big event before — there's tickets, accommodation, so much that goes into it," said Doug.

Thirty-five dollars a ticket buys a lot: two rocking bands, and a Stewart Island banquet of food including crayfish, mutton-bird, paua, and blue cod, all locally donated. Doug hopes the publicity generated by the Ball will be good for the island.

(Paul Holmes, TV3, and Close-Up have expressed an interest in the story.)

Major media coverage is a far cry from the initial shrugs and laughs that first met Doug's suggestion. "I first mentioned it a couple of years ago and it was shrugged off as a joke. This year I got a similar response but I made some inquiries, I asked the locals first what they thought. They said 'it's

fine by us but can we get people here?' So I started asking around and people started ringing from all over the show," said Doug.

"People are coming down from Canterbury University, Dunedin, Wellington, Auckland, Mosgiel..." Doug has lived in many of these places, and doesn't miss them. "I don't think about town when I'm over here. I love the place, it's got all the beaches," said Doug.

A single bloke himself, he has long had a love affair with the Island, and hopes some single ladies will at least fall in love with the place, if not with a local fella, and stay. "In some spots you can look out at the ocean and listen to the birds and the bush and there's no planes or trucks or racket. You'll think you're all by yourself way the hell out in God

knows where," he said. It's not just a place of solitude.

"Anywhere in New Zealand it's the politest place for people,"

**—people started ringing from all over the show—**

he said proudly, describing the local habit of drive-by smiling and waving. "I say to people in Timaru, 'come down and do a tour of duty; come learn how to smile, you're all walking around like sad-sacks,'" he said of a recent visit up there.

"But you can't cause merry hell down here or you'll bite off more than you can chew," he added.

As far as dress code for the Ball goes, Doug said, "No gumboots or stinking feet or smelling like fish. "And if you want to get done up in your bloody ball-gown or tuxedo, you can do that too."

“MY HEART  
UNTO  
YOURS IS  
KNIT “  
—SHAKESPEARE

O P E R A T I O N  
C O V E R U P

DON'T JUST  
KNIT YOUR  
BROWS...  
KNIT A  
SOLUTION

*Operation Cover Up* may sound like the latest James Bond caper, but the Stewart Islanders involved are in fact much craftier than double-0 seven. Five local women have armed themselves with knitting needles in the fight against poverty and suffering.

These ladies have been knitting blankets for an organization which provides warm bedding for Ukrainian orphans. The Ukraine sees temperatures drop 25 degrees below zero, while orphans sleep in cold beds with thin, inadequate blankets. These children are freezing.

This winter, five beautiful, locally made, and, most importantly, *very warm* wool blankets are being transported to the Ukraine.

Like any hand-toiled craft, the blankets are full of character. One knitter watched the netball semi-finals last year as she knitted, and the Southern Sting's team colours are evident in a particular square of blanket. In a few months time, the "Stings" blanket will have a small but



greatly appreciated representation somewhere near Kiev, on the other side of the world.

Novice knitters are welcome, and even knitting a single square for a blanket is helpful. Hats, booties, and other warm clothes for kids are also needed.

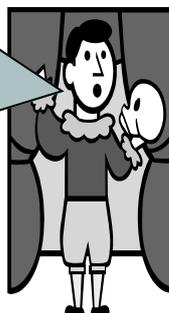
Blankets are on display at the library until Saturday 23rd July — come see!

A STITCH  
IN TIME  
SAVES  
LIVES

HAPPINESS  
IS A  
WARM  
BED

The Stewart Island Players needs YOU for their upcoming October production.

If you have any desire to appear on-stage or do behind the scenes work, attend the next meeting

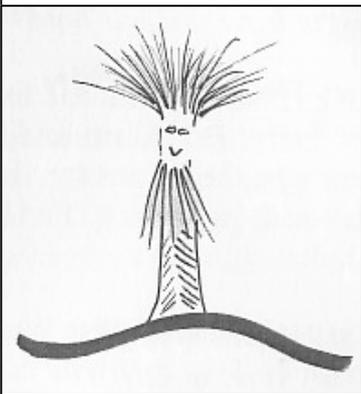


Hi. I'm Yorick. Welcome to Shakespeare 101. Hamlet gets to wear puffy pants and wave me around and he gets lots and lots of lines and stage time. I get no costume, no body, no lines. Which means: no groupies. If you can think of a worse stage role than a dead clown's dirty skull, let me know.

# For whom the bellbird tolls

## *Island inspires literature*

It's always nice when our visitors express their appreciation. Trampers might scribble a happy thought in a DOC hut guestbook; North Islanders send avocados or lemons as a token of thanks for a great vacation; travellers sometimes send postcards after they've moved on from Halfmoon Bay.



Cynthia the Fern Tree

The aptly-named Ulva Amos, an Ulva Island tour operator, was surprised by a charming gift in the mail a couple of months ago. While sorting through not-so-charming sewerage updates, New World coupons, and bills, a bulky envelope with a New York return address raised her eyebrows.

The mysterious package contained a children's book, written and illustrated by a Big Apple native named Leigh Seippel. As Ulva turned the pages, she was delighted to realize that the book's subject was close to her heart.

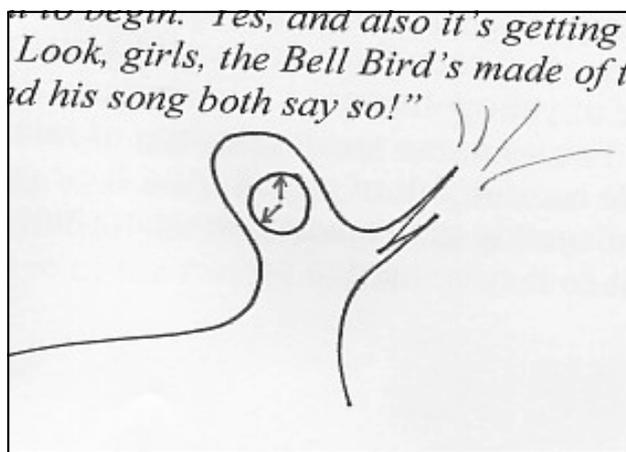
While visiting Stewart Island last summer, Mr. Seippel had toured Ulva Island with its namesake guide. The American writer had quietly absorbed Ulva's stories during a walk around the gorgeous Pater-son Inlet sanctuary.

Rather than drone Latin names for ferns, Ms. Amos regales her customers with a lively and entertaining talk, peppered with stories, songs and lore. Leigh committed her words to memory, and when he returned to North America, he was inspired to sit down and commit those words to paper.

He wrote a book for his two grandchildren imparting all he had learned on a tiny island half a world away.

"The Bell Bird Sings -- and Rings!!!" is full of magic, silliness, and sweet illustrations.

Ulva was particularly tickled by the name of the island guide in the story, which put more zing in her day than any box of lemons could. The main character's name: *Wise Woman*.



"Oh my" says Wise Woman.  
"That's the Bell Bird singing the time..."

# Sewerage Scheme Report

## Getting amongst Stewart Island's dirt

There is a contingent of residents who are **THRILLED** about the roadworks. They are the island's dirt-mover enthusiasts. When they pass by diggers, they yell "DIGGER!!" "LOADER!!"

The following sewerage scheme update is reported by a few of these good keen men: Angus, a man of few words; Storm, a man of many words; and Leeym, a little guy who walks a fine line between roadworks fan and stalker.

**Angus (aged 3):** DIGGER!!!

**Storm (aged 3):** I like diggers. The big tractor diggers come up the hill and the big yellow digger helps the little ones.

**Leeym (aged 3):** They're working in the road, I see them when I go in the car and I watch them dig.

**Angus:** LOADER!!!

**Storm:** One of the men of the workers drives the digger. It's for the sewerage. They put it in the

ground and they put more dirt on it.

**Leeym:** One is little and one is big and they're out digging.

**Storm:** Girls like cars and trucks and boys like boats and diggers.

**Angus:** DIGGER!!!

**Leeym:** I dream about boats and diggers.



Loader team: Leeym; Wini & Timu; Wini; Angus



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Ship to Shore, the next minute you're facing a journey to the center of the earth, your wheels slipping in a slimy rut, a contractor waving at you (to stop? to go?), young Johnson placidly flipping the red STOP lollypop sign to green GO (oh)...

Rally-car style, you manage to squeak through it all with a millimeter to spare on either side. You try to appear cool and say a careless *G'day* to the guys as you pass but when you open your mouth, the only sound you can muster is a nervous bleat.

The roadies have melded nicely into island life, gamely sustaining injuries alongside locals at netball;



thrashing everyone at Games night; and drinking remarkable amounts of beverages at the local pub (particularly when the fishing-day boat wouldn't start so their *day at sea* turned into a *day at the South Sea*...)

They have patiently accommodated the kids (and unidentified adult) (OK it was Diddles) who have wanted to ride in the digger seat.

They haven't laughed too loudly when we have backed out of our driveways straight into freshly dug ditches.

Overall, they seem like a nice of guys. That said, it will be wonderful when they finish their daily dirt-chucking (possibly next month) and leave us to it.



### GEEZERS!

Toi Rakiura Arts Trust is host to the rollicking comedy "Geezers" on tour throughout the South Island in August and coming to the island for one performance on 02 August.

Patrick Duffy, who many will remember from his work at the school during Arts in Schools Week in 1993, is joined by Greg Ellis and Andy Poulson as the DJ. The show is set in London's East Enders territory, the home of the infamous and criminal Kray Twins.

"Geezers" will play in the Community Centre Monday 02 August at 8.15pm. Door sales will be available from 7.30pm, tickets will cost \$15.00 (adults), \$7.00 (child with adult).

*So, for a night of rib cracking hilarity don't miss "GEEZERS"*

Stewart Island

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**Office hours:**

I am away from 7 to 25 July so the Office will not be attended in this time. In need you can contact Margaret Hopkins (2191 126) for card renewals etc.

**What's Happening...**

Mondays: Badminton from 7.30pm  
Tuesdays: Indoor Bowls from 7.30pm  
Thursdays: Netball from 7.30pm

**What's been happening...**

Those that came to the Sports Night had a great time. 16 teams of 4 competed in a variety of games and quizzes for the various prizes. Fun was had by all! A great effort to those who organised it and we look forward to another one!

*For all sports activities new and also inexperienced players are welcome*

**Community Centre Access**

To get access to the Centre at any time you can either become a member (see below for details) OR you can hire an access card from either South Sea Hotel or the Shearwater Inn. A Hire card costs \$5 with a \$5 bond returned when you return the card.

**Become a member**

To get all week access to use the Centres great facilities (gym, squash, basketball, sauna etc) then call in and fill out an application form (or we can mail one to you).

**A reminder** that if your current membership is up for renewal either drop your renewal form and fee in to the Centre office ( box by the door) or in the post and we will update it and return ASAP.



Nigel, Steve Meads, Jason (who, contrary to a team's quiz answer, is *not* the first published Maori author), and Lurch chuckle over a bowl.



Constable Duncan Hollebon attempts to confiscate some fishy contraband from Jan LeQuerne as Chef Mark and Di look on.



What percentage of an ice berg is above the waterline? Matty, Jolene, Terri, Errol and Maeve brainstorm over a quiz question.

Photos by M. Hopkins and J. Kany



Tim Dawson smiles at his fans before another perfect bowl.

Answering quiz questions and batting a ball around cones toward a trampoline prove particularly challenging after a night of red wine and Speights...



Islanders, roadwork contractors, and some tourists from Florida competed at a successful Games Night for the Community Centre last month, raising over a Grand for the Hall.

A dozen teams (including Doc Winkers, District Curses, Smurfs, Chooks, Squirrels, Old Timers and the optimistically-named Titans and Destroyers) participated.

The Roadies won the first

prize of salmon after meeting the challenges of darts, basketball, quizzes, quoits, table tennis, and the country's deadliest sport (according to a quiz answer from team Mussel Free Zone) — lawn bowls. (The real answer: fishing.)

Rakiura Ratbag teammates Jan LeQuerne and Sue Graham were observed leaving with the scaly trophies after an evening of schmoozing the winners...

**Why your Power Prices are Going Up**

By Mark Browne, Area Engineering Manager, Southland District Council

Fluctuations in world oil prices are impacting on the island's power prices.

Inevitably, when diesel prices rise, the cost of running the electricity generators goes up as well. These costs have to be recouped from consumers, or SIESA will run at a loss.

Between 2003 and March this year, diesel prices increased by 29 per litre and would have risen more but for the high rate of the NZ dollar. There was a further increase in the price of diesel this month.

The Council has had no option but to increase the commercial tariffs and charges this month, along with a similar increase for domestic consumers that has already been applied.

These increases are purely to compensate for the increased price of diesel. They do not add to SIESA's profitability or contribute to its overheads.

The tariffs will be reviewed in December, or earlier if changes in oil prices or the level of the NZ dollar again impact on SIESA's operations.



don't really understand, and sorry if you rent a DVD and it won't play on your DVD player. We'll refund you the two dollars.

Our circulating collection includes many **craft books**: quilting, scrap-booking, candle-making, soap-making, woodworking, etc. Circulating books eventually get sent back to Winton, so check these books out while you have the chance!

Regular library patrons may have noticed that **Loraine** is no longer seen on the "stamping side" of the circulation desk. Last month she decided to devote more time to her family, the museum, and other endeavors. We are enormously grateful for the many years of voluntary service Loraine devoted to the library.

Library hours are Wed. 2-3:15; and Friday-Saturday 11-12.

The Stewart Island Community Library has recently been granted \$425 from Toi Rakiura for books. Also, Ngai Tahu Charitable Trust made a generous donation of Maori-related non-fiction, including history, mythology, and language. We now have three instructional CDs and books on Southern dialect Maori language.

The library's **documentary DVD** collection continues to grow: Michael Moore's *Bowling for Columbine* and *Fahrenheit 911* are on shelf. Go "armchair surfing" with the mesmerizing *Step Into Liquid*, a beautiful celebration of the ocean sport.

Without getting too technical, **DVDs** are "zoned" which means that if you have a "zone-sensitive" DVD player, it might not play a Zone 1 (US-Canada) DVD in your New Zealand (Zone 4) player. Many DVD players don't care, but if you have a zone-fussy player it won't play Zone 1 DVDs. Sorry for getting too technical when I said I wouldn't, sorry for trying to explain something I

Speaking of **library hours**, I realize that while they are sweet, they are short. Some Island readers have expressed frustration at often encountering locked doors. Sometime down the line I may amend the schedule. In the meantime, I sincerely offer this resolution: if you need to use the library and you've missed the opening hour and you spot me, don't be shy about flagging me down. I'm more than happy to open the library for anyone who needs a "book fix" — I'm a book junky myself and I empathise with the need, particularly if you miss the Saturday hour and have nothing to "tide you over" until Wednesday!

*Happy reading, Jess*



The early bird gets the worm ... the second mouse gets the cheese

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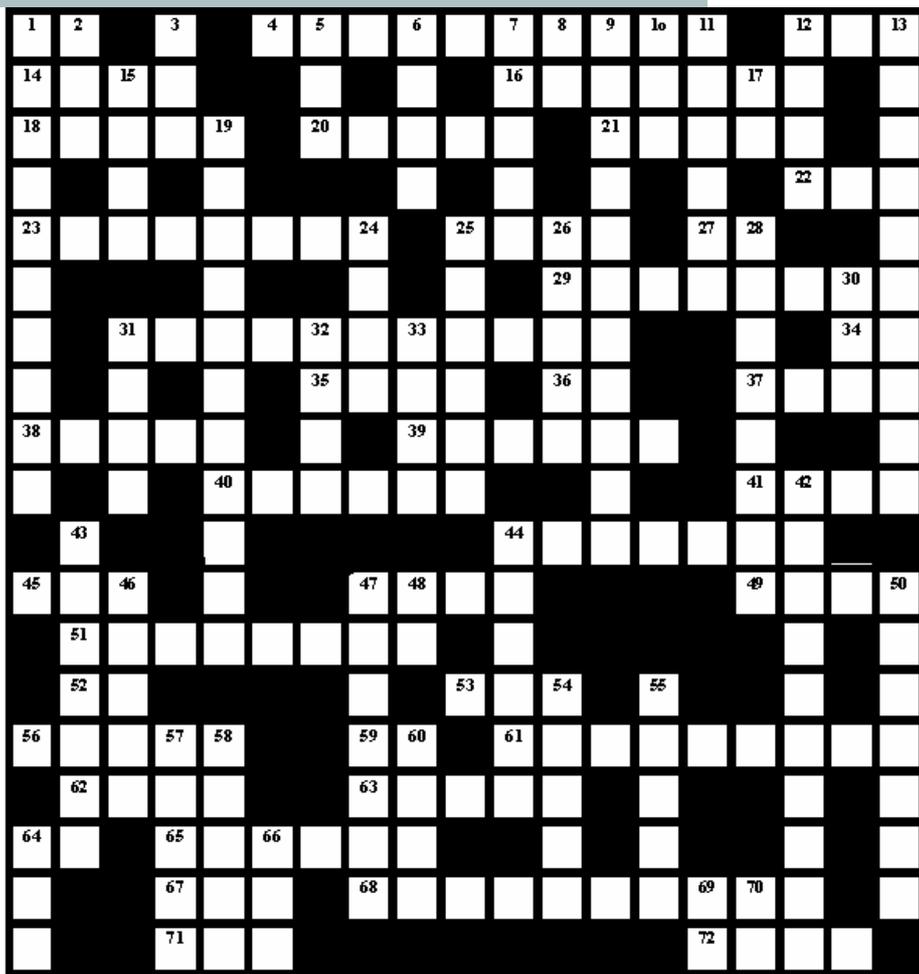


**Word nerd corner**

Put these words in your pipe:  
 pharology: the science of lighthouses  
 fucivorous: feeding on seaweed (explains deer sign on our beaches?)  
 Did you know that New York is New Zealand's next door neighbour? It's true — in the dictionary. (I won't tell you the name of *fucivorous's* dictionary buddy.)

**Streetwise Stewart Islanders** Are you streetwise? Hidden in this puzzle are 15 familiar place names. The *itali-* clues are the tricky ones. If the answer is more than one word, the bracketed numbers will tell you how many letters are in each word. Remember: if you're lost, use a map.

- 44 *Employee demand [3,4]*
- 45 *30-down chews on this*
- 47 *click these shoes to exit OZ*
- 49 *they're caught with a hinaki*
- 51 *Dickens' — Nicholby*



- 52 *US capital is Washington, --*
- 53 *stir-fry skillet*
- 56 *vichyssoise ingredient*
- 59 *sweet - (kiwi slang)*
- 61 *story*
- 62 *type of cheese*
- 63 *a bit drunk*
- 64 *truth - dare*
- 65 *pre-schooler*
- 67 *hospital test*
- 68 *extra ice cream makes a -- [5,5]*
- 71 *back on a boat*
- 72 *Cadbury candy bar*

**DOWN**

- 1 *part of a bagpiper's kit [6,4]*
- 2 *O -- bambino*
- 3 *yell this at Forrest Gump*
- 5 *anger*
- 6 *caution*
- 7 *home to Bollywood*
- 8 *Maori village*
- 9 *A joke goes too far and causes somebody harm. You might call this a --[5,6]*
- 10 *morepork*
- 11 *spade*
- 12 *beers*
- 13 *local restaurant*
- 15 *hot drink*

**ACROSS**

- 1 *not FM*
- 4 *The observation deck of an African river boat is a good place to -- [4,6]*
- 12 *rainbow's shape*
- 14 *local hardwood tree*
- 16 *"unicorn fish"*
- 18 *are you -- to Scarborough Fair*
- 20 *made a mistake*
- 21 *without company*
- 22 *Peter Blake's title*
- 23 *-- Da Vinci*
- 25 *wine container*
- 27 *learn the bird and bees in sex --*
- 29 *To be remembered he --[4,4] his name in the school desk.*
- 31 *Brown eyed girl singer: [3,8]*
- 34 *Golden Oldie song "-- Donna"*
- 35 *feather scarves*
- 36 *USA footballer accused of murdering wife*
- 37 *native bird*
- 38 *dollars and --*
- 39 *satay sauce ingredient*
- 40 *depression is a -- illness*
- 41 *Libra's stone*

- 17 *"-- apple a day keeps the doctor away"*
- 19 *type of apple [6,5]*
- 24 *other in Spanish*
- 25 *carving tool*
- 26 *faint*
- 28 *used to clean the boat*
- 30 *see 45-across*
- 31 *weather --*
- 32 *our town*
- 33 *Easter Island: -- Nui*
- 42 *Instruction in Thai recipe: [4,6]*
- 43 *Greyish-brown buck: [3,4]*
- 44 *power poles*
- 46 *chopped up into little bits*
- 47 *snare drum sound*
- 48 *Pink Floyd's "-- and them"*
- 50 *kind of bacon*
- 54 *palandromic vessel*
- 55 *NZ politician Don --*
- 57 *philosophy of what goes around comes around*
- 58 *little blue cartoon creature*
- 60 *Star Wars: Revenge of the --*
- 64 *Courtenay's The Power of --*
- 66 *British slang for a fool*
- 69 *Sam I --*
- 70 *boxing term*



**GARDEN CIRCLE**

Instead of the usual monthly meeting, the Garden Circle had afternoon tea at Church Hill Restaurant on 14<sup>th</sup> July. Being a pretty cold day it was a good warm venue for everyone, and wonderfully free of mud.



Pyrenees. We passed round glorious pictures of the flowers, many of them we have similar in our own gardens, but seeing the original plants and the colours was most interesting. We are hoping for more sessions with Raylene at meetings to come.



Having recently returned from three months in France, Raylene entertained us with descriptions of the birds and animals, but mainly the wild flowers they had enjoyed while exploring around both Aveyron, and the



Nancy won the draw of herbal cosmetics and we are expecting a "10 years younger look" by next meeting.

Next month's meeting will be at Raylene's at 2.00 on 11<sup>th</sup> August.



The island churches invite you to a **Community Cuppa** from **2:30 p.m.** on **Wed. 27th July** at the **Fire Brigade Hall. ALL are welcome.**

**Final Price for Sewerage Scheme Several Weeks Away**

The final cost of the Stewart Island sewerage scheme extension will be known once all the accounts have been received, about a month after construction is finished, but the price per connection is expected to be significantly lower than \$9100 because of a boost in government funding.

Construction will be completed by 29 July, with the final sealing of trench lines to be done in the spring.

*Peter Higgs, the Southland District Council's Group Manager Services and Assets, said that he expected that the scheme would be completed within budget.*

Property owners were billed on the basis that each connection to the scheme would cost \$9100 including GST.

The Government is contributing \$3.1 million to the scheme through the Sanitary Works Subsidy Scheme, with the Southland District Council paying one sixth – expected to be just over \$1 million.

However, a further \$750,000 has become available through the Government's special infrastructure grant announced on 12 July.

This is expected to bring the price per connection below \$6000 inc GST.

*Several variables will determine the final price that property owners will have to pay, besides the actual cost of the construction. They include the total number of connections to the extension and the outcome of the Council's application for \$800,000 from the Government's new Tourism Demand Subsidy Scheme.*

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