

# STEWART ISLAND NEWS

## CELEBRATING RAKIURA

**JUNE 2005**

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June has brought icy roads, frosted grass at Mill Creek, new buckets of muttonbirds, and some very large visitors.

Several Southern right whales have been fossicking about Pater-son Inlet this month. One whale's venture included a nosey right into Thule Bay!

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**Eammon Ganely photographed this whale waving its tail off Iona Island.**

### Island treated to two awesome exhibitions

#### ***Southern lights***

How often do you find yourself sharing a profound minute of silence with a group of your neighbours? Once a week? Once in a blue moon? Never?

The island kicked off winter with at least two evenings that rendered large groups of residents properly shushed.

The magnificent Aurora Australis lit up the skies over Oban on 13th May.

Pub smokers looked upwards and called to those inside; long defunct telephone trees jangled into effect; one by one the population of Stewart Island gravitated outdoors.

The sky pulsed with reds and greens. Bars of white light rose upwards from the horizon to a neck-cracking point in the center of the heavens.

We'd hurried outside without jackets and it was cold so we hugged ourselves and stamped our feet. We fiddled with cameras and babbled words like "amazing" and "awesome."

Words failed to describe the light show, and our cameras didn't quite capture the colours.

So finally, we just stood together in rapt silence, transfixed, watching the sky.

#### ***Lights extinguished***

On 27th May, Toi Rakiura Trust hosted the opening of the photo exhibition *Return to*

*Monte Cassino* in the Community Hall.

A full house enjoyed the lovely singing of the Stewart Island choir. Then the Associate Minister of Arts and Culture Judith Tizzard, and the photographer Maree Wilks, spoke about the importance of remembering.

More powerful than words was the imagery.

The photographs depict a group of veterans revisiting a WWII battle site 60 years after



Photo by Maree Wilks

Stewart Craig bugles during the Return to Monte Cassino ceremony at the Hall.

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Boat of the Month:

## MARLYN

In August 1962 the one time Harbour Defence Launch **M.L.405** arrived in Halfmoon Bay to act as a floating freezer for Maurice Newman's company, Ferons. She acted as depot for some of the local fleet, and boats would unload direct to her so their catch could be processed, packed, and frozen before being sent to Bluff on the **WAIRUA**. Alan Richards was in charge of the operation, which continued until the processing shed for Ferons was completed and working. (This was almost opposite P.M.Stores.)

But let's go back to the start!

She was built in Auckland in 1943 by Associated Boatbuilders Ltd as part of the war effort. She was a wooden hull "Fairmile" type, 112' x 17' 9" x 6'8", originally powered by twin Hall-Scott petrol engines. After her war service she was sold in 1947 to a group of ex-servicemen, who named her **MARLYN**, and converted her to carry cargo between Wellington and Lyttleton. She made close on 600 trips before being laid up in 1956. Two years later she was bought by Maurice New-



man

Photo: Maui Fife.

and sent on an exploratory but unsuccessful crayfishing trip to Fiji. Her next move was to Stewart Island, and when the Ferons shed was working she was sent north to Akaroa for a spell at codding on the Mernoo Bank. She was converted for trawling, but had little success, and was eventually sold to Manuel Aspros (of Oamaru) for a crayfish trawling exercise at the Chatham Islands.

During the "Wahine storm" in 1968 she was damaged and sank at her mooring in Wellington's Shelly Bay. Later she was raised and taken to Wakatahuri Bay in the Marlborough Sounds, where she was stripped of all useful gear and finally burnt in 1969 – ending a colourful career!

(Acknowledgements to Emmanuel Makarios' "Nets, Lines & Pots" Vol 3.)

That's all for this month – hope you found it of interest. See you next time! Merv King.

## **MUSEUM NOTES** by **Lee Wadds**

**O**ur Curator Elaine Hamilton often presents us with such interesting pieces of information or items gifted to the museum. We have a policy of only accepting gifts specifically pertaining to Stewart Island history.

Last month a Singer sewing machine was given to us. The machine was used by the wife (a tailoress) of Constable James McDowell Irwin appointed to Stewart Island 28 February 1900. The family understood it may have been used to make sails for the sailing boats of that period. According to one of the descendents her aunt stipulated in her will that the machine be gifted to Rakiura Museum. Now I know that some of you reading this will question whether the Singer could indeed have been strong enough, as did some of our trustees. We would be very interested if any reader can add anything to this wee story.

Early in May we had two adviser from Te Papa viewing our museum for the morning.

The opportunity to seek advice as to how we stood by comparison to other museums of similar size seemed valuable. In this technological era, some of us thought perhaps that we might be strongly encouraged to consider extra electrical bits and pieces. Well it appears that while those type of additions could be considered further down the track, the basic organization of the museum was considered of a high standard. I was very proud of these hardworking trustees present and those in the past. Sometimes getting things done on this Island, requires every bit of strength of will.

Elaine and Nancy Schofield try to keep a strict routine of working every Tuesday afternoon listing items found or gifted. Now I won't go into how it is done - mainly because I'm not sure that I am completely correct. Suffice to say when I heard what this work involves I along with the advisers were most impressed at the commitment of these two and other curators in the past. Elaine and Nancy were delighted to discover that they are very near to completing the listing of our Maori collection.

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they had survived its horrors. Thousands of young lives were extinguished there during the war.

Forty-three Southlanders are buried at Monte Cassino; 49 soldiers from the 28th Maori Battalion died there. Among the fallen is Colin Topi, a 25-

year old Stewart Islander who never came home.

George Hicks sat on stage in his uniform and medals, and his face reflected the emotion many of us felt.

After Stewart Craig rose and played The Last Post on his

bugle, everyone observed a minute of silence that turned into two.

The assembly stood shoulder to shoulder, and there wasn't a sound but our collective breathing, some sniffles, and the thumping tail of the musician's seeing-eye dog.

Only two weeks before we'd thrown our heads back in wonder at the night sky; now we bowed our heads and considered the enormity of past sacrifice, and how fortunate we are to be here to enjoy our wonderful home.

### **STEWART ISLAND PROMOTION ASSOCIATION.**

The 2005/06 General Meetings, of the Stewart Island Promotion Association will take place on the following dates:

\* 25 August 2005

\* 24 November 2005

\* 23 February 2006

\* 25 May 2006

These are on the last Thursday of the month.

The A.G.M. will take place in May.

Members of the public are welcome to attend these meetings. If you would like to have some input into the way your community should present itself to the many visitors who come here each year come along and have your say.



**These kids know the scoop!**

Digger enthusiasts pictured are Leeym Thompson, George and Sophie Conner, and Storm LeQuesne



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## Volunteers find weka signals

by Kari Beaven, Halfmoon Bay Habitat Restoration Project

Stewart Island Weka are returning to Halfmoon Bay, with the first birds from Bench Island released in a simple ceremony at Harrold Bay in April. Since then, more birds have been released, totalling around 40 so far.

Several of the weka have radio transmitters attached and can be "found" via a signal picked up through a portable aerial. Local volunteers have been tracking the weka, using equipment loaned by DOC, Stewart Island and instruction from DOC Biodiversity Manager Brent Beaven.

We will watch these birds over the coming months to see how they settle in, where they settle in, and whether or not they breed. So far

all are alive and well!

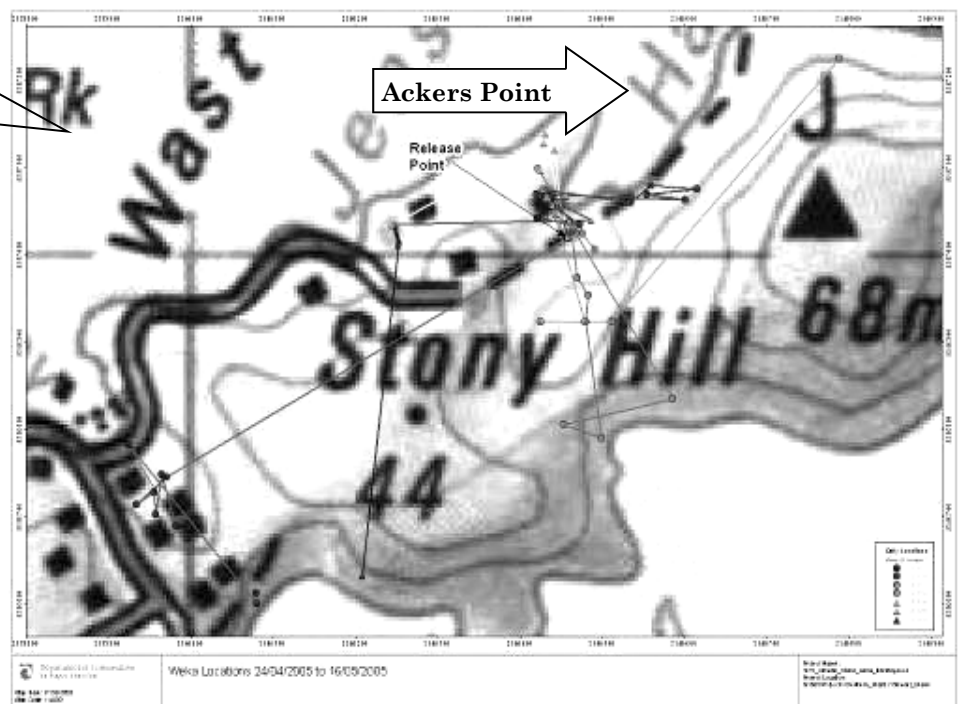
Three of the first four weka with these transmitter "backpacks" stayed very close to their release site for a few days. They have slowly dispersed to areas surrounding Harrold Bay, preferring to explore their surroundings at a meandering pace. The fourth moved away overnight and immediately set up residence around Evening Cove rd. It is frequently seen on Leask Bay beach!

Three more birds have since been fitted with "backpacks" (total of 7), and while they are all still within around 1km of the release site, it seems a few of them have begun to make pairs.

The map below shows their movements after release



Map update coming soon. Check out the Rakiura Environment Centre



For further updates, visit our website ([www.glowingsky.co.nz](http://www.glowingsky.co.nz)) Stewart Island Flights ([www.stewartislandflights.com](http://www.stewartislandflights.com)) or the notice board at the Rakiura Environment Centre.

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### A god's babysitter

According to South Is-  
land Maori bird lore,  
Maui's mother cast him

away when he was  
born, and it was Weka  
who found the mis-  
shapen baby discarded  
in a thorn bush. Weka

stretched Maui into a  
human form, put a soul  
in him, and nursed him  
until he became strong.

## *Stewart Island Promotions Association news*

*The Annual General Meeting took place on Thursday, 26 May 2005 commencing at 7:30 pm at the Pavilion on Ayr St. It was good to see new faces.*

The Association said farewell to many of the Executive members this year with a complete change of faces in office bearing positions. Jo Leask and Lesley Gray will still be present for the next year. The following people filled the new roles:

<u>President</u>	Sharan Caskey	<u>Vice President</u>	Jo Leask
<u>Treasurer</u>	Doug Wright	<u>Immediate Past President</u>	Lesley Gray
<u>Executive members</u>	Anita Geeson, Furhana Ahmad, Jim Flack and Brett Twaddle.		

A big thank you goes to all those standing down from the Executive Committee. Your ongoing, tireless efforts have really been appreciated. Some members have been on the Executive and serving the Association for many, many years and have dedicated a lot of voluntary hours on behalf of this community.

Promotional Calendar The finishing touches have been put in place for the new promotional calendar. The Calendar will be the size of a CD Rom. There will be a month to a page. The case will stand up for easy viewing of each month. The calendar will commence at the beginning of January 2006 and continue until the end of January the following year. This item will be great to send overseas and/or to give as a gift to family and friends. Each page has local photographs. It should be available for purchase from the Promotion Association by the end of September. It will cost \$12.00 (incl. GST). This will be another good promotional tool for Stewart Island.

Tear Off Street Maps Although more pads were printed this time, could any members who are now closed for the season and have parts of pads left please drop them off at the DOC Visitor Centre. New ones will be printed in October.

If any members have suggestions for changes to the format, please put it in writing to the Executives for consideration.

Free Business Training The course, held on 2 May, was very successful with 10 people attending. Venture Southland organises these courses for your benefit and this one was about 'making the most of your staff'. It included 'Improving relationships', 'Managing performance', 'Motivating' and 'Developing and retaining'. If you have any suggestions on future courses then please contact Jason Baird at Venture

**A** new book features two Fo-  
veaux personalities.

"Ordinary Women, Extraordi-  
nary Lives," by Heather  
Heberley has a chapter dedi-  
cated to Island-bred Belinda  
Sawyer.

Belinda has just finished a  
15,300-ft dive on the wreck of

the Bismarck, and is heading  
back to Canada for another sea-  
son diving the Titanic.

Another familiar face – *and voice*  
– is Meri Leask. Not surpris-  
ingly, the Bluff radio operator's  
chapter is entitled "Good as  
Gold."

*Book available at the Library*

# Whale visit a tail-slapping good time

*Southern rights thrill, intrigue and delight Halfmoon Bay*

*by Jim Flack*

## Thar she blows!

A century ago a whale sighting was a call to arms. Man the chase boats, draw the harpoons, liven up the shore crew, sharpen the flensing knives and prepare the stripping winch. Thar she blows – the call of wealth and prosperity for whaling stations and villages.

Judging by the buzz around the bay in mid June, a whale blowing close to land is still pretty exciting. Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup> of June saw a large whale cruising around Halfmoon Bay and Ackers Point and tail-slapping off Ringa Ringa that evening. On June the 14<sup>th</sup> a large southern right whale was breaching and blowing around Ulva Island and having a great old time.



Southern right whales are often identified by the barnacles on their heads, like this one at Te Waewae Bay.

## The “right” whale

Southern right whales are a species that the Department of Conservation is very interested in, because two hundred years ago it was a species that whalers were extremely interested in. The whale got its name because it was the “right” whale to kill. It was large and slow moving making it easy to hunt and it conveniently floated when dead – many species sank.

It also returned larger amounts of high quality oil compared with many other species, making it a very profitable whale to hunt. This was good news for whalers until they became hard to find. That was about 1860. It is estimated there were 16,000 southern right whales in New Zealand and subantarctic waters before whaling started. Current estimates are in the hundreds.

## Wanted! – southern right whale sightings

Southland is the hotspot for southern right whale sightings around New Zealand. They have been observed getting amorous in Te Waewae Bay and it is highly likely they used to breed in sheltered places like Paterson Inlet, Port Adventure and Port Pegasus as well. As their numbers increase it very likely they will begin breeding around Stewart Island again.

DOC is trying to learn all it can about this whale species and trying to photograph and study them every chance we get. The whales have distinctly different markings on their flippers and tail flukes, like a fingerprint, and this tells us if we are seeing many different whales or the same ones all the time. This gives us an idea of their numbers.

If you see a southern right whale please call DOC on 2190002.



# ban Globetrotter *off-island adventures*

*Last summer, Dan Young left Stewart Island to fish the waters off Scotland. This is his story:*

I arrived in the UK on 15<sup>th</sup> of December and spent a couple of days travelling up into Scotland to meet my mate Pete, in Aberdeen. From there we carried on to the north of Scotland to a wee fishing town called Scrabster. Trains and buses were the mode of transport, pretty cool because I had never been on an overland train ride before.



Got into Scrabster on the 19<sup>th</sup> and we were put up in a motel which was paid for by the boss, as were all the meals. Got up bright and early the next morning as the crabber I was going to work on was there unloading from the previous week. My eyes were scanning everything because it was all so unfamiliar. What was waiting at the wharf or quay was not quite what I expected.



The “Edward Henry” (silly boy’s name) was indeed very flash, I was informed she was the most modern up to date and the largest crabber in the UK, with a price tag of £3 million. We quickly set about the tasks of storing her up for the week ahead. Met the boys (5



Author lifts a plastic pot

crew + skipper), all walks of life; Welsh, Irish, Poms, Scots, a Latvian & us kiwis. The crew are rotated month on fortnight off. Similar to home with the nicknames - Moose, Wizard, Dogg, Hazy, Shank, Humpy, Willow, to name a few.



After storing ‘for sea’ we’d pumped about 14 ton of fuel, 10 ton of fresh water, 5 ton of bait



Edward Henry

plus the stores and I mean you get provided with everything, razors, shower soap, shaving cream, washing machine, dryer and sky TV. One last meal paid for from the local pub “Popeye’s” and we were set. The steam to the fishing grounds takes about 7-8 hours with each of the crew taking watches.



Once on the grounds everybody quickly sets about preparing the pots to be lifted. Bait had to be cut up for the first set of pots. We’d use 600 kg of bait a day and boat is like a ship so to get the bait out of the freezer a lift is used.



The pots are clipped to two miles

of weighted 16 mm rope. Each line has 100 pots on it and takes about an hour and a half to lift and set. Eleven lines are lifted per day.



The pots varied in shapes and sizes with the general weight being about 25kg. They’re made of plastic (weird huh?) with steel bottoms. Round pots are used called ink wells and the other ones are called creels being shaped like a traditional mail box. A set of floats are first thrown out, 40 fathom of rope follows then a 40kg end weight followed by the pots.



When the crabs are emptied out of the pots, they have the tendon that works their claws cut. This stops them from ripping each other

apart and, as some of the big male crabs can weigh up to 4-5kgs, it saves the crews fingers also. Having been cleared of crabs the pots are baited and stacked ready to be set or ‘shot away’.

We averaged about 2 ton of crab and 50kg of lobsters per day.



The crabs are kept in a top condition in 30

ton live wells, the pipe work and pumps have to be seen to be believed. The crabs are trucked overland to Portugal and Spain where the price peaks during the Christmas week.



Seafood is the main Christmas dish in these countries. They can be sold for £2.80/kg, doesn’t sound like much, but during the

“—the worst sea conditions I’ve ever worked in—”



**You know you're a Stewart Islander when...**

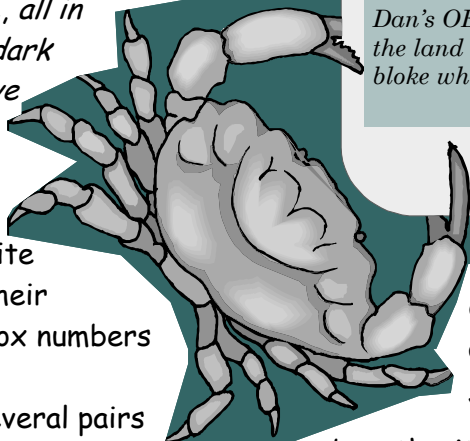
You leave your back door, step around the wheelbarrow, over the mud puddle, around the recycle bin, over the condensed milk cans the possum removed from the recycle bin, enter the shed, grab the shovel, fill the coal bucket, and make it back to your house, *all in the pitch dark* after you've had a few

You know your favorite songs by their pub Jukebox numbers

You own several pairs of gumboots, one of which is your flash "going out" set

You feel a distinct twinge of guilt when you read the policeman's bit about dodgy vehicle maintenance

You can shoot the breeze for longer than 3 minutes with



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non-peak times, they are only worth 80p/kg.

Being the middle of winter the weather was absolutely awful, the worst sea conditions I've ever worked in. A constant roll made its presence felt every day, constant gales from the west to nor'west. The breeze is measured in gales, 1 being the calmest and 12 the worst. Twice we were in force 12's.

On one occasion we were caught in a genuine hurricane, and had to steam two hours to the Orkney Islands to sit it out.

Safety harnesses are used in adverse conditions because waves swept in the sea door. Often I saw experienced guys getting swept clean off their feet, especially when setting pots. Due to the dangers involved the pay is pretty good. I averaged £1,000 per week.

The working deck is completely covered in, which means you can't see the seas coming. When a large wave comes the skipper sounds a wave alarm warning us to hang the hell on. At nights we never anchored — we "dodged": the skipper would plot a box on the GPS which he had to steam up and down on. Running with weather... then spin and punch back into it... It was an awesome experience when the seas were up to watch them with a wave spotlight.

*Dan's OE could fill a book — he's happy to share more of his experiences in the land of selkies and deep-fried Mars bars. (Ask him what happens to a bloke who orders a drink other than whisky at the pub.)*

only the wind as a topic

You catch your breath with curiosity and worry at the sound of a plane at night

You might grumble and gossip about fellow islanders, but when it comes down to it you'd do anything to help a neighbor in need



Instead of the usual meeting, the Garden Circle will meet at Church Hill Restaurant at 2 pm on 14<sup>th</sup> July for Afternoon Tea (\$5.00). *Everyone welcome to attend.*

*Some folks are locals by birthright, but what about the imports? If you think of anything silly or true or both to complete the sentence "You know you're an islander when..." send it in*





## HALFMOON BAY BEAT: June 2005

Welcome to the June edition of the Halfmoon Bay Beat. As some of you may be aware, your permanent Constable, Todd Hollebon, has scarpered to the warmer climes of northern Europe. I have taken his place, and will be relieving over here until the end of July.

Things have been fairly quiet on the crime front for the month so far, with just a few incidents requiring police attention.

I will be busy over the next few weeks doing firearms licensing and vetting enquiries. If you want to apply for a new licence, or have any licence related enquiry, please come up and see me.

### Crime of the Month:

Some tweezer kicked in a glass pane of the public phone box on Main Street last Thursday afternoon (the 9th) at about 2pm. Does anyone know who it was? If you do, can you please come and see me, or if it was you, at least have the decency to take responsibility for your actions.

### Drink Driving:

The Invercargill TAG (Traffic Alcohol Group) is a full time squad devoted solely to the apprehension of drink drivers. **Be warned:** They can come, and will come over to the island at any time. If you get caught, you will be prosecuted, and face a court appearance, a bloody big fine, as well as automatic loss of your drivers licence. You'll even get your name in the Southland Times - in the court news section.

### Other Matters:

The other morning I stepped onto the outside deck for a quick early morning stretch. As I did so, I slipped on some ice and clattered to the ground, sustaining a nasty bruise to my thigh. As I cursed and cussed and rubbed my thigh, I reflected on the dangers of driving on icy roads - please, on these frosty mornings, keep your speed down and be extra careful with your driving.

I have been impressed with the standard of driving over here on the whole - most of you do keep your speed down and are considerate to other road users. It's especially important not only with all the ice, but also the roadworks. **But remember - keep your speed down, be considerate to other road users, and belt up.**

Finally, I know that I am only seen as the 'rentacop' in the absence of Todd, but please, if you have any problems or concerns, come up and see me before they escalate - I'm only too happy to sit down, have a yarn, and on most occasions, potential problems can be sorted without any drama.

Regards,

Duncan Hollebon

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

### *Newlyweds*

Doc Marty  
& Sara Crow

### *Newlyweds*

Kyle Learmonth  
& Jo Pringle

### *New Parents*

Zac and Corrina  
Welcome baby Jessie!

## A special outing for our Rakiura Rugrats

It's a long time away yet, but the Rugrats' parents and teacher are planning and fundraising for a really special experience for our older pre-school children.

On 28<sup>th</sup> October, "Capital E - National theatre for children" (based in Wellington) is coming to Invercargill's Civic Theatre, as part of a national tour, with a live show suitable for pre-school children called



"The farm at the end of the road". We decided that THIS kind of fun and learning experience would be a 'once in a lifetime opportunity' for our island's pre-school children. Live theatre which is written with young children in mind is rare and the

added excitement of traveling into Invercargill with their parents and peers, to go to a show - Wow!! We simply wanted to be able to offer this to our children.

Ticket prices are very reasonably priced at \$6.50



each and parents decided they were OK about being able to pay for *that*, but of course, living here on the is-

land means getting there and back won't be cheap!

So.... you know how it goes....lots of talking and ringing around and deciding.....nine of our older pre-school children and their parents are going!

Our very own Stewart Island flights have kindly agreed to fly us to Invercargill and back for a good price and Derek at Spitfire shuttles will get all 18 (9 children and a parent) to and from the airport to the theatre for FREE!

Now all we have to do is find the money to pay for the flights! Firstly we approached "Toi Rakiura", hoping that they would support our young children in developing an appreciation and enjoyment for live theatre. We came away with the promise for \$350. Over Queens birthday weekend we sold raffle tickets and made a further \$250. We still need just a few more dollars, so keep a look out as there'll be another fundraising opportunity coming up soon. In fact the Rugrats parents are putting together another raffle at the moment. More great prizes to be won - a return flight to Invercargill, a dinner voucher at the South Seas hotel, and a salmon! Please help us to give the kids a special day out and buy a ticket!



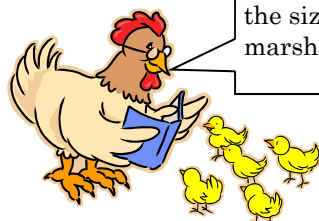
## Cluckcluckcluck

The website [www.babycenter.com](http://www.babycenter.com) offers a free newsletter to pregnant women and new moms.

My friend Sara, who is pregnant for the first time, signed up and has been pleasantly surprised.

She typed in her due date, so the site sends updates on the fetus and its progress - from the development of eyelids to its approximate size.

The site is quite food-oriented in an



Today you're the size of marshmallows

amusing way, so updates read something like "Today your baby is the size of a walnut" or "Today your baby is the size of a kumquat."

Sara is past the newly-showing self-described "rude potbelly" stage when people aren't sure if they should congratulate her or worry over her diet.

Now friends and nosey strangers feel confident to barrage her every day with questions about the status of her baby, so she's found the site to be a useful source of answers and a generally eye-opening educational tool (she had to look up kumquat.)

*If you have any parenting advice or comments, send them to Cluckcluckcluck at S.I.N.*

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## What's Happening.....

Mondays	Badminton from 7.30pm	<i>For all sports activities they</i>
Tuesdays	Indoor Bowls from 7.30pm	<i>welcome new and also</i>
Thursdays	Netball from 7.30pm	<i>inexperienced players.</i>
All week	Monte Cassino Exhibition	

### Games night 22<sup>nd</sup> June

Register your team of 4 at the Centre, Ship to Shore or SI Flight Centre (\$20 fee) and have a fun night playing a variety of sports such as darts, bowls, netball, sports quiz etc. Prizes and Bar open.

## Change of Centre Manager

Leanne Flack has taken on this role following Stewart Dovey's decision to finish up so he could focus on his role with Stewart Island Experience. The Community Centre trustees were very grateful for Stewart's efforts as Centre Manager and know that although he is no longer with us in an official capacity we will still be seeing him around!

Leanne will be at the Centres' office from **12-1pm Monday to Friday** (excluding public holidays) so if you want to call in and see her to discuss any issues relating to the Centre please do (her office is kept nice and warm too!!)

## Beat the Winter blues and keep fit!

### Winter herbs

On 9th June, the Garden Club hosted a talk by Sylvia Hughes of the Invercargill Herb Society. Sylvia shared recipes for potpourri, face cream, cough remedies, flavoured cooking oils and vinaigrettes.

It was a hands-on experience for the audience, as they passed around various herbs,

lavender beads, a necklace made from roses (*that's* why they call it a rosary...), and a lovely hand cream that left everyone feeling quite luxurious and smelling like lemons. Sylvia swears by her cough remedy, printed here.

*A print-out of many more herb recipes (including chilblain ointment and lovely lemon hand cream) is available at the library.*

### Cough Mixture

Fill a wide-necked, sterilized bottle with equal quantities of fresh peeled garlic cloves and fresh peeled root ginger. Heat 1/2 cup each of manuka honey and apple cider vinegar until just below a simmer. Pour over garlic and ginger. Seal and leave two weeks. Take 1 teaspoon when needed for dry cough.

## CHOCOLATE AWARDS

Hilli Mass-Barrett, Elaine Hamilton, Belinda Dobbins, Lorraine Hansen, Iris Tait, Margaret Rooney and Phillipa Fraser-Wilson are the present members of the Stewart Island Health Committee. They do a fantastic job of supporting the Island nurses, and Val, Kirsty and Debs would like to express their appreciation of the help and support given over these past few busy and eventful months, with specific thanks to Phillipa (chairperson) for her contribution.

*Chocolates donated by Debs*

Several people have noticed that John Foley pauses during his runs to pick up roadside litter. Thank you John for helping to keep the island beautiful. *Chocolates donated by Helen Cave*

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The Stewart island Community Library now has a small (and growing) collection of DVD documentaries. Rental cost is \$2 for four nights, and 50 cents per overdue day. Titles include *Riding Giants* — a history of big wave surfing; *BBC's Life in the Freezer* — an exquisite portrait of Antarctic wildlife; a visit to the far North in *Arctic Kingdom*; *Dogtown and Z-Boys* which explores the roots of extreme skateboarding; and *Air Jaws*, featuring the acrobatic breaching of white pointers. Library hours are Wed 2-3:15; and Fri-Sat 11-12.



## Ship to Shore



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Early in August, Foodstuffs are coming to “re-lay” the shop. I would like to apologise in advance for the inconvenience this may cause. It will be short lived --

hopefully only for about 4 days (but we anticipate this will enhance and help with the day to day running of the shop.)



Lastly, it is with regret that we announce Natalia will be leaving us on the 30th June. She is off on her big O.E., she will be missed and we wish her all the best.

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