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Winter Musings
by Margaret Rooney

I hate winter, I hate the shorter days, with the darker mornings and earlier evenings, the cold, the wind, the wet, can't get the washing dry and the garden is wet and the soil cold and all those soggy leaves...

But wait a minute, it can't be all that bad, can it?

No, it isn't, I'll rethink my statement "I hate

winter"...

If we didn't have winter we would not be able to enjoy all those things that winter brings.

The shorter days mean that if you don't have to get up for work,

you can snuggle down under the duvet and bring out the thriller which you must read

one of two more chapters of, or you can go to bed earlier with the electric blanket, hot wa-

ter bottle or wheat bag already warming the bed, and read more

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Ricky and the other road workers have been busy from dawn until dusk.

DONT MISS
the HMB School play
Jack and the Beanstalk
at 5:30pm, Thursday,
28th June. All are
welcome, potluck after!!

Oban Volunteer Fire Brigade Honours Night.

by Chris Visser

The hotel restaurant glinted with the shine of freshly polished medals, shiny buttons and freshly scrubbed faces.

The brave fire fighters of the Oban volunteer Fire Brigade were resplendent in their freshly pressed polyester dress uniforms. Assorted wifies and partners had dusted off their posh clothes, dug out their lipsticks, and put on pantyhose for the first time since last year.



PHOTO: IZ GAVE

After a good meal – Jed thanked the volunteer fire fighters on behalf on the community for their service this year. In the last 12 months since the last honours night the fire brigade

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The Island community extends our condolences to the family of Ted Jones.

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And much more!!

The Rakiura Museum Publishing Committee is seeking information about the following boats for the Museum records and for the boat book.

If you know anything about these boats or have a photo of them, please contact Loraine Hansen 2191 133 or Elaine Hamilton 2191 027.

ANDREA

Built in Invercargill by R.D.Scott Ltd in 1972 for *Ray Harvey*, of Waikawa, she was a Bartender design, 33' overall, being hard chine and double-ended. Make and power of engine unknown.

While fishing off Tia Island outside Port Adventure on 19th July 1972, she struck trouble and hit rocks off the south-east corner of Tia, becoming a total wreck. **ANDREA** was almost new at the time. The crew got ashore safely.

ANITA

Owned by *Hugh Hyslop* at Taieri Mouth, she was brought south by *Rob Andrews* and fished out of Halfmoon Bay, Stewart Island. She was put up for auction in Invercargill. Nothing further is known about this vessel.

ANNIE

It is not known when **ANNIE** was built but in October 1885 she is recorded as D. Tregurthan fishing her at Ruapuke. In March 1893 she took a muttonbirding party south from Riverton. On 17 April 1894, she broke adrift from her anchor during a gale at Ruapuke and was driven ashore and wrecked. The captain jumped aboard another vessel, the **DEVERON** and was saved, but two crew members were drowned.



Photo: Neville King

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chapters of the thriller. In the afternoon or evening you can indulge in DVDs. In the evenings you can draw the curtains, crank up the fire, boiler, heater, and get into all that winter comfort food. Soups, stews, casseroles, roly poly pudding, steamed puddings, crumpets toasted and hot Milo before you go to bed. You can get out the crossword, Suduko, cards, jigsaws, knitting needles or crochet work, and feel industrious.

The cold can bring the frost, with ice forming on the puddles, breath steaming as you breath out, clear starry nights; snow brings a special silence, you can feel the quiet, feel the crunchy noise as you walk where no one has and leave your footprints, build snowmen, and enjoy being young again.

The wind brings the leaves that still clung to the trees tumbling down, but they make good compost, and they leave the trees with their interesting skeletons which we don't see when they are clothed with the leaves. The wind whips up the sea, and we see good breakers slamming onto the beach, we see white caps; we walk or try to walk and get hair blown in our faces, eyes that water, noses that run, but we come back feeling exhilarated or just exhausted, depending on how you look at it.

As we lie in bed, we hear the noise of the wind as it rushes through the treetops or blows the bucket which has been left out, or slams the rain onto the window pane. We worry if the ferry or plane will come, will we get the bread, paper, mail?

The rain fills our tanks, makes puddles for children to jump in,

and beats a lovely tattoo on our roofs.

If you walk through the bush you can see deer footprints, possum prints, and if you are very lucky, as Ted and I are, see kiwi marks in the mud and see holes in the lawn, where they have been digging for worms and grubs in the soft earth.

In the wet bush you can see fungi in different colours: pale blue, brown, fawn, black, red, and a sky blue, and when the sun breaks through you can see glistening rain drops on ferns and mosses.

And don't forget the rainbows, sunrises and evening pink skies.

Remember what Shelley wrote:
*If winter comes,
can Spring be far behind?*

—Margaret Rooney

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attended 20 callouts. 2 were false alarms, 4 boat salvages, 1 boat fire, 5 medical assists, 1 roof blowing off, 1 LPG gas leak, 2 small scrub fires, 1 chimney fire and 3 house fires. Jed acknowledged the contribution of the employers of the volunteer fire fighters who supported the absence of their staff during callouts.

This years acknowledgement for best attendance at training nights went to Rex Dunlop.

- Honours medals went to;
- Steve King – 5 year medal
 - Jarrold Baird – 2 year bar total 7 years
 - Rex Dunlop – 2 year Bar total 9 years
 - Gary Lewis – 2 year bar total 9 years
 - Andrew Knowles- 2 year bar total 11 years
 - Warren Soper – 2 year bar total 11 years
 - Neil Connor – 2 year

bar total 27 years. Honorary Life Member Medals were presented to Dave Valli and Jayne Wilson in recognition of the years of service given by Dave and Jayne to the Oban Volunteer Brigade.

Noel Pasco, on behalf of the Oban Fire Brigade, presented the Nathan Pasco Cup for Service to Fire and Rescue in the Stewart Island Community. This year the Cup was awarded to Stephen King. Percy has put in many extra days of training on a voluntary basis and is a regular at training and callouts. Good job Percy!

The New Zealand Fire Service presented Brett Twaddle with a “Long Service Good Conduct Medal” in recognition of 14 years service. Long Service sure – but good conduct????

Every year there has been a tradition of a

presentation of flowers to the Secretary from the Deputy Fire Chief (or Deputy Fire Chief’s wife). Loosie presented Neville with a bouquet – which went well until Loosie tried to kiss Nev – and Nev was heard to mutter (‘try that again and I’ll go you with a slasher’).

A good night was had by all – Jed thanked all the members of the Fire Brigade – both the “old boys” and the “newbies” that have joined in the last year for their enthusiasm and commitment. Thanks went also to the New Zealand Fire Service – who are always available for support and advice.

The Oban Volunteer Fire Brigade is in good form. We have a good crew of people and we are a good team.

We are still looking for 1 or 2 more volunteers. If you are interested just turn up for training

at 7.00pm Monday nights.

A few reminders (the usual nags...)

- Keep your driveways clear of trees
- Check your smoke alarm batteries
- Keep your water tanks accessible
- Write your rapid number on the phone. The 111 service will want to know it!! (Especially holiday home phones)
- If you hear the siren go off, please try and keep clear of the roads so fire fighters can get to the station quickly and we can get the trucks out
- And PLEASE – don’t park in front of the fire station or in the parks next to the station marked ‘fire service vehicles only’. We know these areas aren’t often needed by us and are often empty – but when we need them we need them.

Cheers.

Halfmoon Bay School News

Last month the students were meant to go to a track meet on the Mainland, but due to nasty weather the ferry was cancelled. It was quickly decided that the older students would go by plane,

and the other kids held their own track event at the Community Centre, where they ran round and round the gym-

nasium with occasional rests for water and a snack of oranges.

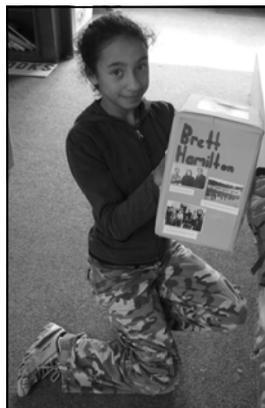
Meanwhile, across the Strait, the HMB athletes represented tremendously well, running like the wind and picking up medals. The girls rocked! Olivia, Caity, and

Poppy all placed third, and Maria placed second! Next month you’ll hear all about an even more exciting track meet...

The recent Oral History Exhibit

at the Hall inspired the kids to do their own history project. Local “old-timers” interviewed by the students were Christine Pullen, Brett Hamilton, Jan LeQuesne, and Liz and Stu Cave. Each kid did something unique with the project: from a cube to a fabric creation to triple-tiered. The kids learned lots about what it was like “back in the old days.”

Don’t miss the school production of Jack and the Beanstalk at 5:30pm on 28th June!





Urban Globetrotter *off-Island Adventures.*

Last month, Beverley Osborn travelled to Dubai. Following is her account of the trip:



Palm Island

When one has lived a busy and fulfilling life with the knowledge that eventual retirement means a joyful return to the Island, there's a feeling of contentment when that has been achieved. It was a bit of a shock, therefore, to find myself preparing to jet off to the other side of the world, within a few months of arriving back "home". Retirement obviously doesn't mean a dulling of a sense of adventure, and how could I possibly refuse an invitation to visit my daughter and son-in-law and brand-new granddaughter in Dubai?

Alice and Ken wanted to know what I'd like to see and do while I was there, but I knew so little about the place that I had no suggestions to make. In case any readers of this month's SIN are as woefully ignorant as I was, I'll start with a bit of information about Dubai and the United Arab Emirate.

Dubai is on the south-west coast of the Arabian Gulf and is the second largest of the emirates making up UAE. The area was an important trading post as far back as the kingdom of Sumer round 3000 BC, a kingdom which centred round the meeting place of the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers in the north of the Gulf and which controlled trade right throughout the Gulf and possibly beyond.

Dubai became part of the Arab Empire after the rise and spread of Islam, and after the Arab Empire came the Turks, the Mongols and the Ottomans. The British and the Portuguese were the next to become interested in the region because of its strategic trade position between India and Europe. Their first task was to discourage the activities of the pirates and once those had been

defeated, the land-based Bedouin tribes were able to establish their influence. Instead of

being known as the "Pirate Coast", the Gulf became known as the "Trucial Coast". After Britain's withdrawal from the area, a federation of seven emirates became the United Arab Emirate. The largest is Abu Dhabi. Dubai comes next in size and the remaining five are Ajman, Fujairah, Sharjah, Umm al Quwain and Ras al Khaimah. Each emirate is named after its principal town and ruled by its own Sheik. UAE is now a forward-looking state with a high standard of living and an economy roughly 36 times larger than at its inception.

Over the last century, Dubai has developed as an extremely vibrant trade centre, encouraged by liberal policies on tax, and an amazing "can do" attitude. Oil was crucial to its initial development, but manufacturing, tourism, and multi-national companies are overtaking this. 2010 is its target for an economy totally independent of oil. Trade has grown at more than 9% per annum over the past ten years and the population of one and a half million is expected to grow to five million by 2015.

So what were MY impressions of Dubai?

The first feelings of awe related to the sheer size of everything, starting with the airport – and I was comparing it with my memories of Heathrow and New York, NOT the Stewart Island airstrip! There were amazing buildings – skyscrapers everywhere, but each with its own touch of individuality. There is con-

stant construction and huge multi-lane highways with a bewildering number of tiered intersections and incredibly elaborate roundabouts. It was a constant wonder to me how Alice and Ken found their way so efficiently through all that racing, scary traffic. Whenever we saw a



Craning to see the ceiling

motorcyclist, Ken would say, "Goodness! There's one who is still alive!"

I'd certainly expected heat, and the day before I left for home, it was 47 degrees round lunch time. That

dropped to 36 in the late afternoon, but the humidity by then was 60% and still climbing. The summer heat peaks from late May till the end of August but, unless one is unfortunate enough to be an outside labourer, life can be comfortably spent in air-conditioned houses, vehicles, malls and workplaces. We went to the beach at eight in the morning before it got too hot, but we could eat in outdoor restaurants in pleasant evening temperatures.

The creativity of the buildings, as well as their size, was amazing. Alice had enrolled Kiera for a baby swimming class and this was held in a huge complex called Wafi City. It has an Egyptian theme and, besides offering accommodation and dining, has all sorts of facilities for fitness activities. The baby swimming class was held in an area called Lazy River, a man-made "river" with a current strong enough to make trudging its winding length against the flow, an excellent aqua-jogging exercise. The babies and their parents gathered where the river widened to a large pool. When we arrived and had climbed the humpy bridge to reach an island with sun-

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lounge chairs, one man was just completing his job of washing the tiled walls of the entire river complex. Another seemed to be employed to scoop out fallen petals and flowers from the surrounding bougainvilleas and flame trees.

Kiera didn't do too well at her first swimming lesson. She spent most of it asleep on Alice's shoulder!

Wafi City is still expanding. It will eventually cover several acres and grow upwards as well as outwards.

I don't know how many times Dubai appears in the Guinness Book of Records, but there is a culture of out-doing anything accomplished by anyone else. They have the world's tallest building. It's not finished yet and they are being cagey about its expected completed height,-- somewhere between 160 and 180 storeys it is rumoured – but I understand there are already plans for an even taller building – a kilometre high.

They have the world's only 7 star hotel, built in the shape of a huge sail. Then along came another consortium and built another hotel right in front of it, shaped like a wave.

A home with a sea view is a desirable attribute and a coastline determined by the boundaries of their country has been no deterrent to enterprise. There are three islands being built in the shape of palm trees, fronds laden with multi-storeyed apartment buildings. The next island planned is to look like a map of the world from space and there's a hotel being built 20 metres under the Arabian Gulf. Alice and Kiera and I went one day to have lunch in a restaurant overlooking Dubai's ski-field, complete with chairlifts, toboggan runs, etc., a fantasy reality to find in the middle of a desert city.

We ate out in some fabulous places.

My first night we went to Madinat, a huge venue on several levels, built in the



Skiing in the desert? Hit the indoor slopes!

format of an old souq, with lots of little shops and restaurants. We had our meal outside that evening on a terrace overlooking a man-made waterway. On it sailed electrically powered abrahs, noiselessly ferrying passengers up and down the canal, and just upstream a huge old dhow was moored, strung with lines of lights which glowed as the dusk deepened. Not far away soared the Burj Al Arab – the Sail – washed with changing colours.

Talk about a fitting introduction to Middle East magic! But it had a typical Dubai flavour. On arrival, we parked the car in a huge underground car park, which had me quite worried. It sounded like every moving vehicle was going into dangerous skids when they turned a corner. Not so, however. We were just in the car park that had the surface which squealed most in the world!

Another night we dined in splendour at The One And Only Majestic Hotel. There were several different dining rooms and we reached the one for which we were booked, by strolling through their gardens and then over boardwalks beside and over parts of a swimming pool that looked more like a lake than anything else.

The cream of our eating out experiences was the English afternoon tea at the Burj Al Arab. Accommodation and even dining at this hotel are strictly for the enormously wealthy, but Alice and Ken decided that the English afternoon tea, at 4:30, was an experience we had to have. We were splendidly served. The first 3-tiered silver salver bore dainty sandwiches, which we transferred to our

plates with silver tongs. Then came scones and jam and cream and the final salver offered an array of cakes and sweets, each looking individually crafted.

We listened to the evening-gowned pianist, whipped up

56 floors to look at the view and

gazed out the second storey windows at the stream of extended limousines, bringing guests to dine. We watched the vast jetting fountain in



Burj Al Arab, the world's tallest hotel, designed to look like the sail of an Arabian boat.

front of the entrance and gasped when the bowls on top of the flanking columns suddenly turned into flaming torches in the twilight. We rode down an escalator into a huge downstairs atrium whose entire sidewalls were living aquariums of gorgeously coloured fish. Then, when our car had been brought to the door and the pushchair and baby bags loaded for us, we drove away over the causeway, through delicate fountains lit with changing colours.

Activities were limited by the amount of walking I could manage with a wonky hip. I couldn't properly explore the wonderful malls, though we did visit different areas of a couple of them – the Mall of the Emirates and Ibn Battuta. Both had dozens of shops, cafés, restaurants, theatres, activity centres and play areas. One could have wandered happily all day just enjoying the variety of glorious ceilings and lights, the displays and the crowds of people in all sorts of clothing from the exquisite to the most basic of many, many cultures. Even a visit to the nearest supermarket was an eye-opener. Fruits I'd never seen or heard of before were displayed, along with those perfectly familiar

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Back to Basics Scam

by Sue Ford

We are all aware of the email scams these days: you've won a European lottery based on your email address; some poor soul is legally in possession of millions of dollars but needs to get it out of a war torn country via your bank account; and so on. Handling these is as easy as clicking your 'Delete' button. Unfortunately, we are too clued up now. The scamsters have gone back to basics, like the old scam billing you for advertising you haven't taken. This one is still quite successful. Know exactly where your advertising dollars are going. A newer scam is the 'unbeatable special offer' or the competition you win, notice of which you receive by fax. All you have to do is to tick the box and send the fax back. Then be surprised to discover that your Telecom bill includes amounts like \$39.95 for one call, to an 0900 number that you don't recognise – it's your reply fax. Naturally, there's no competition prize, and your special offer won't be sent to you.

Last week, the attempted scam was back to basics. In this technological age of emails and texting, there's this old instrument called 'phone' – short for 'telephone'. This allows you to speak personally to someone whom you contact by entering a form of PIN (referred to as a 'phone number'!). And the scamsters have yours!

"Ring-ring, ring-ring, ring-"
"Good morning! Seabuzzz!"

"Aah madame! My name is Joshua Patel and I am phoning you this evening to tell you that you have won a competition; your Visa card number was entered and drawn and you are now entitled to a holiday for three persons on the Gold Coast of Australia."

So, Joshua (or Tom, Dick or even Harry) is phoning 'this evening', when I've only just cleared the lunch dishes. Well, that's one give-away.

"Okaaaay," – cautious reply.
"Yes madame! And many congratulations to you and your family. Firstly, I need to check your Visa number with you."

"I don't have a Visa."
"Oh madame, I'm so sorry! I meant your Mastercard!" Oh silly me! Joshua conveys.

"I don't have a Mastercard."
"American Express?" – doubt creeping in now.

"Afraid not."
"Diners Card?"

"Nope."
"Well then dear Madame, which card would it be?"

"Don't know, because I don't have a credit card!" Ooooh! I can feel my nose growing longer!
"What?" – disbelief. *"No credit card at all?"*

"That's correct."
 Slam! And that's Joshua's answer to my credit card-less status, the phone buzzing gently in my ear on a disconnected line. And the scamster is no doubt turning back to his World Wide Web copy of the worlds white pages, to look up his next phone number. It might be yours.

Parenthood

by Kylie Moxham

**Today I left some dishes dirty
 the bed got make about
 two-thirty
 The crumbs I spilt the
 day before
 were staring at me on the floor
 The dirt streaks on the
 windowpane
 will still be there next time
 it rains.**

**What shame oh lazy one
 I say...
 now just what did I do today??**

**I nursed a baby while he slept
 I held a toddler while he wept
 I played a game of
 hide and seek
 I squeezed a toy so it
 would speak
 I pushed a swing, I sang a song
 I taught a child what's
 right and wrong**

**What did I do this whole
 day through?
 Not much I shows, I guess
 it's true
 unless you think that what
 I've done
 might be important
 to someone
 with brightest eyes and
 softest hair**

**If that's true —
 I've done my share!**



Southern Right whale off Sandhill Point, Te Waewae Bay last year. The photo shows the callosity pattern which is different on each whale making it possible to identify individual whales and track their movements. If you see a Southern Right Whale, you can help a DoC research program by phoning 03 211 2400 or 0800 DOCHOT. Please include date, time and location of sighting, the number of whales, if there were any calves and the direction of their travel.

Interested in helping out for a session of under 5yr olds? If so Rakiura Rugrats needs your help!!

At present each Rugrats session has two adults (usually parents) present in addition to our teacher. Given the number of women with young babies/ about to have babies, we are struggling to meet our parent help requirements over Term 3. So, we need your help. If you are willing and able to come and interact with the children we would be highly appreciative.

The "parent" help requirements are to help with the children's learning and development, help with cleanup tasks and generally be an adult supervisory presence.

Our sessions are: **Tues, Wed and Thurs 9 am to 12:30pm**
 For more information or to join our roster please feel free to talk with Jodie (our teacher), Sarah (our secretary) or any one of the parents.



When do I need a building consent?

If you are building a new building, altering or adding to an existing building, demolishing a building, doing some plumbing, drainage or installing a fireplace you will need a building consent. Here are some more specific examples:

Do I need a Building Consent when building a deck?

Yes, if your deck is over 1m high at any point you need a building consent, or if it is going to have a roof put over it.

Building a garden shed?

If your shed is under 10 square metres in area and no closer to the boundary or a residential dwelling than their own height, then a building consent is not necessary.

Replacing my roof?

Only replacing like for like materials doesn't require consent, for example if you are changing from a Galvanized to Coloursteel roof then a building consent is required.

What about a retaining wall?

Yes, if 1.5m or over in height, or it is retaining a drive or a building.

Minor plumbing?

Yes, all plumbing work must be

carried out by a registered plumber, the only situation where a consent is exempt, is when a new hot water cylinder is replacing the old one and the pipe work is not being altered.

A porch over the back door?

Yes, if it exceeds 5 square metres in area then it needs a building consent.

Why do I need building consent?

You are required under the Building Act 2004 to carry out building work with a building consent. However, there are some minor building works that do not require a building consent listed in Schedule 1 of the Building Act 2004. Building work carried out without a building consent is regarded as illegal work, and often costly to set right and may put people's safety or property at risk. Illegal building works may also impact on your insurance cover and/or house sale negotiations.

How much information is needed?

The purpose of building consent documentation is to demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the building consent authority, that all relevant performance requirements of the

Building Code are met. Information in the plans and specifications needs to be project-specific. Using general phrases such as "refer to manufacturer's specifications and/or requirements" or "installed in accordance with best trade practice" is not sufficient. Manufacturer's specifications can change from time to time and "best trade practice" is a standard that varies from individual to individual.

Building Consent Application Guide

The Building Consent Application Guide can be found at www.southlanddc.govt.nz, under services, building control and then application form, this explains the whole process very clearly and gives examples of the level of documentation required.

If you are unsure if your project requires a Building Consent then please call the Southland District Council on **0800 732 732** and one of our staff will be happy to discuss any issues relating to your building project with you.

Lyndon Paul,
Building Control Signatory

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to us. The amazement lay in the fact that there was nothing seasonal about the display – you could ALWAYS get whatever fruit you wanted, because they were always available as an import from another part of the world.

One day we drove out into the desert, through the Ba Wadi. It WAS just desert but soon it will turn into



Not exactly the South Sea Hotel...Posh lobby, Dubai style.

a local "Sunset Strip". The enormous plywood cut-outs, advertising what is to come, will soon turn into real hotels and casinos, each with its own theme. I remember Asia, Asia, Andalusia, one with the rondavels, elephants and lions of an African Safari theme and one with huge trumpets and other musical instruments.

There is constant building, so much and so speedy that town maps are out of date almost as soon as they are printed, particularly because of the immense road-building projects. Any breeze frequently means that the sky is yellow-grey with sand, instead of the



There is constant development in Dubai

blue one would expect in the sunshine. A couple of the days I was there, the view looked like pictures of a thick London fog. And out in the

dust and the heat are great armies of labourers, toiling away wherever one looks. Most of them seem to come from India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka and, though their living conditions would frequently horrify New Zealanders, they are apparently better off than they would be at home. Some, I'm told, will stay for 20 years or more, getting home for only a month every two or three years.

The reason for my visit to Dubai was family, of course, and it was

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DOC Spot

DoC team welcomes Athol

Hi, I am Andrew (known to my mates as Athol) Welsh. I recently transferred from Aoraki Mt Cook to Stewart Island, and do the Visitor Assets Planning role, working for Dale in the DOC Stewart Island Field Centre.



Andrew (Athol) Welsh

I was born and raised in Southland (Gore), before leaving school to join the Army and later travel. I have been married to my wife Gaby (from Switzerland) for 15 years, and she works in the DOC Te Anau Area Office. We

have 2 children, Grace and Mark, and they attend school in Te Anau.

We lived in Mt Cook for 6 & 1/2 years, with my principal role running the Alpine Search and Rescue Team and Fire Brigade, Gaby was the Business Services Manager in the Area Office. With our children needing to go to high school, we moved south and are enjoying the milder winter and change of scenery and our kids are enjoying the chance to play rugby and netball, something that was not available at the Mt Cook School (role of 14).

The regular commute between the Island and Te Anau is not much different from the 2-1/2 hour drive from Mt Cook to Timaru for shopping, just a bit more exciting at times!

Pork on the menu for Phred

Phred Dobbins is one of a team who departed Bluff

on the 12th of June for a month on the Auckland Islands. The team are carrying out bait trials on the pigs down there, as well as several other tasks including gathering as much information as possible on the density and location of the cats — one of Phred's areas of expertise. This will help refine the methodology for a proposed cat and pig eradication on the Auckland Islands. An operational plan and budget will be developed based on the information learnt during this expedition and other background work and a bid will be put to government for the project at some stage in the near future.

Further workshops planned

The Stewart Island / Rakiura Conservation Management Strategy review and the preparation of the draft Rakiura National Park Management Plan is progressing well. Two Ulva Island workshops were held in May and the Department of Conservation is currently scheduling future workshops to discuss other places identified as being of interest.

Workshops are scheduled to discuss the whole range of issues for Mason Bay on 14 August in Oban, and 16 August in Invercargill. Flyers and newsletters advertising these are being sent out shortly. The Department also plans to hold workshops to discuss Port Pegasus in early September and hunting/hunter huts in late September.

A special Pest Liaison Group meeting is to be held in the Stewart Island Community Centre at 7.30pm on Thursday 19th July. The meeting will have a workshop focus, inputting into the development of the introduced animal section (possums, cats, rats and deer) of the draft RNPMP and CMS. There will also be a quick update on how the rat eradication feasibility study is progressing.

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great to get a better understanding of their life there. I knew my son-in-law was an engineer and a project manager, but I didn't know the hugeness of his project. You could check out Jumeira Lake Towers on the internet, if you are interested in a project that is very typical of "can do" Dubai. When it is finished, there will be a great cluster of buildings, ranging in height between 34 and 45 storeys. Over 50,000 people will live there and there will be commercial and office venues as well, and the ser-



Wee Kiera

vices to support the lifestyle of those living or working there. Then there are also the four lakes they building as part of the project!

Alice continues to work part-time from home. She has a human relations job with an international firm. She's another Stewart Island child for whom the whole world has become her oyster, but she is still the same caring and quirky person many of you will remember. Baby Kiera is the icing on the cake, a dearly loved wee poppet with a gorgeous smile. And you might just get to see this little Dubai member of our Island family, round February, next year.



Mummy kisses.

See page 6 for Kylie's lovely poem about motherhood.

Coming soon to Stewart Island...

ALPHA FURNISHING

We are a **home furnishing company** based in Balfour, offering a mobile service at client request. From start to finish you deal with one person— Irene—so you get that personal service every client deserves. We also have a local community of ladies who sew for us.

Irene is planning a trip to the Island to give you a
FREE MEASURE AND QUOTE.

(If you own a holiday home down here, get in touch with Irene and she can measure your home during her visit.)

What we can do for you:

Blinds: Timber, Vertical, Sunfilter, Venetian, Roller
Roman Blinds

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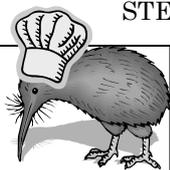
We have a HUGE selection of fabrics. Our fabric comes uncoated for which you need linings, and coated thermal. Fabric costs vary but **we have a great selection at all prices.**

Depending on interest, Irene is hoping to visit the Island **21-22 July**

So if you're interested, *let her know!*

Contact Irene Benfell at
alphafurnishing2005@xtra.co.nz
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the GALLEY



From Vicki's kitchen:

It's as close as you can get without pressure cooking your chicken as they do at KFC so it's a lot healthier.....

VFC secret recipe

- 2 cups flour
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp dried thyme
- 1/2 tsp dried basil
- 1/2 tsp dried oregano
- 1 tbspc celery salt
- 1 tbspc black pepper
- 1 tbspc dry mustard
- 4 tbspc paprika
- 2 tsp garlic salt
- 1 tsp ground ginger
- 1 tsp ground mace

Mix all ingredients well in a large bowl.

Dip chicken pieces in some plain flour then beaten eggs.

Dip them in bread-

crumbs (bought ready-made from the shop are fine) Finally plunge them in the flour-spices mixture (above).

Place chicken in a tray and cover with foil Cook 40 minutes.

Remove the foil, turn chicken then cook for another 40 minutes Baste lightly with oil 5 minutes before the end (spray cooking oil is good)

Let stand 5 minutes and serve.

Cooking times will obviously depend on whether you're cooking in on a range or in an oven, if you know how long chicken pieces take in your cooker, you're in!



This month, the Library is displaying some local crafts, many of which were inspired by our wonderful selection of craft books. Hopefully this will inspire YOU to get creative this winter, and participate in the Church Hill "Knit 'n' Natter" or the new craft market (p.12)

Thanks to Ron Denis, Loraine Hansen, Vanessa Taylor, Pat, and all of the other generous donors of books, and to Ulva Goodwillie who gave us the new WASGIJ puzzle.

New books include the new Harlan Coben, a great new cookery book of venison recipes; and for fans of contemporary fiction, David Eggers' *What is the What*, Claire Messud's much-acclaimed

The Emperor's Children, and *The Lay of the Land* by Richard Ford.

Every library has its foibles. Our wee library is COLD despite our two heaters. I keep warm with warm memories: I used to work at the Lahaina Library in Hawaii, and of course we had the opposite problem there: HEAT, and lots of it. Each morning I'd ride my bicycle from home, 20 km along the old sugar cane road, and upon arrival I'd be covered in sweat and red dirt. My friend Floyd, the gardener, would casually turn his hose in my direction and give me and my bicycle a good spray-down before I entered the library and changed into a clean sarong.

Ours was an open-air facility, and I would spend 15 minutes each morning with a long pole, opening the hundred-or so windows around the building. We were

makai—situated directly on the sea (and at a great surf break, surfers would often use Floyd's hose to rinse their boards) so sea breezes wafted through the library and our many ceiling fans batted them down to readers.

We were a popular place for the area's homeless population and drug addicts, and at the end of the day it wasn't always easy to get folks to leave. Our fail-safe method was simple: we turned off the fans, and I closed the windows. Within minutes, the oven-like conditions sent everyone scurrying into the relative coolness of the Hawaiian sunshine, and I could bike home to Olowalu for an evening swim in the sea.

Anyway, bundle up if you're planning to drop by this Island Library! Our hours are 2-3:15 Wed; 11-12 Fri-Sat. *Happy reading, Jess*

WINTER TALKS

BATTLING THE SEA, BEATING THE ODDS Tuesday 17 July 2007

Jack Finn, a 24-year-old haemophilic recently took his "Bloody Can Do It" kayaking expedition to the sub-antarctic Auckland Islands. An inspirational story about a young man and his determination to experience New Zealand's amazing places.



THE MOOSE MAN OF FIORDLAND Thursday 9 August 2007

Ken Tustin is absolutely convinced that moose continue to exist in remote southern Fiordland, a conviction maintained for over 30 years. What makes this man so sure and what else continues to draw him into New Zealand's least-known wilderness?



Southern Institute of Technology, Tay Street Campus, Room B1.10, Invercargill
7.30pm Gold coin donation

To register contact Pamela Parker, Southern Institute of Technology,
ph. 03 218 2599 ext 798, or email: pamelaparker@sit.ac.nz



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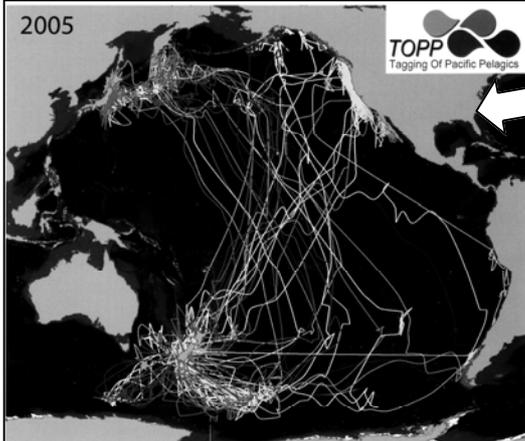


WILDLIFE UPDATE from VICKI COATS

After all the talk about rats in last months *SIN* (and the ominous scratchings that are coming from the ceiling) and seeing a fair few possums flying across the road in the dead of night I have decided to keep my eyes peeled for vermin and other nasties. However you can imagine my surprise when the latest scourge to hit Stewart Island is well over 6'3" high and can be found high in the growths of Totara trees.

Hairius Hippius is not considered dangerous to humans. Any sightings should not be sent to DOC in the first instance but if continued a bottle of whiskey may well help in ridding yourself of this nuisance.

2005



Migration routes of titi flying to the North Pacific and back in 2005 (pictured here) and 2006 (overleaf). Each colour is the path of an individual bird. The areas where the tracks are very dense and change direction a lot are where the birds spent time feeding, while the straighter sections are where they passed through quickly.

The May issue of the *Titi Times* features this fascinating map of the migration routes of muttonbirds tagged with dataloggers. One bird flew in a virtual straight line from New Zealand to South America, before meandering North to the Bering Sea and then back to New Zealand. The birds travelled up to 1000km a day, and their entire migration route totals 64,000km. Some were recorded diving to a depth of 68m!



Shaggadellie bath, Horseshoe Bay wharf

Stewart Island Tees



Stewart Island Tees are now available from the Kai Kart Mon-Sat 2-4pm. We've got a whopping 16 different designs including new kids shirts, plus a great range of unique jewellery from Kate and Helen.

Why don't you pop in and visit us and have a look? Don't forget, Stewart island residents get a 25% discount on all shirts!!



Garage guy Luke and policeman Shaun are all smiles, despite (or because of) a tricky parking incident at Halfmoon Bay Wharf.

PHOTOS: GRIM DAVIS



STEWART ISLAND GARDEN CIRCLE

The next meeting will be held at the home of Wendy Hallett at 2 pm on Thursday 12th July



Competition: Spring Flower and Shrub
Roll Call: Garden verse



Don't forget to come and enjoy a visit with PATRICIA SOPER from the *Southland Times* 1:30pm on the 9th August at the Fire Station . Afternoon Tea provided. Entrance Fee \$5.00

If anyone wants to promote their events, try www.eventfinder.co.nz

It's free, they've listed the Singles Ball as a good pick, so if there's something going on, it might be a good place to advertise!

PHOTO COMPETITION The deadline for submitting your photo to the 2008 Stewart Island Calendar is 16th July. Details are on the Community Notice board on the SIN website at www.stewart-island-news.com

Your input needed in questionnaire prizes to be won!

The Rakiura Rugrats management committee are currently undertaking planning for the future direction of the Centre to meet the community needs. As a result we are asking **all parents, grandparents and interested people** to fill in a questionnaire to enable us to know what you want for our centre. If you haven't received a questionnaire but would like to, please contact Jodie, Mary, Sarah or any of the management committee. We encourage as many people to fill in the questionnaires as possible with a **free coffee** available at the South Seas Hotel for each questionnaire received. Each named questionnaire will also **go in the draw for 1 nights accommodation** at the Homestead Villas, Invercargill. Please return questionnaires to Sarah Gray, Rakiura Rugrats PO Box 37 by the 4th July. Thanks.

CRAFT MARKET

Oban Presbyterian Church Board of Managers is happy to provide the venue for a craft or general market in their Sunday School Hall.

It is proposed that the first should be held at Labour Weekend and that interested people should then discuss how frequently they would want to hold them after that date.

Tables will be available and there would be a \$5 fee each time. Our community has many creative people and we will welcome input from all those who would like to sell some of their work.

Markets can be great fun for buyers and sellers alike, so we are hoping that busy fingers and glorious ideas will be put together between now and Labour Weekend.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please ring Beverley Osborn, Ph 2191506



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