

STEWART ISLAND NEWS

CELEBRATING RAKIURA

October—November 2013

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Congratulations to Ulva! Her book *Ulva Island: A Visitor's Guide* has been published. See page 3 for more.

Will the aquaculture industry move beyond the bounds of Big Glory and into bays closer to home? Possibly. There's been more than a murmur about a proposed oyster farm in Horseshoe Bay. See page 12.

Remember how much fun it was watching the young fellas slurp down paua guts and retch them back up? The Stewart Island Man of the Year Competition is back....all for a good cause (Rugrats). Who will duke (and puke) it out with Luke and knock last year's winner off his throne? Don't miss this excellent event: 11 am, HMB Beach, Saturday 26th October. See back page.

Other upcoming events include a sausage sizzle on Sunday 27th October to support runner Julian Bee who is running the Great Walks to raise money for Cure Kids. If you'd like to join Julian for any or all of the Rakiura Track get your sneakers and meet him at the chain at 9am on the 27th. Details page 5. There is a working bee at the Community Centre Saturday 19th Oct (p14) and at Moturau Gardens through the 18th (p8).

It's good to be home again. Much thanks to Vicki for editing in my absence: she did an excellent job.

Vicki has been officially recognized and thanked for all of her volunteering efforts when she was recently presented with the Community Service Award. It's not easy keeping a secret from Vicki but she was genuinely gobsmacked when she was asked to stop cleaning up in the kitchen during Frana's retirement party at the Hall so she could come forward and accept her award.

Yes, after 21 years, Mayor Frana Cardno has retired, and dozens of islanders attended a dinner in her honour. There were speeches, reminiscences, gifts, hugs, tears, and lots of laughter. For more see page 2.

It sounds like a Rakiura riddle: what's made out of beer bottles and beach sand? Our new bowling green! Thanks to the mud sweat and tears of keen volunteers the bowling green is nearing completion. See page 4 for an update.

We've lost some literary giants this year. I wasn't a particular fan of the prolific novelist Tom Clancy (but I think the *Hunt for Red October*, based on his book, is one of the best movies of the 1990s). In September I was sad to read the obituary of Seamus Heaney, one of our time's greatest poets. His work is beautiful and I especially love that he wrote a poem

referencing Scrabble (in *Glanmore Revisited*). This issue contains a few words from him as a respectful nod to one of my favourite writers. You can find some of his collections at the library, along with his translation of *Beowulf*. Heaney was born on a farm in Northern Ireland in 1939, the first of nine children. He spent his life writing, translating, lecturing and teaching. He won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1995. On his deathbed, his final words were a text message to his wife. *Noli Timere*. Latin: *Don't be afraid*.



Kiwi claws. Get your kiwi updates from SIRCET on pages 10-11.
Photo by Elyn Cordeiro



Vicki Coats receiving the SDC Community Service Award from Frana Cardno.



Bowling Brown...soon to be the Bowling Green! Mud, sweat and beers (beer bottles, that is) have built the community's new playground. See page 4. Photo from Margaret Hopkins



WISE UP TO WEEDS

with Amy



GUNNERA

(*Gunnera tinctoria*)

We're keen to eradicate Gunnera on Stewart Island, so if you've seen any, please let me know and I'll come and remove it.

What is it?

Gunnera is a mega herb with huge rough jagged-edged leaves up to 1.5m wide and 2m high. It produces a large flowering spike, with orange seeds when ripe.

What is the problem?

Gunnera excludes other plants by shading with its large leaves and extensive seed bank. It prefers wet areas, particularly coastal, and tolerates shade.

How to control it?

- Dig out small patches, ensuring all the roots are gone.
- Cut away all the leaves and the pink leaf scale, this is best done with a spade. Paste the stumps, it may require a few applications as there are small heads hiding in the brown scale.
- Be careful with the green waste – the roots can re-grow if attached to the pink leaf scale.

Please contact Amy Lagerstedt at Environment Southland if you find this plant: email amy.lagerstedt@es.govt.nz or telephone 211 5115

For more information see www.es.govt.nz/environment/pests/plants



A LOCAL'S TAIL is returning this summer to the Island. OPENING, Friday 25th October 2013 at the Bunkhouse Theatre.

A Local's Tail is a 40minute quirky film about the Island. Check out our new trailer on YouTube at the following link <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HMaWFXfNa38&feature=youtu.be> or search for A Local's Tail Trailer.

Dozens of Islanders attended a recent dinner at the hall to honour Mayor Frana Cardno upon her retirement.

"The greatest thing about her is she is so passionate about Stewart Island...she kept the Stewart Island Board going so so well." said Barry Rhodes. He recalled how Frana once said at a meeting that Stewart Island was "like the special in the back of the supermarket... For people to get to Stewart Island they must go through Southland and therefore in some way the entire Southland community benefits."

Gwen Neave remembered that it was Frana who came up with the motto *Make a Difference*. "She has been a champion of communities in Southland. The library, the museum, the community centre...there are so many aspects of life on the Island where she has made a difference."

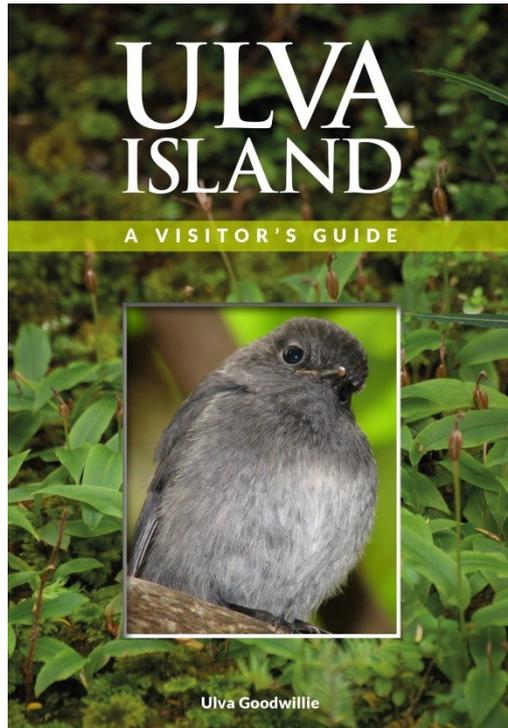


Ulva said that when Helen Clark came to view the kakapo, she told Ulva, speaking of
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CORRECTION: The photograph of Frana Cardno on the back page of the last *SIN* issue should have been credited to Barry Harcourt.



Craigs Design and Print Ltd are pleased to announce the publication of:
"Ulva Island: A Visitor's Guide"



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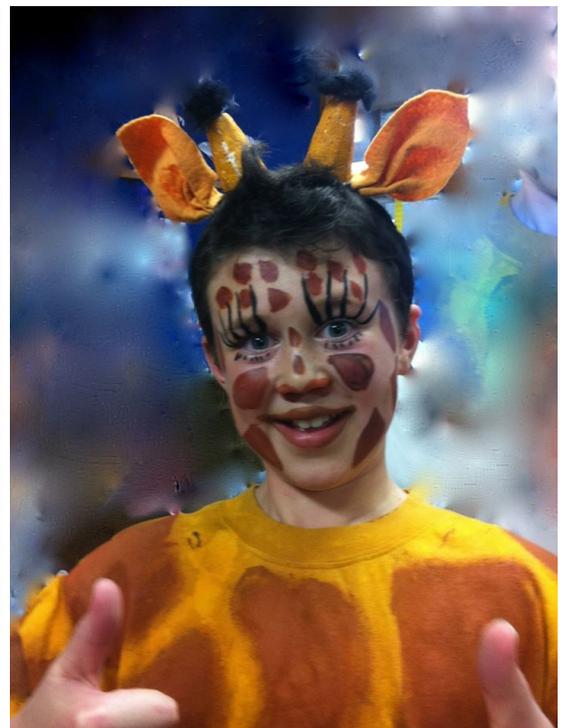
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Ulva's lovely book with its stunning colour photographs will allow easy identification of the unique flora and fauna when strolling along Ulva Island's gravelled pathways....

A BOOK LAUNCH will be held at The Fernery - *Gallery & Gift Shop*
in early November

Keep an eye in your mailboxes for the date!!



← Halfmoon Bay School students all dressed up for their wonderful performance of *Giraffes Can't Dance*. →

Bowling Green Progress – Stewart Island Bowling Club

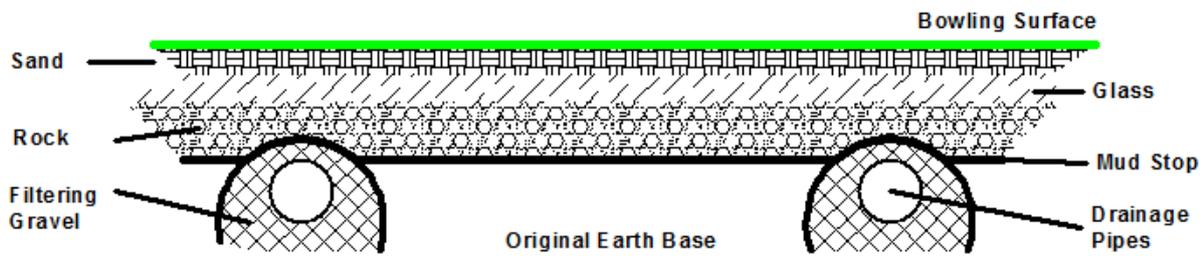
by Chris Sara

As you may have noticed, progress on the bowling green is well in hand. We are on target for our scheduled completion in the early New Year. Progress has been possible due to the drive and support of many of the community. Carrying on from all the initial work done by Ali and Jan, and latterly from the great thrust added by Neville Bennett and a good number of eager helpers, the bowling green is now at the point of settlement before the bowling surface placement in the New Year.



The surface is all-weather matting that will allow bowls in all conditions with a minimum amount of maintenance. The laying of this surface is the last major task before bowling is possible and is the one thing that requires outside expertise. We are therefore dependant on this before we can give a definite day of opening, but as stated, we are on target and there are no anticipated delays expected at this stage. The time we leave the surface to settle until then will be beneficial to the finished green. There is also a number of auxiliary projects to be completed, namely fencing and green surrounds. These are not insignificant projects in their own right but the progress of the playing surface has been the main focus to date and we are very pleased with what is being achieved.

The following illustration shows the layering process. Each layer was controlled using a laser level to ensure a flat and level surface was achieved. This is a very important aspect of a bowling surface, much like that of a pool table. The layering materials apart from the bowling surface itself were sourced from the island, so if you ever wondered where all the bottles you recycled have gone, many are under the bowling green.



A Bowling Club Committee is now meeting monthly to put in place the operational aspects of the club. Fees, structures and programs will be set in the coming months and we will update the community as we progress. There was tremendous interest in the initial meeting and the committee looks forward to building on that as we move towards our opening day. We have had interest from off island clubs to visit and play and that is great for the island community on the whole.

Your committee is a good balance of youth and experience and recent island arrivals will work with seasoned locals:

President: Sam Jenkinson	Vice President: Chris Dawson
Secretary: Megan Cowley	Treasurer: Jenny Twaddle
Club Captain: Mandy Foster	Green Keeper: Lawrie Foster
Committee:	Assitant Green Keeper: Justin Bungard
Charlotte Bates, Alister Eade, Greg Everest, Lynn McPherson, Chris Sara, John Paul	

There are many people to thank for their contributions thus far and we will do that at completion of the green, but we are very appreciative of the current support, and all future support received in completing another wonderful Stewart Island community asset.

We eagerly await our first roll up and seeing you at the green,

Stewart Island Bowling Club Committee

(FRANA Continued from page 2)

Frana: “That woman is amazing. The government will never forget Stewart Island because of that woman.” (“—a pretty expensive, *dangerous* woman,”—Frana interjected with a laugh.)

Kari Beaven thanked Frana

on behalf of the smaller community groups; Matt and Jules thanked her for help with their immigration.

Ken McAnergney stated: “You have been a champion for this island...I know even in your retirement you will still be a voice to be reckoned with.”

Frana herself spoke. “Stewart Island is so special: it’s the world as it used to be. My plea to you all is don’t let it change.” She said that when she and her husband Murray went to the Bay of Islands he kept saying in a loud voice, “IF I WANT TO SEE A BEAUTIFUL PLACE I’LL GO TO STEWART ISLAND!”

“Any project has to be led by a community,” she said. “All I did was help you with your dreams... the leadership comes from you.”

There were heaps of hugs, laughter, and much thanks. In the end, perhaps Barry made the nicest comment to the new retiree: *Now, you go have Frana time.* —Ed

Great Runs: Julian Bee tackling Rakiura Track this month

As you may have read in the last few issues of SIN a crazy Wellingtonian (that would be me) is heading to town at the end of October to run (yes, run) the Rakiura track. This run marks the start of my bid to run all nine of New Zealand's Great Walks (or *Great Runs* as I prefer to call them) – a total of 544km of some of this country's finest walking tracks. All this within six months to raise funds for Cure Kids to help them continue their work researching cures for childhood illnesses.



mission to find cures is simple – I love my kids to bits, and (touch wood) they're healthy and happy. But the reality is, you never know what surprises (good or bad) are around the corner. How often do you read about some poor family whose child has just been diag-

nosed with some dreadful condition – it can happen to any of us. So spending my time helping Cure Kids fund cures is effectively an insurance policy – that I hope never to need – but in the event that something happens to my kids, knowing that maybe, just maybe, some of the research Cure Kids have funded over the years might be of value to them, feels like a pretty good investment in their future.

My name is Julian Bee and I am a pretty typical kiwi bloke. I have a wife and two young children, and work a fairly stressful day job as an IT Manager for a crazy but fantastic Wellington company (one of the directors of which hails from Stewart Island – a small world indeed). My love of the outdoors brought my family and I to a beautiful 8-acre bush block in the Reikorangi Valley on the Kapiti Coast, and so it was, surrounded by so much of NZ's stunning scenery I rediscovered my love of trail-running.

It was this love of the outdoors, trail-running, and my passion for Cure Kids that spawned the *Great Runs* project. What better way for a mad-cap runner to get out and enjoy more of our magnificent tracks than to do it for charity. Better yet, I get to meet (and already have) so many inspiring people along the way.

I have supported Cure Kids for several years, taking part in their punishing Adventure Race many times (helping raise more than \$30,000 in the process) and have already signed on another two teams for next year's event. My passion for Cure Kids

Cure Kids' recent Red Nose Day campaign provided a great opportunity to test 'run' my body and raise some awareness for my *Great Runs* project. So one small moment of slightly insane inspiration later, there I was on a treadmill in Wellington's CBD running for 10 hours non-stop. With a second treadmill for supporting runners the idea took off and with a wonderful team of colleagues, friends, family, one local police officer, and a few celebrities to boot, I ran 67km, and raised almost \$4000 for Cure Kids' Red Nose Day campaign – and even managed to get myself on TV (the idea of which, to be honest, scared me more than running for 10 hours). It would be fair to say I was immensely inspired and humbled by the response the treadmill event received, and I can't wait to turn the rest of these mad running ideas of mine into a reality.

I've been blown away at the tremendous support I've already received from many of you, and sincerely cannot wait to meet more of you while I'm in town. I do need to pay a special thanks to the Stewart Island Lions for getting behind the cause and arranging a sausage sizzle fundraiser for the weekend I'm in town, and to Bruce and Sue Ford for their boundless enthusiasm and some of the most entertaining emails I've ever received.

So if you are around on Sunday October 27th, and could spare a little time,



have a couple of dollars to drop in a tin, or perhaps you're just keen to exercise your cheering and screaming voice – I would

very much love to meet you and shake your hand (and perhaps share a pint or two at the pub afterwards). Better yet, if you have a pair of running shoes, and fancy a bit of a shuffle, I'd be honoured if you'd join me on the trail (doesn't have to be all the way you understand). I'll be kicking off on the morning of the 27th at 9am from 'The Chain', and aim to arrive at the designated finish line (South Sea Hotel) between 1pm and 2pm, where I look forward to a well deserved pint.

If you'd like to read more about my projects, make an online donation, or follow the other 512kms of my adventure after Stewart Island, please pay a visit to www.greatruns.co.nz or drop me a line at julian@greatruns.co.nz. —Julian Bee

KNIT KNATTER AND KOFFEE GROUP Would like to say a huge thank you to Oban Presbyterian Church for their very generous cheque to help us pay for the wool we use to knit infants clothes for the Island children and premie baby clothes for Kew Hospital.

Christmas! Joy To The World!
Community Carol Service
 God willing, Oban Presbyterian Church and St Andrew's Anglican Church will hold a joint Christmas Eve Service (starting 11.30 p.m.) at the Presbyterian/red roof church this year. Next year, God willing, it will be held at the Anglican/blue roof church.
Wanted! Carol Singers! Please watch the notice board for practice times and come and help us make this Advent event truly **A Joy To The World!**

**OBAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CHATTER by Jo Riksem**

It's getting to that "busy" time of the year and already the diary is getting full of appointments, meetings, end-of-year functions to name a few. There's a lovely verse in the Bible that says, "Be still and know that I am God." In the hustle and bustle of today's world it's a nice verse to remember. Being still is a good thing to do when one is busy. Being still and watching the boats bobbing on the sea is always a very calming effect. Being still with a friend over a cup of tea or coffee. Taking time out just for you. Taking time out for someone else so they can have time out. Let's keep this in mind as we go into our "busy" season and enjoy all the blessings the season has to offer.



Oban Presbyterian Church with sheds and kayaks in Halfmoon Bay 2012 on a still day

November brings some familiar faces and a new face to our little church.

November 3 – Heather Kennedy – of First Church, Invercargill, our Interim Moderator and one of our regular ministers to Stewart Island. Her lovely bubbly personality and a great smile is just one of many of her strong points.

November 10 - Ian Lang, - Ian together with Audrey his wife of 51 years have enjoyed visiting Stewart Island many times over the years. They have four children (plus one) and eleven grandchildren. A retired farmer who is no longer involved in farming but still lives in Woodlands. A fan of Stewart Island and its special character and people. Enthusiastic about God's Word and a long time lay preacher. Member of the Invercargill Gideons Camp. Some members of Gideons International will be coming and will speak about their work in Southland. Gideon Bibles have had a long history in accommodation places and free ones are available for any who want them. Ian can be contacted at 2313096 or the Presbyterian Manse 2191339.

November 17 – Paul Watson - Paul Watson was born in Invercargill and raised at Haldane on his fathers sheep farm .The name Haldane came from his Great Great Grandfather Andrew Haldane who was the first European settler to arrive in Waikawa in 1856. Paul is married to Celia and has twin sons. He lives on his farm property at Curio Bay. He made a commitment to Christ when he was 16 and at the age of 40 had an amazing in filling of

the Holy Spirit. In 1998 he built a church community building on his property which overlooks the fossil forest at Curio Bay, and has been the Pastor of that church since then, also doing mission trips to Africa, India, Fiji and Vanuatu

November 24 – Raylene Waddell - We're lucky to have locals to spice up our pulpit and Raylene is one of them. One of seven children, Raylene grew up at Green Point, near Bluff. Her parents, Mary and Bert Hughes, were strong on social justice and helping the less fortunate but were not church goers. When she married Ronnie, they bought a house near Gore – at Waimumu – just across the road from a little Presbyterian Church. Ronnie with his simple, straightforward faith in God was keen for them to attend but she wasn't. However, to please him, she agreed and he held her hand tightly through the first few services for fear she might disagree loudly with the preacher's theology! At the time she was in a big, stressful job and, at first, she resented that hour at church. Gradually, however, Raylene found that something in the service would carry her through the stresses of the next working week. It might be a Bible reading, it might be the sermon, more often it would be the music and wording of a lovely old hymn. "What I was stumbling towards," she says, "was the realisation of the grace, love and power of Our Lord, Jesus Christ."

Church remains open daily so come in and enjoy its beauty and peace.

Church services: every Sunday, starting at 11a.m. followed by a cup of tea and goodies.

Prayer Circle: every Saturday 11:30 – 12 noon at the home of Coral Hotchkiss.



Can you guess who these people are?

Knitted Blankets

A big thank you to Vicki for her kind donation of wool, The Oban Presbyterian Church for a cheque and to Ivy Franklin of Christchurch for knitting and sending 30 squares. Thanks also to everyone who knits, even one square helps.

—Elaine



THE ISLAND BEAT

Police News

Traffic:

I have noted that there are a large number of Islanders driving on our roads who have either.

- No drivers Licence
 - An Expired drivers licence.
 - A cancelled drivers licence
 - Driving while forbidden or suspended.
 - Driving in breach of conditions of learner licence.
- Driving in breach of conditions of Restricted licence.

What to do:

- Take your licence out of your wallet or purse now and have a look at the expiry date.
 - Check what class vehicles you are able to drive.
 - If you are a learner or restricted driver do you remember what the conditions of your licence are??? Is it time to get the full licence?
- If you can't find your licence you have either lost it or you have never had one???

If you find a problem or the conditions restrict how you currently want to use your vehicle. It is time to get it sorted. Go and see the AA in Invercargill.

Note you are not covered by insurance if you do not have a current drivers licence.

From the 15th of December 2013 I will be **checking drivers licences**.

Whats **checking drivers licences** mean?

- Forbidding drivers from driving for No licence, expired or cancelled licences.
 - Instant fines for breaches of learner, restricted and drivers licence offences.
- Prosecution for drivers driving while forbidden, Disqualified or suspended and impounding their vehicles.

The challenge! if there is a problem with your licence **Get it sorted this month.**

Don't leave it until next month.

Senior Constable Dale JENKINS



Tena Kotou
Rakiura / Stewart
Island Community

Cole, Acting Conservation Services
Manager Murihiku.

There have been significant changes with the structure of DOC as Barry Hanson indicated in last months update.

Introducing myself, I'm the Conservation Partnerships Manager for Murihiku and the Southern Islands. I'm based in Invercargill. I'll be working closely with Brent Beaven, Conservation Services Manager, Southern Islands and Ros

I've been living in Invercargill for the last 12 years. I'm married to Pam and we have a daughter Katie (8yrs). We've visited Stewart Island numerous times and Ulva Island is one of Katie's favourite places.

My role as Conservation Partnerships Manager is, along with a number of Partnerships Rangers, to focus on building DOC's external relationships and working with new and existing partners to grow

conservation.

Locally we have a new Visitors Centre Ranger, Laurelle Jones. Laurelle will be joining the team with Di and Gary. Be sure to pop into the Visitors Centre and make her feel welcome.

Thank you for your ongoing support of DOC, your involvement in conservation is vital within the local community.

Naku noa, na
Phil Melgren

Community Centre News

- New:
Volleyball Tuesday night 645pm
- Touch rugby Sunday Traill park 2pm
- Swiss ball now Monday and Wednesdays
- Circuit on Tuesday, Thursday at 530pm Saturday 9am
- And new on a Thursday 4pm
Tae Kwon Do Korean martial art
For ages 7 yrs up
- Any questions ask Dids 2191166
or 0272316305



Pearson, Jimmy, Emily and Ty receiving new balls and bats from the Quiz Night for the Community Centre. There's new Touch Rugby balls, volleyballs, basketballs, netballs, squash balls, badminton racquets and shuttlecocks and new squash racquets too.

Pete Ross Automotive

14 Ayr Street
Oban

Ph 2191 266

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Monday - Thursday 8am - 5pm
Friday 8am - 7pm
Saturday 10am - 2pm
Sunday 11am - 1pm

For all your Automotive WOF and Servicing and also including Hire Gear: Lawnmower, Weedeater, Chainsaw, Leaf sucker, Generator, Rotary Hoe and Chimney Cleaning Brush.

We also have a selection of weedeater cord for sale and arriving this month we will be able to perform Hydraulic Hose Repairs.



Caption contest. Send ideas to SIN.



SDC Boat Parks

The boat parks on Ayr Street (opposite Pete Ross Automotive) are hired out to specific parties by Southland District Council. Funds from this go to the Stewart Island Community Board. All the parks are currently allocated but a waiting list exists. If you want to join the list contact Kirsten as SDC Office or phone 0800732732.

Please do not use the parks unless you are the person paying the annual charge, or have the permission of the person paying the annual charge. It's also important not to park in front of these, as it's very frustrating for boaties to get blocked in!



Sausage sizzle

Sunday October
27th 2013

At the Noticeboard

The Lions are supporting Julian Bee in his Great Runs project to raise at least \$20,000 for CureKids. We will be holding a sausage sizzle from 12 noon to 2pm and ALL proceeds will be donated to Julian's appeal. Come join us for your old favourite, sausage, tomato sauce and onions on a slice of white!



Moturau Moana Gardens.

The annual clean up at Moturau is a week earlier this year and will be held from Monday 14th to Friday 18th October. Anyone with a couple of hours to spare would be welcome or just call in to say hello. These volunteers come at their own expense to do 'our' work and it is nice for them to know they are appreciated. Elaine 2191027

Election results

Gary Tong is the new Mayor.

Our six elected Community Board members are:

Anita Geeson
Greg Everest
Jarrod Baird
Graham Cowley
Jon Spraggon
Aaron Conner

Bruce Ford remains our Councillor.

LETTERS ☒ ☒ ☒

Dear Jess,

Welcome home! Hope you had a good break away and are now fit and healthy and ready to tackle SIN again. You have been missed – but not as much as we expected! We wanted to say a special Thank You to Vicki who was a highly capable stand-in for you. There are

so few who could just take over a job like yours, and Vicki was definitely one of those few. She did bring a touch of “Vickiness” to the news – thinking at the moment of the Community Board ‘racing card’ and the ‘news scoop of the South’ with the messages-in-bottles. But she also kept to the well-loved SIN format and content, and all our favourite spots

were there as usual, as well as the amusing and/or interesting “Vicki Reports”. You can go away again next year for a holiday knowing that – if you can persuade Vicki to accept the temporary position – SIN will be left in safe hands.

From Highly Satisfied Readers of SIN – *Sue & Bruce*

Welcoming Cruise Ships to Stewart Island 2013-14

Venture Southland
Business, Tourism & Community Development

The number of cruise ships visiting Stewart Island and Fiordland has significantly increased in recent times. In 2012, Venture Southland commissioned research looking at the current impact of these ships on local business, community and infrastructure. It also looks at identifying opportunities to make the most of this growing industry.

Based on the research (and associated community consultation) and also observations from working alongside the Akaroa community (a similar port to Stewart Island), Venture Southland have now prepared a plan which aims to optimise the benefit for the Stewart Island community.

The plan has depended on input from various stakeholders and has been prepared alongside Environment Southland, Cruise NZ and the Southland District Council to date.

Venture Southland is hosting a **community meeting** for all locals and business and tourism operators to discuss these initiatives.



Staff from ID Tours and Environment Southland will also be on-hand to answer questions.

If you are interested in attending the meeting, or would like more information, please contact:
Juanita Thornton

211 1417 or juanita@venturesouthland.co.nz

Kiwis, Kiwis Kiwis



for people for environment

Save Kiwi week is coming! Kiwis for kiwi are launching their first ever national fundraising campaign from 14th to 20th October, with the event helping to highlight the struggle that Kiwi face in the world. Did you know 95% of Kiwi are killed in the wild before they are old enough to breed? Save Kiwi Week aims to raise \$100,000 to protect 1,000 Kiwi in the wild.



Checkout their website www.kiwisforkiwi.org and enter the draw to join Sir Graham Henry (who just happens to be patron of Kiwis for Kiwi) on a 'Kiwi Experience of a Life-time'

Trademe Auction

In conjunction with Trademe and Kiwis for Kiwi, SIRCET has offered to auction the naming rights of two of our relocated Kiwis. The brief from the auction is noted below so keep an eye on the bidding war on Trademe Listing #646614078. We made the Cool Auctions listings and the latest bid is \$615J.

'SIRCET has an exciting project following the movements of 7 Kiwis that were transferred from Ulva Island to our project area. We are keeping a close eye on their movements, who they 'hook' up with and stay together long enough to produce kiwi babies!

But alas - one our males (TX3) does not have a name. Can you help? Win the auction and you then have naming rights to TX3.

TX3 has recently been cavorting with a frisky young lady who also has an identity crisis so if you prefer female names TX71 would appreciate a pretty name.



We are looking at running a local competition to name another pair of birds, so keep an eye out for it and start thinking of names with a local flavour!

Kiwi Dog Aversion Training

Kiwis are fighting for their lives every day in the wild and they are constantly under siege from dogs, wild cats, rats and loss of habitat. If we don't do something now, we will lose Kiwi from our forests.



Dogs pose a serious threat to the survival of Kiwi. Kiwis and dogs just don't mix well and every dog regardless of its size, breeding or training is a potential Kiwi killer.

SIRCET has embraced this potential threat and is running a **Kiwi Dog Aversion Training Day** on **27th October**. Kiwis for kiwi mentor Wendy Sporle and nationally recognised dog trainer Pete Graham are travelling to the Island to give local dog owners the opportunity to increase their knowledge and help reduce the chance of their dogs killing Kiwi.

Sandy King will be trained as a 'local' Kiwi Aversion dog trainer which will ensure continued support for dog owners and refresher courses for our canine companions.

Come on Stewart Island Dog Owners – get behind this SIRCET initiated training day and ensure that we continue to have Kiwis in our 'back-yard'. For further information contact **Di Morris** on **(03) 2191515** (home) or **(03) 2190009** (work)

SIRCET and Kiwisforkiwi are hosting a kiwi talk at the Visitor Centre from 5pm-6pm on Sunday 27th October, so come and learn about New Zealand's National bird and our own Rakiura Tokoeka/Kiwi. SIRCET will also give an update on local kiwi monitoring and pest control methods.

SIRCET would like to acknowledge the support from Real Journeys for sponsoring Wendy and Pete's trip across the Strait.



SIRCET Kiwi advocacy update for September

by Cherie Hemsley

Monitoring this month of the kiwis that were released into the Ackers project area in February has revealed some surprises and some consistency!

At Harrolds Bay the male has stayed put and has a new steady girlfriend, a female that eluded our capture team back in May. His old girlfriend (TX12) is still settled with her male at Evening Cove and they are looking our most promising pair to be nesting.

Last month one of the Ackers pair was hiding from us and now both of the birds have decided to hide in a gully, maybe just needing a bit of private time!!



Tx3 and TX71 are both still hanging out at Leask Bay and we have been told that residents have been hearing a pair calling in the area nearly every night, hopefully not keeping anyone awake! The kiwi breeding season for our birds is from July to December and hopefully all the calling is pairs telling each other how the nesting is going!

Monitored locations of the birds in September at Harrolds Bay, each dot representing their location on the day. I don't think TX22 was in the sea, just close to it!!

Something I have been singing to myself during my wanders to monitor the birds...

(To the tune of Home & Away);
*You know kiwi belong together
 TX's forever and ever
 No matter where you are
 I'll use telemetry to tell me how far
 I want you to mate forever
 Closer each day
 From Ackers to Leask Bay
 I can't wait to share with you next month's news!!*



Photo by Elyn Cordeiro: Kiwi feet, made for digging burrows and kicking cats!

Haere Ra – Cherie

Digging

Between my finger and my thumb
 The squat pen rests; snug as a gun.

Under my window, a clean rasping sound
 When the spade sinks into gravelly ground:
 My father, digging. I look down

Till his straining rump among the flowerbeds
 Bends low, comes up twenty years away
 Stooping in rhythm through potato drills
 Where he was digging.

The coarse boot nestled on the lug, the shaft
 Against the inside knee was levered firmly.
 He rooted out tall tops, buried the bright edge deep
 To scatter new potatoes that we picked,
 Loving their cool hardness in our hands.

By God, the old man could handle a spade.
 Just like his old man.

My grandfather cut more turf in a day
 Than any other man on Toner's bog.
 Once I carried him milk in a bottle
 Corked sloppily with paper. He straightened up
 To drink it, then fell to right away
 Nicking and slicing neatly, heaving sods
 Over his shoulder, going down and down
 For the good turf. Digging.

The cold smell of potato mould, the squelch and slap
 Of soggy peat, the curt cuts of an edge
 Through living roots awaken in my head.
 But I've no spade to follow men like them.

Between my finger and my thumb
 The squat pen rests.
 I'll dig with it.

—Seamus Heaney

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Oyster Farm at Horseshoe Bay?

Suelen Properties Ltd (the Linds) have applied for resource consent to construct an oyster farm (as a trial) at three sites between Horseshoe Bay and Bob's Point. The sites are located in Horseshoe; at Nathan's Island; and at the Nugget, and would expand on Len's existing small pilot operation. Their ultimate goal is to develop nine sites as a cottage industry of farmed oysters at Horseshoe Bay.

(A 2011 amendment to the Resource Management Act enables applications for marine farms to be made outside recognized Aquaculture Management Areas

but otherwise within the provisions of a Regional Coastal Plan.)

For more information, read the entire application on-line at www.es.govt.nz/your-council/public-notice/2013 (I did and it answered many of my questions: the 32-page document very clearly spells out the plan without too much legalese, and it makes for a very interesting read.)

Any submissions on the application must be sent to Environment Southland by the end of working hours on Tuesday, 5th November.

ST ANDREW'S OPEN DAY OVER LABOUR WEEKEND

St Andrew's Anglican Church is holding its annual 'open day' this Labour Weekend. Although the lovely church in its peaceful garden setting is open every day, the historic hall is seldom open, but will be open on Saturday and Sunday October 26 and 27.

Iris Tait, warden of St Andrew's, says this third year of celebrating the completion of restoration to the church's heritage buildings include the 1900 Church, the 1909 Church Hall, and the bell tower containing the 'Bremen' and 'Teoni Topi Patuki of Ruapuke' bells. Also on display will be the historic font from the Neck, and old family Bibles, in a new display cabinet.

"Transport yourself back to 1909 when the hall was erected at 'The Neck' and to 1933 when it was transported to Halfmoon Bay. In 1990, the Governor General, Sir Paul Reeves, re-consecrated this simple little building," says Iris.



from left, Richard Johnson, Judy Johnston and Wynston Cooper

Self-guide leaflets will be available in the hall and church. Iris may be gardening and will be happy to answer your questions.

Following the retirement of the Revd Airdry Dyson-Leask to Invercargill, St Andrew's is now part of Gladstone Parish, which is centred on All Saints Gladstone, Invercargill. The monthly services at St Andrew's, held every fourth Sunday of the month, are shared between Richard Johnson, the Vicar of Gladstone; the Revd Judy Johnston, part of the Gladstone ministry team and known to many as a chaplain at Southland Hospital, and lay minister Wynston Cooper, whom many know from his years with DOC. Richard will be leading the service at St Andrew's on Sunday October 27, at 10.30am.

RAKIURA MUSEUM MATTERS – by Jo Riksem



Boat, "Nile" with many tourists at Halfmoon Bay wharf in the 1800s

There have been many wonderful descriptions of Stewart Island over the years. Here's one I found recently in the 1886 version of Stones Dunedin and Invercargill Directory. We would be interested to hear of any other descriptions you might find of our fair island.

"Stewart Island County, about 15 m S.W. from Campbelltown, 49 m. from Invercarill to Paterson's Inlet. A school district (av school att 27). The survey districts are, Anglem, Mason, Paterson, Lord's River, Pegasus and South Cape, in the electoral district Wallace. Population (census 1881), 295 including 164 males and 131 females: inhabited houses 62. Paterson's Inlet, the harbour, is in 46 degrees 55' south latitude, and 168 degrees 13' east longitude. The scenery around the Inlet is of a delightful description. Local industries, oystering and fishing. Conveyance, per mail steamer: fares, 10s. Mails close Invercargill Wed 6:30 am, arrive Paterson's Inlet Wed 11:20 am; close Paterson's Inlet Wed 11:30 am, arrive Invercargill Wed. 6:30 pm Schoolmaster, Wm Paterson."



We have had the privilege of having Rangi Te Kanawa, textile conservator come for a Exhibition Knowledge Exchange for three days last month. We have learned so much about our textile collection and hope to get some of our very important textiles conserved to exhibition standards. Thanks to all those who contributed to the success of the visit.



Programmes of all events for the Norwegian Weekend in April 2014 will be out next month in November. If you have not registered your interest now is the time to do so. Don't be left out!

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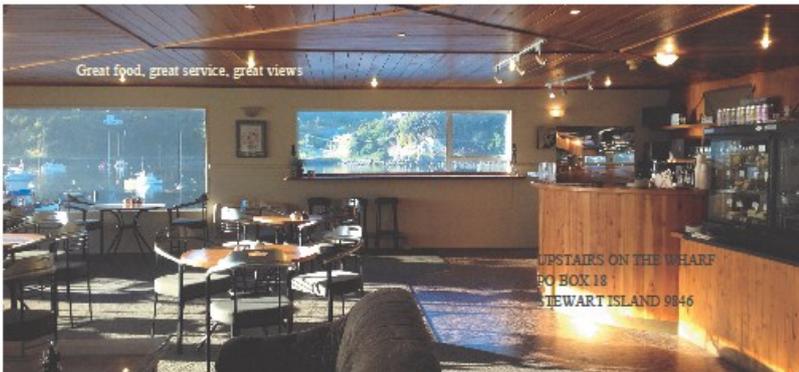
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—History says, don't hope
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So hope for a great sea-change
On the far side of revenge.
Believe that further shore
Is reachable from here.
Believe in miracle
And cures and healing wells.

—from "The Cure at Troy",
Seamus Heaney

Shop Talk by Jules Retberg

Scilly Shop Talk - Island Hopping

This edition of "Shop Talk" comes from the Isles of Scilly, a group of islands 45 kilometres off the south west coast of England. If it weren't for the absence of sandflies I could have almost believed we'd never left Stewart Island!

It would be shameless of me to write an article based on the loose connection of having spent time on both Stewart Island *and* the Isles of Scilly, so I slipped on the unfamiliar shoes of roving Rakiura Reporter and set about doing some investigative journalism. But first ... we needed milk for a cuppa!

The local shop was roughly twice the size of ours and caters for locals and visitors just as we do. Similarly, "The Co-operative" is the only grocery store on St Mary's (the largest of the five inhabited islands in the Isles of Scilly archipelago) and they also supply groceries to residents on the outer islands. Residents can either do their own grocery shopping and leave it in a basket in the St Mary's wharf to be delivered later, or place an order over the phone. Deliveries to the outer islands go onto the "tripper" boats and are collected by golf buggies or quad bikes at respective wharfs to be delivered to homes.

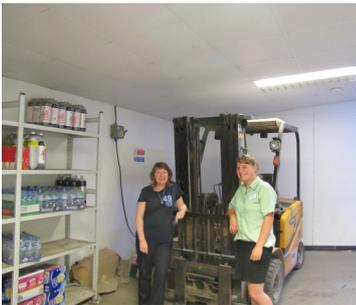
Kia (her Mum is a Kiwi from Auckland!) was kind enough to answer tons of my questions as we mused about their 30 staff compared to our 8; the 4 till lanes compared to our 2; and what happens when the bread delivery truck misses the ferry! Kia is a fellow lady forklift driver but I was too chicken to drive theirs!

And would you believe it, we met two more Kiwis while we were there; a lady working in the post office on St Mary's and a guy selling ice cream on St Agnes! Small world.

Just like Stewart Island, transport to the Isles of Scilly is by ferry or flight - Britten Norman Islanders (!) and Otters. The flight takes about the same time as Invers to Stewart Island but their ferry, *The Scillonian*, takes almost 3 hours ... and the crossing seems to have the same capacity as Foveaux Strait to make people turn green!

Some stats for the number crunchers:
2000 people live on the Isles of Scilly (1500 on St Mary's)
a whopping 63.7 million people live in the UK (4.4 million in NZ!)
Co-operative has more than 2,800 food stores across the UK
Four Square has just over 280 supermarkets throughout NZ.

Two thirds of people living on the Isles of Scilly work in tourism but fishing and flower farming are also big industries. Talking to other visitors, clean seas, empty beaches, rare wildlife and tranquility feature highly among reasons to choose this beautiful location for a holiday. Sound familiar? Warm welcome guaranteed too!



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