

# STEWART ISLAND NEWS

## CELEBRATING RAKIURA

October-November 2011

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October brings a mixed bag: a leopard seal slithering upon our shores; bucketfuls of whitebait zipping up Mill Creek; sneezles and wheezles creeping up our noses; pink cupcakes tempting us at the shop; scorching hot summery days; cold wet wintry days; and some of our craymen finally home to roost.

I know Spring is coming on strong when I receive three separate duckling reports in a week. Bid Hopkins is running out of cake tins as her troop of guests require swimming pools on the lawn. When a frantic mama duck got stuck under the Community Centre, Lyall helped shepherd her back to her babies. The south side of Horseshoe hosts an unhappy duckling tale with some abandoned babies; the Johnsons have a wonderful assortment of

happy feathered families up the beach.

October is Breast Cancer Action Month: Carol has



Oban Bikies. Photo from Margaret Hopkins

been busy baking pink cupcakes in the shop. Chris Visser did the street collection, and there was a special pink Quiz at the Pub with all proceeds going to NZBCF.

**Note from the Editor:**

I receive dozens of photos from a variety of sources for this publication. If you are a parent who does not wish for your child's photograph to appear in this newsletter, please let me know.

### Senior Citizen Housing Survey & Report

by Bruce Ford

Thank you all for your responses and support for this survey of the needs of this community to retain our seniors in the family and familiar surroundings. It certainly has endorsed my feeling of the importance of keeping this community strong and caring.

There are many youngsters coming on and parents must consider that this community will make a

very lasting impression during early childhood. This obviously includes the looking after of those folks who act as temporary grandparents, baby-sitters and are people to turn to for advice – having their own life experiences to draw on. These roles are very much enjoyed by many of our more mature Islanders.

The reply response of 65 forms out of 220 delivered is exceptional, and the many and varied notes

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**STEWART ISLAND VARIETY CONCERT &  
COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
 SATURDAY 17TH DECEMBER AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

A big "Thank You" –

to the lovely ladies (and Bruce, Allan & Chris!) who came down to the Community Hall to help me sort out the "Players" Wardrobe. A long and frustrating job turned into a much shorter and enjoyable time than I'd anticipated. I'm not sure about Gwen's contribution which was to select one particular pile of "throw-outs" and ask if we would keep them please, and the other ladies – what happened to the "Clothes Swap" pile and the post-Gwen chuck-out pile? Yep! They're back in Wardrobe, nicely coded by period and hanging in the right place or in the right carton! Thanks for making it fun for me ladies, and to all those out there who enjoy "dress-up" occasions, Wardrobe is now an easier place for us to navigate thanks to them. *Sue Ford*

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have taken some time to collate as each remark and view had to be given due weight. We have had excellent service provided by the Venture Southland's Community Development department. Anna Star has now provided a comprehensive report, which was presented to Community Board on 10 October 2011.

This report provides a positive direction for us to take a further step in the method of providing appropriate, economical and comfortable accommodation in an easy-care environment. The overall impression I was left with was that our seniors want to use their energy and limited financial resources in the community, rather than in trying to maintain large family homes and gardens to no purpose. The Community Board were very good in accepting the Report, and promptly gave it all back to me to progress further! I will do my best.

Work will now proceed, and firstly, advice from other successful providers of such accommodation will be sought – there's no point in re-inventing the wheel, and best we take advantage of others experiences where possible. There are many tried and tested arrangements, country-wide. Some can be quite elaborate – and therefore more expensive, but other schemes seem more affordable.

I will be seeking help and advice on all the possibilities, and of course, helpers are essential to the project. It's our community so it's up to all of us to help where possible. Don't hesitate to call me or stop me in the street – your views and advice are all important.

**Community  
Concert**

Due to lack of time, it  
 has been decided to  
 postpone the  
 Community Concert  
 originally planned for  
 Labour Weekend.  
 Instead, we will be  
 bringing you an  
 entertaining event for  
 the entire family, as  
 part of the Community  
 Christmas Party  
 on Saturday  
 December 17<sup>th</sup>.



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## Ackers Point forest benefits from local community pest control

By Alina Thiebes, SIRCET

In 2004 the Bay of Plenty Polytechnic (BOP Polytech) began a long-term project on behalf of SIRCET to see what impact possums and deer are having on the vegetation in the Habitat Restoration Project area and whether our trapping is reducing the impact. Ackers point and Iona Island are used as the study areas.

SIRCET recently received a copy of the BOP Polytech's 2010 report: *Change in vegetation composition following pest control at Ackers Point, Stewart Island*, by Bradley Strange. The overall findings of the report concluded that the clear increase in both the number and diversity of seedlings and saplings, as well as canopy cover, shows that **regeneration of native plant species is increasing** following control of possums and rodents in the area.

Mr. Strange noted that there was a lack of change in the quantity of palatable (tasty) fern species and attributed this to the presence of deer in the area: deer browse or deer droppings were observed at almost all study sites.



*Kamahi sp.*

Species such as kamahi, pate and miro were all identified in 2010 in abundance. Back in 2006 they were recorded as seedlings, saplings and small densities of trees, and in 2004 very few of these species were recorded at all. As pate and miro species were all together absent as larger trees in 2004 and are now prominent, Mr. Strange suggests that a change in the makeup of the forest is most certainly underway!

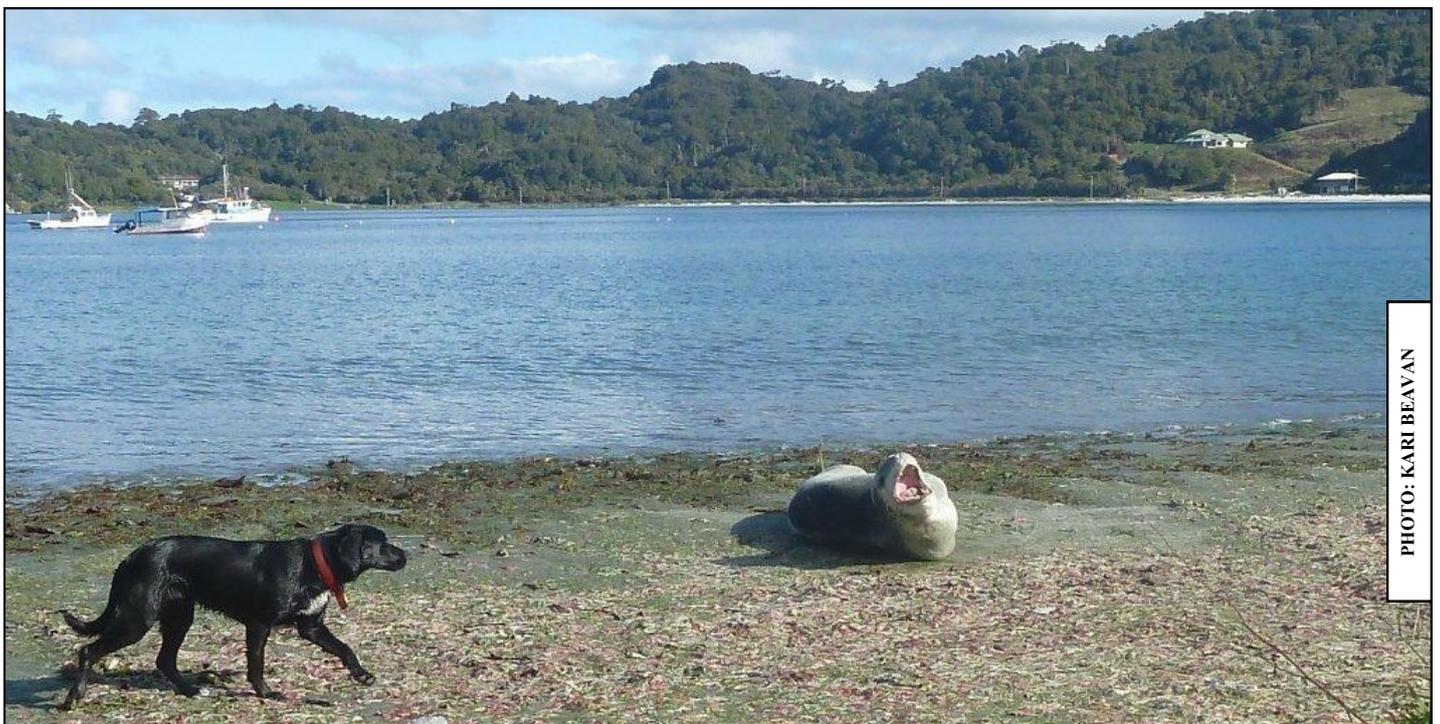


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## Music to our ears: More Music lessons for HMB School

*by Poppy LeQuesne*

**Yay!** Mary Chetty is back every second week to keep teaching music to the HMB School students.

Well it was a big mystery to the students when they were told about a marvellous surprise that was to come that morning. But their pondering was short lived when Mary slowly poked her head through the door and said **“hello!”**

Everyone raised their heads to see who was at the door and got the shock of their life. They couldn't speak and stared open mouthed at Mary. After they recovered they bombarded Mary with questions like **“why are you here?”** and **“are you coming to teach us some more music?”**

Soon after Ms. J calmed them down and told them that Mary was coming down to teach music on a Wednesday every two weeks, there was a look of excitement and bewilderment on each students face.

Mary was teaching guitar, keyboard and forming a new band. Ms. J soon typed up a timetable and the students were excited to see what classes they were in.

All the classes are learning songs and music by talented artists such as ADELE, John Lennon and *Mary herself*. Mary is teaching the band *Zombie* by the Cranberries and the band will perform it later this year.

But you can't learn music without a music room, so the students transformed the old cooking room into a fabulous music room by decorating it with amazing posters that they did themselves.

**WOW!** This is a great opportunity for the students after they got so good at their instruments at show time and I can only guess how outstanding they will be at their next performance!

## Stewart Island Jetties Update

Ulva Island Wharf is getting a “maintenance process” in mid-October which will give an improvement on the ability of visitors to step ashore from water taxis. For the larger vessels it will beef up the overall strength of the structure. Additional piles will be added and considerable increase in cross-bracing. Decking will be added and the word is that it should be strong for up to 10 years. However, who could guess what needs may arise in the meantime? We are optimistic about the progression of visitors so this is a good time to plan the future needs. It requires the attention of all operators and interested parties.

It is also important that we understand how a Wish List could be paid for. Currently, all operators pay a fee to land passengers at Ulva. I am conscious of not wanting to over-price our visitors, but they must receive a welcome and safe arrival. The current maintenance is being carried out by Southroads Bridging team, and will cost \$60,000+, so there is not a lot of scope for grandiose schemes without funding.

Community assistance will come from EEC with the mussel barge ‘Mapua’ handling piles and heavy lifts, and other services will be provided by local operators. Your patience and common-sense around these works will be appreciated.

*Bruce Ford*

## Community Funding

by Kari Beavan

The way funding is granted in Southland is changing, described John Prendergast, CEO of the Community Trust of Southland (CTOS) speaking at this month's "Snack n Yak".

John was guest speaker at the "Snack n Yak" community get together on Stewart Island. His talk covered funding and an approach called Community led Development where communities have more ownership of decision making and take a lead for finding solutions to their needs.

John described funding as a bit like aerial top-dressing, where money is dispersed from on high, hopefully to benefit the community where it falls. He also showed pictures of "funders at work", drawing imagery of the game "Battleships" where community groups lob funding applications towards grant criteria, hoping to hit their mark, and in return, funders lob money back over the wall, with neither group having a whole picture of where the other group's targets lie.

He discussed how funders like to fund "safe" projects, ones which have a start and finish, and result in a tangible product, such as a community centre. You can see a concrete result for your money, it should look just like the plans on paper, and someone can stand out the front and cut a ribbon when it's all over.

Of course, in the first years af-

ter CTOS was founded, communities had need for many of these sorts of projects. Many facilities were in need of repair or simply were not present at all. Twenty two years on and it is clear that Southland now has a wealth of facilities.

CTOS is realising that applications are arriving for silly or wasteful requests. Generally they give themselves away by prefacing the request with "If you fund this, it will be the only one in the world of its type."

Instead, CTOS is starting to consider their funding streams in terms of low risk, medium risk and high risk funding, just as an investor would with their investments. To describe what he meant, John talked about "simple", "complicated" and "complex" projects. A simple project is one in which you can follow a recipe-approach and get the same result every time, as in baking a cake. A complicated project follows the same rules but with more steps and less margin for error, as in flying a rocket to the moon – generally if you put in the right materials, in the right sequence over and over again, you should get the same result each time. For John, a complex project is one where making the same steps and decisions does not give the same result. He talked about his three daughters here – all born to the same parents, in the same house, but the results are three very different people. Everything John and Ella have ever done with their children has changed, however slightly, the girls themselves and their responses to the same situation in the future.

The same can be said of communities. Every experience within that community changes the attitudes and approach towards future events and opportunities.

For funders, the challenge is now to walk alongside the communities in which they are working, in what can be described as a high-risk relationship. This means the funder doesn't start out knowing what will be asked of them, and neither does the community start out knowing what they will need. CTOS started funding the costs of the Snack and Yak get-togethers, despite not knowing what would come out of them, and at a risk that the only outcome would be full tummies from some delicious muffins. They could, however, see the potential for great ideas and connections to come from the conversations that strike up when people get together and share their challenges, ideas and resources, over a casual cup of coffee. Stewart Islanders are good at stepping up to a challenge, forming a group or taking on a project as individuals. What CTOS often hears is how volunteers and groups are getting worn out from stepping up so much. Perhaps this was an opportunity to protect ourselves against some of that burnout, share our load, connect our groups and come up with a group solution to not getting so worn out. It might also be a way to introduce new people to the island into areas in which they can contribute and feel welcome.

John's talk was inspiring and thought provoking. If the

Stewart Island community is up for the challenge, CToS is prepared to walk along side us to help to identify, take ownership and find solutions for the issues we face.

If you wish to know more about the Snack n Yaks or the Community Led Development approach, then contact Brent or Kari Beaven, Debs Dillon, Di Morris or Gwen Neave. Community Led development concepts can be found at [www.inspiringcommuniies.org.nz](http://www.inspiringcommuniies.org.nz) or [www.bankofideas.com.au](http://www.bankofideas.com.au).

### What is the “Snack and Yak” about?

“Snack n Yak” community get-togethers are a way for the many community groups on Stewart Island to connect in the same room at the same time. They provide opportunity for discussion, sharing of problems and solutions as well as the bubbling up of many positive ideas about how to make Stewart Island an even better place to live. The first one laid some important ground work with feedback and ideas guiding what we do at future get-togethers. John was asked to join us in response to feedback that a theme would be good, even if only for the occasional session.

The two held so far have generated many ideas that are being progressed, including development of a community groups booklet outlining what groups are on the island and how to join, a website which can host community group events, invites, meetings and upcoming training opportunities for the island, discussion around getting younger people involved in community activities, ideas around a community vision for the island, and more.

The next Snack n Yak will have the theme of a community expo and will be held on 12<sup>th</sup> November, to welcome the new summer season staff and islanders to the island and invite them to become involved in our local groups or just to meet other people living here.



# Community Expo



12 November at the Community Centre  
11am – 2pm (or as long as you feel like staying)  
Calling all community groups and services  
Come and welcome the new summer season staff and  
other new residents to the island.

Set up a table, a knit and knatter circle or just mingle individually over the BBQ, coffee and muffins; explain what your group does, and why, to residents (old and new) who may be interested in joining, helping out on occasion or just knowing what is on offer in our community.

Keep an eye on the notice board, e-mail and facebook for details.

## DOC Spot

by Sharon Pasco, Programme Manager Community Relations / Field Centre Supervisor

### Staff numbers boosted

Summer is definitely on its way! The days are drawing out and the Department of Conservation's work teams have been boosted over recent weeks with the arrival of a number of short-term staff to assist with the assault on weeds and various other biodiversity and visitor asset tasks. We have also recently recruited new permanent and 24-month contract staff to fill vacancies left following the resignation of Emma Stephen, Johnny Currin and Eigell Wahlberg. Some of these staff have yet to arrive, however we will look to profile them all in our DOC Spot over the coming months, so you know who they are and can welcome them to the community.

### Ulva Island Update

The second of two planned aerial bait drops of the rat toxin brodifacoum over Ulva Island was carried out successfully on September 20. We have completed a month of trapping with all the traps on the island open and are very pleased to report that no rats have been caught, nor has there been any sign of rats detected on the island. A specialist rat-tracking dog will comb the island in late October / early November to check for rats and will make a second visit in approximately six months. The toxicity of the bait remaining on the island is being monitored and staff have also collected fish and shellfish samples from around the island, which have sent to Landcare Research at Lincoln for testing. Ulva is open to the public, but warnings remain in place for anyone visiting:

- DO NOT touch bait
- WATCH CHILDREN at all times DO NOT FISH or eat fish or shellfish taken from within 100m of the coast of Ulva and surrounding islets and rock stacks.

We would also like to remind everyone visiting the island to be extra vigilant to ensure they are not unwittingly transporting stowaways to the island – particularly weed seeds and rodents!

### Other items in brief:

**Dotterels** - Bait stations for Dotterel protection work have been opened up.

**Dune protection** - Work started last week at the Ruggedys, with the team working their way back towards Halfmoon Bay.

**Possum tenders** – These have been advertised for the south Paterson Inlet area. Work is expected to be completed by December.

**Pest Liaison Group meeting** – We are looking at holding a public information meeting covering the possum and marram projects on the island, in early December. The time and venue for this meeting will be advertised when a date has been finalised.

**Local walks** – staff have checked tracks and these are now set for summer.

**House repairs** – Staff and contractors have almost completed repairs to the DOC Accommodation house in Dundee Street that was damaged by fire in June.

**Volunteer Hut rangers** - The volunteer hut ranger programme is almost fully subscribed. Hut rangers will be based at Mason Bay and Port William huts from the 1st December through until the 30th March, as well as over the Easter period.

**Hut Clean** - Four volunteers are currently spending 10 days assisting staff with hut cleaning tasks at various huts around the North West Circuit.

**Moturau Moana Gardens** – Elaine Hamilton is again leading a volunteer team with the assistance of a DOC staff member tidying up Moturau, so the gardens are at their best over summer for visitors and locals to enjoy.

**Visitor Monitoring Survey** – We plan survey all visitors to Ulva Island in February 2012. This will replicate a



Bio team working at Hellfire

survey carried out on Ulva in February 2007.

**North West Circuit** – Checks for windfalls have been completed from Mason Bay to Yankee River and general maintenance has been completed on the Big Hellfire, East Ruggedy and Long Harry huts.

**New Hunters Hut** - The Rakiura Hunter Camp Trust has built a new six-bunk hunter hut on the Upper Lords block.

**New map for NWC** – The Department is working with a supplier to produce a single map for the North West Circuit, now that the new Topo50 series splits this across four maps. These will be available soon from the Rakiura National Park Visitor Centre.

**Update for Concessionaires** – Local concessionaires were invited to the visitor centre last Wednesday evening for an opportunity to learn more about the work of the department. This event is held annually, prior to the main tourist season getting underway, so that concessionaires have the most up-to-date information to share with their clients.

**Sirocco still a star** - Sirocco's visit to Orokonui last month was well supported, with around 1600 people taking the opportunity to meet the world's most famous kakapo during his three week stay. Sirocco is now settled in at Zealandia, where more than 2300 tickets have already been sold. He will be there until the 31st of October.

## **Four Books Reviewed** *from Sue Ford*

How can I go to the Library one week and select four books that are rubbish and only read because I hope they'll get better – but they don't; then another week, I take four books that have me up until all hours of the night because they are so readable? And I admit now that the first of the good books – Brian Cooper's "Out with the Tide" isn't particularly well-written, the characters are wooden (and there are a few superfluous to the story), and the plot is standard "whodunnit" of the mediocre sort. So why did I enjoy it? Cooper may not be good with characters, but he's marvellous at painting places with words. It's set in Norfolk (U.K.) in the week immediately after The Great Storm. On 31 January 1953, over 300 people died on the east coast of England in the massive floods stirred up by the mother of all storms. I spent a holiday on the east coast in 1970 and the events were still fresh in people's minds. I've never forgotten the sense of melancholy in some of the locals. Cooper does very well with a police investigation in the days before DNA sampling, cell phones and computers, the days when women police officers made the coffee and broke bad news to relatives .... Read if you are a nostalgia freak or have been to Norfolk.

"Tower of Silence" by Sarah Rayne explores the effect that terrible events in India in the late 1940's had on a bunch of children. Survivor, Selina March now operates remote Teign House as a B&B to which mystery writer Joanna Saville comes, looking for "material" from Moy, the nearby criminal lunatic asylum. Here, notorious 1960's killer, Mary Maskelyne has just been sent. 21-year old Emily helps at the B&B, and is not only in love with the asylum's director, charismatic Patrick Irvine, but strikes up an acquaintance with the silent "Pippa", a patient at Moy. Then Joanna disappears, and Krzystof, her husband comes to Teign House to look for her. And the Round Tower broods over all the happenings, much as the Tower of Anwar did in the past. Not the best of the thrillers, but different, and interesting.

How I managed to take out two books at the same time, both featuring Norfolk, is a mystery in itself, but "A Dark Devotion" by Clare Francis is less evocative of the marshes (despite frequent references to The Great Storm) but is a better tale than Cooper's, with characters more rounded, plot more polished. It also takes place in the "present" (published 1998 when mobiles only made phone calls!). The story of how Alex, a successful London solicitor, returns to the village of her youth, called back by Will, the man of her youthful fantasies, is intriguing. Will's beautiful wife, Grace, has disappeared – whether voluntarily or not is the first question. This book has strong overtones of Gothic Romance, rather than straight out thriller, but cleverly interweaves past and present relationships, through to the bitter end.

Jean Saunders' "Deadly Suspicions" is a more traditional thriller – though the lead character is also an Alex! She is supposed to be a P.I., but I wouldn't hire her to look for my glasses when they are on my nose. But it's still a good yarn and bumbling Alex is at least human. So is the dismembered hand found some months after its 16-year old owner goes missing. Steven Leng's parents are both, each in his/her own way, mad as hatters since the tragic fire in which Steven supposedly died. His obsessed mother doesn't believe he died and hires Alex – 10 years after the event – to find out where Steven is. What Alex uncovers, apart from madness, drug-fuelled crime and misogynists in the police force, is worth reading.

So there you are – four books worth staying up for. Wish I could remember the names of the four books I "rejected" to warn you about them, but they were such rubbish, I've forgotten everything about them!

**BOAT SAFETY:** *With a day out on the water becoming ever more enticing, Environment Southland's Deputy Harbourmaster says Stewart Island boaties need to put the safety of their passengers and themselves at the front of their minds.*

Lyndon Cleaver said it was of utmost importance that any recreational boaties ensure everything on their craft was up to standard and has all of the necessary safety equipment available.



There is no better time to check than now, before the weather really heats up and makes a day on the water particularly inviting.

There are rules skippers should stick to when out on the water that come under Environment Southland's Navigation Safety Bylaws that will increase the chance

of survival if anyone runs into trouble.

Lifejackets on recreational craft less than 6m in length are essential, but they must also fit properly and be worn by everyone on board, Lyndon said.

And the sea can get quite rough around Stewart Island and quickly, so it's important to have at least two methods of communication on your boat, he said.

A cellphone kept in plastic bag was a good idea, depending on the availability of coverage, and VHF radio was a reliable way of keeping contact with terra firma, he said. "It's also good practice that anyone going for a trip out on the water to let the Stewart Island Fishermen's Radio operator Maureen Jones know about it."

That meant filing a trip report, including how many people are on board, where the intended destination is and what time you expect to return, he said.

Other rules that recreational boaties should follow is the requirement that all vessels (unless it's non-mechanical and less than 6m long) have clearly identifiable markings, with characters no less than 50mm in size.

That could be the vessel's radio call-sign, a trailer registration, or other markings approved by the harbourmaster, Lyndon said.

The markings must be displayed on each side of the vessel.

The rules were in place for one reason, to help people survive in what can be an unforgiving environment.

Other advice to follow was for boaties to check weather forecasts before leaving shore which can be done on the internet, in the newspaper or on the radio, he said.

For a full list of the boating rules, as well as Southland's Navigation Safety Bylaws, go to [www.es.govt.nz](http://www.es.govt.nz).

Christopher Robin  
Had wheezles  
And sneezles,  
They bundled him  
Into  
His bed.  
They gave him what goes  
With a cold in the nose,  
And some more for a cold  
In the head.  
They wondered  
If wheezles  
Could turn  
Into measles,  
If sneezles  
Would turn  
Into mumps;  
They examined his chest  
For a rash,  
And the rest  
Of his body for swellings and lumps.  
They sent for some doctors  
In sneezles  
And wheezles  
To tell them what ought  
To be done.  
All sorts and conditions  
Of famous physicians  
Came hurrying round  
At a run.  
They all made a note  
Of the state of his throat,  
They asked if he suffered from thirst;  
They asked if the sneezles  
Came after the wheezles,  
Or if the first sneeze  
Came first.  
They said, "If you teazle  
A sneeze  
Or wheezle,  
A measles  
May easily grow.  
But humour or pleazle  
The wheezle  
Or sneeze,  
The measles  
Will certainly go."  
They expounded the reazles  
For sneezles  
And wheezles,  
The manner of measles  
When new.  
They said "If he freezles  
In draughts and in breezles,  
Then PHTHEEZLES  
May even ensue."

Christopher Robin  
Got up in the morning,  
The sneezles had vanished away.  
And the look in his eye  
Seemed to say to the sky,  
"Now, how to amuse them to-day?"

from *Now We Are Six* by A.A. Milne

**STEWART ISLAND GARDEN CIRCLE**

SHANIA HOPGOOD from AMBROSIA,  
 Designer Florist, Invercargill will be at the  
 FIRE STATION AT 10 am SATURDAY  
 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER to give a floral arrangement  
 demonstration followed by a workshop.

We would appreciate at least a \$5.00  
 donation to help cover costs.

Morning and Afternoon tea provided  
 Bring a plate for a shared lunch.



**The next meeting of the Garden Circle  
 will be at the home of Wendy Hallett  
 at 2 pm on Thursday 10th November.**



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(Get your Christmas shopping done early)

**STEWART ISLAND SENIOR CITIZENS  
and  
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LABOUR WEEKEND STALL

10 am OUTSIDE NOTICE BOARD

ON SATURDAY 22 OCTOBER



**Life's a box of birds...**

These ducklings enjoy their posh swimming pool (one of Bid's cake tins) in the Hopkins' yard. Bid and Ernie ended up hosting two families of ducks in their yard, one with 13 ducklings and the other with six so they have two pools set up on their lawn this Spring.

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# CONGRATULATIONS

Parents Letitia and Andrew and big brother Ryan  
*Welcome*  
Isabella Olive

## ***Stewart Island Four Square* will be holding a wine tasting on Friday 21st October 4.30pm until 6pm.**

We have a range of the Stables collection wines from the Ngatarawa Winery in Hawkes Bay to taste and try! This wine normally retails at \$18.19 per bottle but will be on special for \$11.99.

Come down for our first ever wine tasting, hopefully the start of many!

And speaking of wine, we have had recent addition to our shelves and chiller:

*Soulo*, individual re-sealable wines, in an unbreakable plastic glass. Fantastic for the quick trip to Ulva or picnic in the bush when you don't want to carry a glass bottle. \$5 each or \$14.50 for a three pack, the range comes in Merlot, Pinot Gris, Chardonnay and Sav Blanc.

Not forgetting the boys!

Just in time for the Rugby final (Go the All Blacks? don't know who's through yet!) Speights 24 packs are \$36.99 and Steinlager Classic 12 packs are \$19.99 from Monday 17th until Sunday 23rd October.

From your team at the shop; always looking after the locals! Cheers!

## **Yoga**

**5pm Wednesdays at the RSA  
\$3.00 beginners welcome!  
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