

STEWART ISLAND NEWS

CELEBRATING RAKIURA

October—November 2014

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Summer is coming!

Sounds like a quote from A Game of Scones, but that does rather depend on how you pronounce it....

*"I asked the maid in dulcet tone
To order me a buttered scone;
The silly girl has been and gone
And ordered me a buttered scone."*

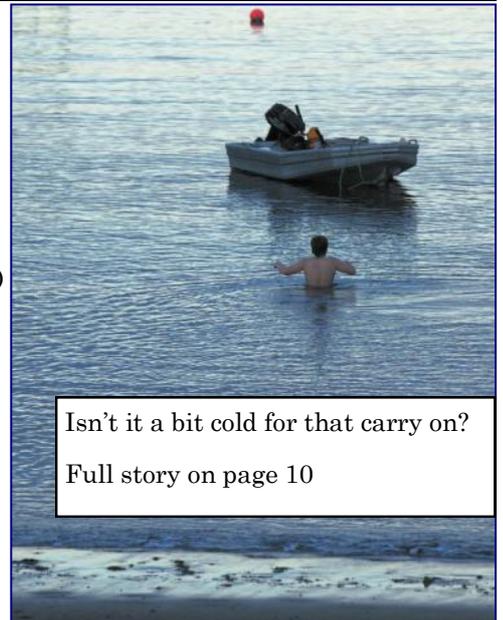
No matter how you say it, if you can bake it, you can win at the Rugrat's Gala Day, all ages welcome! In fact, so much is happening over Labour Weekend, I have added a handy 'What's On' guide to the back page!

You can also keep abreast of events on the notice-board outside the shop and SI Flights, SI Events facebook-page, Quiz Night website and the SIN website. Also on the SIN site are the minutes from the Community Board and Jetties; thanks Jess.

The backpackers are open again, the boating fraternity are up and running, the cinema is set to dazzle us with A Local's Tail once more and soon we will be spoilt for choice for eateries. Along with the ever-present, ever-yummy pub and shop food; Church Hill, Bird On A Pear (check out Jo's new home-made pies!) and the Creperie have all reopened for the season and Holger and the Kai Kart are soon to join them! (see pg17)

Sticking with food, a huge congratulations to Donna and Gareth Hamilton for the Best Café Award in the 2014 HANZ competition and also for being selected as finalists in the Excellence in Training and Staff Development Award and Excellence in Customer Service Award! Way to go, guys!

The Eastern played Stewart Island back in Feb 2013, since then they've toured around NZ and Australia and also provided the soundtrack to TV3's three part drama series, Hope and Wire, about the Christchurch Earthquake. They'll be back on the Island for quiz on Sunday 9th November (maybe a few songs to whet your appetite!), then playing at Bird on a Pear Monday 10th November 7pm. For \$20 entry, I'd recommend going to see Jo and booking your place now!

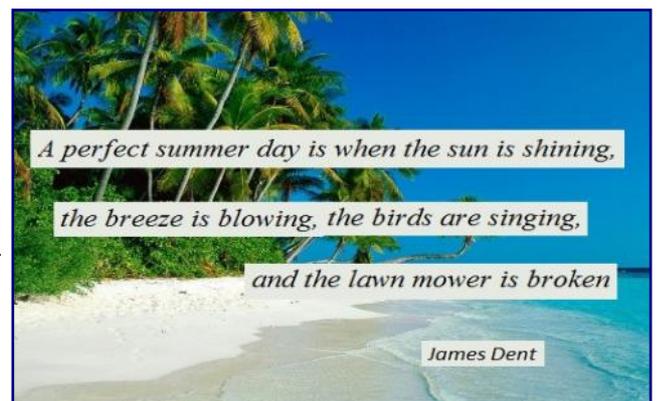


Isn't it a bit cold for that carry on?

Full story on page 10

I've been away for a couple of quizzes, thanks to Helen Cave and Jo McClelland for keeping things going! We do have some spare quiz money at the moment so if your group needs something, let myself or Helen know.

Vicki



Shark Cage Diving Feedback

The Department of Conservation is seeking feedback from the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community on permitting of Shark Cage Diving with Great White Sharks.

If you would like to comment on this proposed activity or

any conditions please do so by this link.

www.doc.govt.nz/shark-cage-permits-feedback

Also on this webpage are links to information on Great White Sharks and the permitting process.

It is important we have your

feedback to aid DOC in its statutory decision making.

Maritime New Zealand are involved with the safe operation of vessels, including shark cage dive vessels. Maritime NZ's code of practice can be found on their website,

www.maritimenz.govt.nz

WISE UP OF WEEDS!

FREE family info day – learn about the weeds in your backyard with special guest Woody Weed!

- Weed identification and advice on control options
- Treasure hunt for the kids
- Colouring-in competition with plenty of great prizes
- Weed quiz for the grown-ups with a Samsung mini notepad to give away
- Barbeque, lolly scramble and giveaways

Sunday 26 October, 11.30 am – 2.30 pm

Halfmoon Bay beachfront (opp. South Seas Hotel)



Department of
Conservation
Te Papa Atawhai



Te Taino Tonga

Opening of Rakiura Marine Field Station

7th and 8th of November 2014



To mark this occasion, you are invited to a series of events that will share marine research and teaching conducted by the University of Otago around Stewart Island

The plan:

The Inaugural Rakiura Marine Research Evening

Friday 6.00 pm at the Stewart Island Community Centre. Students from the Department of Marine Science share their research conducted locally on dolphins, kelp, sharks and scallops to name a few. Followed by light refreshments and an opportunity to talk to students and staff.

Marine Metre Squared workshop

Saturday at 9.30 am. For anyone interested in learning more about their local seashore and the Marine Metre Squared project (mm2.net.nz). All welcome – meet at the school and dress appropriately for the shore.

Field Station Open Morning

Saturday 10.00 am until noon. Come to the Field Station on Dundee Street have a look around and talk to staff and students. The University's Research Vessel, Polaris II, will be available for inspection.

Official Opening

Saturday at Noon at 4 Dundee Street. Rakiura Marine Field Station will be officially opened.

All of these events are open to the public and we look forward to seeing you there

LETTERS ☒☒☒☒

Some “Buffer or Barrier” Comments

by Ron Morrison

My comments refer to the Sep-Oct 2014 SIN “Buffer or Barrier” article by Sandy King. Sandy’s article demonstrates the amazing effectiveness of Goodnature self-resetting rat traps in the ongoing Native Island DOC trial. The Goodnature self-resetting trap innovation has been used for rats, possums, stoats, minks, and mongoose, and appears destined to become a critical conservation tool. These traps are humane, and there is no toxin collateral damage. Read the Scoop article that Vicki (and Lania) referred us to (Sep-Oct 2014 SIN) titled “Unprecedented 0% Pest Survival Rate in DOC Rat Control Trial.”

Native Island was selected as a test site by DOC in order to answer the question: “Will Goodnature automatic/resetting traps eradicate possums/rats on Native Island”? Before trapping started, rat activity was measured to be 84% (tracking tunnel index) and possum activity was measured to be 57% (wax tag bite mark index). Sandy’s data indicates that over a nine month trapping period, the rat tracking tunnel index has been reduced to 6%.

There is no doubt in my mind that if SIRCET had been able to use Goodnature self-resetting rat traps from day one, then they would currently be experiencing tracking results well below their 10% target.

Successful eradication projects require elimination of all predators, combined with a management strategy capable of detecting and eliminating re-invaders. If re-eradication becomes necessary, the project failed. How many Ulva Island re-eradications would have been required over the years if Ulva Island were located as close to Stewart Island as Native Island is located?

Consider Predator Free Rakiura. Because Stewart Island is so large, eradication requires the island to be divided into zones, with each zone eradicated separately. Buffer areas will be established between these zones for management of potential re-invasion. DOC is undertaking five years of research in order to develop new technology that can be used within these buffer areas (no physical barrier)

to prevent reinvasion of previously eradicated zones. With this new technology, the buffer area is transformed into a virtual physical barrier.

Are Goodnature traps capable of establishing a virtual physical barrier? If DOC established a Goodnature buffer area across the township peninsula (in the vicinity of the proposed predator-proof fence), this could become a test site for the question: Can a buffer area with Goodnature automatic/resetting possum/rat traps establish and maintain 0% possum/rat tracking indices, with predator pressure from both sides of the buffer area? Perhaps part of this trial is already underway at Onepu in Te Urewera and Boundary Stream northwest of Napier (see the Scoop “Unprecedented 0% Pest Survival Rate in DOC Rat Control Trial”).

We need more detailed information regarding the stated objectives of the Onepu and Boundary Stream DOC trial mentioned above. We also need to know when this trial will be completed (meaning a published report), since it may increase our options and alter our views about township eradication. It is way too early to be establishing plans for township eradication.

Physical barriers may become obsolete technology over the next five years.

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Dear Editor,

Kia ora koe. I'm building a family bach on an island and am keen to ask your readers for their stories about Gas Stoves. Our location will be OFF-THE-GRID so we will use LPG bottled GAS.

I'm hunting for the PERFECT GAS STOVE that's proved itself to be sturdy, reliable, cleanable, repairable and efficient on the cooking front. What brand and model and where from?

I would appreciate any insights from your Island readers and cooks.

Thanks for your help.

Martin Whyte Raumati South

whylem@gmail.com

Stewart Island Film Festival

Brought to you by the New Zealand Film Archive and Toi Rakiura



Stewart Island Community Centre



Stewart Island through the ages

A collection of footage of Stewart Island through the years especially put together by Jane Paul from the Film Archive NZ

Saturday 25th October 4pm Gold Coin Donation

Saturday 25th October 7pm \$5 adult \$3 children
Bar available



Aunt Daisy and the Dancing Cossacks

A collection of cinema and television advertising made between 1930 and 2000 of seriously funny New Zealand history. The cars we drove, the bands we watched, the slacks we wore...combined with stylish graphics and animation.

Monday 27th October 4pm Gold Coin Donation

Scone Baking Competition!

The Stewart Island Women's Institute are holding a scone baking competition on Gala Day.

There are two categories to enter, plain or flavoured (date, cheese, bacon, raisin, your choice!).



Gold Coin donation entry fee (money going to Rugrats) you must enter three scones, plate provided.

Our judges will judge on taste, texture, smell and look. Up for grabs are the new cookbooks by Annabel Langbein and Simon Gault (overall winner takes their pick).

Entries must be in by midday Sunday 26th October

Booby prize too!



STEWART ISLAND LIONS

Ever wondered what Lions is about or what we do?

We raise money to purchase goods and make donations to various groups both locally and nationally. When we receive requests for donations or help we discuss these at our monthly meetings. We do not limit ourselves to just financial needs but often provide man power to help with projects the Lions Club is involved in.

Listed below are donations and/or purchases we have provided in the last few years.

- Christmas Cakes for Senior Citizens
- Foundation for the Blind – Guide Dog
- Prostate Cancer Appeal
- New Zealand Suicide Trust
- Australian Bush Fire
- Rakiura Heritage Trust
- Riverton Coast Guard
- Ronald McDonald House
- Lloyd Morgan Charitable Trust
- Camp Quality
- Baby Gifts



- Moturau Moana Gardens
- Neurological Foundation Appeal
- Stewart Island Quilters
- Stewart Island Health Committee – Passports
- Cemetery Project
- Oban Volunteer Fire Brigade – Smoke Alarms
- Yellow Eyed Penguin Trust

We are currently in the process of installing 4 table and chairs to be sited at Lonnekers, Butterfields and two near the pavilion; providing man power to lay a concrete surround for the whale pots at Leask Bay; paying the travel fees for four volunteers coming across to help tidy up at Moturau Moana Gardens.

We raise money for these projects by running the Locals Ball and BBQ's for groups (local and visiting)

We hold meetings on the first Wednesday of the month and start our meetings with a meal. You are welcome to come along to a meeting to see if Lions is for you. Just contact one of the people below.

Office Holders:

- President: Barry Rhodes 2191 115
- Vice President: Anita Geeson 2191 014
- Secretary: Lynn McPherson 2191 186

Owen William Gerrard



Owen first visited the island in 1979 with a group of Invercargill Operatic characters – including the late Richie Fraser and Father Pound, the incomparable Helen Giles and Sally Brice and John Bruce – who presented a Music Hall in the old town hall. It was a wonderful production and at the after show party Owen played the piano at Beryl and Lloyd Wilcox's home well into the small hours as we all gathered around to sing. It was our first introduction to the man we had heard so much about from Kath Strang who had organised the event. His friendship with the island developed from that night and some months later at a dinner in Invercargill we managed to persuade him to hold a drama workshop on the island and to produce a pantomime for the island. Barry Rhodes was there that night and remembers the negotiations well. The following year Owen did conduct a drama and theatre makeup workshop here which was sufficient to whet our appetites for more and virtually launched the Stewart Island Players.

In 1981 Owen directed Cinderella on the island with a small cast of eighteen. This was the first of 21 shows produced by the newly formed Stewart Island Players under Owen's guidance that included musicals such as Oklahoma! , Show Boat, White Horse Inn, Oliver! Calamity Jane, South Pacific and many fun filled pantomimes. Owen loved the challenge of working with really green performers; shy fishermen with two left feet, salmon farmers with no previous theatrical experience, housewives eager to escape the tedium of everyday life, DoC workers, hotel proprietors, retired senior citizens and school teachers. We were all keen to learn and be involved. Owen's special skill at extracting the best from each person was phenomenal. He was kind, exceedingly patient, encouraging and inspirational and so was rewarded with our total allegiance and diligence.

Owen's knowledge of theatre included lighting and sound techniques, period costumes, classical and modern playwrights, properties and front of house protocols as well as the aforementioned makeup. He often brought friends from Invercargill Operatic and Repertory with him to help with makeup as our casts grew in size or to fill key character parts. He also arranged for accomplished pianists to visit for rehearsals and performances. He'd spend many hours searching Operatic and Repertory wardrobes for appropriate costumes and send them all across for Players to try.

Our final night parties were legendary. Despite his protests Owen always ended up on the piano with everyone gathered about singing numbers from past shows. I remember Garry pulling Owen's chair away from the piano at 2.30 am one night saying 'Owen, it's time to go home'. However, Big John McRandle pushed him straight back to the

keyboard saying 'Play on Owen', which he dutifully did! Most show nights Owen and I would be amongst the last to leave the hall and we would walk home arm in arm with other Players (Colleen Dawson, Gail Learmonth, Wayne Costello) singing at the top of our voices. This was so after Calamity Jane when at 6.30 am (yes, it was daylight) we sang Black Hills of Dakota across several streets in answer to choruses from other homeward bound revellers.

Any Players that were still standing the following afternoon would gather at the air depot to farewell Owen with small parcels of fish or baking and lusty singing of We'll Meet Again, and Wish Me Luck as You Wave Me Goodbye as the shuttle pulled out only to find its way impeded by Jane and Sam Nichol playing "dead flies" on the road! .

Owen brought business friends to the island on several occasions for fund raising fashion parades. The first of these was held in Lindsay and Lorraine Squires' home, followed by another at The Lodge and the final one at Shearwater Lodge (now S.Is Backpackers) some years later. He also set-up shops in the hall and community centre on several occasions for the islanders who found it difficult to get to Invercargill to shop at Xmas. These events of course were also opportunities for social intercourse with the Players. Owen helped Toi Rakiura present a very successful Wearable Arts night with Helen Clark, ex-Southland Mayor Frana Cardno and Dil Belworthy as judges. That evening he won the major award for the best costume design!

Owen loved food. We were always delighted to share seafood with him because of his enthusiasm. He was always dapper and

very proper in his dress and behaviour but, when it came to eating crayfish he rolled his sleeves up, asked for a tea towel to tuck under his chin and proceeded to demolish every claw and leg for meat as well as eating the tail flesh. He often went home with a parcel of carcasses as well as whole fish to enjoy in the privacy of his home. And mutton-birds! The same dress code and zeal applied to his devouring them.

Owen was always a welcome and generous guest. After rehearsals he would sit into the wee hours discussing the current production, politics, art, recipes, music, theatre and – a favourite topic – the creeping dangers of technology. He became a real part of our family enjoying our family anniversary celebrations and weddings. Like us our children loved and respected him. His phone calls were always relished although it might be ninety minutes later one could replace the receiver.

Owen's sudden death in Southland Hospital Kew on 18 September came as a shock to many who knew he was recovering well following a partial limb amputation and being diagnosed as a diabetic.

His funeral was attended by so many familiar Invercargill and Southland theatre lovers. It was a defiant tribute to a man who insisted he did not want a funeral service. Buffy Edlin (who performed in one of our Music Hall productions) sang 'Homing' and the Panache Choir sang 'Deep River' as Owen's casket left the

OWEN WILLIAM GERRARD

All past and present Stewart Island Players and friends

Are invited to a

WAKE

To commemorate the life of our past director and friend
Who passed away late last month in Southland Hospital.

Community Centre 7.30 pm

Friday 24 October

Bring a plate and refreshments and all your memories
(photos welcome) to share.

chapel. Barry MacDonald's moving eulogy was a fitting tribute to a man who had always given so much to others. He related how Owen helped many schools in town directing their musicals, applying their make-up, providing costumes. Owen 'polished' many speech and drama students for local teachers before their examinations. He also 'polished' performances by choirs and groups such as Panache and the Sweet Adelines. Barry also mentioned Owen's long association with the island and his sister Elsie later said how he always rang her to tell her after a trip to the island about "the special people" he worked with here. His love for the island was well known in Invercargill.

And as Richard Squires said to me, "Stewart Islanders loved him". We used to say when rehearsals were not going to plan – 'never mind, when he returns Owen will bring the magic.'

Owen certainly did bring us the magic; the magic of learning stagecraft, discovering new skills, finding new confidence and experiencing theatre as most of us had never known it before. The man who did not want a funeral was also the humble director who never took curtain calls, who never went front of house (unless he wanted to give us an encouraging presence to focus on at the back of the hall), who shunned speech giving and didn't look for public acknowledgement.

We will miss Owen so much, but he leaves us with many happy memories for which we are grateful.

Rest peacefully dear Owen.

"Goodnight sweet Prince".



Dog Kiwi-Aversion Training

SIRCET, with assistance from DOC, Kiwis for Kiwi and Sandy King, are holding the next Kiwi Dog Aversion Training session on:



Saturday 25th October

9am at the Motarau Moana Gardens

This is a great opportunity to train your best friend up and help protect our special Kiwi!

For those dog owners whose dogs need re-certification, we'll be in touch. Any owners who haven't been through the training before, and would like to learn more or register their interest, please contact:

Di Morris: 027 759 9773

Sandy King: 027 867 9011

We welcome all dogs large and small! We now have a small dog collar as well as a large.



Only two entries for the cation comp this month both by A-non, so Bosun ends up the winner with his choice of pitcher at the pub (I'm guessing water!).
"Me sinks, me thinks!"
"Quick Sandy, Pull me out!"

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SPRING GARDENING SAFETY TIPS

Important information around handling soils, potting mix and compost

As the trend towards ‘growing your own’ fruit and vegetables experiences a resurgence with Kiwi gardeners, it is timely to highlight some simple safety messages according to an industry expert.

Nursery and Garden Industry Association of New Zealand (NGINZ), CEO, Dr John Liddle says; “Soil is rich with living organisms which are beneficial to plants and generally cause no harm to animals or people. Soil does, however, contain some organisms that are not beneficial such as a type of Legionella bacteria, which is commonly found in the environment. In rare cases this can cause Legionnaire’s disease.”

“Gardening is a popular pastime enjoyed by thousands of New Zealand-

ers. Apart from the obvious cost savings associated with growing your own, the positive psychological benefits can best be described as ‘food for the soul’, says Dr Liddle.

SEVEN TIPS FOR SAFER GARDENING

1. Gently water your garden & potted plants to minimise airborne droplets and dust
2. Read the warning label on bagged composts and potting mixes before use
3. Wear gloves and a dust mask when handling soil including bagged products
4. Open bagged products slowly using scissors and lean the bag away from your face
5. Gently dampen potting mixes before use
6. Make sure your working area e.g. shed or greenhouse, is well ventilated
7. Wash your hands when finished.

Not all those who come into contact with the bacteria become sick and symptoms will vary from person to person. If people become infected with Legionella, they may get flu-like symptoms that can range from mild to severe. However, it can be life-threatening to people who have health factors that increase their susceptibility. Those most at risk include smokers, the elderly and those with existing respiratory illnesses and weakened immune systems.

“Following some simple safety precautions will greatly minimise the small risk that there is. If people want to find out more they should refer to the Ministry of Health’s Safer and Healthier Gardening pamphlet.” said Dr Liddle.

More information can be found ***Safer and Healthier Gardening***

Ministry of Health – HE4605, 2008 August
<http://www.healthed.govt.nz/resource/safer-and-healthier-gardening>



The Stewart Island Electrical Supply Authority (SIESA) Customer Services Agreement has been updated (in accordance with the Electricity Act) effective from 25 September 2014. A copy is available by visiting the website www.siesa.co.nz or can be obtained by visiting the Southland District Council, 9 Ayr Street, Stewart Island or by calling 0800 732 732.

Stewart Island Electrical Supply Authority is committed to giving you the best possible service. If you wish to make a complaint or if something is not right, please make use of our free internal complaint process by contacting us on Freephone 0800 732 732 or email siesa@southlanddc.govt.nz - we will do our best to put it right as quickly as possible.

If we cannot resolve your complaint, alternatively, you can contact the Electricity and Gas Complaints Commissioner who offers a free independent dispute resolution service and can be contacted by Freephone 0800 223 340, email info@egcomplaints.co.nz or refer to website www.egcomplaints.co.nz.

SOUL KITCHEN *by Lania Davis*

This months recipe was going to be something sweet, but I tend to write my recipes for SIN around what we have been eating at home, and well the baker in the family hasn't been stocking the baking tins.....don't worry I'll be having a word with her!

But she did manage to get out for a fish on one of these beautiful calm days we have had.

The water was like glass, as we sped to one of our 'secret' fishing spots, ferried by captain Tonto aka 'Laurence', in our trusty dingy.

It was a easy and effortless fishing adventure (unlike some days), and as I watched Laurence fillet the fish, and Ngakau poke all the jellyfish with a stick, I thought about what I could make other than the families standard favourite, beer battered fish.

I really enjoy making this recipe as I love the fact you are using the whole fish, so no waste. All the forever hungry seagulls get is the guts, much to their disgust.

We usually take the livers of blue cod if they are worm free and creamy..and the only one that doesn't eat cod heads in our family is Ngakau , but don't worry Charlie Farley I'm working on him!

So we don't waste much when we go fishing, which is how I like it, take only what you need, don't be filled with greed! is my motto.

So without anymore story telling from me here is my recipe this month.

FRAGRANT FISH SOUP

1 large red onion, or 4 shallots finely diced

1-2 Tbsp of olive oil

4 cloves of garlic crushed

130g tin of tomato paste (I use Watties)

1 tin of Pam's diced tomatoes

2 tsp's knoll paprika purée (optional)

Salt n cracked pepper to taste

1-2 tsp of dried tarragon

Juice of 1 lemon

2 Tbsp cream

1/2 cup of white wine (I use Chardonnay)

1 large red chilli-whole

5x medium potatoes peeled and sliced into cubes

3 litres of fish stock

Around 6 large FRESH fillets of cod or similar cut into chunks

Firstly if you want to make your own fish stock add 4-6 fish frames and heads de-gilled , to a large stock pot with one large white onion sliced, cover frames with water and bring to the boil for around 8-12 minutes, when you are ready, strain liquid through a sieve or mutton cloth into a large bowl or pot. Discard frames eat cod heads if you like them!

PLEASE NOTE YOU CAN MAKE THIS WITH BOUGHT FISH STOCK BUT IF YOU TAKE THE TIME TO CATCH THE FISH THEN TRY MAKING YOUR OWN STOCK....ITS FREE!

METHOD: Add olive oil to a large pot and cook the onion till slightly translucent, but do not brown onions! Add tomato purée, mix through and cook out for a few minutes. Add crushed garlic, wine, paprika purée (if using) tomatoes and salt n pepper. Simmer for 15 minutes. Add 3 litres of fish stock, add potatoes, whole chilli and tarragon and simmer for another 15. Taste and season with salt n pepper if needed.

Add fish chunks and cream, and any other seafood you want to add like raw prawns, mussels,



squid etc (if you're adding mussels steam open first)

Heat for a further 2 minutes, and then remove from heat add lemon juice and stir, then serve!

I top mine with homemade garlic aioli and fresh parsley, served with ciabatta or whatever you prefer! ENJOY!

GARLIC AIOLI

1 egg yolk

Salt and pepper

1Tbsp of white vinegar

1heaped tsp Dijon mustard

1-2cloves crushed garlic

Juice of half a lemon

1cup of oil like ricebran or sunflower (olive oil is too strong flavour wise)

You can whisk this by hand or use a food processor, the secret is to add the oil slowly to the mix so it can blend with the rest, if you add oil too quickly it won't bind, so add around a Tbsp at a time to be sure...

Put all ingredients apart from garlic and oil into blender or bowl and blend or whisk. Add oil 1 Tbsp at a Time till done, around half way through you can add oil faster once it's thick. Add garlic at end, and if you find to thick add 1Tbsp of water at a time till you get desired consistency.

This will make just on or over a cup of aioli, remember to keep in fridge as it has raw egg in it, and it will last for a good 2 weeks, the lemon juice and vinegar preserve it.

If you love aioli try changing the garlic for roast garlic, add two roasted and peeled whole bulbs of garlic at end and blend, great with anything!

HAPPY DAYS TO ALL!

Police News

Traffic:

Over the next few weeks the District Council is moving and altering the 30 minute time limit parking areas on Elgin terrace near the wharf.

The alterations are to improve the flow of traffic and congestion at the wharf.

As a result of the improvements the Wharf rules have been altered slightly to work with the alterations.

The Wharf Rules:

(To make the Wharf more user friendly)

1. Police will enforce loading zone time limit, No parking lines, No parking area and parking on footpath.
2. Park Vehicles in 30 minute loading zone with vehicle facing away from wharf. (Stop bottle neck at turn around area)
3. Park inside broken parking lines.
4. No parking in turn around area. 'Keep it clear'.
5. South Port (Jon SPRAGGON) and Police to enforce parking on wharf.
6. No unattended parking on wharf. (May load or unload but vehicles may not be left unattended)
7. No pedestrian traffic on work area of wharf.

8. All Bulk Freight to be moved off Wharf within 24 hours of arrival.
9. All Bulk Freight to be pre booked before going onto wharf.

Non Perishable bulk freight/freight items to be uplifted/dropped off outside of Ferry/Freight boat arrival departure times.
10. Small amounts personal luggage to be taken to Wharf office via walkway and then placed in bins by office.
11. Drop off bulk amounts of Luggage early.
12. If you have large amounts of luggage personal items wait until the congestion is clear before loading/unloading.

Senior Constable Dale JENKINS



Sea snail from Carolyn Squires



Booking Office Re-Opening



Located at 10 Main Road, Stewart Island, the Rakiura Charters & Water Taxi Booking Office will be re-opening on **Friday 24 October** (Labour Weekend).

Opening hours are 8:30am – 5:30pm, 7 days a week. Come in and see us for all your water taxi and boat tour needs!

Ulva Island Connection & Port William Schedules

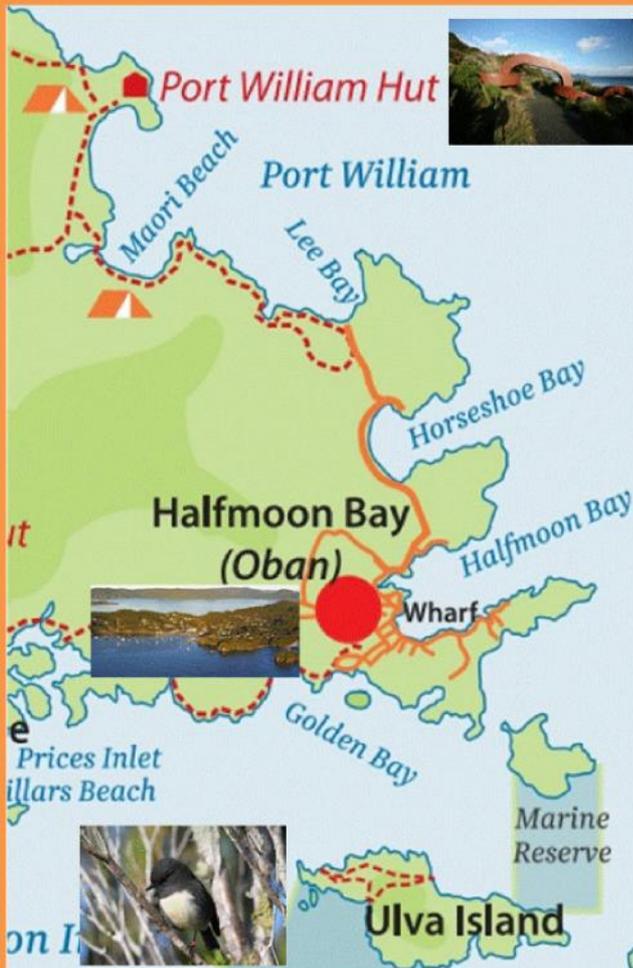
**\$30/adult,
\$10/child,
return**

From 1 December Rakiura Water Taxi will be offering a new scheduled service to the Ulva Island bird sanctuary. This service features two daily departures at 9am and 12:30pm from the main Halfmoon Bay wharf offering visitors a convenient town-centred departure point, eliminating the need to battle the Golden Bay hill. Visitors will enjoy full commentary as they take in the scenic route past Ackers Stone Cottage, around Ackers Point, and through the Ringaringa Passage, sharing the ride with Albatross. *On-demand departures from Golden Bay available year-round (\$25pa).*

Our **Port William** service will now depart twice daily also, at 8:15am and 4:30pm, returning at 8:40am and 5pm.

**\$50/adult,
\$25/child,
one-way**

NEW!



Port William Hut	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Port William Arrivals 8:35am and 4:55pm 	Port William Hut	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To Halfmoon Bay wharf 8:40am and 5pm
Halfmoon Bay Wharf	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To Port William 8:15am and 4:30pm 	Halfmoon Bay Wharf	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To Ulva Island 9am and 12:30pm
Ulva Island	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To Halfmoon Bay wharf 12:15pm and 4pm 	Ulva Island	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ulva Island Arrivals 9:20am and 12:50pm

O NO the dinghy's floating away!

By Leeym Thompson

On a calm Friday evening I went out in Pop's dinghy to check the Rata for him then sledged the dinghy up on the beach and went to find Storm at school.

I lost track of time and Nek Minnit, Mum and Summer were yelling at me that the dinghy was floating away!

Storm and I sprinted to the beach and I stripped down to my jocks and ran into the freezing cold water! I waded up to my armpits then swam the last few metres before I grabbed the din-

ghy and hauled myself into it.

I had created quite a spectacle and when I looked up there were even Asian tourists in the street taking photos!

It was certainly entertainment for the punters in the front window-seat in the pub and a cold lesson learned for Me!



Photo from Manu



The wanderers return! Sharyn and Elaine on their whirlwind Europe Tour!



A LOCAL'S TAIL is returning to the Island again this year. Daily session times will be 11am, 2pm & 4pm commencing from Friday 24th October 2014.

Group booking outside these times are welcomed, upon request.

We will also be screening the Highlights Package from the [Show Me Shorts Film Festival](#) on Saturday 15th & Wednesday 19th November 2014 at 7.30pm.



Bookings for Show Me Shorts at the Bunkhouse Theatre (10 Main Rd, Stewart Island) are suggested, and can be made by emailing us on bunkhousetheatre@gmail.com.

Tickets - \$15.00 Adults and \$13.00 Seniors

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Hi everyone, Shawn Johnson here from Environment Southland.

As the new biosecurity officer for pest plants I will be working with you to provide any information and advice you may need to identify, control and dispose of those bothersome pest plants found in your garden.



Although the main focus for me is to eradicate Gunnera and Old Man's Beard from Stewart Island, I am also interested to hear of new pest plants you may find growing on your property. Chances are that if a plant is unruly in your garden, it could also jump the fence and cause havoc in other gardens and spread into the special coastal environment.

If you've found a plant that you think may be a weed, you can do a quick check yourself by looking it up on our 'Wise Up To Weeds' brochure. It's available as a free download from www.bit.ly/wise-up-to-weeds.

I'll also be running a weed identification workshop on Sunday 26 October at the Halfmoon Bay beachfront, opposite the South Seas Hotel, from 11.30am-2.30pm. So come and see me then with any questions you may have around pest plants.

You can contact me at Environment Southland for further information at any time. Email me at shawn.johnson@es.govt.nz or phone 0800 76 88 45 Southland only).



STEWART ISLAND
Promotion Association

Stewart Island Promotion Association

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We are seeking a highly motivated and enthusiastic Promotion Officer to assist us in presenting Stewart Island as a visitor destination.

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- Preferably have experience in marketing.

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- Producing a report to be presented at monthly Executive meetings

For a full job description contact the Secretary (Kirsten Hicks, SDC office – open 9 -12 weekdays) or email promotion@stewartisland.co.nz.

Terms and conditions of this position will be negotiated with the successful applicant.

Applications close 7 November 2014

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Conservation Week: Discover the World where you live

Conservation Week is coming up in the first week of November and the Rakiura National Park Visitor Centre has got a line up of events we hope people will enjoy and get involved in!

- **Evening Talk: Stewart Island Tokoeka/Kiwi**
 - Saturday 1st November, 6.00 pm, Rakiura National Park Visitor Centre
- **Fuchsia & Raroa Guided Walk**
 - Sunday 2nd November, Meet at Rakiura National Park Visitor Centre 2.00 pm
- **Ackers Point Evening Guided Walk**
 - Saturday 8th November, Meet at the carpark at the beginning of the track at 8.00 pm

Photo Competition: Discover the World where you live (Stewart Island/Rakiura)

This year for Conservation Week Rakiura National Park Visitor Centre is holding a photography competition on the theme of 'Discover the world where you live'

- Photos must be taken on or around Stewart Island/Rakiura.
- Entries must be handed in to the Rakiura National Park Visitor Centre by 12pm Tuesday 4th November (Maximum one entry per person)
- Categories: 13 & Under, and Open
- All entries must be submitted in printed format

Winner Under 13 category will receive \$50, winner Open category will receive \$100

Announcement of the judging and viewing of photographs 6pm, Thursday 6th November at the Community Centre. Winning and highly commended entries will also be shown on the DOC website.



Department of Conservation
Te Papa Atawhai

Church Hill Restaurant & Oyster Bar



Melbourne Cup Charity Race Day

First Tuesday in November

As with last's year event we will be raising funds for the

Stewart Island Health Committee Building Fund

Last year we raised \$1000 but if we can get a few more along and sell a few more raffles for the charity races then we can do even more.

We will have 5 charity races and if you are keen to be a race sponsor please contact us at the Restaurant.

Last year's day was a lot of fun and a great excuse to play dress up and get that little used hat off the top shelf of the wardrobe.

We will have:

Best Dressed prizes, Best Hat prizes and Spot prizes

Tickets will be \$25 and that gets you a ticket in each charity race (buy more for the charity of course), food. Dress up and be in to win even more. The first 24 ticket holders also get a horse in the big race sweepstakes.

Look for the posters giving further details or check online at www.churchhill.co.nz and Stewart Island events.

If you are keen to sponsor a race to support the charity we would love to hear from you.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Church Hill Races....

Remember this one from last year?



LATEST EVENTS

Beer Festival & Whiskey Night

On the 4th of October we had our 2014 Beer Festival and Whiskey Night. Steve and Amanda Nally, Invercargill Brewery, along with Sam Snead of House of Whiskey, Auckland, were judges for the home brew entries. The overall winner was Peter Hilton, Diamond Harbour, Canterbury. He entered a wheat beer that the judges picked for it's all round excellence. Winner of the people's choice was my very own Brown Kiwi Ale, based on an American Brown Ale.

Following the Beer Festival we had a whiskey tasting evening. Hosted by Sam Snead of House of Whiskey, Auckland, it was a very enjoyable evening which introduced tasters to 6 whiskeys from American Bourbon to Scottish single malt. Sam is a great speaker and his knowledge of whiskey is astounding.

If you missed being able to make it this time tell me and we can see about having another one at next year's festival.

Invercargill Brewery were really pleased to be part of the event and keen to help grow it in the coming years. We need to have more brewers, hopefully more locals ones also, so if you are a keen brewer keep it in mind for next year.

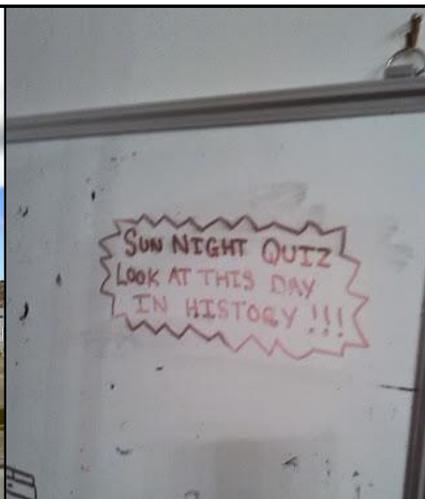
Thanks to all those who supported us with hosting the event:

Real Journeys and Stewart Island Flights for their special deals for those who travelled to be at the event.

Invercargill Brewery for judging and making great craft beer

Also, thanks to those who attended the events and especially our friends from Canterbury who showcased their brews...

Regards, Chris



Postcrossing.com's little Mail Carriers are visiting Stewart Island; more details next time!

It's amazing what you find on people's kitchen noticeboards!

The theme for the SIWI meeting was "Hair"; here's Wendy's original idea!

Shop Talk by Jules Retberg

Puzzling Rakiura

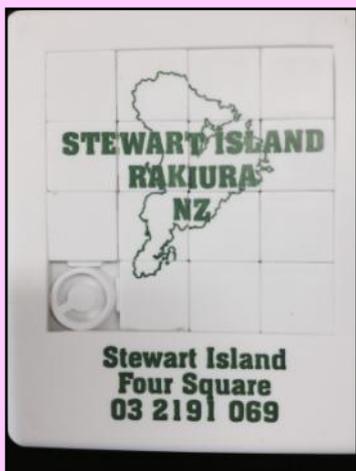
“Do you sell _____?” and fill in the blank with any of the following: milk, bread, beer, wine, gas canisters. What are your opening hours? Do you sell gluten-free products?

These are the usual kind of emails we receive at the shop.

But I love unusual!

We got an email from someone that had visited Stewart Island a while ago and bought some souvenirs from us. One of them was a puzzle - the kind where you slide the tiles around to mix up the picture and then spend hours trying to figure out how to get the picture back again!

Our puzzle has a map of Rakiura and somewhere in the world was a very frustrated person that couldn't figure out how to get the map back together again so they emailed to ask for a photo of a completed puzzle.



Happy to oblige!

SOUTHLAND HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY

By the Revd Judy Johnston, one of the chaplains at Southland Hospital

22-28 September was hospital chaplaincy awareness week. You may have been visited by one of our chaplains while in hospital, and be familiar with what a chaplain has to offer, but if not here is an outline.

Chaplains are available 24/7, carrying a pager for after-hours. Generally one of the three part-time chaplains will be seen around the wards during the day. Generally we introduce ourselves, and ask if you would like a visit. Our main role is to come alongside, to listen, and to just be there for you. As ordained members of the church we are able to offer prayers, the sacraments, blessings, baptisms, and if you have no parish clergy we can also officiate at weddings, or funerals. We are there to minister to your spiritual needs and have

been trained to have a particular understanding of the relationship between faith, illness and the emotional and mental conflicts that arise. We seek to motivate and invite healthy, meaningful use of each individual's spiritual understanding of his or her problems.

Chaplains are there for staff too, and we try to make sure they can get their work done without interruption. If your curtains are drawn, or the nurse/Dr. is attending you the chaplain will go on and you may miss a visit unless you get your nurse to page us. Please ask if you would like one of us to visit.

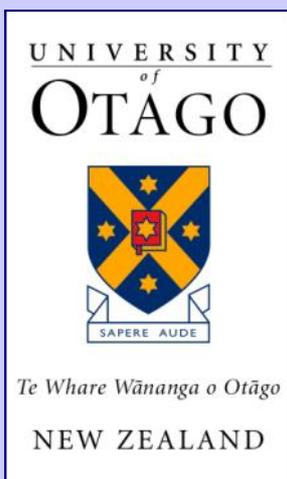
The chaplains are Rev. Judy Johnston, Canon Miki Thompson, and Fr. Vaughan Hook.

Chaplaincy may be funded by the church (Catholic, and Maori) or 50% from health funding, and 50% from donations (other denominations) Churches are sent donation forms once a year to encourage giving to maintain this service.

Opening of University's Rakiura Marine Field Station on the 8th of November

The University of Otago's Rakiura Marine Field Station on Dundee Street will be officially opened on Saturday the 8th of November at 12 noon. The station is the base of operations for local research and teaching conducted by the University. It provides accommodation for 12 people and has a vessel and equipment to support work in the Stewart Island area. The University also has the RV *Beryl Brewin* (10 m) and the RV *Polaris II* (21 m) on call for research further afield.

To mark the occasion a series of events will help share research and teaching on all things marine conducted at the University of Otago.



Squared (Mm2) shore survey – a long term monitoring programme which can help build a picture of local biodiversity and detect change over time.

On Friday 7th November at 6 pm at the Stewart Island Community Centre there will be an opportunity to hear from some of the students who have

On Friday morning students from Halfmoon Bay School will be meeting up with staff and students from the University's NZ Marine Studies Centre to carry out a Marine Metre

been conducting marine research on the Island over the last year and of their plans for future work. Five minute talks on scallops, seven-gill sharks, kelp, and dolphins, to name a few, will be followed by light refreshments when there will be the opportunity to talk to students and staff from the University. It is hoped this will become a regular event and keep people up to date with local research.

At 9.30am on Saturday morning there will be a workshop for anyone interested in learning more about their local seashore and the Marine Metre Squared project (mm2.net.nz). All welcome – meet at the school and dress appropriately for the shore.

From 10am the Field Station will be open for people to have a look around and talk to staff and students, and the University's Research Vessel, *Polaris II*, will be available for inspection.

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ANGLICANS JOINING WITH PRESBYTERIANS TO CELEBRATE 110TH ANNIVERSARY OF OBAN CHURCH

St Andrew's Anglican Church is cancelling its monthly service at the end of October to join with the congregation at Oban Presbyterian Church, to help celebrate the church's 110th anniversary, on Sunday October 26.

Iris Tait, the warden of St Andrew's, said the congregation was delighted to be able to join with Oban Church for this special occasion, and said she looked forward to the two churches working together more in the community. The next combined event for the two churches will be an ecumenical community carol service before Christmas.

The Revd Richard Johnson, Vicar of the combined Anglican parish of All Saints Invercargill and St Andrew's, Stewart Island, said he was deeply appreciative of the closer relationships between the Anglican and Presbyterian churches in Oban.

ST ANDREW'S OPEN DAY

The annual Labour Weekend open day at St Andrew's will be held on Saturday, October 25. The historic and beautifully restored hall will be open, in addition to the church, and the lovely gardens are always a pleasure to visit and enjoy, says Iris.



CAPTION CONTEST

21 ducklings on Jo Laing's lawn at Leask Bay, is this some kind of record?? What does it say to you?

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Church Chatter



I can't remember the exact year but it was sometime in the late 1980's. Ronnie and I were over for the school holidays and had spotted what looked like a witch's hat on Golden Bay wharf. A very smart witch's hat, a newly built and freshly painted construction. An easterly blow had prevented its off-loading on the main wharf.

The next day consternation reigned. Under the cover of (the powers of) darkness, some naughty person or persons had painted moons and stars and various cabalistic signs on the structure, which was in truth a replacement steeple for our church. A repaint was needed.

The Lord helps those who help themselves and the church authorities, headed by Lorraine Squires, Session Clerk of that era, wasted no time in summoning up aerial, some would say 'heavenly', resources. Talk about flying angels! I heard the clatter of rotor blades, summed up what was about to happen and ordered Ronnie to grab his camera

and run!

The steeple skimmed the tree tops, up over Golden Bay, down over the village and came to rest on its sure foundation atop the church roof – where it remains, a striking and much admired landmark, although it again needs a repaint. Anyone brave enough and resourceful enough out there?

INVITATION TO ALL

At Labour weekend we are celebrating the 110th anniversary of our church. To mark this there will be a photo exhibition reflecting the church's history displayed in the foyer of the Community Hall. The exhibition will open on Saturday, the 25th at 2 p.m. followed by a community afternoon tea, which the members of the newly constituted Stewart Island Women's Institute (SIWI) have very kindly offered to host.

On Sunday 26th at 11 a.m. there will be a service of thanksgiving and celebration, led by the Rev. Heather Kennedy. This will be a very special service in many ways. Two children with ties to the Island will be christened and a beautiful piece of artwork, made by a Stewart Islander, will be consecrated.

We extend to you all a warm invitation to attend both events.

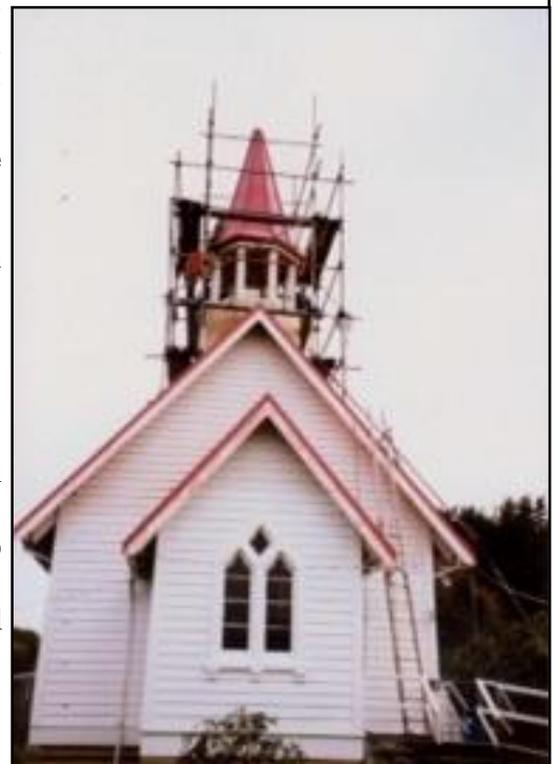
Raylene Waddell

Session Clerk

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.



BOOK REVIEW

from *Sue Ford*

“Resistant” by Michael Palmer

An extreme right-wing terrorist group ‘invents’ and black-mails the U.S. Government with a killer-bacterium, Janus, dubbed by the press the Doomsday Germ. Then the bacterium mutates, and the 100 Neighbours must somehow find a way to control Janus if they are to continue the blackmail. Meanwhile, Dr. Lou Welcome is a fitness fanatic, 10 years sober, his MD license has been restored and his relationship with his daughter is going well. He’s holding down two jobs and life’s good- until he goes on the trail run from hell. His buddy on the run is Cap, his AA mentor, best friend and gym owner. But the horror of Cap’s accident is put in the shade when it is revealed that he has somehow picked up The Doomsday Germ – losing his limbs may be the least of Cap’s worries. Enter Humphrey Miller, genius, but defined by spastic cerebral palsy, he is almost masquerading as a pharmacy assistant at Cap’s hospital. So the race is on: discover the antidote, save limbs and lives, defeat the sinister 100 Neighbours. It won’t happen until some good people die, but how many, and who? Despite the Ian Fleming-like scenario, the characters are so ‘ordinary’ it makes them believable, as is the dialogue, spiced with wit. Excellent story-telling and with a kind of ‘Blofeld’ character as the

master villain. Recommended, 4 stars! Most enjoyable.

Equally enjoyable this month was **P.J. Tracy’s “Two Evils”**. The author is actually two people - a mother-daughter combo, but the writing is seamless. I’ve met Gino and Magozzi of the Minneapolis Police before, and also the team from the cyber-freak firm of Monkeewrench, so some lack of characterisation in the writing didn’t detract for me. Hitherto unknown terrorist cells are ending up dead all over the U.S., all the police and FBI have to link them is the presence at each site of a calendar with Hal-lowe’en circled – and it’s now the last week in October. One of the killers is shot – a hero of the middle-Eastern conflicts, a good man who is dying of cancer. So what *is* going on? It’s a race against the calendar to sort it out, to join the dots of disparate murders committed the length and breadth of the country, with an unhappy ending on an Indian reservation. So, with some disasters averted, some postponed, and some to be lived through, the mystery is finally solved. And then you read the two-page Epilogue. Bet you didn’t see THAT coming! This is crime-thriller writing above average, and worth reading just for that amazing ending. I’ve warned you now so you’ll probably be looking for clues throughout the book – just don’t peek at the end, alright?

Talking of Indian reservations, I’m still enjoying **Dana Stabenow’s** ‘Kate Shugak’

series – at No.6, **“Play With Fire”**. A little different to the first five, but as much fun *and* as compelling. I’m rationing my Stabenow so that I don’t become over-Shugak-ed, but I can’t wait to start on No.7. Unlike **“The Enchanted” by Rene Denefeld** – the ‘blurb’ paints it as ‘exquisite’, but I just can’t get a handle on it. Written in the first person by a man on Death Row, it documents his poetic take on existence there! It promises a fine ending, but I can’t make up my mind whether to read that far ... I nearly gave up on **“The House with Blue Shutters” by Lisa Hilton** too, but persevered. It covers two periods, WWII and 2000, in a small village in France, and it draws parallels between the lives of two very different women – a village girl with an illegitimate baby to account for and a contemporary Englishwoman who has the same ‘problem’! They meet, but the catalyst for decisions is a Dutchman looking for his ‘roots’. Hardly riveting, but interesting and well-written, a change of plot-line for me, but I didn’t escape the blood-letting that goes along with my preferred who-dunnits!

Stewart Island in the Media!

Ulva Island is featured in October’s Air New Zealand Kia Ora magazine in an article about New Zealand’s coastal gems.



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Museum Matters by *Bev Cowie.*

Another quiet month has slipped by at the museum. When computers are not doing what they are supposed to, it certainly slows progress! However we are back up and running again, so things are getting back to normal.

We have received a new order of books from Rhys Richards – Captain Charles Bayley – Whaling Master, 1813 – 1875. Captain Bayley was stationed mainly in Hobart and captained 17 whaling voyages between 1840 and 1860. Among other names mentioned in the book are Codfish Island, Halfmoon Bay, Paterson Inlet etc. The book has a lot of facts of whaling numbers, value of the oil etc and there are some very nice colour plates of old ships. Retail price \$20.

We are lucky enough to have acquired a lovely meat asept in good condition, which was used by the Goomes family at Bravo in the 1800's, and also a very good book on the family and descendants of Nathaniel Bates of Riverton 1819-1887. This book will prove invaluable for research for quite a few family trees.

Our sincere thanks go to Vicki and quiz goers for the donation received towards our new and much needed map drawer. The 5 drawers that we have are now full to overflowing, so we eagerly await the arrival of the new set.

Once again we have requests of readers. In the September issue Jo mentioned the up and coming WW1 exhibition, and we wondered if anyone out there may have some knowledge of the framed piece of handwork we intend to make our

story around. In the centre of the work are the words “Les Halles d Ypres”. We are also still looking for any information on the Stewart Island ‘Quilt of Valour’.

We would also appreciate any photos of the BBQ and Dinner that was held to celebrate the Norsk Feiring in April to hopefully add into the DVD of the celebrations which should be available before Christmas.

Please get in touch with the museum if you can help in any way.

October hours will be Monday - Saturday; 10.00am – 12.00pm; Sunday; noon - 2.00pm.

We can be contacted at 03 2191-221 or stewartislandmuseum@southlanddc.govt.nz

Stewart Island Rakiura Community Board

War Memorial

The panel containing incorrect material has been repaired and replaced onto the monument. As part of a Southland wide project the monument will be checked later this year and we hope to secure funding to 'spruce' up the other 2 panels which are showing some signs of wear.

Car Parking

The Board has agreed to approach the District Council for consent to use reserve funds to develop a 11 space, nose in carpark between the hotel and school driveways on Argyle

Street. Information re this project has been on the local noticeboard recently.

Elgin Terrace

Work should now be started on changing the direction of parking on Elgin Terrace from the intersection with Horseshoe Road to the Wharf. Contractors will be removing part of the paved area outside the Red Shed, laying further stones to extend the crossing that already exists, and filling in the large lake area that has formed where the road meets the wharf as part of this project .

Horseshoe Bay Track

Upgrade work on this track should start shortly with funding secured from the Visitor Ley Allocation Committee. It is intended to start from the Braggs Bay end and to progressively work

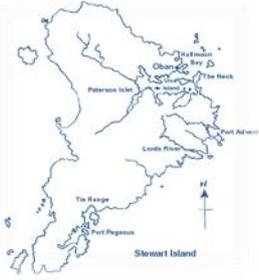
along the track, upgrading and repairing steps and the track surface to ensure that a low maintenance easily maintained facility is established.

Community Gardens

Sincere thanks to SIRCET for the effort they put in to looking after the gardens in Halfmoon Bay. Following the removal of the old gardens to allow for the new stormwater drain they have suggested a new format which will add character to the area.

Jon Spraggon

Chairperson



Stewart Island Marine Radio ZLRZ

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Marine radio has been operating for over ten years on Stewart Island, but under new management as SIMR for the last two years. Under its current management SIMR is run as a subcommittee of Search and Rescue, composed of the following representatives from local user and emergency groups

GARRY NEAVE	CHAIRMAN / MARINE
LETITIA MCRITCHIE	SECRETARY
DALE CHITTENDEN	TREASURER
DALE JENKINS	POLICE REP
JARROD BAIRD	FIRE BRIGADE
SUE CONNOR	CIVIL DEFENCE
BRUCE FORD	COUNCIL
DEBS DILLON	MEDICAL

SIMR manages the radio service with Maureen Jones as the operator. There is a repeater on Mt Rakeahua that provides extensive coverage around the island. Maureen broadcasts a daily marine weather forecast on Channel 65 and also tracks movements of users who wish to log their intentions with her. The service is utilised by a variety of users including pilots, commercial and recreational boat users, muttonbirders, kayakers' and land based users like trampers, campers, ambergris hunters etc. It is a user pays system and we invoice once a year. The cost is \$70 for a commercial user (per radio) and \$35 for a recreational user. We encourage all users of the channel to pay as SIMR is expensive to operate with ongoing costs of reimbursement to Maureen, weather forecasts, maintenance checks of equipment and equipment replacement. We keep a small reserve to cover the cost of replacing the equipment as a lightning strike can take out the whole system with a replacement cost of approximately \$9,000. This occurred about ten years ago so is not an unknown event

Letitia McRitchie

SIRCET Kiwi Advocacy update

By *Sandy King*

Hi everyone, I've recently taken over the job of monitoring the four kiwi that SIRCET have been keeping tabs on in the Acker's Point / Ringaringa area. SIRCET Trustee Letitia McRitchie took me out to the area one day and introduced me to the kiwi territories and tracking gear. My radio tracking skills are a bit rusty so it was great to be able to polish them up a bit, and it didn't take long to get the hang of it again. I've since done two solo afternoons and managed to get signals from all birds both times. My mission over the next nine months is to keep an eye on their location remotely and report back to SIRCET if I suspect the males haven't moved for a few weeks (meaning they may be incubating an egg!).



So far I believe they have all moved between checks, but are generally in the same area. The pair Matatika and Ngaio are still hanging out together towards Ackers Point, and the other two pairs are in what I'm told is their usual territory. It will take a few more checks before I get to know them and am really familiar with the places they like to hang out in. I'll be going out in the afternoons about once every fortnight and if anyone

would like to come with me they are more than welcome, just give me a call or stop me in the street to arrange a time and date.

A big thanks to Cherie Hemsley for her efforts in diligently keeping an eye on these birds over the last year. I hope I can keep up the standard!

This kiwi work is funded by Kiwis for Kiwi, a national organisation dedicated to protecting kiwi. October is their special Save Kiwi month where they are working hard to get all Kiwis helping out our national bird. Check out their website www.kiwisforkiwi.co.nz for what's happening



'Over the last week Moturau Moana gardens have had the annual spring clean, re-plant and general tidy up thanks to Elaine Hamilton and her band of volunteers, who really could be called 'Senior Work-a-holics'. Thanks go to the Lions group for covering their travelling costs.

These gardens – the southern most Public Gardens in NZ - were gifted by Noeline Baker as a memorial to her father who was an English Surveyor and, who in the course of his work surveyed part of Stewart Island. The Stewart Island Community Board with assistance from Dept. of Conservation maintain the gardens in general, and the visiting volunteers have about a week doing major works at the start of Spring. This has been an annual event since 2000, and thanks must be extended to Elaine for organising their visits.

There is a network of tracks throughout some of the 14 ha of bush giving visitors access to more than 30 plots

of native trees, shrubs and herbs. A lookout gives an excellent view across Halfmoon Bay to Lonnekers and Braggs Bay. The permanent shelter is available for group functions and it is a great spot for family picnics, with tables dotted throughout the gardens.

So a visit to look at the general improvements being undertaken annually is well worth the effort. Visitors do appreciate the peace, and enjoy the birdsong while visiting the gardens.'

By Bev Cowie



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"YOUR GREEN CHOICE"



Chornco 2082

- Eliminates "DIESEL BUG"
- Prolongs fuel life in storage tanks.
- Cleans fuel system.
- Reduces fuel consumption.
- Increases power.
- Improves overall engine performance.
- Reduces harmful emissions.
- Enhances lubricating properties of fuel.
- Reduces engine downtime and maintenance.

Available in 1 ltr, 20 ltr, 60 ltr, 200 ltr, drums & IBCs 600 ltr, or 1000 ltr • 1 ltr of Chornco treats 1280 ltrs of Diesel or Petrol



Chornco Fuel Pellets Diesel/Petrol Solid Additive.

Chornco Fuel Pellet is a unique combination of pure hydrocarbon ingredients, which purify the fuel.

- Multifunction 100% petroleum product
- Contains no aromatic solvents or other wear precursor additives
- Dissolves completely in petrol and diesel
- Ashless and metal free
- Non-toxic • Non-hazardous

Entirely safe for use with engines and emissions control devices.

4 pellets per container • 1 pellet treats 20/30 litres of Diesel / Petrol.

For more information, New Zealand Army & other testimonials, trial data, lab test results see www.greentekfuel.co.nz www.chornco.com www.trademe.co.nz



Fire Guard Fire Extinguisher 0.5 kg

Suitable for timber, textiles, plastics, gasoline, kerosene, diesel, fats, oils, automotive, marine, liquid gas, electrical equipment. You should have one of these extinguishers in your car, truck, boat, workshop, garage, caravan, office, kitchen and BBQ area. Standard CE ISO 9001:2000 Non refillable aerosol extinguisher

- GREEN & NATURAL • QUICK & EFFECTIVE • PORTABLE & EASY



Fire Guard Fire Retardant

1 litre Fire Guard Fire Retardant. Helps prevent fire starting or spreading by raising the ignition point of the material it is applied to. Any absorbent material can be treated.

Non toxic, easily applied, colourless and odourless product when dry. Your use of this product may help save a life or loss of very precious family possessions or your home. For more information and to view the New Zealand Fire Service Fireguard Demonstration see www.greentekfire.co.nz

Greentek Solutions Limited would welcome any business in this area that would be interested in stocking the Greentek products.

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GALA DAY
 Sunday 26th October - 11:30am
 Halfmoon Bay Waterfront

<p>Bouncy Castle</p> <p>Mussel & Bacon kebabs</p> <p>Sausage sizzle</p> <p>Cake stall</p> <p>Face painting</p> <p>Rakiura Rockers playing live</p> <p>Tug of war</p>	<p>Races:</p> <p>Egg & Spoon</p> <p>Sack race</p> <p>Slow bike race</p> <p>.....and more!</p>
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If you would like to hold a stall on the day, please contact Liz Cave (163) or Mel Miller (585)

Labour Weekend Happenings!

- 24.10.14 7.30pm Owen Gerrard's Wake
- 25.10.14 All Day St Andrew's Open Day
- 25.10.14 9am Kiwi Dog Aversion Training
- 25.10.14 2pm Photo Exhibition & Afternoon Tea
- 25.10.14 4pm Stewart Island through the ages Film
- 25.10.14 7pm Stewart Island through the ages Film
- 26.10.14 11am Special 110th Anniversary Church Service
- 26.10.14 11.30am **Gala Day**
- 26.10.14 11.30am Wise up to Weeds
- 26.10.14 Midday Scone Competition
- 27.10.14 4pm Aunt Daisy Film

And don't forget A Local's Tail is back!

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