

STEWART ISLAND NEWS

CELEBRATING RAKIURA

September—October 2013

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It don't know if it's just me, but this month has flown by! There's heaps going on as usual; a reminder to get your milk stickers into the shop or the school by the 27th Sept; if you're going to the Black Tie Dinner in Queenstown or know someone who is, you can now also get discounted accommodation (Pg 14). There's netballers wanted, players *and* spectators, and also people to serve on the Governance Board of the Pest Free Rakiura proposal. If this is something you've been keen to know more about, now would be a good time to get in at the ground level and have your voice heard!



Kiwi Tagging by *Elyn Cordeiro* Pg12

Farewell from the Brooks Family

Phil has accepted a job in Hanmer Springs so we have headed up to the 'Middle Island'. We have enjoyed 8 years working and living on Stewart Island. It has been lovely to get to know folks from the community. A huge thank you to those of you who helped us through two quite difficult pregnancies. Now with a touch of sadness at leaving and excitement and anticipation at a new page in life we are settling in up North. If you end up near Hanmer be sure to look us up!

-Phil, Heather, Trent and Sage



Jack Dobbins and his prize winning robot

If that all sounds a bit too much like hard work then the shop has the ideal project that even the most hardened couch potato can get behind ~ wine! Check out the awesome deals with a definite Stewart Island

kept the articles flowing over the last two months; it's been a challenge getting them all in (I wasn't going to do a 24 page spread like last month again, hellish to fit in the envelopes) but a very rewarding one! Normal service will resume next month with Jess returning, so I hope you enjoyed the brief interlude as much as I did!

Vicki

Daffodil Day 2013

The ladies raised \$865!!

Photo from *Nicolette Thompson*

SIRCET are always on the lookout for volunteers (Pg 7) and by the look of the article from Margaret on page 11 there are some extremely talented gardeners out there.

People who *have* put their hands up are Bruce Ford for Ward Member on the Southland District Council and eight nominees for the Community Board. You can read more about them on page 8 (*Nb*, that's my slightly humorous take on it anyway!)

theme on page 9.

It's also a time for congratulations; Billy, Sophie, George, Timu and Jack wiped the floor with the competition at the Southland Science and Technology Fair, great work guys! (Pg 10).

I need to thank everyone who has



A few words from Councillor Bruce –

Thank you to all in the Stewart Island community who have endorsed my continuation as your Ward Member on the Southland District Council. I am proud to pursue the interests and future well-being of our community, and, of course, of Southland at large.

There are many exciting opportunities coming forward for a prosperous future, beginning on 1 October when the Visitor Levy collection starts. All details are well and truly in place to ensure that systems will be seamlessly integrated into the appropriate operator fares. As funds from this accumulate, projects will need to pass through the required criteria and approved allocation process. Don't hesitate to come up with your thoughts on deserving enhancements around our community – visitor related of course. Another project going full steam ahead is the Seniors Housing project, and with Debs as a prime mover and your con-

fidential contact, this project will continue to progress.

This is only the start of an exciting three years and I'm looking forward to the challenges and to working with the new-look Community Board in October. And who is on that Board depends on your vote don't forget, so when the voting papers come out this month, don't forget to tick the boxes and post your forms off immediately. You'll also be voting for a new Mayor of Southland this year with the retirement of Frana Cardno. I trust you'll take the opportunity to meet or contact the candidates so that the Southland District Council reflects your own priorities within the Southland framework. So much depends on those voting papers now, so make them your first priority as we move into the next exciting and challenging phase of our community development.

Bruce Ford

To help you decide who to vote for, head to Page 8 for a fun round-up.

Stewart Island-Rakiura Community Board Nominations

- Jarrod Baird, nominated by Murray John Cavanagh and Leonard Neil Conner
- Aaron Conner, nominated by Jason Dion Karaitiana, Angela Lee Steffens and Helen Mildred Cave
- Graham Cowley, nominated by Timothy Stuart Dawson and Richard William Wilson
- Greg Everest, nominated by Stuart John Ross, Helen Mildred Cave, Jeanette MacKay and Wayne Frew
- Bruce James Ford, nominated by Phillip John Smith, Margaret Anne Hopkins and Dorothy Dawn McLellan
- Anita Geeson, nominated by Lylla Jillian Skerrett and Richard William Wilson
- Graham Leslie Okey, nominated by Wendy Ann Bailey, Diana Morris, Elaine Maude Hamilton and William Robert John Hamilton
- Jon Spraggon, nominated by Susan Patricia Graham and Lylla Jillian Skerrett



WISE UP TO WEEDS
with Amy



CHILEAN FIRE BUSH
(Embothrium coccineum)

Chilean fire bush is established in gardens throughout Oban and is quite capable of moving into shaded bushy areas. Remove yours now before it becomes problematic like Darwin's barberry.

What is it?

Chilean fire bush is an evergreen tree that grows to 10 metres. It has stunning red flowers in the spring, and long slender leaves that are similar to that of a blue gum.

What is the problem?

This plant can live in low light conditions and can create dense patches, which can exclude other species. It grows quickly, suckers and produces seeds which are spread through wind and water.

How to control it?

- Drill holes and fill with glyphosate.
- Paint the bark with a glyphosate and oil mix.
- Cut and paste each stem with a herbicide gel.

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

Stewart Island Bowling Green Upgrade

From *Margaret Hopkins*



The original Stewart Island bowling green established in the 1950s

recent years and the increase in visitors to the Island a revival of the Bowling Club would be an asset for the Stewart Island community. As a game played by both young and old, bowls is a very social past time and provides exercise and camaraderie for a wide range of people.



It is hoped that construction which has just begun on the green will create a lot of interest from community members, crib owners and bowling clubs throughout the South Island wanting to come and hold tournaments or play



social games here which will create spin-offs for the wider community. Southland is recognised as a stronghold for bowls in New Zealand and with Stewart Island being an appealing holiday destination it is likely that with a little bit of promotion we can target clubs to visit the Island for weekend tournaments.

In 2005 fundraising began to upgrade the bowling green in Ayr Street, Halfmoon Bay with a new artificial surface. It is many years since there was an active bowling club on Stewart Island and without regular maintenance the surface of the bowling green has fallen below the standard where it can be used. With the long hot summers of



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Alistair Eade and his wife Jan have been the driving force behind the creation of the new bowling rink having raised many thousands of dollars. The sale of Stewart Island fridge magnets and generous donations from residents, crib owners and Southland business owners has made this project possible. Only one small grant was applied for and given from the Southland District Council Community Initiatives Fund.

Photos from *Margaret Hopkins* and *Ali Eade*



From Dale Jenkins

Stewart Island

Wharf rules review.

Congestion and problems at the Wharf caused by bottle neck and the small work area.

History:

2008. As a result of ongoing problems causing disruption at the wharf. A meeting between Stewart Island experience, Council, South Port, Island Transport, Helen Cave and Police was held to discuss the key problems and responsibilities. The lack of rules for wharf users was discussed.

A set of 12 simple rules for Wharf users was made up and has been in place and used since 2008. Some of the rules are enforceable others are to make the wharf area work better.

The rules are reviewed at the end of August each year to consider improvements. The rules are placed in the SIN inviting the community to offer practical suggestions to improve.

With the increase in both passenger and freight traffic on the wharf the rules have made the wharf more user friendly.

The Wharf Issues are:

i. Parking Elgin Terrace (wharf road):

Legal Authority for enforcement. Police and Council

Loading Zone (7 a.m. to 7 p.m.) 30 minute parking limit.

• Problems: Exceeding 30 minutes. Ties up parking spaces at peak times unnecessarily.

Parking on no parking lines and footpath.

• Problems: Narrows road for cars, impedes foot path diverting foot traffic onto road.

Parking in turn around area by Wharf.

• Problems: Impedes traffic, passenger and freight flow on and off wharf.

Rules to improve: 1. 2. 3. and 4

ii. Parking Wharf:

Legal Authority is South Port. (Jon SPRAGGON)

Parking On Wharf.

Problem: Impedes traffic, pedestrian and freight flow on and off the wharf.

Note: Fish factory has 1 x car park on wharf in front of factory. There is one park for vehicle picking up luggage from bins. (in front of packing crates)

Rule to improve: 5. and 6.

iii. Passenger/Pedestrian flow on and off wharf:

Legal authority is South port:

Problem: Passengers/pedestrians not following the clearly marked path from the foot path to behind the metal rail barriers and to the Wharf office when moving on and off the wharf. Risk of pedestrians being hit by Forklift, vehicles, bins on the Work area of the wharf.

Rule to improve: 7.

iv. Bulk Freight movement on and off Wharf.

Legal authority: South Port.

Problems:

- Bulk freight left on Wharf for long periods of time.
- Bulk freight dropped off on wharf without pre booking or arrangement.
- Bulk Freight being dropped off or picked up at Ferry/Freight boat loading and unloading times.

Rules to improve: 8. and 9.

v. Passenger Luggage

Responsibility: Stewart Island Experience

Problems:

- Congestion at bins when uplifting luggage or large amounts of personal gear.
- Pedestrians walking on work area of Wharf to place luggage in Bins.

• Vehicles driving onto work area of Wharf at peak times to unload/uplift luggage. (running late)

Rules to improve: 10. 11. and 12

The Wharf Rules: (To make the Wharf more user friendly)

1. Police will enforce loading zone time limit, No parking lines 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 where possible.
 4. No parking in turn around area. 'Keep it clear'.
 5. South Port (Jon SPRAGGON) to enforce parking on wharf.
 6. No unattended parking on wharf other than in the one approved park on beach side of entrance to wharf, for loading or unloading only .
 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.
- Any new suggestions to improve the way things work at the Wharf give me a call 03 219 0020

OBAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CHATTER

by Jo Riksem



Oban Presbyterian Church with boats in Halfmoon Bay 2008

There's something quite special about our church on the hill surrounded by beautiful Halfmoon Bay and it's bobbing boats of all shapes and sizes. If you look in the Bible in the New Testament you'll see that our good Lord spent a lot of time on boats and also did a lot of walking. Not to mention some of His closest friends were fishermen. I hear a lot of visitors say we live in a "heavenly" place and I tend to agree with them. It is very special.

October brings some familiar faces back to our little church. They're all looking forward to their return visits.

October 6 & 13 - Peter Carter – If you didn't get to hear Peter in September make sure you come and hear him in October. Sadly his wife, Olive passed away but we are so grateful that Peter still comes back to visit us. Many will recognise his tall frame walking the streets. He's always good for a cup of tea up at the manse.

October 20 - Bruce Fraser, Mission Advisor to the Synod of Otago and Southland, and his wife Beverley

are here next. I hear Beverley makes sure that Bruce is not allowed to come to Stewart Island without her. They really love it here. She wrote the following poem for my Mom, Coral when she was here last:

- One Spotted Kiwi
- One spotted kiwi poking on the ground
- Two big kakapo make a booming sound
- Three cheeky keas playing with some keys
- Four tiny rifleman flitting in the trees
- Five blue pukekos wading in the marsh
- Six fat takahe hiding in the grass
- Seven clever moreporks calling out their names
- Eight noisy kakas playing chasing games
- Nine pretty bellbirds singing lovely songs
- Ten handsome tuis eating nectar all day long

Beverley Fraser

October 27 - Ian Crawford - Ian Crawford who was here last month returns this month. He spent 25 years as a teacher of children and then graduated from Carey Baptist College Auckland, to go to Ashburton Baptist Church where he ministered for ten years. As he says, "I have spent the following ten years in PCANZ in two Southland parishes, and presently walk alongside ten small parishes helping them to walk the walk of faith in Jesus."

Don't forget to keep digging into those old and new photo albums for pictures of the church that we might be able to use in our 110th Anniversary Labour Weekend 2014.

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.

STEWART ISLAND
GARDEN CIRCLE

Next meeting will be at the home of
Lee Wadds at
2 o'clock on
Thursday 10th October.

Special Guest Speaker Carolyn Squires Jnr will be showing her photos of mushrooms and other fungi.



Book Reviews by *Sue Ford*

“The Mystery” by Samuel H. Adams & Stewart E. White

It’s my week for reading two really, really old-fashioned books! When “The Mystery” was actually written is hard to say – yes! I admit it! I picked it up on my Kindle instead of reading a nice book! The trouble is that if you browse by price – like me – you tend to be indiscriminate in your downloading, and I didn’t check sensible things like publication dates. Once I got into it, I really didn’t care *when* it was written. Talk about a rollicking adventure. The action takes place 1902-1904 and the hero is Slade, a young American of independent means but a journalist by profession. One night in an alley off the San Francisco waterfront, Slade is astonished to overhear a highly respected and well-known, elderly German scientist in conversation with a ruffian-like seaman. Professor Schermerhorn is engaging The Captain of The Laughing Lass and his equally ruffian-ly crew for a voyage at incredible rates and wages for an unknown duration and to a secret destination. Slade is curious and in order to get aboard the ship, with disguise, a name change to Eagan but with genuine papers, he takes advantage of the First Mate being thrown off the ship, offers his services, and sets sail.

What follows involves the mad scientist in alchemical experiments on an uncharted volcanic island, a captain who takes to drink, and features a superstitious African-American cook who is convinced (with reason!) that there is voodoo about, and various other crewmen, all of the roughest, meanest, greediest and most brutal turn of temperament. Years pass and a strange “Marie Celeste-like” situation evolves on the high seas and is puzzled over by a captain of the US Navy and his gallant crew. Volcanic eruptions, strange and dazzling lights, brutal murder, a mysterious chest with strange locks, disappearances – this story has the lot. It’s definitely the pick of the bunch for this month – a jolly good old-fashioned read.

“**The House Opposite a Mystery**” by Elizabeth Kent is definitely a period-piece from a New York when Madison Avenue was literally an avenue - of large houses and apartments inhabited by the wealthy. Opposite one such apartment house – Rosemere – a doctor has his offices and accommodation. The summer is stiflingly hot and those New Yorkers who can escape the heat in favour of their country or coastal houses have done so. Only a few people remain at Rosemere. These include a newly-married couple – she coming from a dubious background but he being a pillar of society, and also the beautiful but unchaperoned Miss May Derwent who shouldn’t be there at all . In an effort to find any cool air one sleepless night, the doctor goes up on to his rooftop from where he sees – partly as shadow-play – some very strange sights indeed, and also hears a scream! The scene is set for a romantic mystery which just would *not* hang together today. These days, women don’t faint all over the place on hearing unfortunate news (our stays and corsets are probably worn looser do you think?), and a drunken lout would soon find himself with bruises that he couldn’t see if he forced himself into the parlour of one of today’s young women. And the things you could be blackmailed over some 110 years ago are laughable today. It doesn’t stop this being a highly entertaining piece of historical mystery writing. Don’t expect any literary genius to jump off the page, but do accept it for what it is – a very early detective story with a most unexpected (if somewhat contrived!) twist at the end, and giving a taste of a city, manners, morals and modes of living long gone.



I have finally located my longed-for copy of Rowling/Galbraith, so I’ll tell you if Galbraith beats Harry Potter in the next SIN!



Sue Munro has asked me to let people know that the Seniors Christmas Dinner has been booked for December 10th at the South Sea Hotel, so make sure you keep that date free!

Library Update:
 Saturday 14th September will be Marley Wright’s last official day as story reader at the Library. By then he will have completed the 20 community hours he was undertaking as part of the William Pike challenge. By all accounts he’s done a fantastic job and kept lots of children in fascinated awe with his interpretations of our books. *Kirsten Hicks*

Living Legends Planting Day – Sandy Point

August 2013



Update by
Mandy Foster

SIRCET Trustees – Letitia McRitchie and Di Morris represented the Trust at the recent Living Legends planting

day at Sandy Point which is at the southern end of Oreti Beach (Bert Munro’s training beach!). *Living Legends* is managing 17 planting projects throughout New Zealand with an aim of planting 170,000 native trees by 2015. Each of the planting areas is fronted by a rugby living legend who believes these projects will enhance our environment, provide homes for native wildlife and give us and future generations’ places where we can escape the hustle and bustle of everyday life. Colin Meads, Sir Brian Lochore, Christian Cullen and Southland’s own Kevin Laidlaw are some of the famous names who have got behind this amazing initiative.

Letitia reported that an incredible 3500 natives were planted in a morning by volunteers, members of Otago Landscape group, Environment Southland and DOC. It presented a great opportunity to catch up with people with the same interest in enhancing their environment. (Many thanks to Real Journeys for providing transport for Letitia and Di.)

Sooo Stewart Island - let's get cracking in our own backyard – don't forget Upcoming Workshop:



A hands-on planting and weeding workshop is being planned for **Saturday 14 September from 10am – 1pm** at Lonnekens Beach. (Postponement 15 September). Come and be part of this amazing community project and at the same time learn about planting to prevent weed growth and native plant alternatives for your own garden. (BYO gardening tools). For further information contact Mandy on Shirty1@xtra.co.nz or (03) 2191594.

NURSERY COMMUNITY WORK DAYS

SIRCET will now be holding **monthly community volunteer work mornings** at the Native Plant Nursery at Horse-shoe Bay. These will usually be on the **last Thursday of each month**.



We are looking for volunteers to come along for the morning to help out with a variety of tasks including potting up, propagating new plants, weeding and general maintenance.

Workdays for 2013/14 will be held on the following dates:

- 26th September**
- 31st October**
- 21st November**
- 19th December**
- 30th January**

If you enjoy working with plants and would like to help out, the SIRCET truck will be leaving from **outside Glowing Sky at 9am** on the above dates for anyone who would like a lift out to Horse-shoe Bay.



SIRCET were recently successful in their application to the Lottery Grants Board for funding to continue managing the community nursery. As part of this funding we are starting an exciting new project, to develop a community garden with a focus on native plants that are used for traditional Maori medicine. We would like to talk to anyone who is using native plants as medicine or knows stories of what plants have medicinal uses. We have not yet decided where to put the garden and our plan is to hold a workshop to discuss where to locate it and start gathering information about what plants to grow



Lottery Grants Board
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SIRCET Kiwi advocacy update By Cherie Hemsley

Monitoring over the last month of the kiwi that were released into the Ackers project area in February has revealed some strange goings on!

A female (Tx12) and a male (Tx22) were caught together at Harrolds Bay in May and when they were checked again in August, Tx12 has decamped to Evening Cove and is in the company of another male. Will she be there next month? Or maybe back to Tx22 who has stayed at Harrolds Bay.

Two birds were caught sharing a burrow out towards Ackers in May and while the male is still in the area the female is hiding from us. Hopefully she has not gone too far away!



TX12, female. Her name comes from the radio frequency of her transmitter. Maybe we can come up with some better names?!

Another male (Tx3) has spent the last month cosyed up with the female TX71 at Leask Bay. Has anyone there been hearing these birds calling?

This is the start of their breeding season so we are keeping a close watch on the birds to see if they are going to start nesting, once they sort out who their partners are!!

I can't wait to share with you next month's news!!

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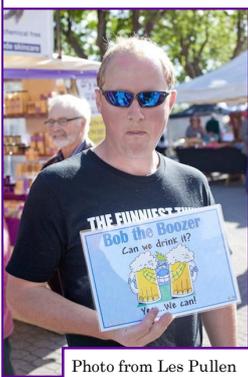


TX3, male

Community Board Nominees

I always find it hard to choose between whether to have beef or pork for dinner, so when it comes down to important decisions it's always nice to have a bit of help. Not that you're going to find that here but I thought it might be fun to sum up the nominees that are standing for a more informed choice!

Jarrold Baird



Builder extraordinaire, Fire Chief, new dad and Bar Steward on a Friday night. Needs to be watched with saké
Bookies Prediction: Shaker not stirrer, good in all weathers

Photo from Les Pullen

Aaron "Squirt" Conner

Southern Seafoods and South Sea Hotel Mr Fix It. Sometimes spotted with Molly dragging him to the boozier on a Friday night



Bookies Prediction: Proven history, especially good in the wet

Graham Cowley



Strait skipper and fine malt drinker

(although not at the same time). Nice choice in wives

Bookies Prediction: First time out for this one, looks promising

Greg "Big Ted" Everest



Big red truck honker, digger artiste and oyster shucker. Won't say no to an Export

Bookies

Prediction: Sturdy legs, could be a goer

Bruce "Fordly" Ford



Councillor, mower, ex-publican and dog wrangler. Can turn his hand to most things

Bookies prediction: Should stay afloat in this race

Anita Geeson



Small lady with a big "can-do" attitude. Can be found pimping her veg on a Sunday at the Community Garden

Bookies prediction: Maiden filly, shouldn't be overlooked

Graham "Okey Dokey" Okey



Favourite colour, day-glo orange. There isn't a part of Stewart Island this one hasn't patched up

Bookies Prediction: Always first to start and last to finish,

don't count this one out

Jon "Spraggy" Spraggon



Wharf chief and doyen of all things board-like. Currently trying to eat own body weight of Swiss Chocolate

Bookies Prediction: Old-hand, knows the track well

Also a big thank you to last terms community board members; Jarrod, Jon, Karen, Squirt, Barry and Brent for putting a lot of time and effort into representing the Island; we appreciate it!

Vicki

Dear Editor and Community

I am writing this letter, partly in response to Mary's letter in the last issue and partly due to concerns that I am hearing within the community, regarding the Predator Free Stewart Island / Rakiura proposal.

The key message I want to pass on is that nothing has been decided yet about how or even if this project will proceed. The only decision that has been made is to form a Governance Group of key stakeholders. This governance group will guide and make any decisions on how this project may progress.

The idea of removing feral cats, rats and possums from Stewart Island is so big, it is beyond the scope of any one organisation to make decisions on. It is easy to see that it can't be just DOC, it can't be just Rakiura Maori Land Trust and it can't even just be the Stewart Island Community. All of these groups and more have to come together to agree on decisions of this scale.

The Governance Board is a reasonably good, but not perfect, representation of all of these groups. It will represent DOC, Rakiura Maori Land Trust, Iwi, Business, Potential funders, Hunters, the Fishing Industry, Southland District Council, Environment Southland and the local community.

As well as the Governance Board, there will be other ways for the whole community to be involved in this discussion. Working Groups are the proposed mechanism for addressing each issue that arises (e.g. what method should be used? deer hunting implications, local pet concerns, biosecurity, do we get rid of all three at once or one at a time? etc). It is proposed that each working group has an open membership to allow everyone who has an interest and/or a concern to be involved and have their say. As well as this, the use of a website and hopefully SIN will enable further discussion and feedback.

The governance group will make decisions on how, when and if this project proposal proceeds. It is unlikely that the community members of the governance board will be able to represent the diversity of interests that sit within the Stewart Island Community and hence the drive is to get one or two people who are good communicators and are able to act as a liaison between the community and the governance decisions.

Currently the Morgan Foundation, as promised at the last community meeting, is working on the economic appraisal of the proposal. DOC is working on coordinating the formation of the governance group and the National Office team are developing some options papers around the pros and cons of the myriad of potential approaches to this proposal.

They have also contracted an independent company to provide some advice on the potential social costs and benefits of this proposal. The aim is to have all of this information available by the end of October. We would like to have the Governance Board formed by this date so that they can direct the next steps, including the best way of getting all of that information out to everyone who has an interest in Rakiura.

Calls for expressions of interest for being on the governance board are included in this edition of SIN. If you have an interest in this project, I hope that you consider putting your hand up to be involved.

If you have any questions about the predator Free Stewart Island proposal, then please feel free to either come in to the DOC office to see me, or give me a call. If I can't answer your question, I'll at least be able to find the right person who can.

Best regards

Brent Beaven

Conservation Services Manager – Southern Islands

Department of Conservation

Ph: 027 8391252

Like a souvenir wine bottle and to support a good cause?

The Rakiura Heritage & Information Centre project is really up and running, but not without a lot of help from the locals, and the latest support comes from our very own "Ship to Shore" Four Square Store!

Everyone calls in at the shop from time to time – to buy SIN maybe, or that other Southland newspaper Anyway, no doubt you've all seen the wonderful supply of Rakiura Heritage Collection wines decorating the end aisle. We are so grateful to Jill, Richard and their team for allotting this space to us, and giving us all the easiest of opportunities to buy a Pinot Gris or Pinot Noir at a competitive price. The labels on the bottles pretty much describe the good cause for which the wine is being sold: featuring old prints of the locally built vessel *Radium* and the tourist / fishing boat *Rakiura*. It is the originals of these prints and the many other wonderful Stewart Island-related items that we are aiming to house in more ideal conditions than they are in their present cramped quarters. Whether you are a born-and-bred Islander or a newcomer putting down roots, the Island history belongs to us all and should be preserved for those who come after us.

And the labels serve a dual purpose. Christmas is coming, and what to buy for your off-Island friends and relatives? A bottle of something so obviously featuring Stewart Island makes a great statement. We hope that visitors will be tempted to buy the wine as a souvenir of their trip to the Island too. Proceeds from every bottle sold will go towards the new Heritage Centre. For off-Islanders, you can purchase the wine by emailing us at rakiuramuseum@outlook.com

Again, we must thank Sharyn Henseman as supplier for this great fund-raising opportunity and Jill & Richard for their enthusiasm as our main sales point. The rest is over to the Island's wine drinkers and to the souvenir-hunters....

From Sue Ford and Margaret Hopkins



Quiz Update

Numbers have been down recently as you'd expect in Winter, but still there are five or six regular teams competing against the visitors for bragging rights and the bar tab!

Recent donations have included money to the Nurses, Community Gardens, Rugrats, SAR and St Johns, wool for knitting and much more!



The Knitwits

We also purchased 10 booster seats to help families comply with the new law when they are on the mainland.

From 1 November the mandatory use of child restraints in vehicles will be extended by two years, with all children required to be correctly secured in an approved restraint until their seventh birthday.

Eight of the seats are being held in the Ferry terminal at Bluff and two at Stewart Island Flights in Invercargill. The school has first dibs on them as it was their idea, but if you are going shopping for the day they are there for your use, just don't forget to return them! There are guides on the actual seats themselves as to how to correctly use them and I also spoke with Kathryn Implemans, who is the manager for the Plunket Car Seat Service Southland for more information.

"The particular ones you have purchased are only suitable for children above 15kg and ideally who have outgrown their harnessed child car seat. Children using them must be seated in a vehicle seat that has a lap and shoulder safety belt (Must never be used with a lap only safety belt) and their head must be no higher than half way up the vehicle seat head rest once the child is seated on the Booster. I would think you will find they are best suited for children from 4 - 6 or 7 years of age."

Kathryn is also working with Pete and Sharon Ross as they work towards completing their training and qualification as car seat technicians here on the Island so if you do want any more information about how to strap your small person in, get in touch with Pete, Sharon or Debs Dillon, or you can email Kathryn at

Kathryn.Impelmans@plunket.org.nz



Rugrat Ladies with new storage

Vicki

Halfmoon Bay School Update

The Year 5-7 students of Halfmoon Bay School recently competed in the Southland Science and Technology Fair at Ascot



Park Hotel. We had to pick our topic then get started. It was hard work completing them because we had to write and practice our speeches at the same time! But we all got them finished in time...BOTH of them! Ms J said this was good practice for when we go to High School!

there were lots of other ones from making music with wine glasses to testing how strong an egg shell is. It was predictable what Marley was going to chose. His one was called 'Can I play an untuned guitar?'. We were very grateful to Mary Chitenden (and Josh) for coming into school and giving some of us a 'helping hand'.

It was real fun and we all chose completely different topics. My topic was Harvesting Water. Jack's topic was about his robot and

When we got to Invercargill we went straight to Ascot School to do the speeches. Then we were off to the Science Fair. There were some amazing topics that other people had created. We had to set up our projects and wait for the judges to come. It was a pain staking

wait. I'm sure that everyone was nervous when they had to answer the judges questions. After all that was finished some of us had a nice swim while Jack was getting quizzed by the Chief Judge... Then it was home time.

We anxiously waited two more days then eventually the names of the prize winners came through...

Billy Check - Award of Excellence - Science and Technology award - bronze \$30

Jack Dobbins - First Prize - Fonterra Excellence in Technology - Year 7&8, Award of Excellence - Science and Technology award - gold, Special Award -



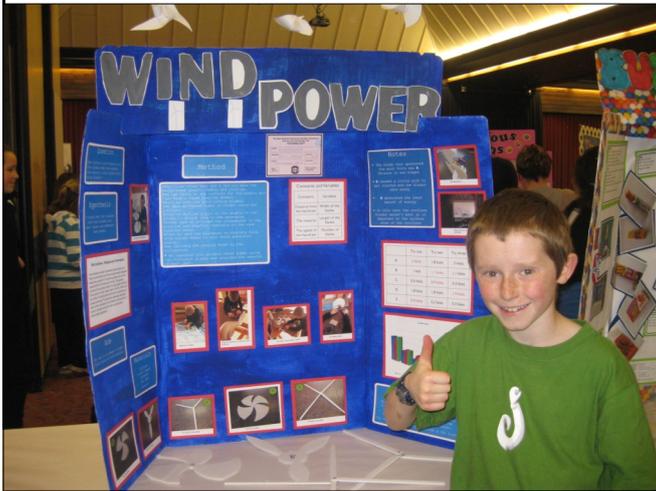
Fonterra Enthusiasm, Effort and Scientific Approach Award, \$200

Sophie Conner - Commendation, Siropotomists Award for Junior Female Students \$35

George Conner - Commendation \$10

Southland Primary Schools Speech Competition. They both head through to the Invercargill Final at Hargest Junior on Tuesday 10th September - good luck boys and watch this space!

Article by Timu Moxham & Billy Check, edited by Ms J.



The four students who were on the prize winners list had to fly back to town on the 23rd August and head back to Ascot Park Hotel again for the prize giving.

There were hundreds of people and it seemed to take ages for them to announce the Halfmoon Bay prize getters... but as we walked up to receive our prizes (some money and a certificate) it felt really good, the hard work had paid off!

We stood in front of a MASSIVE camera with the other prize winners from around Southland - the flash was so blinding and it was all over!

PS - Marley and Billy also placed in Round Two of the



It seems that every week that I walk past the town garden near the shop it looks more and more lovely. As the native plants flourish in the plots, no longer does the area look as if nobody cares. A big thank you to SIRCET for helping to beautify our town with local nursery-grown plants and especially to Letitia McRitchie who can often be seen down there even in the rain tending the gardens. As a volunteer who helped plant the garden and a sceptic that anything would grow in the

concrete like soil I have been getting much pleasure watching some of our rarer native plants thrive. The gardens outside the school gate near the parking area are now getting some attention with little treasures being planted amongst the tussocks. Some of the rarer plants to be found in the gardens are Punui (*Stilbocarpa lyalli*), Pingao (*Desmoschoenus spiralis*), the ground creeper *Gunnera hamiltonii*, native spinach, native celery and iceplant. From *Margaret Hopkins*

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Creative Communities Fund

Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund

Further information and forms available from

SDC office (Museum Building)

9 – 12 noon weekdays

or from

www.southlanddc.govt.nz

Kiwi Tagging

We caught 4 kiwis that day. The 1st one is being re-tagged on Manfred's porch (we knocked but he wasn't home)... the last 2 were a 2-for-1 special - they were in a burrow together! We were only tracking one, but the other one was also wearing a transmitter so we took her too. The kids named the last two Grumpy and Fluffy. The whole process is hard work, and handling kiwis is a delicate matter as their chests can be crushed very easily. I was impressed by both the skills and perseverance of DOC and the maturity of the boys, who were VERY gentle with the birds!

Article and Photos from *Elyn Cordeiro*



Southland District Council

Te Rohe Pōtae O Murihiku

Players needed! Spectators welcome! Come along to the Community Centre at 2pm on Saturday 14th September for a VERY 'friendly' netball match vs Rata Stubbies. Any questions contact Kath on 029.

RAKIURA MUSEUM MATTERS – by Jo Riksem



Gertrude Dawson also know as Gertrude Dempsey at back beach of Whalers Base.



Busy time at Golden Bay for Sanders Cup Race 1928

A framed shield made with shells by Rosa Harrison in 1913 was donated along with a watercolour painting of Butterfield Beach by Margaret Fairhall which was given to the Harrison's on a wedding anniversary. Many thanks to all our donors.

We've had a lovely lot of digital images come in this last month and one of them was of Gertrude Dawson who wrote under the name of Gertrude Dempsey. Her books about Stewart Island are well know to many Islanders and are a wonderful slice of Stewart Island life. They are "Isle of the Glowing Skies" (1951), "The Little World of Stewart Island" (1964). "The Spell of Stewart Island" (1967) is a combination of the first two books plus an additional section called "Island Calendar". She also wrote another book about her life at Paraparumu Beach called "A Wind From The Sea" in 1950.

With America's Cup fever around it was nice to see some digital images come in of a regatta held here in 1928 called The Sanders Cup Race with many people coming from all over New Zealand for the event. We have a few "Memories 2014 Calendars" on sale for \$12 with the May photograph from our collection of the crew and yacht "Murihiku" in the 1922 race.

Don't forget to get your name in if you are interested in our Norwegian Celebration on 4, 5 and 6 April 2014. We've already had a lot of interest from people not living on Stewart Island so locals don't miss out. Programmes of all events will be out in November for registrations but we need to know your interest so we can get these out to you. Don't miss out.

Museum winter opening hours through September are Monday thru Friday 10 am- Noon, Saturday 10 am-1:30 pm and Sunday Noon-2 pm. From October Monday thru Saturday 10 am-1:30 pm and Sunday Noon-2 pm

For more in-depth information join Friends of Rakiura Museum with twice yearly newsletters.

Just email us at

stewartislandmuseum@southlanddc.govt.nz or 03 2191-221.

To the Stewart Island Community

Thank you for your ongoing support of DOC and conservation in your local community. As your involvement in conservation is important, I just want to take this opportunity to update you on the changes that are underway at DOC.

DOC is reorganising itself so we are better able to address the environmental challenges New Zealand faces. Conservation is a key part of addressing those challenges. We are changing the way we work so we can get our core work done as efficiently as possible, and grow conservation by working more effectively in partnership with others.

Our new structure, along with other changes to staff and roles, came into effect on Monday 2 September 2013. You may start to see some different faces within our team, as staff move into different roles and we bring new

people into DOC.

These changes include my appointment as Partnerships Director for the Eastern and Southern South Island region. I am responsible for overseeing a team of Partnership Managers and Rangers who are focussed on building DOC's external relationships and working with new and existing partners to grow conservation. I will be based in our Dunedin Office.

The new Conservation Partnership managers for the south are Jessie Haanen (Fiordland) and Phil Melgren. Phil is based in Invercargill and will cover the Murihiku and Southern Islands areas.

This team will work closely with the new Southern South Island Conservation Services Director Allan Munn and his team of Conservation Services Managers and Rangers who are responsible for delivering conserva-

tion work on the ground. Allan will be based in our Invercargill Office.

The new Conservation Services Managers for the south are Brent Beaven (Southern Islands), Lindsay Wilson (Biodiversity Fiordland) and Deidre Vercoe (Kakapo and Takahe). We are currently recruiting for Conservation Services Managers for Murihiku and Fiordland (Visitor and Historic).

If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact any of the mangers listed above.

Thank you again for your ongoing support. You can find out more about the changes at DOC on our website: www.doc.govt.nz/docchanges

Yours sincerely

Barry Hanson

Director Conservation Partnerships



On October 27th 2013 on Stewart Island's Rakiura Track, one perfectly ordinary Kiwi bloke will start running New Zealand's nine *Great Walks* in the name of charity and personal discovery. Each 'Great Run' will take a single day, and all nine will be completed within six months.

GREAT RUNS

A JOURNEY FROM RUNNER TO ULTRARUNNER, ONE GREAT WALK AT A TIME

'Great Runs' is a project of self-discovery, inspiration, and giving back. While finding the ultrarunner within, Julian Bee aspires to inspire his fellow Kiwis to get off the couch and onto the trail, and in the process raise at least \$20,000 for Cure Kids to fund research to improve the health of our nation's children.

GREAT WALKS | New Zealand's Great Walks are an iconic part of our outdoor heritage, and take walkers to places every Kiwi should see at least once in their lifetime. Covering a total of 544km, with tracks ranging from 32km up to 78km, and featuring a rather unique 145km river journey, they would normally take 30-40 days to complete.

THE NUTTER | In my early years I was a successful orienteer and have run most of my adult life, but never with much structure. I have long admired the dedication and determination of ultrarunners, so in a moment of sheer inspiration I devised this project to challenge myself and inspire others to challenge what they think they are capable of.

CUREKIDS | CureKids have a simple but audacious goal – to find cures for the life-threatening illnesses that affect many of our children. Established by Rotary in 1975, CureKids have since invested more than 32 million dollars into research that has resulted in breakthroughs that have saved, improved and extended the lives of kids here and around the world.

INSPIRATION | Trail running has undergone a surge of popularity in recent years, and this project aims to build on that by encouraging others to dust off their shoes and try trail running. I hope this inspires you to enjoy some of this country's stunning trails, be it just a quiet run through a local park, or by getting involved in the project and taking part in a Great Run.

TIMELINE | Timing of the runs has been arranged around two key elements; firstly in increasing distance order to ensure a safe and sensible training regime, and secondly to ensure highest chance of success the Whanganui River trip is scheduled to occur as close to the summer solstice (longest day) as possible.



SUPPORT | Great Runs is looking for suitably adventurous organisations to assist with a number of key project requirements. For example travel, running and safety gear, nutrition, sports medicine and accommodation.

RUNNING CREW | The other crucial support element I need to make this successful, are some fellow-nutters to join me on each run, and a few seasoned kayakers to join the Whanganui River crew. This will be an amazing adventure, so if you think you're up for a challenge, get in touch.

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Branches Charitable Trust

The Wakatipu High School, annual year 10 Branches camp, which goes for 12 days, has been running for 46 years. The camp has become a 'right of passage' for students and pushes many out of their comfort zones. The students participate in rafting, abseiling, hiking, target shooting, and kayaking to name a few activities and this is one of the only camps of its kind still in existence in New Zealand. The Branches Trust was established in 2009 to ensure the on going viability of the camp so that our students of the future would still be able to participate in this unique, amazing and life changing opportunity.

Rakiura Information & Heritage Centre Trust

A new Heritage Centre to replace the old Rakiura Museum is an exciting development for Stewart Island being driven by the Rakiura Information & Heritage Centre Trust. The proposed multi-million dollar building will provide a new exhibition gallery, purpose built storage for heritage items, audio visual and education areas as well as research facilities. With major funders continually reducing their level of support the RI&HCT is looking to raise as much money as possible for what will become an iconic tourist attraction and valuable treasure house for Stewart Island's rich and varied history. www.stewartislandmuseum.co.nz

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Birthday Pensioners from Nicolette Thompson



Not entirely sure Bryan wanted water with his Coruba..... Thanks to everyone who helped to rescue her!

Photo from Aurora Charters

A couple of good websites to get your teeth into this month.

First up is

<http://www.thug-notes.com> from Kirsten Hicks. A sort of gangsta précis of well known classics. Funny as.

Web Watch

Secondly

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_Ck9cgikxPs,

a gentleman named John McCarthy's old super 8 movie holiday film of the Island. No sound and a bit fuzzy but interesting nonetheless. Thanks to Elyn Cordeiro for finding that one!

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Farewell Function For Frana!

Frana Cardno is the longest serving continuous mayor in New Zealand, having been mayor of Southland for the past 21 years and she is retiring from office in October.

Stewart Island Farewell Pot Luck Dinner

Saturday October 5th 5pm at the Community Centre

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