

STEWART ISLAND NEWS

CELEBRATING RAKIURA

SEPTEMBER—OCTOBER 2009

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Weather-wise it's been the usual mixed bag that Spring brings: thunder, lightening, hailstorms, chilly starry nights, howling wind, and lovely warm sunny days.

There are so many things on our horizon that I put an Events Schedule on the back page so you could keep track of it all. Don't miss the **School Play** at 6pm on Wednesday 23rd September at the Hall. The **Kakapo Encounter** finally kicks off for a month on 26th September—make sure you inform our island visitors that this is a must-see. Tickets available at the Fernery, and proceeds go to a beautiful Island cause: the Ulva Island Charitable Trust.

Get your glue and feathers out...it's time to fashion a silly hat for our very own **Melbourne Cup** and Mel-Bin Cup Day. On Saturday, 11th October the Hotel will entertain a very special guest...the Melbourne Cup! Come by at 10.30 to view this historic trophy as it tours the country, then drink bubbly, eat oysters, and take part in the Mel-Bin Cup at HMB Beach. Details p3.

Author and Musician **Dr Glam** will perform at the Hall



at 11am on Friday 16th October in honour of National Book Week. And the rumours are true...**Anika Moa** will perform at the Hall on 14th November.

A **paua diver** got a hurry-up from a whale in Fiordland recently when the whale slapped him with a fin! We won't name the diver or the whale to spare anyone from getting slapped with a fine.

After many months of rebuilding, the Horseshoe Bay Wharf is looking fabulous. Same cannot be said for the **Halfmoon Bay Wharf** which is *still* in disrepair more than two months after the freight boat smashed it. Negotiations continue amongst insurance people, owners, and fix-it folks.

This mouse was found at HMB Wharf! Page 4.

We have two **new features:** **Johann & Jonas**, a cartoon series from Peter Schofield based on his Rakiura ancestors (p13). And I



Jenny and Milli at the Singles Ball Clean-Up.
For more Ball photos see pages 6, 7, 14 & 15.

started a Maori Language Corner (p15) which was suggested by one of our readers.

Finally, pick up a copy of *NZ Today* — Stewart Island is featured in it as the **most beautiful place in New Zealand.** —Jess

A little ditty from the Singles Committee

by *Mona Wiig*

We would like to thank all the people who attended from far and wide for this year's Singles Ball.

The ball was another terrific night with lots of hook-ups and we hear through the grapevine there have been three weddings and also one baby on the way. Well done A & L.

The money raised so far is \$9000 and will be spent on Stewart Island groups and individuals or charities that supply services for Stewart Islanders i.e. Stewart Island Health Committee, Southland Cancer, Stewart Island Players, Stewart Island Library,



Ronald MacDonald House, Stewart Island Rescue etc.

Our biggest THANK YOU goes to our sponsors, (71 this year) and the backroom boys and girls who, without you all, the Ball would not have been the great success it was.

Date for

the next Singles Ball to be announced soon. Information will go on the Singles ball website www.singlesball.co.nz

Thank you all once again. Doug, Jack, Mona, Jon and Vicki Singles Ball Committee.

P.S. We have already started preparing for the next one!

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Now and Then

by Margaret Hopkins

Muttonbirders Return

This month instead of the usual *Now and Then* photos I am looking for information. The pictures here show muttonbirders returning to Halfmoon Bay and unloading their gear onto the Halfmoon Bay wharf. The old truck belonged to the local store proprietor T. Bragg.

If anyone can identify the people in the photos and approximate date would they please contact me or Elaine Hamilton at the Rakiura Museum. 03 2191 221 stewartislandmuseum@southlanddc.govt.nz



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The South Sea Hotel is proud to host
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The actual cup will be on show at the Hotel
 10.30-11am on Sunday 11th October

Come and see it and then join in our own

MEL-BIN CUP DAY

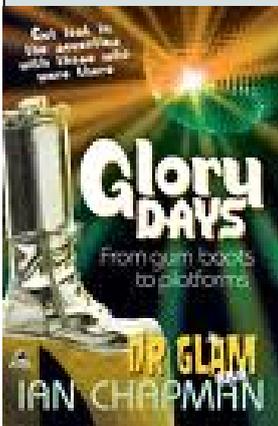
Beach races from 11.15am, Halfmoon Bay
 competitors must dress in bin liners

PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME DOWN ON THE RACE REGISTER
 AT THE HOTEL RECEPTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AS
BETS WILL BE PLACED.

Great prizes for Race Winners including, of course, the Mel-Bin Cup. Also prizes for Best Dressed, Best Hat, Male Prowess (at what yet to be invented), kids' competitions and other shenanigans. Traditional Cup Fare of bubbly and chicken will be served and also our own oysters and other goodies.

Maybe Salty can be persuaded to appear as our equine representative. Any proceeds will go to Rakiura Rugrats - hooray!
 (If anyone could donate a prize for presenting on the day, please contact Holger or Chris 491. Anything greatly appreciated).

Let **DR GLAM** add some sparkle to your day as he brings back the 70s complete with platform shoes, glitter gear and guitar!



Dr Glam aka Ian Chapman will also talk about his book *Glory Days* which will be on sale.

FREE ADMISSION

Stewart Island Community Centre
 11am, Friday 16th October

20% of book sales proceeds will go to the Stewart Island Library.

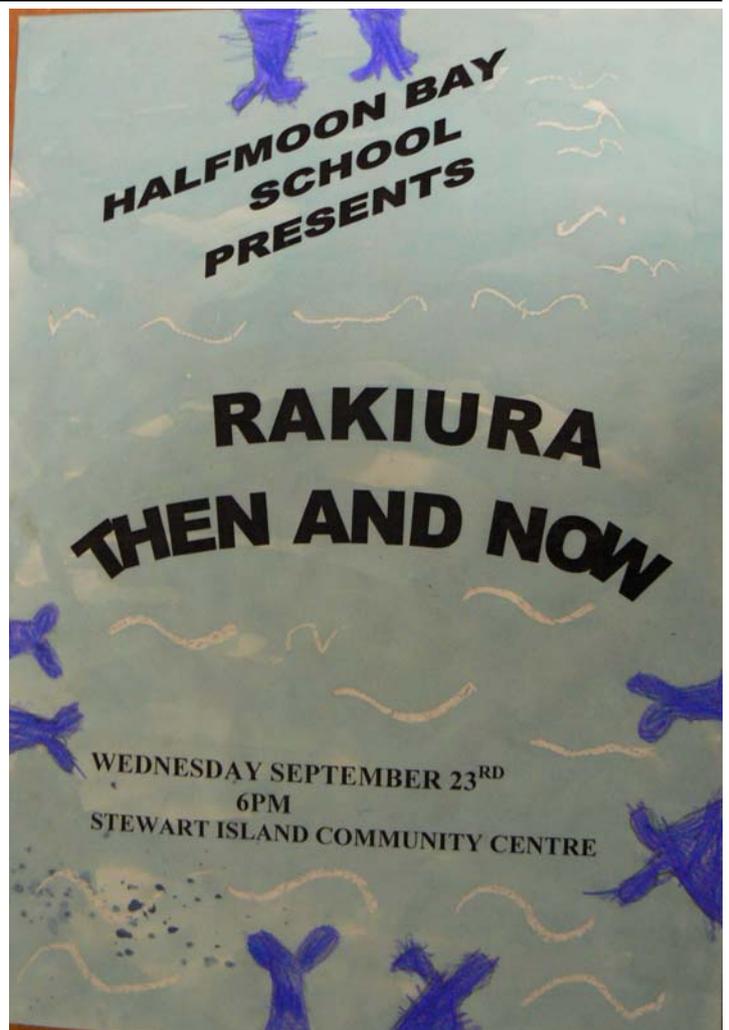
Kakapo Encounter 2009

Sept 26 — Oct 26



www.kakapoencounter.org

Tell your friends, family and our island visitors about Kakapo Encounter which is a fundraiser for the Ulva Island Charitable Trust. This will likely be Sirocco's last stay on Ulva Island so make sure you come see him yourself while he's here!
 Tickets on sale now at the Fernery.



Website-of-the-Month from Vicki

www.gretelsgingerbread.co.nz

Really cool stuff! Gluten free options.



DOC Spot

by Sharon Pasco, Field Centre Supervisor / PM Community Relations

Hearings concluded

Over the last three months the Department of Conservation has made significant progress in the Rakiura planning process – to review the Stewart Island / Rakiura Conservation Management Strategy and prepare the first Rakiura National Park Management Plan. The task of working through all of the information gathered from the submissions and hearing process is now well under way. As a result, a number of changes are being made to both the draft Stewart Island / Rakiura Conservation Management Strategy and the draft Rakiura National Park Management Plan. The Department will deliver the two draft planning documents to the Southland Conservation Board in December 2009. The Southland Conservation Board will then consider the draft planning documents and can request the Department of Conservation to make further revisions. Once approved by the Southland Conservation Board the drafts will be sent to the New Zealand Conservation Authority for their consideration and approval. The New Zealand Conservation Authority then sends the documents to the Minister of Conservation for comment and final sign-off. If you have any questions about the Rakiura planning process or any general enquiries please do not hesitate to contact the Rakiura Planning Team, either Rebecca Heenan or Anke Habgood based in the Invercargill DOC office or Sharon Pasco on Stewart Island / Rakiura.

Mouse hunt

The report of a mouse sighting had DOC ranger Phred Dobbins scurrying around the Halfmoon

Bay wharf last month. Jo Leask was adamant the creature she had seen was a mouse, not simply a “very small rat,” and decided to call DOC to have it “checked out”. Traps and tracking tunnels were quickly set up around the wharf area and the next day, when a mouse was caught, her observation was proved correct. Since then, there have been no further sightings or any evidence to suggest that mice have established on the island, however this incident shows easily unwanted pests can arrive on the island. Being caught on the wharf it is assumed that the mouse arrived by boat and demonstrates how easily a boat harbouring stowaway mice could unwittingly introduce mice to islands such as Ulva. A mail-out from Environment Southland recently explained the great advantage Stewart Island’s physical separation from mainland New Zealand plays in keeping out some of the unwanted pests that have irrevocably damaged the natural environment in parts of Southland. It is important that people travelling to the island ensure that they aren’t accidentally transporting any pest plants or animals with them. If you see or are concerned about any biosecurity issue that could affect Stewart Island please contact ES immediately, they have a 24/7 tollfree number – 0800768845. Alternatively you can contact DOC staff to pass on the information, if you would be more comfortable with this approach. Thanks Jo for acting so quickly!

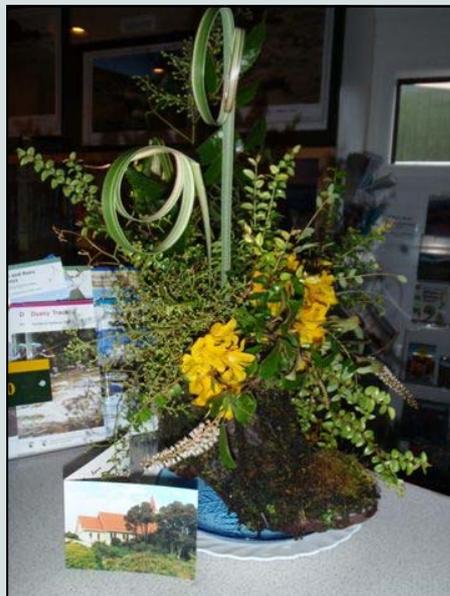
A reason for the rules

Whitebaiters are reminded that DOC staff will be patrolling fishing sites to check that people are abiding by the whitebait-

ing regulations. The regulations include requirements to use only one whitebait net at a time, to stay within 10 metres of the net, and for the net to not exceed more than one third of the water channel width. Whitebait are the young of native fish such as *giant kokopu*, *shortjaw kokopu*, *banded kokopu*, *koaro* and *inanga*, collectively known as *galaxiids*. They are a variety of native fish species that spend six months at sea and then make their way up rivers and streams. The regulations were put in place to allow some whitebait to migrate upstream to feed, grow and reproduce, thus keeping the fishery sustainable for future generations. A summary of the regulations can be obtained from the Stewart Island DOC office.

Conservation Week

DOC staff were delighted to receive an unexpected gift of chocolates and flowers artfully arranged in an old boot from the Congregation of the Oban Presbyterian Church this week to mark Conservation Week. (The staff wish to pass on a very big thank you to all concerned!) Conservation Week 2009 runs from 13-20 September and this year the campaign is about encouraging New Zealanders to Get Involved, *Kia Mahia te Mahi*. Emma Hopkins spent time with the local school children this week encouraging them to think



about some of the tiny creatures that inhabit our environment – insects, and next week the school will take a trip to Ulva Island to see what makes this island so special and the work being done to keep it that way.

Vitamin D – a hungry rat’s downfall

by Claire Kilner

Just a brief update on the progress of the rat contingency plan underway on Ackers Peninsula. For those of you new or visiting the Island, the Stewart Island/ Rakiura Community and Environment Trust, in consultation with the community, decided to supplement its normal rat trapping operation with a poison operation to tackle the high rat numbers this year. If you have been out walking you may have seen the signs or bait stapled to the trees. Cholecalciferol, the fancy name for Vitamin D3, was chosen. Cholecalciferol releases calcium into the bloodstream, which in a normal way we need. However rats and possums are particularly susceptible to an overdose of cholecalciferol, which

causes them to have a heart attack. We chose cholecalciferol because there is low risk to non-target species such as birds, and low risk of secondary poisoning. However, just in case, on walking tracks and on Leask Bay Road, the baits have been stapled to trees at head height to be out of reach of curious children and dogs, but please do continue to keep an eye out.

Anyway on to the interesting news, we first put out a non toxic pre-feed to key the rats into the bait sites... and it was all eaten! Of the approximately 650 non toxic baits we put out, only one was uneaten! Sometimes there would be little bits of paper with chew marks left on the ground but generally all that was left was the staples in the tree. So there are a lot of hungry rats out there. We have now put out the first round of actual cholecalciferol and

in the next month we will continue to replace this bait until it stops being eaten. Then in late October we will do some rat monitoring and that will show us what level of rats are out there in comparison to before the operation. What we hope is that rat numbers will drop below 10% and we will be able to maintain it at that level through trapping, and that this spring our tītī, kākā, tūi, little blue penguins, weka, bell-birds, tomtits and fantails etc etc will be able to breed freely without having their eggs and food stolen. Less rats = more birds! For more information or questions on the rat contingency plan, please call Jessi, 291 or email: jessi@sircet.org.nz

If you are interested in volunteering, email us: info@sircet.org.nz or phone 219 1291 or 219 1418.

Due to a complaint made recently to NZ Post Powers-that-Be, no one besides postal employee are permitted behind the counter at the Post Office, and your Stewart Island Depot crew have been advised to enforce this rule. So bring your box key with you or wait (patiently and sweetly) in line where you can admire the brand new paint job.



Are you a *Deadliest Catch* fan but a bit sick of the hyper juicy drama and whinging that has crept into the last two seasons? There’s another great fishing show now which features the Irish and Scottish trawlermen of the North Sea: airs on Sunday nights on the Living Channel, check it out! It’s called, un-juicily, *Trawlermen*.

If you missed the buzz-creating doco that aired recently on the Documentary Channel *The Great New Zealand Fishing Scandal* don’t fret...I have contacted the producer and he is sending a DVD to the Library.

This program is well worth a watch, keep your eye on Library DVD shelf for its arrival.



The Island Beat

WHARF Rules:

The wharf rules have been in place for a few months now. As stated the rules will be reviewed each year in August, September before the Summer season arrives. So if you have any positive suggestions about the rules contact Jon Spraggon at the Wharf or Dale Jenkins. Note with the damage to the wharf and until it is repaired patience is required.

Things are warming up the daffodils are blooming and the grass is growing. With plenty of fresh Grass about the deer will be out feeding. Fire-arm licence holders if you want to keep your licence, don’t hunt at night, on public roads, or private property without authority.

Crime:

Over the last 8 months a Dark Blue Aluminium Luxfer 105 Dive Tank valued at \$400.00 has been taken from the dive tank fill shed at the Red Shed.

The tank had a rubber boot and torn orange mesh sleeve.

Damage to Boat. Between the 17th of April and the 22nd of May the Honda 75 outboard motor on a Mclay Boat Moored in Horseshoe Bay has been damaged. It would appear another boat has collided with it damaging aluminium side fins.

If you have any information about the above call me.

Traffic:

I have noted a number of Vehicles that have failed the Warrant of Fitness inspection test and still being operated on the road. If your vehicle has failed the WOF check it can not be operated on the road until the problems have been repaired. Some of these problems are serious and effect the road safety of the vehicle and other road users. Get it repaired and warranted before driving on the road.

—Dale Jenkins





PHOTOS: VICKI COATS



For more photos go to the gallery at www.singlesball.co.nz

Alun John Evans

from Raylene Waddell

Alun John Evans was a gentle, shy man who radiated good will and peace to all he encountered. To think of Alun and not to think of his boat, The Secret, is next to impossible. The Secret was Alun's home, his castle, his refuge from a too busy world. Together, they slipped in and out of the quiet anchorages of this island unobtrusively, modestly, graciously. Their origins could not be further apart, a Welsh-born wanderer and a Stewart Island boat crafted in and for these Southern waters. Yet how well man and boat matched, honest, sturdy, workmanlike. And the boat's very name reminds us that so much of Alun remains a secret. He was an intensely private person and yet he could light up your day with his cheery greeting, the lovely lilt of his voice and the warm smile that was never far away.

When I heard of Alun's death, I thought of the words of John Donne:

No man is an island, entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main; if a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe (and Aoteoroa) is the less ... any man's death diminishes me because I am involved in mankind; and therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee.

Alun was born in Wales and adopted New Zealand, more specifically these Southern coastlines that we call home. Now ... To be born Welsh is to be born wealthy Not with a silver spoon in your mouth But with a song in your heart And poetry in your soul.

The Welsh poet, W.H. Davies, had many things in common with Alun. They both wandered far from the land of their birth, they both shunned

conformity to the humdrum world and they both delighted in nature. **No Master** is a poem that evokes fond memories of Alun's chosen lifestyle.

No Master

INDEED this is the sweet life! my hand
Is under no proud man's command;
There is no voice to break my rest
Before a bird has left its nest;
There is no man to change my mood,
When I go nutting in the wood;
No man to pluck my sleeve and say --
I want thy labour for this day;
No man to keep me out of sight,
When that dear Sun is shining bright.
None but my friends shall have command
Upon my time, my heart and hand;
I'll rise from sleep to help a friend,
But let no stranger orders send,
Or hear my curses fast and thick,
Which in his purse-proud throat
would stick
Like burrs. If I cannot be free
To do such work as pleases me,
Near woodland pools and under trees,
You'll get no work at all, for I
Would rather live this life and die
A beggar or a thief, than be
A working slave with no days free.

Another poem of W.H. Davies

The Kingfisher

It was the Rainbow gave thee birth,
And left thee all her lovely hues;
And, as her mother's name was
Tears,
So runs it in my blood to choose
For haunts the lonely pools, and keep
In company with trees that weep.
Go you and, with such glorious hues,

Live with proud peacocks in green parks;
On lawns as smooth as shining glass,
Let every feather show its marks;
Get thee on boughs and clap thy wings
Before the windows of proud kings.
Nay, lovely Bird, thou art not vain;
Thou hast no proud, ambitious mind;
I also love a quiet place
That's green, away from all mankind;
A lonely pool, and let a tree
Sigh with her bosom over me.

Alun's brother mentioned the poem *Requiem* by Robert Louis Stevenson. The title Requiem means rest, repose, peace. Marty Pepers, who was called up to Millar's Beach, when Alun was found there, assures me that Alun looked very peaceful in death, on the deck of his much loved boat.

Here is the poem in full:

Under the wide and starry sky,
Dig the grave and let me lie,
Glad did I live and gladly die,
And I laid me down with a will.

This be the verse you grave foe me:
**Here he lies where he longed to be,
Home is the sailor, home from sea,
And the hunter home from the hill.**

Alun asked that his ashes be scattered at sea and this was done after his memorial service from The Secret which set out from Horseshoe Bay.

Alun, we honour your memory and we farewell you. Above all we offer this prayer for you:

**Deep peace of the running wave to you
Deep peace of the flowing air to you
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you
Deep peace of the shining stars to you
Deep peace of the gentle night to you
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you
Deep peace of Christ, the light of the world, to you
Deep peace of Christ to you.**





To all those who helped with the salvage and recovery of the POUNAWEA after sinking on her mooring on the 28th August.

To Squirt, Helen, Grim, Stu, Rastus, Rex, the 2 Peters, Graham, Zane, Trevor, Deon, Andrew, Hillbillies, DOC, and others too numerous to mention who gave freely of their time and gear: a huge thankyou from Len and Sue.

Your kindness and generosity will never be forgotten. We hope to have the Pounaweia (unsinkable) back in the water within a week or so. Cheers, Len



Old Ferries Guess what I have just found in an old box of unsorted personal photos... photos of the **JAMES O'BRIEN** Westport tug at the Halfmoon Bay wharf in 1959. Yeah..! When *Stewart Island Boats* went to press last year, the best photo to hand was one of her leaving Bluff. Well, now we can prove that she made it to Halfmoon Bay. Indeed, she filled a gap in the ferry service in 1959 between the demise of the old WAIRUA and the brief service of the MA-TAI. In the photos I think I can identify the late Frank Rawle (T Bragg and Co) and Eric Wiig (Bosun). Can anyone identify any of the other folk? Cheers, Jim Watt.

PHOTOS WANTED The Bluff History Group are presently writing a book about Bluff registered boats which went down during the crayfishing boom years 1960-1985 and they are seeking photos of any of the following vessels. Thei contact information is PO Box 55, Bluff or alanmi@xtra.co.nz or Tel 212 7330 or 212-7173.

Little Glory	Dawn	Carole Ann
Linda Carol	Sea Wind	San Marie
Rosie	Bonito II	Sou West
Mary Ellen	Wee Lee	Zephus
Amokura	Freedom	Kowhai
Spray	Coral	Mapua
Chance	Port Dallas	Aoteama
Marenka	Shado	Catalina
Marlborough	Vulcan	Peraki
Angela	West Wind	The Dory
Myth	Acheron	Vega
Scout	Miss Tracey	Donald Duck
Marie	Neta	Tiki
Star II	James McLaren	Wyoming
Sea Hawk		



Jim and Hilli pose next to their new boat OYSTER CATCHER

Photo from Chris Visser



Thanks to everyone for coming to the Library Party, books flew off the shelves and we checked out about 100 books in less than an hour!

We are very grateful to the **Lions** who have generously agreed to financially support our purchase of **blinds for the library**. These will protect books from the harmful sunlight which fades our book spines.

New books on shelf include the first five in the Artmeis Fowl fantasy series by Eion Colfer, and *Finger Lickin' Fifteen* by Janet Evanovich.

October is **National Book Month**, and to celebrate we have a New Zealand writer/musician coming to visit us. Ian Chapman has written *Glory Days: from Gumboots to Platforms* and he will discuss his book with us and then his alter ego

Dr Glam will perform at 11am on Friday 16th October at the Community Centre

So get on your 70s gear and get yourself down to the Library for a glittery afternoon! His book will be on sale and the publisher will donate 20 percent of sales to the Library so bring your wallet.

Thanks to Loraine for new books and a new WASGIJ puzzle and to all other generous donors. —*Jess*

Grant from Community Trust of Southland for SIRCET.

Trustees of the Stewart Island Rakiura Community Environment Trust were delighted to receive news of a grant for their Halfmoon Bay Habitat Restoration Project from Community Trust of Southland. \$7,202 for project costs and an operational grant of \$25,000 with an approval in principle for the next 3 years will enable the Trust to continue with restoration work within the 208ha. project area. Rat and possum trapping will continue to be the main focus with planting of native species in selected areas, bird monitoring and reintroduction of endangered birds where environmental targets have been met.

“We are really thrilled to have received this generous support from Community Trust of Southland as it is acknowledgement of the value that is placed on our habitat restoration project,” said Margaret Hopkins, Chairperson of SIRCET. “We have a great network of volunteers who continue to be loyal supporters out there trapping in all sorts of weather and getting involved at the Community Nursery or planting and trap making days. Our project provides employment for two people on the Island and the use of international volunteers brings people into the Stewart Island community for extended periods of time so there are economic flow-on benefits.”



CUPCAKE DAY raised \$420 in two hours on Stewart Island! Thanks to Kate, PJ, Petra, Jenny, Anita, Megan and Vicki for baking and everyone for disregarding diets and scoffing and donating cash! Following is a letter from the SPCA to Island cupcakkers:



Vicki, Bravo to you! And a big thank you for your efforts. What a star.

We will post on the website closer to the beginning of October the areas where monies were raised. Your beautiful island will be noted I am sure. Please pass on a big thank you to all of your cupcake cooks. I am glad you all had such a good time.

Best wishes, the SPCA
www.spcacupcakeday.co.nz

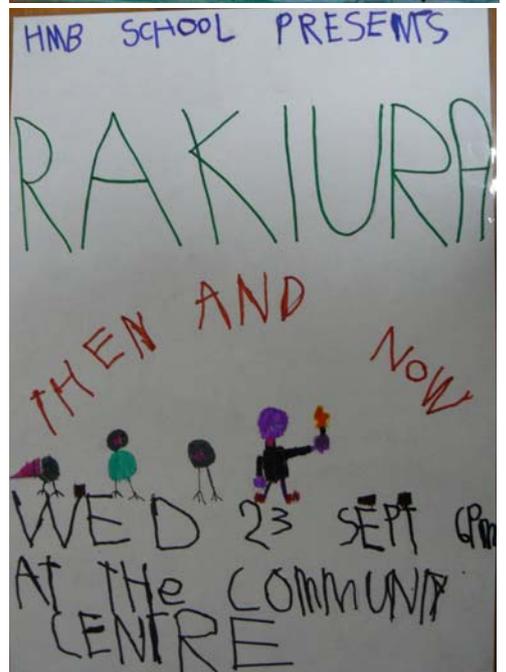
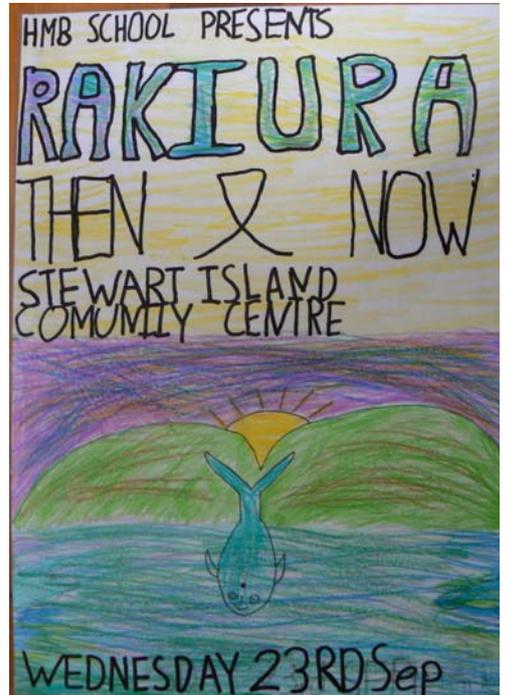
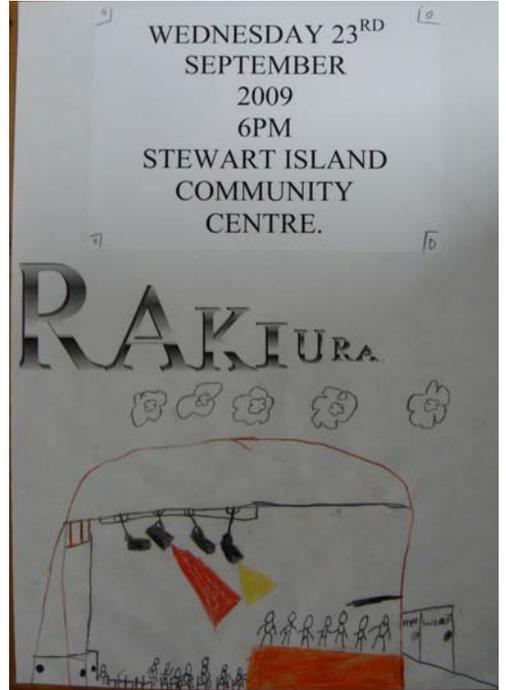


DAFFODIL DAY
FUNDRAISING TOTAL WAS
\$1,046
PJ won the Bear Raffle.



STARFISH recently learned about outdoor first aid, and made stretchers out of paddles and lifejackets.

Photo from Liz Cave



- + NZQA approved
- + OSH recognised courses
- + First Aid Kits

First Aid Training

Stewart Island—05th—06th Oct 2009
Venue: RSA Pavilion

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E: invercargill@redcross.org.nz
W: www.redcross.org.nz



Stewart Island Yoga

Stewart Island Yoga has been going for coming up seven years now.

We aren't all that good – the 'teacher' isn't, we dress badly, and for some us our toes are still a long way away. But we have a great time.

We get together most Wednesdays 5pm (during Winter) at the RSA.

*All welcome!
Any queries – call Chris 494.*

Come have some fun - TAE BO and Hip Hop abs classes

At the community centre

\$2 per person

Monday 9.30am and 5.30pm

if these times do not suit

Thursday 6.45pm

contact me and will try to suit you

Friday 9.15am

Lots of fun

Sunday 9.30am

Ph diddle 2191166

WHITEBAIT POETRY CONTEST

It's one of my favourite times of year... whitebait season! In honour of the glorious inanga, *SIN* is holding a poetry contest. Send us your ditty, haiku, limerick, couplets or verses about whitebait (we only have so many pages to spare so no epic Odysseys please) and the best ones will be printed in the next issue. Deadline 10th October. Contact details for *SIN* on back page.

HALFMOON BAY.

(Written for "The Chronicle.")

The office of the Harbour Board
Is in the centre of the Bluff,
The fashions are a sight to see,
The crushing at the door seems tough.
And at the wharf the sturdy tug—
The gay "Theresa" belches smoke,
And there are coats and bags to lug,
And other work for girl and bloke.
At length the gentle rise and fall
Of green waves on old Foveaux Strait,
And Bluff in dim tints beautiful
Prove we are out and off e'ate.
Then after two hours storm and stress
And sundry bumps and quarts of sea
Right down our backs, we must confess
We lose our cordiality.
But soon the Island looms ahead,
A thing of mists and facry shades,
And here and there a house of red
Peeps from amongst the bushy glades.
The Oban township slips in sight,
The crowded wharf is all acheer,
It's good old Halfmoon Bay to-night,
We're wet and happy and we're here.
And then it's Hick's on the hill,
Or Thomson's just around the Bay,
We've got a whole fortnight to kill,
We'll have a good time anyway!
So we're with Carroll Hansen now,
The Sneaker's in good trim, you bet,
We'll at the islets fish somehow,
And catch more than we seem to get.
And Captain Back, we'll see you too,
But you are such a ladies' man,
With George Swain, first mate, cook
and crew,
You seem to work a clever plan.
There's Kaipipi and Boulder Beach,
Ulva and bush walks by the score,
And you are always there to teach
Us new things of the Island's lore.
There's bathing days at Butterfield's
Concerts and dances at the hall,
The fun a gay impromptu yields,
And this is quite the best of all.
But strange to say there's something
more
Prosaic but a truth to tell:
There's nothing puts up such a score
As Hostess Hick's dinner bell.
—S.G.A.



FREE BUSINESS WORKSHOP

Presented by Lisa Crosswell (Crosswell Communications)

Branding: Making your Mark

Effective branding adds recognition, credibility and value to your business. It helps your customers to align you against your competitors and assess your strengths and weaknesses. Attend this workshop and learn how to effectively brand your business.

Tuesday 22 September
10.00am – 1.00pm at the Pavilion



Free one on one coaching also available with Lisa for anyone who attends this workshop. As Lisa is staying overnight in Stewart Island, she will be available for coaching either straight after the workshop, or the next day.

Registration is required please contact Kendyl Kennedy
(03) 211 1804 or kendyl@venturesouthland.co.nz

PHOTO COMPETITION for HMB School 2010 Calendar

- 1st Craig Stonyer
- 2nd Claire Kilner
- 3rd Sue Munro

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The above article was from a 1920 *Stewart Island Chronicle*, shared with us by Joye Leask.

Answers to last month's puzzles from Bev Osbourne:

CRACK	C	L	E	F	T
PRY	L	E	V	E	R
EACH	E	V	E	R	Y
FRONDS	F	E	R	N	S
APPOINTMENT	T	R	Y	S	T
STROLL	A	M	B	L	E
WORTH	M	E	R	I	T
BROOM	B	R	U	S	H
FABRIC	L	I	S	L	E
GAS	E	T	H	E	R



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**Introducing
Johann and Jonas**

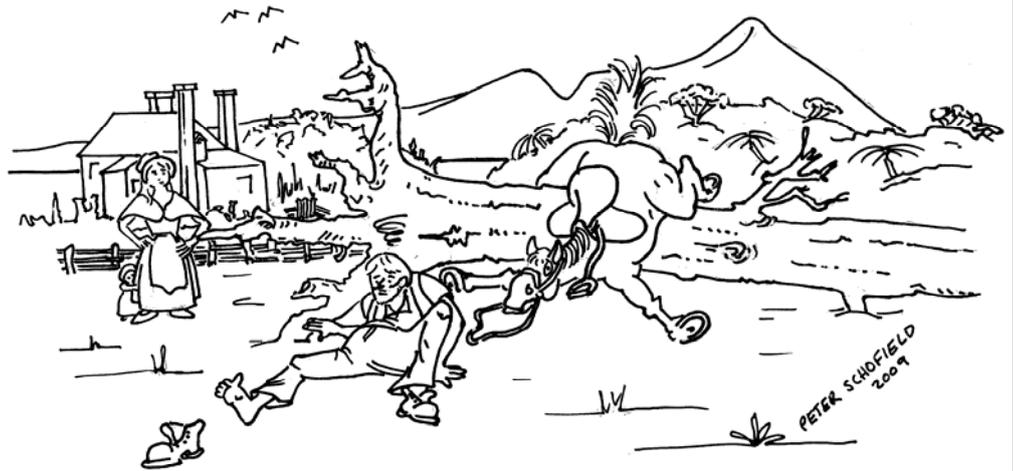
by Peter Schofield

I met Helen at the airport and we started talking about the local newspaper. What could I do? My supply of hate mail has been pretty low of late so I thought a few cartoons would fire people's imaginations. As a result I produced a cartoon series about my great great grandfather the Reverend Johann Fredrich Henrich Wohlers.

Johann lives on Ruapuke but travels around the Neck, Halfmoon Bay and other settlements. Together with his wife Eliza they have a daughter Gretchen. Johann's companion is Jonas. The fictional Jonas's character is a European whaler between jobs. However, he is derived from a person who lived at the time by the name of Old Jonas. Presumably he became Old Jonas later in life. Wohlers exorcised a spirit from him once and then waited a year before baptizing him. I guess it was just make to sure the spirit was really gone. Jonas is the fall guy, the one who gets eaten by sharks and hit by lumps of wood. Originally it was to be Jack as in Tuhawaiki (Bloody Jack) but who needs the ghost of Bloody Jack on your case. Besides Jonas is a better name. It sounds like 'anus' and that makes people laugh (mostly males, actually only males). Remember this is a cartoon not an historical document. I apologize to any living relatives of Old Jonas.

Johann's family lived under the chieftain protection of firstly Tuhawaiki for 4 months until Tuhawaiki's death, then John (Topi) Patuki for the rest

Johann & Jonas



"Did you remember the eggs Johann?"

of their time. Johann worked as a teacher, preacher and farmer. Initially two Maori girls, Pa-aka (Elizabeth) and Kezia were looked after by the mission. Kezia was rescued by another family after she was thrown into a pit at birth. She was nourished back to health with shellfish. As a producer of shellfish what can one say? Later many children from poor families were taken into the care of the mission. These kids would have died of disease had they not been under Eliza's care. The offspring returned to their families at about puberty. Subsequently, these children appear in the cartoon from time to time. Eliza and Gretchen both spoke fluent Maori, with Gretchen going to school in Invercargill to learn English. Similarly, both Wohlers women worked for the betterment of the Maori people as careers.

A final note is that in order to produce this cartoon I have relied on the inspiration of other cartoonists, so don't come to me with "I've seen this somewhere else". So have I, so if we keep quiet, I may escape copy-write laws.

Ringaringa Heights Golf Club members hosting Greenacres Golf Club from Invercargill.

Neville Bennett with a few of the local golf club members recently hosted a visit from a group of vets from the Greenacres Golf Club in Invercargill. Nine visitors came over with two non players and four

Ringaringa Heights members joined them for a lunch supplied by club wives followed by a very enjoyable 18 holes of golf. Photo shows everyone enjoying a scrumptious lunch of mussel patties and salad outside the club house. Winner of the Stableford competition for the day was Neville Bennett with visitor John Maddison second and our Sinky in third place. A very enjoyable day was had by all and the visit was rounded off with a fishing trip the following day on Lo Loma.



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Hydrographic Survey Completed

by Dave Mundy

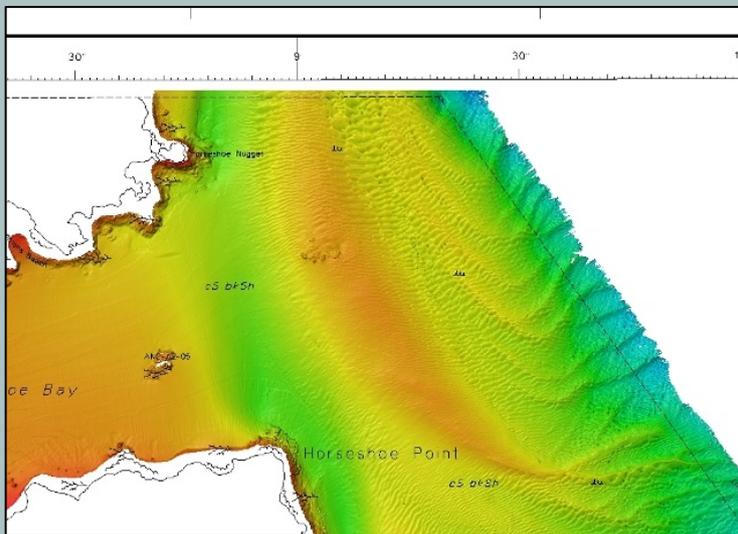
You may recall a news article last year about a hydrographic survey of Paterson Inlet? During the period Feb-March you may even have noticed a small boat weaving around the moored vessels in Halfmoon or Horseshoe Bay's, or running apparently over the same patch of ocean numerous times? That was the vessel ELAINE, a purpose built survey vessel which spent the best part of two months based in Stewart Island completing the seabed mapping phase of the project.

The survey was commissioned by Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) who has the responsibility for the production and maintenance of official nautical charts

in NZ. The objective was to provide accurate hydrographic information to enable the production of a new chart of Paterson Inlet and the coast northward to Horseshoe Bay to replace the existing chart which was based on old and in some areas, very sparse soundings. Information from the survey would subsequently be used to produce a new nautical chart of the area, enabling safer navigation of vessels particularly the large cruise ships attracted by the natu-

ral beauty of Paterson Inlet and surrounding waters.

The equipment used by the ELAINE was a relatively new device called a Multibeam Sonar, which as the name implies, comprises an echosounder with multiple beams that can be used to obtain detailed soundings across a swathe of the seafloor – a bit like mowing the lawn. By running adjacent lines, areas of the seafloor can be saturated with millions of soundings, which can then be used to generate 3D-type images of the seafloor, from which all navigational hazards and other nautical features can be extracted and transferred onto the new charts. So even though the new, updated charts might not appear that much different from the old ones, they have been created from much more detailed base information and virtually remove any



Multibeam Digital Terrain Model of Sandwaves off Horseshoe Bay



Maori Language Corner

Tackling another language is a daunting task, but maybe you'll find it easier with just a few phrases or key words each month. If asked, you might say you don't know any Maori, but sure you do! Think of all the Maori words that have been incorporated into everyday language here eg kai moana, inanga, haka, hui, iwi, whanau and so on, not to mention tui, hoiho, kereru, titi, rimu, rata, Ringaringa, Rakiura, Whero, and all the other bird and tree and place names that trip off your tongue without you thinking twice about it.

I went onto a Maori Language website and there is a list of "50 Maori words every Kiwi should know." Instead of peeking I sat down and wrote out all the ones I have picked up so far during my brief residency in this country. I didn't get 50 but I got more than twenty which surprised me—I don't know 20 words in Japanese which is another language I've never sat down to study. How many Maori words do you know? Take pen to paper and see what you come up with, then have a peek at www.maorilanguage.net

Next issue we'll continue with some basic phrases (and considering that virtually anyone else would be better qualified than me to do this let me know if you'd like to step in and take over this Maori language corner in *SIN*) ... until then I'll leave you with a favourite little word (and great for scrabble if the Q's already spent)
 UTU *Remember, it's like a palindrome, what goes around comes around...*
 —Ed

chance of navigational dangers going undetected.

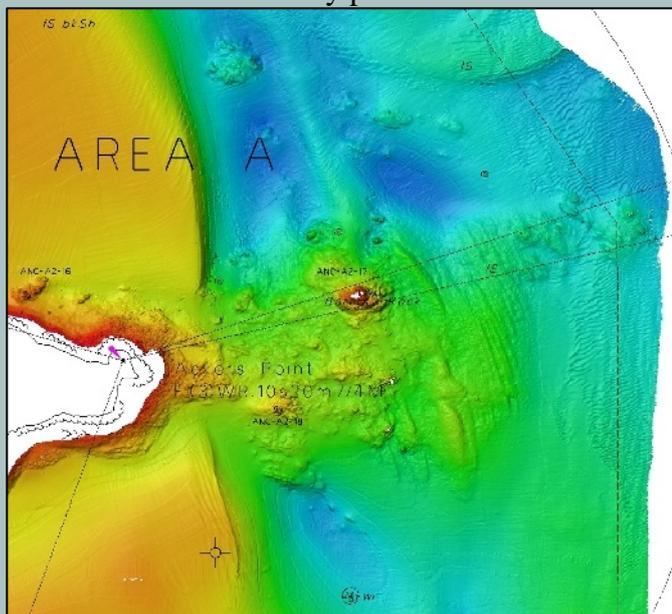
Whilst the survey did not reveal marked differences from the existing chart, a number of navigational dangers were accurately positioned and in many cases, the least depth above existing rocks was refined. In one instance, this led to the publishing of a Notice To Mariners (NTM), aimed at alerting mariners of a new danger that is not shown on the existing chart. Additionally, the coastal detail is much improved, enabling vessel operators to operate closer to shore with greater confidence knowing there are no hidden dangers lurking beneath the surface. Perhaps the most impressive discovery is the complex and diverse nature of the seabed geomorphology, in other words the structure of the seabed that was revealed by the multibeam coverage. Sand-waves, rock features and the odd manmade debris (eg wreck) were accurately positioned, with

the full density soundings now available for researchers, scientists or the inquisitive fisherman wanting to search out new fishing spots.

Other, perhaps less evident outcomes from the survey was the updated sea level information that was recorded in Halfmoon and Golden Bay wharves. This will enable the tide times and heights to be more accurately predicted.

The updated details will be available in the next Nautical Almanac published by LINZ.

Now that the survey has been completed and rendered to LINZ, there still remains the not insignificant task of turning the vast amounts of data into a new chart. This work will be contracted out by LINZ later this month and the new chart can be expected early to mid 2010.



Multibeam Digital Terrain Model of Barclay Rock

Finally, thanks to all who helped during the survey, from allowing the use of moorings and wharf space to pulling our boat trailer out of the sand at Horesehoe Bay. You have all contributed to an activity which will ultimately provide safer navigation in an area of unique natural beauty – the coastal waters of Stewart Island.

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STEWART ISLAND GARDEN CIRCLE

The Annual General Meeting of Stewart Island Garden Circle took place at the home of Raylene Waddell on 10th September. Barbara Wilson remained as Secretary/Treasurer, Anita Geeson and Jenny Gell remained joint Presidents.

Annual Prizes for competitions were won by:

First: Jenny Gell

Runners up: Anita Geeson and Wendy Hallett.

Over the past twelve months Garden Circle:

Invited Dorothy Findlay to the island for a presentation of "Christmas Decorations:

A Rug Rats stall for Labour weekend.

The Bluff Garden Circle came for a tour of our gardens,. Arranged flowers for: the funerals of Sam Sampson and Ronny Waddell, Christmas flowers for the Presbyterian Church, Vicki's Christmas Party, Joy Lord's 80th Birthday and the Anzac Wreath

Celebrated Christmas with lunch at Church Hill Restaurant.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Raylene Waddell on Thursday 8th October at 2.0.



Competition: Azalia/Rhodo, Yellow Flower and Hosta Leaf.

Visitors always welcome.

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At the community centre

\$2 per person

We have lots of fun and it is great fitness

Come along and have a go

Any questions phone diddle 2191166

Events Calendar

Tuesday 22nd Sept
Free Business Workshop
RSA Pavilion

Wednesday 23rd Sept
Halfmoon Bay School Play
6pm Community Centre

Saturday 26th Sept
Kakapo Encounter 2009 through
26th Oct, Ulva Island

Sunday 11th Oct
Melbourne and Mel-Bin Cup Day
10.30am at South Sea Hotel

Friday 16th Oct
Dr Glam author/musician performs
and talks about his book,
11am Community Centre

Mon & Tues 19-20th Oct
FREE First Aid Course
8.30am, South Sea Hotel

Saturday 14th Nov
Anika Moa
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