## STEWART ISLAND NEWS

### CELEBRATING RAKIURA

#### APRIL-MAY 2010

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Stewart Island is heaven if you like your surf and turf, especially these days. The oysters are big, plentiful and delicious; muttonbirders are reporting that the season is looking good so far; and it seems you can't wave a stick without hitting a whitetail. Our freezers and tummies are filling nicely.

The District Health Board has cut funding for home help which directly affects some island residents. Our island carers' work hours have been cut, and some elderly friends are now without home help. If you are an affected resident you will have received a letter in the mail about it with a phone number to call with any issues. It may pay to call and make your case for continued home help as I hear some people who called met with success.

Anyone seen the shark tagging show on Discovery Channel? It's juiced up with dramatic music and voice-overs and meanwhile the so-called "professionals" are seen trying to pull in great white sharks off the back of a little dinghy with the outboard still

in the water. The guy trying to rein in a massive



'Grim' a 2.8m juvenile male, tagged off Bunkers Island. See page 10

white pointer is doing so with a thin line wrapped around his wrists! Our own shark team is fortunately much cooler than those clowns. Kina, Clint, and the Foveaux Strait tagging team are finished for the season. They summed up their findings in a public talk and Sharon shares their data in this month's DoC Spot. (If you want long story short: there's a big bunch of biteys in our front yard.)

Plans for tourism operators to run shark cage diving ventures in Foveaux Strait continue to develop. If you object to this keep an eye out for a petition to sign.

Island kids and babies had fun when the Active Movement folks visit to show parents some ways to help children's brains develop. Literature and DVDs available at your library; cute photos of kids on page 3.

The Waiting Room — the cosy café above the HMB Wharf — closed with a Mexican night of chili for its patrons. Thanks to Kitty and Kathy for running such a nice business...we hope to see you next summer!



An oyster as big as Stacy's hand!



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# STEWART ISLAND/RAKIURA SEARCH AND RESCUE THIS MONTH'S TRAINING GARMIN DAKOTA GPS

FIRE STATION, 7PM, WEDNESDAY 14 APRIL

#### ALL WELCOME

#### OBAN VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE

#### **Smoke Alarms**

Smoke Alarms – it's that time of year again - remember to change the batteries in your smoke alarms. With winter on its way please take a moment also to think about how you dispose of the ashes from your fire – especially cribbies and rental house owners. We don't want a repeat of a couple of years back where a fire resulted from people putting ashes in a plastic bag outside on the wooden deck - no surprises what happened next.

#### **Emergency Response**

Also especially cribbies and rental home owners – please put a note next to your phone advising your guests want to do in case of emergency if fire – dial 111 and importantly advise the emergency call centre of your street address using your <u>rapid response number</u> (that's the blue number on the post outside your house). For eg – 202 Horseshoe Bay Road.

A reminder too to keep your driveways and water tanks clear so we can get access in case of fire. The big truck is pretty big and if we can't get it down your drive cos you have overhanging trees that makes it very difficult to put out your fire.

#### Fire Fighters needed

We had resignations from the Brigade last month from Loosie and Isaac, and on behalf of the community I thank them their contribution to the community. We need to build up the Brigade again and need some new members. Think about what you have to lose if there isn't enough people to respond to a fire, and please consider stepping up and doing your bit to protect your families and your community. Come along on 7pm on Monday evenings, and we will talk you through what's involved.

#### ANZAC day

Coming up on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April. Anyone is welcome to lay wreaths – please keep an eye on the notice board for muster time for dawn parade - we will post something closer to the time.

#### Fire Education

Lastly, there is a very good site on the fire service website <u>firewise.fire.org.nz</u> which has educational resources for kids on fire safety and what to do in case of fire. It's worth a look.

Keep Safe.

*Jed Lewis (CFO)* 

For Oban Volunteer Fire Brigade.

#### STEWART ISLAND - TELL US YOUR VIEWS!

The Stewart Island Visitor Strategy Steering Group invite you to attend an upcoming community workshop.

WHEN: Tuesday 13 April 2010

WHERE: Stewart Island Community Centre

TIME: 7.30pm

It is over ten years since the last Stewart Island Visitor Strategy was written – it is now time to review it.

Tourism Resource Consultants will facilitate the workshop and share key findings from a recent Stewart Island Visitor survey.

This is your chance to come along, share your views and provide input to a strategy that will help shape the future direction for the visitor industry over the next five years.

The workshop is free to attend and even includes chocolate biscuits!!

For more information, contact: Margaret Hopkins

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Stewart Island Visitor Strategy Steering Group

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12 March 2010

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#### To the Parents and Community of Halfmoon Bay School

These are the findings of the Education Review Office's latest report on Halfmoon Bay School.

Halfmoon Bay School provides a high quality education for Years 1 to 8 students on Rakiura (Stewart Island). At the time of this review the school had a roll of 19 students, 50% of whom were Māori. The two teachers work a flexible daily programme to cater for the proportion of boys and junior students.

Students learn in a safe and supportive environment. There is a positive tone in the school and most students work productively. The school vision and values, as developed by the school community, are evident in its programmes and practices. Parents and the community take a very active role in the activities and programmes.

The majority of students are achieving well in literacy and numeracy. Teachers know their students very well and make good use of assessment information to plan the next learning steps with the students. Teachers use a variety of nationally-recognised assessments to monitor each student's rates of progress and levels of achievement. The principal has developed individual electronic portfolios for recording this information. Students take responsibility for entering examples of their work. They can confidently discuss their progress, achievement and next learning steps. Students requiring support with aspects of their learning are well assisted by teacher aides and resource teachers. The board and parents are well informed about student progress and achievement.

Most students are very focused in their learning. They know what they are expected to do and how to work independently and with others. The extent to which students in this school use ICT is exceptional. They competently use a range of information and communication technologies (ICT) for research and presenting information about their learning. Teachers take advantage of the unique location of the school. They plan high-interest learning experiences for the students. These often relate to the local environment. Parents, local people and visitors to the island frequently share their skills and expertise with the students.

The board is committed to ensuring students are not disadvantaged by their isolation. It funds part of the second teacher salary to meet the diverse abilities and needs of students in the junior section of the school. Students also make frequent trips to the mainland. These trips involve purposeful educational, sporting, cultural and social learning. As a result, students' learning is not restricted by their isolation. The board and community have developed a new playground designed to provide challenges for all students.



I have been asked by Jessica

to write an article about my time in Stewart Island.

I'm sure most of the locals are aware I am relieving here while Dale is away and I must say what a privilege and honour it is to Police in such a beautiful place which hosts a friendly and warm community.

I believe there is no other place quite like Stewart Island for its spectacular scenery and opportunities.

Working here has broadened my knowledge and I am overwhelmed

by how supportive the community is when they are called upon to lend a hand.

The locals have been good fun to get to know and I am starting to remember those nicknames.

During my time here I have managed to work along side DOC staff who have assisted me with overdue trampers and gave me the opportunity to see Great White sharks first hand which was an experience I will never forget.

I would also like to thank the Local Nurses who have been awesome to work with and provided great knowledge when needed.

Brett and Jenny Twaddle and staff

have also been amazing and provided great accommodation and entertainment.

The water taxi operators, wharf staff and Stewart Island Fight Centre have been more than obliging and are a vital part of the community which does not go unnoticed.

I would like to thank the people of Stewart Island for their help and generosity which has been greatly appreciated during my time here

I look forward to working here in the future if given the opportunity.

Thanking you
Rhys HARPUR
Constable, New Zealand Police

#### From HMB SCHOOL

Well done to Logan who competed at the Southland Primary Schools Athletics at Surrey Park on 20th March. Logan qualified in long and high jumps, 100m relay, and shot put.

Well done to ALL students who participated in the Southern Zone Athletics, but special mention must go to the following athletes who were placed in these events: Logan=2nd in long jump, high jump, 100m and shot put and 3rd in 800m and discus; Meg=3rd in high jump; Timu=1st in high jump, second shot put, 3rd 100m; Storm=2nd in 100m, 2nd high jump; Leeym=3rd in shot put and quoit.

Humongous BIG thank you to Squirt, Jarrod, Heath, Rastus, Neil Andy, Dave, Chris, Norm and anyone else who helped with the pool roof and walls yippee! and a BIG thank you to Bruce Ford who continues

to maintain the pool, you do a fantastic job! With 22 students we still fall short of the number required by The Ministry of Education for two full time teachers. However the Board of Trustees have decided that in order to provide the best possible education for our students we will meet the difference and pay for Bonnie to work almost full time. Because of this, at times when one teacher is sick or away on a course the Board would prefer not to have to employ a reliever. With this in mind we are asking for people to volunteer as helpers to help out when one teacher is away. We are compiling a list of people who are available so when we find ourselves in either situation we have people to call on. As a helper you would be responsible for supervising students completing set tasks while the teacher works with groups and individual students. Please see Kath or Bonnie if you would be available to go on 'the list'.—*Kath* 



HMB students with the Ranfurly Shield



#### Yellow-eyed Penguin Trust news.

Yellow-eyed penguins had a fairly average breeding season over the past summer. Limited monitoring on the Bravo islands and Codfish Island showed that breeding success ranged from 52-58%, which is slightly but not significantly less than the expected average of 60%. In late January

and early February we caught and weighed 19 chicks from the Bravo islands and 54 chicks from Codfish Island, and inserted microchips. These will enable us to individually identify the chicks later, hopefully when they have returned as breeding adults and are sitting on eggs in 3-4 years time. However, given that only around 15% of chicks are expected to survive their first year at sea, we might expect only 3 chicks from the Bravo islands and 8 chicks from Codfish to make it into the breeding population!

The visit to Codfish Island in February included a student studying Environmental Management at the Southern Institute of Technology (SIT). The Trust and SIT are in the process of establishing a partnership that will provide hands on field experience for students in return for financial support for projects like the visit to Codfish. This summer was a trial run, and it worked well. Three students nominated for the opportunity by their tutor were interviewed before Christmas, and one was selected. The lucky student got to spend a week with us on Codfish, being introduced to the niceties of supplejack and bush bashing through coastal scrub, and the hazards of penguin handling (one end bites, the other defecates). However it didn't take long for him to get the hang of things and he became quite adept at spotting, catching and bagging large mobile chicks. The experience was a positive one for all concerned and we hope to be able to continue and expand on the YEPT/SIT partnership in future.

Next summer I'll be busy on another project, but the Trust is keen to continue with work on Stewart Island and recently the General Manager and one of the trustees visited and spent some time working through various options for continuing in my absence. There are plenty of options and scenarios to work through; as always everything depends on funding being available, and details of what will happen won't be finalized until later in the year, but something will be done.

Again, as always, we have to thank those who have supported the work here this year, and we want to acknowledge the on-going support from DOC, and Ian & Philippa (Stewart Island Water Taxi and Eco Guiding). Thanks also go to James & Ty from Te Manu Adventures for boat transport, to Petra for her fund raising efforts, and to the volunteer penguin wranglers – Joanna, Annett, Claire, James, Antje, Bart, Christina and Elizabeth.

Sandy

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#### TO THE ISLAND COMMUNITY

DOUG WOULD HAVE BEEN IMMENSELY PROUD OF HIS SPECIAL SEND OFF. THE FAMILY WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS HUGE GRATITUDE TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED OUT AND MADE

THIS SAD AND TOUGH TIME AS EASEFUL ON US FAMILY AS IT WAS.



Douglas Blair Griffith - Grandad -

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SPECIAL THANKS GO TO ANNE PULLEN AND THE KITCHEN LADIES, GWEN NEAVE, DOC MARTY, ALAN & LESLIE, ROGER & BRENDA, RICHARD & JILL AND THE REST OF THE ISLAND COMMUNITY FOR YOUR KIND SUPPORT, ASSISTANCE AND CARE.

WE ARE HOPING TO HAVE AN UNVEILING OF THE HEADSTONE IN A YEARS TIME, I WILL LET THE COMMUNITY KNOW WHEN THIS IS HAPPENING. I AM SAD TO BE LEAVING AS OVER THE PAST WEEKS I CERTAINLY FEEL THERE IS AND ALWAYS WILL BE A PLACE HERE FOR US. PLEASE ACCEPT OUR DEEPEST THANKS TO YOU ALL.





"Gone Fishing"



First of all a BIG THANKS to Team Library for taking care of things while I was away.

Kerry Squire will be taking a leave of absence for the next six months, she will be missed and we're grateful to all the behind-the-scenes computer work she's done for the Library. Thanks Kerry.

Also I'm grateful to the ladies who have stepped in and helped us in a pinch including Ulva, Sharon Pasco, Margaret Hopkins, Pat King, and a new resident Diana.

The Library is now seeking a volunteer who could give us at least 4-5 hours per month to cover the Saturday shift from 11-noon. Get in touch with me if you'd like to help out.

We have many new books. If you're looking for bubblegum for the brain starring lovesick teen vampires and werewolves, check out the *Twilight* series by Stephanie Meyer. Great literature no, but definitely a good rainy day read.

Anyone who has gotten through Larsson's *Girl with a Dragon Tattoo* series swears by them, the advice those readers give is: *bear with it* (the first few chapters of the first book are a bit slow, but apparently it gets really good.) New fiction includes the new JD Robb book.

New moms and moms-to-be: we have a great selection of preggy and baby books including *Up the Duff, What to Expect When You're Expecting, What to Expect the First Year, Silent Nights*, and DVDs on breastfeeding, active movement for under-5s, and the highly recommended *Happiest Baby on the Block*. Also plenty of cookery books for food for babies and toddlers.

—Jess

#### Wanted: knitted squares to make blankets for orphanages overseas.

There are 56 squares needed for each blanket, we already have 31 so need a further 25 squares.

Instructions: Using 4mm [no 8] needles cast on 40sts. Knit 70 rows in garter st [i.e. knit every row]. Cast off.

Wool can be double knit or 4ply doubled and can be supplied.

We would really appreciate your help as these are needed by the end of June.

Phone Elaine Hamilton or Pat King if you can help.

LAST ISSUE THE FOLLOW-ING ARTICLE WAS SUBMIT-TED HOPING TO GENERATE SOME FEEDBACK, WHICH HAS BEEN PRINTED BELOW.

Hi Jess, talking to a few people over the past weeks there seems to be a common grumble....
We all know that when our lovely tourists come here they have a bit of amnesia and forget how to use footpaths etc but what about that other group of visitors; the cribbies? While I'm

sure you'll agree the majority of them are lovely people, there is the occasional one or two who just can't seem to see the big picture

If you're riding a bike, put a helmet on. It's the law!

If you're driving around on the roads, sit on the back of your ute. The classic one the other day was someone hanging onto the back of the vehicle holding onto the spare tire!

Park where you are allowed to. Just because you pay rates, doesn't give you free for all ac-

Don't send your kids/yourself out to busk/sell stuff. A. You haven't got a hawkers license. B. It's illegal to sell paua shells without them coming through the quota system. All the Island operators have to work to the rules and regulations of the council, so do you.

#### **FEEDBACK:**

The problem of not sticking to footpaths needs to be addressed before someone is killed or badly injured.

The part of the road I am talking about is Horseshoe Bay Road where it starts by the Red shed. Many a time I have had to swerve to miss people who are walking on the road not the footpath. It is made much worse by another car coming in the opposite direction.

I have had a few close encounters and from others I have spoken to they have had the same problem.

Does it take an accident to happen before action is taken?

I do agree with most of what you are saying. Paua shells that are sold by kids that want to earn some pocket money does not worry me. Traditionally kids have always collected shells of beaches and sold them. More concerned with people that get the pauas illegally in the first place, or keep fish that should be put back etc... There is so much other illegal stuff going on....

Guess we have to be a bit more tolerant with tourist around. It is so different here compared to places in Europe. Where can you walk on the street without being run over in the first 10 seconds???

(Stewart Island). When on holiday, no brain taken! Footpath? Never heard of it!

Well said, probably what a lot of residents have been thinking for a while, some seem to struggle to be able to read road signs as well.

Should be emailed to the police. Do cribbies and visitors read SIN?

Didn't know kids were selling paua shells. Certainly wouldn't look good. I can't think of anything to add, but surely all these activities should be policed by the local constabulary?

My big beef which occurs regularly, is the cribbie and sometimes locals that they leave or park their vehicles in the turn about area at the wharf making it difficult and often impossible for others to reverse or turn to get out.

About the helmet issue, these people used to be called "two bob brains"

Just yesterday I observed two permanent utes with locals standing up and not quite in control of the situation

What about Mr plod or are we running the show now?

Do you think a good solution

would be to have a couple of signs made, one for the ferry terminal and one for the flight centre, something that people would have to walk around (and hopefully read) saying please use the footpaths? Or should the ferry and flight staff incorporate a brief warning into their trips? Quite a big hassle for them though

It's very frustrating to come across the sheep-like visitors spread across the roads (they immediately run to *different* sides) where footpaths are provided.

However, if we're going to throw stones as it were at the visitors (cribbies and others) I think there are some areas where we should all be aware of the law too!

I confess to being at times very slack about wearing my seat belt. This is as much a law enforced for safety reasons on the Mainland and largely ignored by island residents - permanent and semi-permanent - as the requirement for passengers on truck or Ute trays to be safely seated. I'm not clear on the definition in this case of the word 'safety' and guess that Dale's interpretation might be very different to mine!

Your points re the sale of paua shells and kids hawking stuff are very valid.

#### Community Centre News

Hours 11-12pm & 2-3pm Wednesday, and Sat 9.30-11.30am, but I am available most mornings, just ring or text me. Check out the black board and event timetable at the community centre it will keep you informed of daily activities

We now have Zumba at 7.30pm on a Tuesday night - **NEW** 

Music & movement for under 5's - 9.30am Monday

Swiss Ball - Tues, Thurs 4.15pm and Sat 4pm

Tae Bo - Mon, Tues, 5.30pm, Thurs 6.30pm, Sunday 9.30am

Walking and light exercise group - Wed 9.30am

Squash - any time

Game night - Thursday night 7.30pm (Soccer, Netball, flat, mat, splat)

And check out our great gym and all the equipment.

Tai Chi training will start after the school holidays so keep your eyes out for the notice - I will contact the people who have registered their interest.

If anyone is interested in being on a phone list for squash, there is a list to add your name to on the notice board, and squash court, or text me your number and I will add you to the list then send a copy of the list to everyone on it - lets get into it, it is a great work out and lots of fun.

Come and check out the "sea week" photo competition the exhibition is on NOW

Please come in and check to see if you have left a plate here from an event they are available on a table in the foyer - during centre hours

Also please feel free to ask me about any other sports you are interested in having a go at. Come on it's all good fun.

Cheers, Diddle

Community Centre 2191477 or a/hr 2191166 or text 0272316305

#### SERN conference 2010

Bringing back the Birds is the theme for SERN's first time ever conference, being held on Stewart Island in April this year.

SERN is a network which brings together Southland community groups, volunteers, landowners, leaseholders, agencies, just about anyone really, who is involved in anything from protecting patches of bush or wetland on their farms, to kicking the pest predators off local islands in order to help restore native wildlife.

The aim is to connect people interested in this work. The network helps people to get started in their projects or link into existing projects. With this conference, SERN acknowledges those groups, Ulva Island Charitable

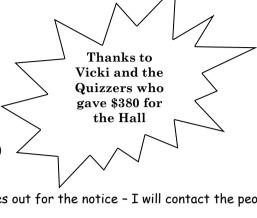
Trust, SIRCET and Dancing Star Foundation,

who have already 'taken the leap' into wildlife protection. This conference celebrates the work that has been done on the island and aims to learn from those involved about protecting our patches, as a whole community.

To add value for the Stewart Island community there are also speakers invited from throughout NZ. You are welcome to Saturday 17th April's afternoon and evening's conference sessions at the Community Hall.

Talks include: 2pm - 3.45pmLandcare groups working on kiwi recovery, Northland

"Muddy Feet Project", Miranda/ Firth of Thames



Southland Ecological Restoration Network A network of Southland Community Conservation Projects

> Pomona Island, Lake Te Anau 4.15pm -5.45pm Orokonui Sanctuary, Dunedin

Petrel Recovery, Kaikoura & Tui translocation, Banks Peninsula

DOC's species relocation requirements

8pm Relationships between communities and agencies - WorkingTogether

For information about SERN, visit www.sern.org.nz For conference information, contact Gay Munro g.munro@woosh.co.nz or (03) 239 5827.

#### DOC Spot



Successful Shark Tagging trip

The waters around Stewart Island have long been recognised as a hot spot for white sharks in New Zealand. For the past four years a combined Department of Conservation (DOC), National Institute of Water & Atmospheric Research (NIWA) and Auckland University research team has travelled south each March to undertake photo-identification and tagging in an attempt to learn more about this now protected species. Maybe it was having DOC's comfortable new boat, the Hananui, to work from but this year's trip was better than expected. The team deployed all 6 pop-off tags within the first three days. They also managed to catch and fit a SPOT tag to a 2.8m juvenile male shark, which they nicknamed 'Grim', just off Bunkers Island. 'Grim' has provided daily hits since tagging but the first fix on his location took almost a week to come through, placing him just off Ruapuke Island. The remainder of the 10 day trip was spent filming. A total of 28 individual sharks were photo-identified this year around Bench, Edwards and Ruapuke Islands, including 5 sharks that had been previously sighted in 2009 and 2 that the team has seen every year since 2008. So far none of the sharks sighted in 2007 have been re-sighted. Since the team began its research around Stewart Island in 2006. they have identified 48 individual sharks. During a public talk at the community centre on March 29, Clinton Duffy the DOC scientist leading the research team outlined the data that has been collected over the past four years. It would seem that like many of Stewart Island's human residents all of the sharks tagged to date have departed the waters around Stewart Island over the winter months and (apart from one) have headed to more tropical

waters.

#### Winton Rotary Club to the

Kakapo staff on Codfish Island / Whenua Hou were invaded recently when a team of eight volunteers from the Winton Rotary Club under the supervision of three DOC staff descended on the island to carry out a major refurbishment of the hut. The rotary boys arrived in some reasonable weather, and on their first day set about tearing the place to bits. Next morning saw the arrival of the supplies: timber, paint, tools, two tons of coal and plenty of food, all stropped by helicopter from a boat in Sealers Bay. Over the next week the hut became a building site as the boys worked rain or shine - mostly rain - to fit double glazing and insulation to keep the chill out and save fuel over winter; add a nice new paint job to prolong the life of the wood; and put in a big new deck to aid storage and provide a working space for armies of nestminders to pack bags and boots. Despite the weather the team achieved their goal: to maximize the efficiency of the hut in terms of both energy and functionality ahead of the upcoming breeding season which (fingers crossed) looks promising. A trigger for breeding is Rimu fruiting, and a 21% rimu fruiting has been predicted this season. A big thank you to the Winton Rotary Club for their continued support of conservation projects on Stewart Island / Rakiura.

### Plans with Conservation Authority

The Draft Stewart Island / Rakiura Conservation Management Strategy and Draft Rakiura National Park Management Plan (the planning documents) were approved by the Southland Conservation Board on the 16 of February 2010. Major changes to the planning documents are:

• Changes to the aircraft sections of the draft plan. This has

resulted in future consideration of a low level of one-off landings (and associated takeoffs) and an additional fourth authorised landing site at the Mason Bay homestead hunters hut. Further, there is a revision of the limits for the four authorised helicopter landing sites (Homestead hunters hut, East Ruggedy, Hellfire Pass and Long Harry).

- Further consideration of opportunities for commercial wildlife (for example kiwi) viewing sites within the Stewart Island / Rakiura CMS area.
- Clarification regarding the potential number and locations of hunter huts that may be considered within the lifespan of the draft plans.
- The proposed wilderness boundaries have been amended with the coast being buffered out and the inclusion of a portion of public conservation lands - Rakiura Maori Land Trust (RMLT) buffer.
- Clarification regarding the future management of the impact of deer within Rakiura National Park.
- Changes to the boundaries of the Southern, Northern and Port Pegasus / Pikihatiti places for example the inclusion of the Fraser Peaks in the Southern Place. An increase in concession numbers within Port Pegasus / Pikihatiti place and the potential investigation into other allocation systems for concession numbers within this place.

What's next - Both planning documents have been sent to the New Zealand Conservation Authority (NZCA) for the final step in the process, the consideration and approval of the draft planning documents. The consideration of these planning documents may include a meeting or other consultation with Ngai Tahu as considered necessary by the NZCA. The NZCA will seek also comment from the Minister of Conservation.

—Sharon Pasco

## STEWART ISLAND GARDEN CIRCLE

The April meeting of the Garden Circle was held at the home of Nicoletta at Horseshoe Bay Road

> The next Meeting of the Garden Circle will be held at the home of Wendy Hallett at 2.00 pm Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May

> > Competition: the colour RED



The department will shortly be advertising locally for tenders to clean the Stewart Island Field Centre. This will be a two-year tender, commencing 01 July 2010 covering six days a week from May to October and five days a week from June to September.

If you're interested, look out for the advertisement on the local noticeboard and the Southland Times, or for further informationcontact Kerry Squire at the Field Centre on weekday mornings, 03-219 0002

## Congratulations

New parents
Liz and Heath
Welcome Tessa Jo

New parents
Tara and Luke
Welcome Maxx William







## ick of the Week

Keep an eye out for Ship to Shore's Pick of the Week shelf and stickers! Each week we will bring you great specials, new products, recipe ideas and much more! The shelf is located in the first aisle as soon as you come through the door and stickers placed around the shop so you can grab some ingredients to make a quick and easy meal!







#### Notes from the Museum.

If you haven't already got your copy of the popular Stewart Island Boat Book it would pay to get one very soon. We are down to under 200 remaining and

'there will not be a reprint'.

Call into the museum and order your copy/ies now.

and

The Bluff book 'Heyday to Mayday' has been reprinted & copies are available from the Rakiura Museum @ \$45-00.



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CHOCOLATE AWARD Attendees at a recent burial have noted that **Graham Okey** went "above and beyond" the call of duty at the cemetery. Wearing his number ones, he undertook the difficult task of organizing the interment, and he did so respectfully and discreetly. Thanks Graham.



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