

STEWART ISLAND NEWS

CELEBRATING RAKIURA

August 2019

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Condolences to the family of Allan Wadds. Waddy was a beloved member of our community and he will be greatly missed.

The new Rakiura Heritage Centre will be open during the upcoming Archaeological conference (p7). The build isn't totally finished but you'll have a chance to peek inside our new museum. See details on the back page.

The Lions are celebrating 50 years of community service with a BBQ lunch on Saturday 7th September. (p19)

Another anniversary on the same day... let's party-hop! Our wonderful Community Centre is about to celebrate its 20th birthday. Come celebrate on 7th September from 2pm onwards. Bouncy castle and face painting for kids, potluck (BYO), bubbly and a band that evening.

Grumbling over pints might help you vent about issues but ultimately won't accomplish much. If you want to make a change, then stand up and stand for something.

You can run for Southland District mayor, Southland District Council or one of the district's nine community boards, which now form a network covering the entire Southland district. Applications are due Friday 16th August. (p16)

If you'd like to support this newsletter, please buy a subscription! Details back page.

—Jess



A fern necktie: the perfect accessory for a Stewart Island snowman! Fionn Fitzsimons was one of many local children who had a thrilling weekend playing in a rare dump of snow.

Below: Island-style sledding ... Tom and Billy Allen zoom downhill in a mussel buoy. More winter wonderland pictures on page 10.



Greg Northe and Lance LeQuesne created this amazing Rakiura pou. Carving around the length of a wind-fallen rimu log, they chronicled the island's history. Completed in 2000, this wonderful work of art is displayed in pride of place in the foyer of the new Rakiura Heritage Centre.



1963 - THE FIRST 'CRUISE SHIP VISIT' TO STEWART ISLAND?

by Bill Watt

Photo by J P C Watt

While looking for something else recently my brother Jim came across this photo recording what was possibly the first of the current generation of 'cruise ship' visits.

The year is 1963. The month, January. The ship, Stratheden.

The Stratheden anchored where you see her in the photo for 2 nights, which just happened to coincide with a window of settled, light easterly weather. The passengers on the ship were mainly Australians –

who has been warned to dress warmly because they were 'visiting the sub Antarctic', and many of whom as a consequence were seen suffering in the heat on the Golden Bay hill.

The visit was a big event in the life of the Island at the time. By common consent, Australian currency became the norm (the Australian dollar was fairly similar in value to ours, anyway, and the coins were interchangeable). Local businesses did well and the 'amphib' ran scenic flights from Watercress. Members of the local aristocracy were invited aboard to the Captain's table for a dinner/dance, George Turner later remarking to my parents that it was the only time he ever 'danced in the middle of Paterson Inlet'.

The Stratheden was quite a large ship – just under 24,000 tonne (gross). She was built in 1937 for P&O. She served as a troopship in WW2. The following notes outline her subsequent history:

1946-47: Reconditioned. 1947: Resumed her original service. 1950: Made four round voyages to New York under charter

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Rakiura Marine Guardians

In 2017, many Stewart Islanders were alarmed by a proposal for a marine farm in Port Pegasus. To those who know and love Port Pegasus, the proposal seemed an impractical, ill-considered violation of a special area.

Not for the first time, Islanders felt that people unfamiliar with Stewart Island's marine environment were making decisions about it, without bothering to consult the people who know that environment best and depend on it for their income and quality of life.

Public meetings and concerns about the Pegasus proposal and decision-makers' failure to consult locals led to the formation of Rakiura Marine Guardians, which became an incorporated society in September 2018.

Rakiura Marine Guardians' primary purpose is to "advocate for the protection, enhancement and sustainable use of Stewart Island's marine environment." It's not an anti-aquaculture group, nor is it proposing locking up a large proportion of the Island's coast in marine reserves.

The Fiordland and Stewart Island marine environments are both vulnerable to multiple human pressures: commercial and

recreational fishing, invasive organisms, cruise ships and applications for exclusive occupation.

Concerned locals formed the Guardians of Fiordland in 1995. This group consulted a wide range of people with interests in Fiordland. In 2005 Guardians of Fiordland became a legally recognised body with a mandate to advise the decision makers responsible for managing the Fiordland Marine Area.

Rakiura Marine Guardians intends to work towards a similar but appropriate arrangement for the Stewart Island marine area. This will require a multi-party, multi-disciplinary group, but Rakiura Marine Guardians wants to ensure local voices and knowledge are not ignored. Continued access to coastal marine resources is vital for the Island community, which needs to be informed of and a party to any decision that may adversely affect it.

Rakiura Marine Guardians Incorporated held its Annual General Meeting in July. The current committee is Ken McAnergney (Chairman), Rakiura Herzhoff (Treasurer), P J Clarke (Secretary), Peter Goomes, Cherie Hemsley, Garry Neave and Sol Pineda. If you would like to know more about Rakiura Marine Guardians, or help with their work, talk to a committee member or contact the secretary at claydons@actrix.co.nz.

Over the Teacup *by Peter Schofield*

There was a stool below the phone in Grandad’s kitchen at Ringaringa. Telephones weren’t new to Stewart Island but they were to Grandad. There was a rung missing from the stool so Arthur Traill would sit down carefully and then he would shout. The further the toll call the louder he would shout. When he talked to his daughter Marjorie in Auckland, he could be heard all around the house.

“What does that have to do with marine farming?” Denise asked.

“Technology,” I replied. “And technology moves quickly.”

Mussel farming started out as a low tech cottage industry. Marlborough’s sheep and beef farmers looking to supplement their incomes, added a mussel farm in the waters out front. On Stewart Island, so too did the fishermen, trying their hand in Big Glory Bay. As the mussel farming text-book was still being written, every farmer had their own idea of ‘best practice’.

“Plant a macrocarpa tree,” I was advised. “Because you’ll need somewhere to put your failed experiments.”

Despite the ups and downs, the mussel industry grew and became strong. As this occurred, the same was happening to my three sons. Primary school became high school. The holidays were an opportunity for the lads to make some money to see them through the school term. Accordingly, I had the boys seeding mussel on my barge. They were set the task while I took the completed mussel ropes to the farm, to be hung on the backbones. There is a lesson every parent learns about leaving teenagers alone, anywhere anytime, and I was still learning it.

A school of mackerel swam under the barge... innocent enough. However, a switch flicked in their brains and a millennium of evolution (focused on the need to hunt) was activated. The only fishing tackle they had were my dingy oars. That was all they needed. To give them credit they did catch six mackerel, it only took two hours and they broke only two oars. Consequently, rowing ashore was a bit difficult at the end of the day.

“I hope you are not putting my children in a bad light,” Denise said from across the room.

“No.” I replied.

The barge is now gone. No-one can stop technology evolving and for thirty years marine farmers have been sitting down thinking up ways to destroy the old ways and replace them with ‘the-new’. Culture ropes were once five meter individual droppers. Now they are eight kilometres of continuous line per backbone. Boats began as small converted fishing boats, now they are large, purpose built, high tech harvesting machines. Harvests were originally counted by coal sacks, now they are measured in a truck load.

The barge is gone and the lads have grown up. They are now men, who are the lead actors in their own dreams. Back in Big Glory Bay they have been replaced with a muncher, a conveyor, a grader, an elevator and a crane big enough to beat Thor in an arm wrestle.

Denise looked over my shoulder, reread the story, paused and went back to sewing baby Lotte’s new dress. After a while she picked up her phone, took a photo of the garment’s pocket, emailed it to Wellington to get her daughter-in-law’s advice. Arthur Traill looked down and smiled.

In search of untold stories from World War II

War divides us, War unites us, War changes us

After the success of her book *Keepers of History: New Zealand Centenarians Tell Their Stories*, Renée Hollis is now working on a social history project focusing on the experiences of New Zealanders during World War II.

Renée will immerse herself in digging out the real stories in letters and diaries from New Zealanders who participated in WWII overseas or helped keep the home fires burning. She is searching for untold stories that give the reader a real insight into what life was really like during WWII.

Among the many people this could include are:

- Soldiers in all theatres of war, including the Jayforce
- Nurses, both those who travelled to war zones to serve in military hospitals [‘Tuis’] as well as those working in rehabilitation facilities back in New Zealand

- Prisoners-of-war
- Conscientious objectors imprisoned in New Zealand
- People in the Home Guard throughout New Zealand
- Women's War Service Auxiliary, i.e. Red Cross
- Women's Auxiliary Army Corps [WAACs]
- Women's Auxiliary Air Force [WAAF's]
- Women's Royal Naval Service [the ‘Wrens’]
- Men who did not serve due to the essential nature of their work in New Zealand

Letters and diaries must be submitted by 30 August 2019.

Accompanying information needs to include: name, rank/title (if appropriate) of all persons involved, as well as locations and dates.

General submission enquiries can be emailed to: voicesofWWIINZ@gmail.com

Original or photocopied documents and original photographs can be posted to: Renée Hollis, Exisle Publishing, 226 High

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Like so many good ideas, this one started in the bar of the South Sea Hotel. In 2003 Matty Soper had just moved into a new rental property and was asking Buggy Ayers for advice on growing vegetables.

'No problem, Matty. I'll help you get a veggie garden going. Even show you how to grow a good crop of spuds,' offered the ever generous Buggy.

'Say, mate, I bet I'll grow better spuds than you!' replied Matty in cavalier fashion.

'We'll see about that!' retorted a nettled Buggy and called on his mates Cooza Bowman and Hippy Everest to attest to his horticultural skills. And so began the great and glorious Murphy Competition to grow the biggest and best batch of taties. By the end of the drinking session the rules had been hammered out and the gauntlet thrown down to a few more intrepid southern men – Friday Cavanagh, Andy Hamilton, Greg Everest and George from Chile.

Let it be understood that this bevy of brave lads had already developed a strong bond of helping one another out to reclaim their properties from the encroaching bush and to improve their gardens. And not fearing to pit their spud growing skills against worthy opponents, they gathered a few more fine recruits along the way – Ian Munro, Percy King and Richard Wilson. The Murphys were on the march!

Competition Rules

No imported soil; no mussel buoys; any type of Solanum tuberosum aka potato.

Judging to be carried out in February, on which auspicious date the wearing of the green to be obligatory.

On the day, each contestant to nominate one shaw in his plot to be dug up and minutely examined.

Criteria: biggest potato; highest number of potatoes in shaw; total weight of potatoes in shaw.

Each criterion to be awarded a mark 1-5; highest aggregate score the winner.

In the early days of the competition Billy the Bus of blessed memory (driven by Sam, The Fluid Druid, also of blessed memory, would certainly have been there in spirit) conveyed an increasingly jolly bunch of fellas around one another's gardens. A couple of sheilas were conscripted, Jill Skerrett, whose-decisions-shall-not-be-questioned, as judge and Sue Munro, aka paparazzi, as official photographer. Sue let me glimpse some of her photographic record some only. There was at least one photo she swiftly put her hand over. I can only assume she thinks I have led a sheltered life. Well, I guess what goes on tour ...

No competition is complete without a trophy and this arrived in a delightful act of filial generosity. Before the first lavishly doted upon potato crop was dug, young Pete Ayers had returned from holiday with a magnificent gift for his dad Buggy and friend Cooza - a presentation case of two bottles of Glen Morangie Whisky complete with a beautiful stainless steel hip flask.



'There's our Murphy trophy!' exclaimed Buggy and Cooza, whereupon a toast just had to be drunk. The lucky winner is charged with keeping the flask - er - charged and his name added to the roll of honour engraved thereon. The lads are a loyal lot and, while fiercely competitive, would not relish the publication of the list of winners. However, credit where credit's due. February's Murphy king becomes the president and organiser for that year.



With the passing of the years little refinements have been added to the February fest. Vicki Coats suggested a yellow jersey, a la tour de France, to be donned in succession as the judging progressed and a new stage winner emerged. Usage and abuse have reduced what was no doubt a fine tee shirt to a rather tatty, sorry, tatty object.

And it is now John Paul driving a Stewart Island Flights van who manoeuvres the gung-ho gang of Murphys around the village, though he much prefers his other group of passionate potato producers – the Purplettes. But that is another story.

Happy gardening!
Raylene



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The signing of the Memorandum of Understanding towards Predator Free Rakiura at the Community Centre. More on page 14. Above: Bridget Carter, Sir Tipene O'Regan, Minister for Conservation Eugenie Sage, and Chair of Predator Free Rakiura Paul Norris. Top right: Stewart Bull, Chair of Rakiura Tītī Committee and Chair of Oraka-Aparima runanga and Tane Davis. *Photos by Phil Melgren, DOC*



Paterson Inlet on fire. *Photo from Bev Cowie*



The Game's On!

Beat the winter blues with a weekly Wednesday encounter

Soup, scones & socialising with a bit of Scrabble, Skip-Bo, Scattergories, Bananarama, Rummy-O, Canasta, Euchre/500 or whatever takes your fancy ...

When? *Every Wednesday, July 31st to 25th September*

Where? *The Fire Station*

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Solutions to last month's crossword puzzle: Across: 7 Also, 11 Abrahams Bosom, 12 Old, 13 Goad, 13 Barnacle, 17 Destiny, 18 Scour, 19 Inverted, 21 Robert, 24 Ye, 25 Al, 26 Flora, 28 Travellers, 32 Sri, 34 TEU, 35 Ole, 37 Rest, 38 STEL, 39 Amass, 41 Gnu, 42 Echo, 45 San, 46 Ben Hur, 47 Benthic, 50 Orb, 51 Riga, 52 To, 53 Neap, 55 Incurs, 56 Gretel, 58 SS, 59 Ass, 60 Yoga, 61 Earache, 63 Hoisin, 67 Orlando, 68 Icon, 69 Via, 71 SD, 72 Pledge, 73 Trace, 74 Key.

Down: 1 Tamarillo, 2 Tranverse, 3 Chicory, 4 Ampere, 5 Woodslea, 6 Sons, 8 Loon, 9 Slayer, 10 Odd, 13 Gimbal, 15 Ace, 16 Lute, 20 Dates, 21 Reel, 22 Elegance, 23 Tests, 27 Arsenic, 29 Rutabaga, 30 Volunteer, 31 Leash, 33 Itch, 36 Ignorance, 37 Rubbish, 40 Mainland, 43 Hurrying, 44 Orison, 48 Total, 49 Apse, 54 Ashore, 57 Erase, 62 CD, 64 Oil, 65 Ice, 66 Sod, 67 Oar, 70 IT.

Highlighted words: Cabbage tree

400 Words by Beverley Osborn

Recently, I was re-reading an old favourite, set in a time more than a century ago. There was mention of a morning lesson time for a brother and sister of very different characters. Henrietta was imaginative and artistic and Hugh had an insatiable interest in facts.

Henrietta, that morning, was immersed in a book of Shelley's poetry which she didn't really understand but she was loving the little pictures that individual lines created in her mind.

Hugh was devouring information about coal and finding, to his astonishment, that buried forests turned into coal. His agile mind was making connections – the flame that came out of the coal, he thought, was the coming alive again of the sunshine that got shut up in the leaves of the buried forests.

Henrietta, too, was thinking about leaves as she concentrated on lines from Shelley's Autumn poem; "Drive my dead thoughts over the universe Like withered leaves, to quicken a new birth."

In the last little while we have grieved the deaths of several valued members of our community and the lack of their familiar presence feels like a huge emptiness. But, though death is a part of the circle of life, the flame of each living exists beyond each human life span.

If you have watched TV's "Location, location, location", you will have seen plenty of house-hunter reactions to possible new homes. Very few decisions are made just on the basis of a suitable architectural plan. So often, the compromises depend on the "happiness" the house engenders, the feeling left by former owners.

One can pick up on the atmosphere of sacredness when one enters a place where people of any faith have worshipped for a long time.

And I have a friend who grew up on the Island, who told me long ago that every time she "comes home" she has to fight the embarrassing urge to kiss the ground.

Our Island history is full of people who have known the full gambit of human emotions. We become the community we are not just through those of us here today, but because we build on wisdom, experience and traditions laid down by other Islanders. The brightness of our present living can leave an after-glow that will ignite and inspire community well-being and care for our environment and each other that will enrich present and future Stewart Islanders.

SENIORS CHANGE OF DAY

Seniors please note the day for our Xmas dinner has been changed from Wednesday to the Tuesday 17th December, this is a one off and will revert to the Wednesday for the Winter Dinner.

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Free public evening to learn about Rakiura/Stewart Island archaeology.
 This year, the New Zealand Archaeological Association (NZAA) annual conference will be held on Rakiura/Stewart Island.
 On Thursday 29 August at 7.30pm, there will be an open public talk.
 The evening presents four archaeologists who specialise on the area and will speak on their specialty.
 We warmly invite anyone who wants to learn about the archaeology of Rakiura/Stewart Island to attend the public talk.
 When: Thursday 29 August. 7.30 pm – 9 pm.
 Who: Hosted by the NZAA
 Speakers: Professor Atholl Anderson, Brooke Tucker, Dr Matthew Schmidt, and Dr Peter Petchey.
 Where: Stewart Island Community Centre.
 Cost: Free
 More information is available at: <https://nzarchaeology.org/event/nzaa-annual-conference-2019>



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Sarah's Rakiura Remarks

from the office of Sarah Dowie MP

A key part of my role is to ensure that the voices of those I represent are properly heard. Stewart Islanders, like their Southland friends across the Foveaux Strait, enjoy an innate connection to our natural landscapes. It's easy to see why when you've got such great hunting and fishing opportunities, be that hunting for White-tailed deer on Bungaree block or fishing for blue cod off Halfmoon bay.

Whitebaiting is an age-old past time and one that many of us get a great deal of enjoyment out of. However it's more than just a 'kiwi tradition' and popular recreational pastime, for many it puts food on the table and creates livelihoods.

But this could all be in jeopardy because of Minister Sage's sneaky Indigenous Freshwater Fish Amendment Bill. The Bill's transitional clauses mean that after a year whitebaiting on the conservation estate will be prohibited, unless there is specific authorisation to do otherwise. Whitebaiting outside of the estate must be done in accordance with regulations and it is this mechanism that can be used to ban the practice.

National are a team of practical environmentalists and we support measures to protect our indigenous species. The whitebaiting community has already subscribed to voluntary protections of the fishery to assist its sustainability moving forward and deserve to have their say on any further regulations.

When asked on Seven Sharp about potential changes to whitebaiting regulations, the Minister said that there wouldn't be any changes this year. Yet when it was put to her about whether that left the door open for a future ban she said: "We'll see what the public says."

The Minister has been obtuse with her words and claims that consultation will be sought before this takes place. But the reality of the legislation is that the transitional clause would not exist if there wasn't an intention to ban whitebaiting.

It's little wonder then why many in the whitebaiting community feel that this alternate consultation process has been a farce. That is why I've started a petition to save the activity of whitebaiting in New Zealand - I encourage you to sign it here:

https://sarahdowie.national.org.nz/stop_the_whitebaiting_ban

The petition isn't about over fishing the species, it's about protecting a right to recreate sustainably and catch a feed for the table.



RESEARCH TEAM

Stewart Is. kiwi research update – training for kiwi work

Just a quick update about some training we are having for new volunteers. If you are interested in helping with kiwi monitoring let me know if you can make it on the 15th and/or 16th of August. No previous experience required, but you must be fit, able and confident in the outdoors. No problem at all if you can't make those dates, we can organise another time!

Email me with questions or to register your availability for training at emmafeenstra@gmail.com

Follow the project at www.facebook.com/Rakiuratokoeka/

Emma & the Stewart Island kiwi Research Team

What's up, DOC?

Possum Monitoring by Dan Lee

In June 2019 we carried out possum monitoring work to get an idea of population densities. Rangers covered North Big Glory, Hapuatuna, Abrahams, Christmas, Lucky, Smoky and Yankee hunting blocks by bush bashing to random waypoints and placing a 200-meter line of ten wax tags, twenty meters apart, and baiting each with a flour/icing sugar mix. Rangers returned the following week to collect them and then analysed the bite marks to determine which tags had been chewed by possums. Off track work is very physical and often very wet but the upside is that you get to be immersed deep in the heart of the forest far away from tracks, huts and other people.

Unlike using traps, a possum can chew more than one tag in a line and so we use some clever formulas to work out the actual possum density based upon the number of tags chewed and the number of nights they have been deployed. This helps us better estimate numbers which will form part of the information we use when deciding which parts of the island need to have possum control applied. Using wax tags can be a little fiddly but one of the advantages over traps is that traps require three fine nights (over a Rakiura winter!) to give us confidence in numbers, and need to be checked every day, whereas wax tags can be left out for a week. Plus a days' worth of tags weigh about 40kg lighter than traps, which is much less manpower intensive!

Rakiura National Park possum monitoring results by Kev Carter

The results are now in from the rounds of possum density monitoring described above. The northern slopes of Mount Anglem/Hananui and the south side of Paterson Inlet from Abrahams Bay to Big Glory Bay areas returned data showing very high possum densities – Hananui slopes (61.6% Wax Tag Index / approximately 35% ground-set leghold equivalent) and Abrahams to Big Glory Bay (75.22% Wax Tag Index / approximately 45% ground-set leghold equivalent). These forests are under significant possum browsing pressure with densities well above control trigger levels and will require control as soon as possible.

This is the first time wax tags have been used in our monitoring programme and includes several key advantages including posing no risk to non-targets, not needing to be raised off the ground which biases the result, being out for longer so are less affected by periods of poor weather and of course, being light weight.



Wax tags from possum density monitoring.
Photo by Dan Lee DOC

Consultation on southern New Zealand dotterel predator control by Kev Carter



Southern New Zealand dotterel
with identification bands.
Photo by Kev Carter DOC

Tuturiwhatu (southern New Zealand dotterel) breeding is predicted to begin in late August/early September 2019 and work is underway to engage with partners and stakeholders to discuss the effects of this year's proposed predator control programme to protect vulnerable nesting birds and chicks. The programme is run according to the principles of adaptive management where new information is continually assessed to determine whether current



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approaches can be replaced or refined to be more effective. The recent flock count data suggests that our current predator control has been successful in reversing the 2010 – 2016 decline trend but the population recovery is slow and so the sub-species remains at a high risk of

extinction (Nationally Critical). The proposed programme for the 2019/20 season is closely modelled on the design used in 2018/19 with a focus on live capture and kill trapping for feral cats, toxic baits in bait stations for feral cats and rodents and ground based hunting for white-tailed deer, spur-wing plover, Australasian harrier and feral cats.

Rats caught on their way to Ulva Island/Te Wharawhara by Jennifer Ross

Two rats have been caught on Pipi Rocks – a steppingstone to predator-free Ulva Island/Te Wharawhara. The first rat was caught on Tuesday 4 June 2019 and the second (a ship rat) on Wednesday 7 July 2019 during routine monthly trap checks by the Biodiversity team. Since these rats have been found on Pipi Rocks they don't trigger a full blown incursion response but it does have us thinking about the possibility of another incursion response in the near future.



Ranger Si Taylor with the most recent rat caught in a DOC 200 trap on Pipi Rocks. Photo by Jennifer Ross DOC

Mason Bay/Te One Roa dune restoration programme funding by Kev Carter

The Mason Bay/Te One Roa dune restoration programme was successful in receiving just over \$100,000 in additional funding through the Biodiversity Contingency fund. The biodiversity team are reaching out to technical experts to determine how this funding can best be applied to help increase the rate of ecosystem recovery through increasing the scale of our operations. We're really excited about the likely compound benefits of doing more work in the short term, whereby the long-term reduction in marram grass seed set will reduce re-infestation and make future operations more efficient.

DOC Rakiura staff travelled to help Operation Tidy-Fox by Jennifer Ross

Biodiversity Ranger Si Taylor and Boat Ranger Steve Meads travelled to the West Coast to help with the clean-up of the Fox river following the collapse of the Fox Glacier landfill in March 2019. The team spent one week as Team Leaders between the end of July and beginning of August 2019 and both Rakiura staff members thought the experience was great! Steve Meads said "all the volunteers were awesome – they were all dedicated to picking up the rubbish, and were both friendly and talkative".



DOC Rakiura staff chip in to help out at Operation Tidy-Fox. Photos by Steve Meads DOC







STEWART ISLAND/RAKIURA Future Opportunities Project

Working in partnership to plan for managed growth and a **sustainable future**

Last year we chatted with you about opportunities for Stewart Island/Rakiura. With funding now allocated through the Government's Provincial Growth Fund, it's time for action.

The Stewart Island/Rakiura Future Opportunities project will build strong and trusted strategic relationships and plans with residents and key stakeholders to progress economic and community goals and aspirations.

Priorities identified by the community were:

- Grow and build future-focused community leadership, capacity and cohesion
- Explore economic development opportunities the unique marine and natural environment presents, including aquaculture and tourism
- Explore the niche opportunity Stewart Island/Rakiura has to be New Zealand's leading environmentally sustainable community
- Make links to regional development strategies and goals to maximise regional opportunities, benefitting Stewart Island/Rakiura and the wider Southland District

Sandra James, who led the initial community consultation, has been re-engaged to now:

- 1** Develop a Stewart Island/Rakiura Future Opportunities Plan
- 2** Establish groups, made up of locals and stakeholders to progress community priorities
- 3** Get more people involved in future-focused conversations, action and leadership
- 4** Build strong, trusted and productive strategic relationships between the Stewart Island/Rakiura community and local, regional and central government and organisations
- 5** Build better awareness and communication of the community's future-focused priorities with key stakeholders
- 6** Establish a future-focused governance mechanism, based on the Island, to guide this work going forward

Come to a public meeting chaired by Mayor Gary Tong on **11 September at 7pm** at the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Centre, where you can hear more about this project and how to be involved.

DOC, Environment Southland, Great South and Southland District Council will share current and planned work/projects for Stewart Island/Rakiura.

If you have any questions or would like to know any more please don't hesitate to **contact Sandra on 027 290 7550 or sandra@connectingpeople.co.nz**



Stewart Island Promotion Association invites YOU to join them for a Dark Sky Sanctuary Information evening.

Venue: Upstairs at the Halfmoon Bay wharf

Date: Thursday, 22 August

Time: 7:30 pm.

Join the discussion about ways to increase community involvement in this initiative and learn more about how you can help the island to become a night sky friendly community.

Guest speaker, Bob Evans, from the Southland Astronomical Society will give a presentation on basic night sky ASTRONOMY.

Rakiura Dark Sky Sanctuary brochures will be available for distribution.

Anyone who has a tourism product which is NEW to the market this season is invited to give a short presentation on their product.

Those interested in doing this should contact the secretary by August 19 Kirsten.hicks@southlanddc.govt.nz to register their interest.



RAKIURA SHIPPING



The Management & Staff of Rakiura Shipping wish to inform you that the Foveaux Freighter will be on the synchrolift in Bluff from **MONDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER FOR APPROXIMATELY 10 DAYS**

Please make sure you have your supplies ordered in plenty of time

Any further development will be posted on the notice board.



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For PICK UP Contact: Anita Geeson – 2191014

Date of this event tbc once books have been gathered.

MUSEUM MATTERS *by Jo Riksem*

TALES FROM THE ATTIC



Bird ink well

Ink wells come in all shapes and sizes but this one from an old island family that used to live on the island seems appropriate for Stewart Island with its bird related theme and the ink well cleverly disguised as a tree trunk, all made out of metal. For those who don't know what an ink well was, it was a receptacle where you kept your ink for use when dipping the brush, quill, or dip pen into the inkwell as needed or used the inkwell as the source for filling the reservoir of a fountain pen.

Acquisitions for July 2019

1. QSL card (Radio Card) From Stewart Island Operator Mervyn Taylor. QSL cards were sent around the world from Amateur Radio Operators.
2. Large wooden framed panoramic photo of Halfmoon Bay by W.N. Blaikie. This photograph was originally in the office of the Todd auction rooms.
3. Stewart Island New Zealand booklet by Les Pullen 1999 version, numbered
4. Bowler Hat belonging to John Robertson, Charles Robertson's father.
5. "Whenua Hou, A New Land, The Story of Codfish Island" by Neville Peat
6. Artefacts from Ruapuke Island
7. "Tailor Near The Jetty" by Lindsay Watson

Searches for June 2019:

Sawmilling photos

Boat: Quest II and Sonja May

Gomez/Goomes family

Snippet:

Newspaper clipping 1950s

"The oldest resident on Stewart Island 83 year old Mrs C. Robertson made her first trip by air yesterday when she travelled to Invercargill in the Amphibian Airways Grumman Widgeon. Mrs Robertson who was apprehensive about making the flight said that if she had realised before what the trip was like she would of made it some time ago."

Winter hours May through July: Monday - Saturday 10 am-12 noon, Sunday 12 pm - 2:00 pm.

August & Sept: Monday - Friday 10 am-12 noon, Saturdays 10 - 12 pm only, Sundays 12 pm - 2:00 pm

(CRUISE SHIP *Continued from page 2*)

to Cunard. 1961: Converted to a one class ship. Bombay call omitted. 1963 Aug 7: Last voyage to Australia, then chartered to the Travel Savings Association for cruising. 1964: John S.Latsis, reg. Piraeus. 1969 May 19: Arrived at ship breakers at La Spezia to be scrapped. (From 'Passengersinhistory' – Google it for more!).

The reason for the cruise? Air travel was taking over from passenger liners

as the preferred mode for inter-continental travel, enabled by the development of reliable long-distance passenger jets such as the Boeing 707 and DC8, and shipowners were looking for something to do with the old ships before they were scrapped.

Why Stratheden came to Rakiura is less obvious, except of course that it was closer to Melbourne than other NZ ports and the two day stay here would have been comparatively cheap for the company that had chartered the ship.

Jim's photo shows several local boats of interest – among them Peter Leask's Winnie (then owned by Ernie Squires) moored in Golden Bay, the Gough's Huia anchored midstream, the pretty Komuri (the nearest of the boats rafted up), Ernest Nicol's fast launch Suzanne, Herbie (snr) Hansen's Kiwi ('dressed' with the flags) and a husky looking fishing vessel, typical of cray boats of the time, just off the Golden Bay reef. The little red dinghies in the foreground were the first of the "Watt fleet".

A significant milestone

In mid-July, over 160 of us celebrated in the Community Centre, the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding towards Predator Free Rakiura. Thirteen parties, including iwi, central and local government agencies and representatives of hunting interests and the tourism industry signed the document. The Parties commit to developing a strategy for a technically robust project to remove the target predators (three species of rat, possums, feral cats and hedgehogs) from the main island and surrounding islands of Stewart Island/Rakiura in one coordinated project, and to maintain a predator free Rakiura into the future. It was humbling to see so many people of different backgrounds and perspectives coming together to support the Project. The Predator Free Rakiura Leadership Group want to thank everyone who helped make our event successful and look forward to working with you on next steps.



Sandy and I met with the Halfmoon Bay School kids and teachers to ask what the year 2050 might be like if the predators had been removed from Rakiura. Some incredible and inspiring stories were written, check out Summer's story below.

To the future

The commitment shown by so many in signing the MOU is a significant step on a long journey. The challenges posed by the sheer scale and complexity of the Project are not to be underestimated and we know this is a long game. We have an application under consideration to secure project management and engagement funding for the next three years. Our next focus is on answering the following two questions; is it possible and how? To do this we need some serious technical knowledge and practical experience coupled with innovative thinking over many years.

We also need to make sure that planning incorporates opportunities and overcomes our concerns. We know there are concerns about what impacts there might be on lifestyle and businesses, questions about what predator control techniques might be used (such as fences, toxins, traps etc), how to ensure pets and deer are protected and who pays? What else?

It is unrealistic to think there is a single, simple design out there for this Project. It will require a weaving together of refined current technology, new innovations, a willingness to be courageous and have controlled trials and pilots to help us get where we want to go. There is no one entity responsible for this Project and only together will we get closer to it. —*Bridget*

We want to hear from you! To share your aspirations, ideas, questions and concerns please contact Bridget (bridget.carter@southlanddc.govt.nz / 027 212 7809), Sandy King, John Cushen or Garry Neave.

It is the year 2050. My name is Summer and I'm 43 years old. I eat my free range kiwi eggs from Sam, and I am off to work.

My job includes taking photos of our beautiful nature and native birds for others to see, who aren't as lucky as us to have this predator free Island. I also bring people on guided walks and talk about predator free Rakiura.

On my way I see a tuatara on the side of the road, I think about maybe looking around there for a new photo spot. I get to work and carefully hop off the jetpack 2000 that I just purchased and grab my cameras and guide pamphlets. My clients aren't here yet, so I go for a walk to the beach. I see a boat that looks like it is on its way in and other jetpacks 2000 whizzing past. A couple of dotterels are coming in close

to me. My camera is out. 'Click' — first photo of the day.

As I walk back listening to the birds and watching kakapo nearby, my clients are waiting so we are off on the jetpacks heading to our destinations. We pass Ryan's bike park and are heading to Freshwater when we see four bats flying around right beside us. We keep going and they keep following. "At Freshwater I will explain a little about predator free Rakiura then we will start walking."

"Hey look, there's a kiwi hole" whispers one of my clients. We slowly walk towards it and I get a photo of one inside. We keep walking and spotting native birds. I keep the photos going and at the end of the walk we go back on our jetpacks.

I get them copies of all the photos I had taken and put one copy of them on my photo wall for native birds.

I head home, feed my kakariki then fall asleep to the moreporks and kiwi that surround my house.

I love having predator free Rakiura but going back to when I was 12 there were THREE kinds of rats (Kiore, Norwegian and Ship rats). There were also possums and wild cats etc. They destroyed our nature and killed our precious birds. Once they were gone and Rakiura was predator free the birds got to live and our nature got to be just beautiful again.

Written by Summer Thompson

Stewart Island Power Development

A public meeting was held on the island a few months ago (May 3) after Economic Development Minister David Parker met the Stewart Island Community Board to discuss solutions to the high electricity prices, which threaten Stewart Island businesses present and future.

At the moment islanders pay 62 cents a unit for electricity but that is heavily subsidised from reserves and would rise to 80c/kWh without the subsidy.

The reserves are being used up at the rate of about \$500,000 a year and there is only \$1.6 million left in the pot – so enough for only another three years before prices jump sharply.

Prices could go even higher given the volatility of international oil prices and the effect that could have on diesel prices. High prices will have an impact on current and future businesses and employment prospects as well as household bills.

With prices that high some businesses and household users would likely go off the system and that would push up costs for remaining users. Worst case scenario is prices rising to potentially \$1.10+ per unit.

Expert advice was provided by Dr Keith Turner – the former head of Meridian Energy who has experience of installing wind power in places as difficult as Antarctica.

He suggested the best solution would be two turbines that could replace 40 per cent of the island's diesel use, and enable power prices to be held at the current level without a subsidy.

But consent could be sought for four to five turbines.

Long term as battery power develops, wind-generated power could be stored for use when the wind is not blowing, enabling the island to become even less reliant on diesel. Initial sites identified for further consideration are on land to the south east of the airstrip and on farm land at Mamaku point. The airstrip site seems to like it would be easiest in terms of access and reliability of wind speed and direction.

The feeling at the meeting was very positive towards the idea being put forward.

It was noted there are also good "branding" reasons why a move to sustainable power makes sense for the island, given the importance of the Rakiura National Park and the Dark Sky Reserve to tourism and future projects.

At the meeting Dr Turner, who has worked on the project free for more than a year gave a summary of the difficulties for a cable connection to the mainland and a hydro project, which are both very expensive in comparison with the wind power option.

He outlined the conclusions of a report by Roaring 40s prepared last year and paid for by the Ministry Of Business, Innovation and Employment.

He said the best option, estimated to cost \$3 million, would initially be two turbines is. He suggested Xant 100kw turbines would be suitable. They are hinged and lowered for maintenance and do not require heavy lifting cranes.

Mr Parker, who stayed on the island until Sunday for a number of meetings, discussed funding options and the opportunity for a substantial contribution through the Provincial Growth Fund. It is an initiative of the government and runs to the 2020 election. The Minister was keen to get the consent and development phase underway as soon as possible.

DOC staff on the island have agreed to undertake a preliminary inspection to identify any issues with the site up near the airstrip. Southland District Council Mayor Gary Tong – who also attended the meeting – will now get the ball rolling on applying to the Provincial Growth Fund for assistance.

Mr Parker undertook to return to the island every year until the project is delivered.

A copy of the Roaring 40's wind assessment report referred to at the meeting will be provided over the next few weeks to the community board, subject to a review for any commercially sensitive matters. Copies will also be provided for the community at large to read, with one suggestion copies be made available at the library.

Some questions have already been raised:

A cable to the mainland and the hydro option would be better.

For the cable to be viable it would need two cables across 35 kilometres and they would have to be buried more than a metre into the seabed. The cost would be \$20 million or more.

The hydro option could be even more expensive and would require diverting water from three rivers. Consenting difficulties and road-ing issues make it extremely difficult.

Dr Turner is selling turbines or has an interest in the turbines.

No. He has no financial interest in them. He has provided his advice free of charge, using his long experience including as the chief executive of Meridian Energy. So far the project, including work on the Roaring 40s report, has cost the island community nothing.

Haven't we heard all of this before time and time again?

Yes, there have been numerous reports (about 18 from memory) about solving the power problem on Stewart Island, this huge number of reports is the reason why this project is being supported by David Parker so strongly, as well as the SDC and most of the population of the island; Minister Parker is hugely enthusiastic about solving this problem once and for all, without any more reports leading to nothing.

Won't this cost us all to get up and running?

No! The initial outlay to the proposed turbines would be (it is anticipated) 2/3rds covered by the Provincial Growth Fund application and the rest hopefully from other pools of potential funding. Also, the progress, professional advice, government time and research for this current development has ALL been provided either free or paid for by the government, the SI community hasn't spent a cent on this.

What about upkeep costs...surely maintaining the turbines will cost us more in the end?

Maintenance costs and upkeep have been factored in to the costs above, so no.

What's happened since the meeting? Is this just an idea that isn't going anywhere like we've all seen before?

No!

Lots has been happening behind the scenes, but again apologies for it taking so long to get this written.

-The Provincial Growth Fund application has been submitted

-A preliminary site assessment for the location of the turbines has been completed (by local DOC)

-The full report (with commercially sensitive information withheld) has (finally) been approved for release and copies have been delivered to the Community Board members and will hopefully be distributed so everybody can access the information. Hopefully copies will be available at the pub, library, notice board etc...

Minister David Parker's press secretary said any queries can be emailed to him at Parliament on: vernon.small@parliament.govt.nz or via me (Edward) if you see me around the island I'm happy to relay messages or questions to the minister's office for anyone.

Edward Small

Goldie Chalmers passed away on Wednesday July 17th at her home in Otatara, in her 90th. year.

Goldie spent some time on the island as a relief District Nurse and she loved the island, the bush the sea and the people. She was a very good and capable nurse, one of the old timers, and when Marty arrived I believe she warned him the islanders wouldn't be too keen on the ear ring!! She loved going for walks in her off time and also would go out fishing with Ted Rooney, Bert Johnson and any one else who would take her out.

She would come up home to have a quick cigarette as she said no one could see her from the road. (I know... a nurse smoking!)

I enjoyed her company and as a nurse she felt comfortable talking to me and we struck up a friendship which continued after her leaving the island, staying with her a couple of times and keeping in touch by phone. She was always keen to hear news of the island and people. Sadly over the last few years she wasn't in good health and we didn't keep in touch.

Some of you will I am sure remember her, a small slight person with a strong personality.

Margaret Rooney



YOUR DISTRICT NEEDS YOU!

Are you thinking of standing in this year's local elections? You can make a difference, but be in quick – completed nomination forms must be delivered to a Southland District Council office **before midday on Friday 16 August**.

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Following Southland District Council's recent Representation Review there is a greater emphasis on community board planning to prepare for the future and make your community more resilient to change.

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It's an exciting time to be part of local government. Your community needs people to stand up for it. Are you willing to do your bit?

For more information about how you can stand in the 2019 local elections, go to www.southlanddc.govt.nz, visit a Council area office or phone deputy electoral officer Clare Sullivan on 0800 732 732.

Remember, nominations close at noon on Friday 16 August.

The Mid Winter Senior Citizens Dinner was well attended, thank you everyone for turning up promptly it made things go to plan easily. After our Welcome, thanking our Sponsors, and grace from Gwen Neave, Ian Munro introduced our guest speaker Suzanne Prentice.

Suzanne was very well received. She told us of her musical journey from the age of twelve to the present day, she is a very engaging lady and is hoping to return to the Island next Autumn and do a fund raising concert for Hospice.

Jon Spraggon thanked Suzanne and commented that it was pretty amazing



not to hear even a whisper from this lot for a full 30 minutes.

The raffle 1st prize a \$75 voucher for Glowing Sky was won by Suzanne Prentice
2nd Prize a \$50 voucher Ship to Shore was won by Brenda Hicks
The Silver and Blue theme was taken out by Phillip and Diane Smith

Thank you to Helen Cave and her wonderful staff at South Sea Hotel for the beautiful food and hospitality.

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On the island the potential for the weather to get it wrong played out with the drizzle coming in and Suzanne taking the ferry back, thank you Jon for arranging that.

The Theme for Xmas Dinner is Island Time (as in Hawaii, Rarotonga, Fiji) please do not come in your swandry and gumboots. — *Sue Munro*



Church Chatter by Jo Riksem

Going up an incline onto Dundee Street the other day I turned around and looked back and caught this photo. It reminded me that often there are times when it is good to look back and learn from the mistakes and remember the good times as well. I keep a daily journal, but keep last years one close by to look back on what I was doing last year on the same day. It helps me remember the many blessings that have come along as it will for you if you do the same and when you're out for a walk remember to look back and see where you've been. I guarantee there will be some nice surprises.



Speakers for August 2019

1 September – Interesting Islander. - Come along and find out which one.

8 September – Jo Fielding - is an Anglican parish priest in Dunedin. She has served the Otago Peninsula Anglican Parish for the last five years. A long time Forest & Bird member, this is becoming a regular visit for Jo

15 September - Barbara Sampson – Barbara is a retired Salvation Army officer living in Christchurch. Over 40 years of Salvation Army officership gave her appointments in pastoral ministry, a short stint of missionary service, many years of education-based work at our national training college in Upper Hutt, and for Barbara, some years of writing devotional material for a worldwide readership.

22 September – Heather Kelly - a retired Methodist Lay Minister currently worshipping with different faith streams in Invercargill. My 'home church' being the Invercargill Methodist Parish. I am one of the younger residents in Peacehaven Village and endeavour to live a life of pastoral care among my friends and neighbours in the Peacehaven hospital and community.

29 September – Rev Bruce Hansen - Bruce Hansen was minister in the parishes of Clinton (Popotunoa) in South Otago and in St Andrew's, Hastings and Knox, Christchurch. In 1998 - 2000 he was Moderator of the General Assembly. He has also served on the Presbyterian Church Property Trustees. He and his wife Alison live in Christchurch.

Services every Sunday 11 am. Church open daily to enjoy the peace and quiet.



**Stewart Island Lions Club
50th Anniversary.**

Members of the Stewart Island Lions Club invite members, ex-members and friends to join them for a barbecue lunch to celebrate 50 years of community service.

Venue: Stewart Island Pavilion

Time: 12.00 pm (noon.)

Date: Saturday, September 7

Cost: \$25 per person.

R.S.V.P. by August 20th to the secretary, Anita Geeson:

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The Lockerbie collection will be available for viewing in the workroom at the **new Rakiura Museum** building on Thursday 29th August between 3pm & 5.30pm. This is a great chance for locals to see some of this comprehensive collection of ancient Rakiura artefacts.

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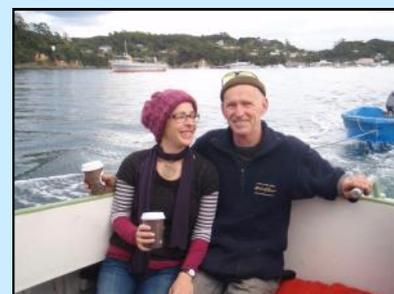
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As you may be aware my beautiful man passed away recently. He loved being in front of the camera and up in lights. He described himself as a thespian. I am therefore wanting to honour him through film. If you have any film footage of Pete ("Aussie") could you please contact me on www.bunkhousetheatre@gmail.com. Also any photos of Pete being characteristically Pete also welcomed. —Penny



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