

STEWART ISLAND NEWS

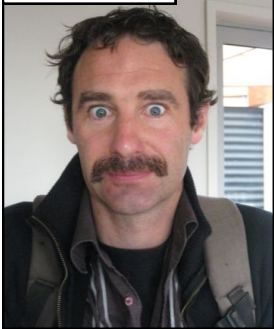
CELEBRATING RAKIURA

December 2010

\$2.50

There was a stuff-up with the printer so this edition contains last month's content as well as December news. Apologies for any inconvenience the missed November issue may have caused.

November slug



It's summer: we've got Christmas parties and cruise ships on our horizon. The big boats tend to give me a start when I glance up and suddenly see a giant blocky manmade structure instead of Fish Rock. See page 13 for a full schedule, and the HMB Beat (p4) for an overview of ship-related issues. As for Christmas dos, I recently experienced a transcendental gastronomic revelation at the Southern Seafoods party. *Halleluiah*, I praised, in the throes of wonderment. *What do you*



Oystercatcher mama and chicks from Carolyn Squires.

call this marvellous thing? Settle down, said my hostess. It's a sherry log. See page 7.

There was a fire recently in the woman's toilet at the Hotel. Ladies: it's not a "sneaky smoke" if the fire brigade is involved. PLEASE smoke OUTSIDE.

Stuck for Christmas present ideas? Get your loved ones a subscription to *SIN*. See back page for details.

Thanks to Kari for all of her hard work churning out the paper while I was away.

We are going to have a great summer. HAPPY NEW YEAR! —Jess

The Story of one pallet's life.

by Vicki Coats

One day a pallet delivered groceries to the Ship to Shore, balancing precariously on Spragg's forklift. Job done, it was set to one side, nothing more in its future than to become part of someone's bonfire.

Vicki spotted the pallet looking lonely and took it home, with an idea in mind.

First of a ruler and vivid were carefully applied. A few crayons, a few drinks and Treasure Island was born.

The pallet took a ride in Jo Leask's little blue car down to the school and was propped up in pride of place

on the Lions White Elephant Stall. People came from far and wide to pay \$2 to own a little piece of the pallet. At the end of the day, the little pallet had raised \$468. (along with the sales from the stall!). Peter Wilson put the pallet on the back of his truck and a couple of days

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To my Stewart Island Family ...

To ALL THE GOOD BASTARDS & GIRLS, to Helen Cave and Peter Shepherd, to all the guys who helped with the house, to Ship to Shore, Vicki and Becca and Debbie and all the fundraiser girls and rafflers and the people who organized the do in the hall, to my gibstopper, to Amber and Logan and Carol and Cyril, to EVERYBODY:

When I first heard people were raising money I was pigheaded and I said *keep your money*. But I've learned over the past ten months that it's a hell of a good thing, having you all for a family. It's been a year of my life but I reckon I have another thirty to go. I'll be here to annoy everyone for a while yet.

I sincerely thank each and every one of you.

Stand tall be proud and take no sh**.

GRIM

Several Islanders have been chosen to receive the chocolate award:

chocolate awards

Diddle and **Amber** for organizing the clothes swap. Last Sunday they spent the whole day in the Hall while everybody else was enjoying the sunshine, and then they packed 3 bins of left overs to go to

town to the Salvation army. That certainly deserves some goodies.

Greg Everest and **Zane Smith** chopped a truckload of firewood and gifted it to the HMB School Gala Day raffle.

Jenny and Ewan Gell spent days building and installing the new shelving at the Community Library.

THANK YOU!

Need any building work done?????

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To all my clients that supported us during a very tough 2010 we thank you and wish you a very merry Christmas and a great New Year.



Toi Rakiura Arts Trust

Silent Auction

Any unsold photos from the Toa Tane photo exhibition will be offered by way of a silent auction to the public. The photos will be on display in the community hall and a book to record bids will be made available.

The auction will run through 19th December.

There will be an unveiling for Graham Paterson at approximately 11 am on 22nd January at the cemetery.
ALL WELCOME.

KAI KART TAKEAWAYS

BLUE COD & CHIPS		GREEN LIPPED MUSSELS	
1 Blue Cod fillet	\$ 6.00	½ dozen Mussels (battered)	\$ 5.50
Chips	\$ 3.50	½ dozen Mussels (crumbed)	\$ 6.00
Chips (half portion)	\$ 2.50	Mussel Kebab (5 Mussels wrapped in bacon)	\$ 6.50
Wedges	\$ 6.00	Mussel Chowder	\$ 6.50
Kumara chips	\$ 7.60	Mussel Pattie	\$ 3.50
Sour cream & sweet chilli sauce	\$ 1.80		

BUMPER BURGERS			
Blue Cod	\$ 9.80	Cheese	\$ 7.90
Blue Cod WORKS	\$ 12.00	Bacon & Egg	\$ 9.40
Vegetarian	\$ 8.00	WORKS	\$ 10.90
Chicken	\$ 9.80		
Chicken WORKS	\$ 12.00		
<i>Choice of sauce: tartare, satay, sweet chilli</i>		<i>Meat burgers come with mega mince patties (100g); every burger has mayo, lettuce, tomato, beetroot, fried onions and tomato sauce or ketchup</i>	

SMALL FISHY BITES		FINGER FOOD	
½ dozen Squid rings	\$ 6.50	Hot dog with sauce	\$ 3.20
Crabstick (battered)	\$ 2.20	Mini hot dogs	\$ 1.20
Scallops (crumbed)	\$ 2.60	Spring roll or Curry roll	\$ 3.20
Southern Glory Oysters	(each) \$ 19.00	Chicken nuggets (½ dozen)	\$ 4.60
125gm, equals 6-8 oysters		Sausage (plain)	\$ 2.50
		Sausage (battered)	\$ 3.00

BITS AND PIECES		SWEET STUFF/DESSERTS	
Coleslaw (with sultanas and sunflower seeds)	\$ 3.50	Markus & Shanshan	... priceless!
Pita Bread Wraps	\$ 9.50	Pineapple ring (battered)	\$ 2.00
Toasted cheese sandwich:	\$ 3.00	Donut (plain)	\$ 2.90
Add. sandwich fillings:		Jam wrap	\$ 3.50
bacon	\$ 1.50	(dipped in sugar/cinnamon mix)	
tomato / pineapple / onions	\$ 1.00	Orgasmic Organic Icecream	\$ 5.00
		(Glutenfree)	
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The Island Beat

If you are hosting a Christmas/New year event. Please be a good host and ensure there is food available and a sober driver to take guests home.

This year there will be a relieving police officer Tim COOK working on the island from the 17th of December to the 9th of January.

Reported Crime in the last month:

On the 14th of November a Red Columbia jacket valued at \$300.00 was stolen from Bunkers Back packers.

Traffic:

- December/January sees an increase in tourist, crib owners, holiday makers and freight arriving on the Island. Most of this increased traffic has to go through the bottleneck of the Wharf. The Wharf rules have decreased problems associated with the bottleneck. (Rules posted on community notice board and at the Wharf). Be patient and help reduce the congestion.

Don't drink and drive.

Found property:

Items wanting to be reunited with their owners:

1 x cell phone found at the Golf Course on the 02/11/10.

1 x 7 mil wetsuit bottom found on Papatiki beach (the Neck) on the 30/11/10

Cruise ship visits to the Island:

This summer Cruise liners will be visiting the Island on the following dates: 17th and 27th of December.

6th, 11th, 16th, 18th and 23rd of January.

3rd, 12th, 13th, 17th, 18th and 20th of February.

Passengers visiting the island create job opportunities for islander as well as spending money at local businesses. There are however a few problems namely the increased congestion at the wharfs and pedestrians walking on our roads.

Cruise liners when moored at Halfmoon bay use the main wharf. When moored in Paterson Inlet, the Golden bay and Ulva island wharfs are used to land and uplift up to 70 passengers at a time from their tenders.

Last year there were a number of congestion problems mainly at the Golden bay wharf which are putting the safety of wharf users at risk. The main issue is the small parking and turn around areas. Also the small narrow wharf.

Identified Risks:

- To passengers on the wharf when loading and unloading from tenders. (elderly persons/passengers)
- To pedestrians approaching and exiting the wharf area from vehicles turning around on the Golden bay car park area.
- To pedestrians from busses and vans reversing down Golden bay road.
- Property/vehicle collision damage due to the congestion and traffic movements.

To pedestrians walking from Golden bay to Halfmoon bay and return from vehicle traffic. (No footpaths)

The Community board has been made aware of these issues as well as other problems associated with the liner visits. They are currently looking at different long term options to reduce or eliminate some of these risks.

In the short term the cooperation of the community is sought to reduce the congestion and risk at the Golden Bay Wharf.

Could wharf users refrain from parking/using the Golden Bay wharf car park, on the above dates unless dropping off or picking up passengers or freight.

Cooperation may prevent time limit parking being introduced to the Golden bay car park.

Cath and I wish you a happy and safe time over the Christmas and the New Year.

Dale JENKINS

The Stewart Island Yacht Club and Sanders Cup Display.

We have a new exhibition showing at the Rakiura Museum. Come along and see the story of yachting on Stewart Island.

In 1928 the Sanders Cup yacht races were held at Stewart Island. We have pictures and mementos from that time, as well as photos of local identities who sailed in Sanders Cup races.

The Sanders Memorial Cup is the oldest trophy sailed for in New Zealand under its original inception and still the only remaining senior interprovincial challenge competition sailed for today. In 2010, the East Coast team sailing at New Plymouth won honours. Messers. Walker & Hall Ltd. (Goldsmiths, Silversmiths and Cutlers) made and presented this cup to be a perpetual memorial to Lieutenant W.E.Sanders, V.C., D.S.O., R.N.R.



The cup, a fifty guinea solid silver cup is mounted on a plinth, with solid silver side panels. The signature of His Majesty George V. is inscribed on one of the panels. Since the inaugural race in 1921 it has been sailed for every year with the exception of 1942-45. From the original X-class clinker built design it has in 1971 developed to the Javelin class two man yacht.

Rakiura Art Exhibition – Easter, 2011

The Rakiura Heritage Trust is organising an exhibition of artworks inspired by Rakiura/Stewart Island. The Island has long attracted artists of real merit. We feel this should be celebrated.

The exhibition will be held in the Community Hall on the Saturday and Sunday of Easter, 2011. Some artwork held in the Rakiura Museum will be included in the display. In order to make the exhibition as representative and as significant as possible, the Trustees would appreciate the loan of artworks for the Easter period. Paintings and sculpture are the main items sought but there could be stunning shell art or fabric art for example that deserved inclusion.

If you are willing to loan an artwork, please contact Raylene Waddell (Ph. 2191092, P.O. Box 185, Stewart Island). If we get a super-abundance of a particular artist, we may have to exercise a little discretion.

Oh, and security???? The Trustees are drawing straws to see who gets to sleep over at the Hall to protect what we hope will be a fabulous collection.

Rakiura Information and Heritage Centre Trust

After 5 years of negotiation and considerable compromise, an agreement has finally been reached between the Rakiura Information & Heritage Centre Trust (RIHCT) and the NZ Fire Service Commission for the use of land adjacent to the fire station for the new Rakiura Museum, Information Centre and Southland District Council office. The Development Agreement signed last week at a joint meeting of the RIHCT and the Museum committee (Rakiura Heritage Trust) will allow the RIHCT to proceed with commissioning an architectural design for the building.

A Feasibility Study for the joint development proposal was written in 2009 by Heritage Management Consultant John Coster, who held a public meeting on the Island and subsequent workshops with the museum committee. 'Planning for new museum displays and storage design requirements is well underway' said Loraine Hansen, Chairperson for the museum committee. 'Museum Liaison Officer Jo Massey also recently spent several weeks working with us, compiling a full inventory and specifications of the Museum's collection which will help us make a more accurate assessment of the area required in the new building. We are really pleased that the project can now move on to the next stage and look forward to working closely with the RIHCT.'

'The signing of the Development Agreement with NZ Fire Service is a key milestone', agreed Margaret Hopkins, Chairperson of the RIHCT. 'Once plans for the building have been finalised we can turn our attention to fundraising

and funding applications. It is crucial that the Museum committee, the Southland District Council and the RIHCT work closely together to ensure the project delivers a well planned, cost effective Heritage and Information Centre that will serve visitors and residents well into the future. This community worked hard to get the Stewart Island Community Centre up and running and that is a facility that we are all proud of and provides a focal point for community activities. I would like to think that we can work together to create another outstanding building to house and interpret the Island's history for visitors and future generations of Stewart Islanders, as well as provide a much needed visitor facility.'

The current members of the RIHCT are Chairperson Margaret Hopkins, Secretary/Treasurer Jon Spraggon, Fire Brigade representatives Gary Lewis & Stephen King, Rakiura Museum rep Elaine Hamilton, Stewart Island Ward member Bruce Ford, Stewart Island Community Board rep Aaron Conner, Sharyn Hensman, Peter Goomes & DOC rep Sharon Pasco.



Stewart Island Community Christmas Party!



Saturday 18th December 4pm



At the Community Centre
Everyone welcome!

Locals to Loopies!
Baby to Grandma!

BYO tippie & plate to share
Tea & Coffee Provided

Volunteers needed for:
Set-up and decorating of hall @ 2pm
Courtesy Car & Driver
Person to wear a red suit :)
A red suit!



Ring Vicki with any queries/ suggestions 498 or 0275211895



The Land of Plenty

by Kari Beaven

With plenty of sun, a dribble of rain, a wealth of expertise and some good humour, the community garden is showing some very real signs of life.

Three perfectly-formed heads of lettuce appeared "simply overnight" in one of the plots. So strangely similar to their hydroponic neighbours in Fordy's tunnel-house, we are beginning to suspect inter-breeding or some other sort of funny-business. Not to worry, it's amazing what a bit of encouragement can do. The spinach is now taking off and the other lettuces have been seen pulling up their socks.

We now have a garden plan in the garden shed, so anyone can pop in and see where their efforts are best spent; the compost bins are now wearing three "state of the process" signs - fill now, composting and garden ready - and most of the buoys and beds have occupiers.

Currently, we're working on a plan for dealing with garden thugs and slugs. A recent meeting saw a decision to go easy on ourselves over the "organic" question. With such a wealth of knowledge in the community, we've chosen to first employ any local remedies before considering chemical measures, in the faith that by the time we've worked our way through all of the island's secret weapons, local slugs will have given up their slime-holds on our food. Garden thugs such as mint won't be given the chance to take over, we're looking at suitable containment options, with thyme out for good flavour.

Becky has had the Rugrats over doing potato treasure hunts and replanting in their tractor tyre (after discovering all the seed potatoes had been buried together in a plan for one, single super-crop), which is what the garden is all about.

With a very wet patch forming along one fence, we've hatched a cunning plan to channel the offending rain fall into a drum for our very own watering source.

After a generous donation of tunnel-house plastic, a trial lean-to is being planned, in order to coax some tomato plants into the yard. If anyone has some left-over dressed timber we can use for this we would be very grateful.

Alternatively, if you have a worm farm (with or without worms) that we can use, we would also love to hear from you. Get in touch with Kirsten (309) or Kari (533).

We meet Sundays at 2pm - Everyone is Welcome.

THANK YOU

The *Stewart Island News* thanks all of its supporters, contributors and readers for another year in print.

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Kari Beaven

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Everyone who has bought a subscription, or ad space, or dropped the coins in the box at the Shop...THANK YOU.

And to Vicki Coats and all of our other contributors: THANK YOU.



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the GALLEY

Sherry Log

from Carolyn Squires

Dip Chocolate Chippie biscuits in sherry, glue closely together with whipped cream. Cover in whipped cream, decorate with strawberries and crushed Flake chocolate bars. Chill for a few hours before serving.

Can be varied with Gingernut Biscuits or Brandy instead of Sherry. Also nice with Cherries instead of strawberries. Keep away from small children.

Emergency Accommodation in Invercargill

Imagine yourself in the following pickle – you have been flown off the Island in a distressed state, no wallet, no toothbrush etc. You are assessed at Southland Hospital and discharged into the unfriendly night. You have no money, nobody you can stay with and not even a toothbrush to keep you company. What to do?

Well, your Health Committee has negotiated with three Invercargill accommodation providers to look after you for the night and help you get back to the Island and re-unite

with your wallet etc.

The Kelvin Hotel, The Townsman Motor Lodge and The Shiny Paua will look after Stewart Islanders in their hour of need. Of course you will get a bill for your accommodation but one that you can pay on your return to the Island and reunification with your wallet.

Our thanks to these accommodation providers for their willingness to look after Islanders adrift.

Raylene Waddell, Chairperson, Health Committee

Health Committee News:

The Chair by Raylene Waddell

The chair is here! The Dental Health Technicians (whatever happened to Dental Nurses?) checked out the kids' teeth and Marty checked out their ears. The kids are happy and Marty is over the moon.


Our fundraising is also going galactic. A big "Thank You" to everyone who donated to or bought from our Gala Day stall. We raised \$538.30. Another big "Thank You" to the Knit and Natter group who have donated \$500 towards our dental surgery fundraising from the proceeds of their stall and raffle. Thanks too to Lania Davis and Amber Leask for donating the proceeds from their stalls to the Health Committee.

What a great community!



Above: our visiting Dental Technician gives Lyall some pointers about tooth care, after checking out his teeth on the island's new portable dentist's chair.

DOGGY DOOS and DOGGY DON'TS

Dear doggies sweet, dear doggies kind, when you're out walking and you find you have that urge to defecate, please don't do it at my gate! 

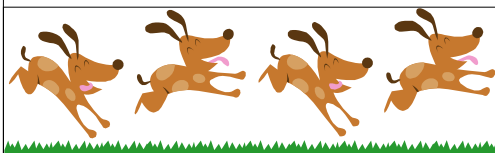
It really shouldn't be the case that, when I'm leaving my home base, I should have need to scrape my shoes because I've stepped in doggy poos.

When mowing roadside lawns, it's wrong that anyone should cop the pong of turds we've chopped up in the grass -- a stench that doesn't swiftly pass!

So when you're out and get that yen, refer your owner to page ten of SDC's dog info book; at para four get them to look.

And owners please heed that advice to keep our roads and verges nice. Responsibility rests with YOU, in public places, for dog poo!

By Beverly Osborne



STEWART ISLAND GARDEN CIRCLE

End of year break up

From 11.00 am on Thursday
11th December at Ringaringa Golf Club.

Fun workshop for Christmas Decorations

Bring a plate.



Another One Night Stand

Oh what a night! Now I've never entertained the idea of a One Night Stand and certainly not in a public place with a bunch of groupies. For so many reasons, this was a night to remember.

Simon Gomez and Toi Rakiura arranged a musical treat for our community, bringing together new and old friends (although I promised not to harp on the "old"). Talent filled the stage, with two of the men introduced as the craftsmen of the guitars and mandolin, which they then caressed into life. Simon and his old friends, Steve and Peter, began the show with songs from Simon's albums and their own lively past. They were helped by an on-stage (seemingly very talented) sound technician, sneaking in and out of the shadows, adjusting dials and creating the perfect atmosphere.



In a complete surprise, as the men drifted back off stage, the sound technician then collected his own stool into a corner of the stage, picked up his guitar and, almost as an after-thought, introduced us to a rich and beautiful voice and a mind-blowing mastery of his instrument. Effortlessly, Mal McCallum improvised a suitable rhythm for his second song, tapping it out on the body of his guitar, to then play it back through digital delay while his fingers danced across the strings. Mal's voice and style has been likened to James Taylor and with good reason.

The three men then joined him back on stage to play together and share a few laughs about how they had each influenced each other's lives.

Suzanne Lynch burst onto the stage with style, glamour and stunningly rich vocals to bring us back from the break. A member of "The Chicks", Suzanne originally had the ambition of being a vet. She told the audience of how she discovered being a musician at sixteen and never looked back. Fortunately for her, she said with a fond look around her on stage, she is still able to work with sick animals.

Suzanne sang tributes to Dusty Springfield, Linda Ronstadt and The Chicks. She had the audience dancing and singing along to "Son of a Preacher Man", before "These Boots Were Made For Walking" really stormed the aisles. She and Mal then dedicated a duet to Yusof Islam (formerly Cat Stevens) for "wanting to change the world".

This was a night deserving of a packed community centre and we've had similar nights where the dancing and mayhem continues into the night. On this night there were too many empty seats. Those of us who were there enjoyed a fabulous treat that we wished we could have shared with you all.
By Kari Beaven



Jo Leask armed herself and The Lodge with sweets and scary treats before inviting the community's kids to



Halloween. Each person then received a card with their photo in the post the next week. What a gem!

Halloween at The Lodge



The Other Woman

by Sue Ford

There's another woman in my husband's life -
 Apart from me - his long-suffering wife.

I wash his socks, and bake our bread.

I dust our house and make our bed.

(Well, sometimes)

She is no 'green' and doe-eyed girl,

Willow-framed and hair a-curl.

No bottled-blonde, nor is she clinging,

Though it's often **she** when the phone is ringing.

(At least, I don't *think* her hair colour comes from a bottle ...)

She makes him laugh, **she** makes him smile,

When from **my** frown he'll run a mile.

She keeps his papers neatly filed -

I keep them higgledy-piggledy piled.

(I find the office floor best for this ...)

But she'll shake a finger in his face,

Is keen to keep him in his place.

She'll turn to Minutes, now months old,

And say: "You can't say you weren't told!"

(Maybe I should keep Minutes about whose turn it is to change the toilet roll...)

Does he need this **Colleen** more than me?

'Cos I can't help thinking how nice it would be

If **she** would run **my** office too

Like for Bruce and Baz - to name but two.

(I'd need a left-handed mouse for my computer though ...)

Now if you're left in any doubt

Just which 'colleen' I'm on about,

She's the one in the Oban SDC seat

- As a secretary, she's hard to beat.

(She'd know how to have me arrested if I tried ...)

All Ward Reps and Community Boards,

Promotions bodies and similar hordes,

Should be so lucky to have an awesome

'Bruce's Other Woman', **Colleen** Dawson.

(Thank you Colleen, for always doing more than your share - for *all* of us...)

*International Pun Contest top ten winners,
 shared with us by Vicki:*

1. A vulture boards an airplane, carrying two dead raccoons. The flight attendant looks at him and says, 'I'm sorry, sir, only one carrion allowed per passenger.'

2. Two fish swim into a concrete wall. The one turns to the other and says 'Dam!'

3. Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, so they lit a fire in the craft. Unsurprisingly it immediately sank, proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it too.

4. Two hydrogen atoms meet. One says 'I've lost my electron.' The other says 'Are you sure?' The first replies 'Yes, I'm positive.'

5. Did you hear about the Buddhist who refused Novocain during a root canal? His goal: transcendental medication.

6. A group of chess enthusiasts checked into a hotel and were standing in the lobby discussing their recent tournament victories. After about an hour, the manager came out of the office and asked them to disperse. 'But why?' they asked as they moved off. 'Because,' he said, 'I can't stand chess-nuts boasting in an open foyer.'

7. A woman has identical twins and is forced to give them up for adoption. One of them goes to a family in Egypt and is named 'Ahmal.' The other goes to a family in Spain; they name him 'Juan.' Years later, Juan sends a picture of himself to his birth mother. Upon receiving the picture, she tells her husband that she wishes she also had a picture of Ahmal. Her husband responds, 'They're identical twins! If you've seen Juan, you've seen Ahmal.'

8. A group of friars were behind on their belfry payments, so they opened up a small florist shop to raise funds. Since everyone liked to buy flowers from the men of God, a rival florist across town thought the competition was unfair. He asked the good fathers to close down, but they would not. He went back and begged the friars to close. They ignored him. So, the rival florist hired Hugh MacTaggart, the roughest and most vicious thug in town to 'persuade' them to close. Hugh beat up the friars and trashed their store, saying he'd be back if they didn't close up shop. Terrified, they did so, thereby proving that only Hugh can prevent Florist friars.

9. Mahatma Gandhi, as you know, walked barefoot most of the time, which produced an impressive set of calluses on his feet. He also ate very little, which made him rather frail and, with his odd diet, he suffered from bad breath. This made him (Oh, man, this is so bad, it's good) a super calloused fragile mystic hexed by halitosis.

And finally,

10. There was the person who sent ten different puns to friends with the hope that at least one of the puns would make them laugh. No pun in ten did.



Sinky's new golf cart

The Stewart Island community has sent a book of condolences to the Pike River mining community, along with over a thousand dollars in donations.

(PALLET Continued from page 1)

later, it came right back home to Vicki's house and back into Hippy's shed.

Being a handy type of guy and not one to ignore a good looking piece of wood, Hippy's mind started cranking over. The terrible patio table we had on the deck was wobbly, ugly and not at all suitable so maybe....

Saws were sawn, hammers were hammered, nails were nailed and lacquer..... lacked?

Finally the little pallet came to its final home, pride of place on the deck, complete with cat shelf underneath which has also been cleverly designed to be just the right height to fit a bottle of wine.

So next time you see a pallet, don't automatically think *firewood*. Perhaps somewhere, lurking under its rough exterior, is a project waiting to be born.



KNIT, KNATTER AND KOFFEE GROUP



\$500.00 was raised for Dental equipment
\$300.00 for Senior Citizens.

The Raffle raised **\$332.00** towards Dental equipment and was won by:
Mona Wiig Hamper full of goodies
Kath Kain Quilt
Holger Lachmann Alloy non stick Wok

Thank you to all who participated, to Susan Whitley for donating the picnic basket and wok, and to the quilting ladies for the quilt.
A sunny day, great company, loads of fun. A huge thank you to everyone for a really successful day.





**Stewart Island
Early Childhood
Education Centre
Trust**

A huge thank you to the community and sponsors for making the Gala day a great success - after a final tally up Rugrats raised over \$1500.00 yahoo! The other stall holders had great success too.

- winner of Fruit Cake comp
Letitia Ritchie
- 2nd Hilli Maas Barrett
- Winner Camp cook off
Mark Moxham
- 2nd Vicki Coats
- Winner Kids Cookie
Friend of Jed and Chris
- 2nd Jack Dobbins
- 3rd Molly Conner

Thank you to: *Ship to Shore, Glowing Sky, Living Space Invercargill, ILT(Invercargill Licensing Trust), Pak N Save, Elles Rd New World, E Hayes & Sons, Mitre 10 Mega, Pumpkin Patch, , Stewarts Pharmacy, Couplands, South Sea Hotel, The Fernery - Gallery and Gift Shop*

Thank you to Rakiura shipping for sponsoring the fun bikes for the Halfmoon Bay School they were a real hit and made the day cheers !!!



Lions Club raised \$468 at the white elephant stall and Treasure Island! Well done to winners:
Sharon Pasco : water blaster
Ulva Goodwillie : Rakiura Book
Laura Cavanagh : lollies
 ... for winning the razor
Kathleen Ruth Kain : Dean Koontz Book
Quin Hicks : earmuffs

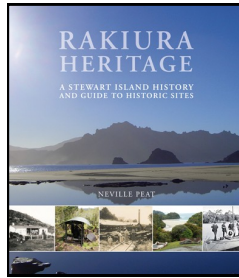




DOC Spot

Rakiura Heritage book well received

Local history came alive late last month with more than 80 people joining Department of Conservation staff to celebrate the long awaited launch of a new book honouring the island's rich history. *Rakiura Heritage* has been published by the Department and shares the stories of historic places on Stewart Island that DOC, community groups and private owners manage. Author Neville Peat paid tribute to the many people who had shared their information and images to produce this book and was on hand to sign copies, while invited guest Steve Barkman entertained with a ballad about one of the colourful characters celebrated in the book – whaler Paddy Gilroy. This book project has been an important one for DOC as many of the actively conserved historic places managed by the Department are in remote locations or places that are not suited to interpretation panels. It also explores prominent heritage places on private land – because the island's history doesn't stop at the park entrance. We would like to thank everyone who helped make this book possible and hope that you enjoy sharing it with friends, family and visitors.



on behalf of the authority, so if you want to light-up please contact Sharon Pasco, Dale Chittenden or Andrew King at DOC at least five working days prior to the permit being required. Please also note that the SRFA prohibits the issuing of permits over the Christmas and New Year break, for all but community events and that any such permits must be issued prior to December 23.

Meet Johnny

Hi, I am Johnny Curin. I have recently moved to Stewart Island to take up a position working with the Rec team helping to maintain tracks and structures around the island. I am originally from the Bay of Islands however I have spent the last ten years chasing winters between Wanaka, Canterbury, California and New Mexico. For the past three



years I have been running a club ski field in the Rakaia river valley of Canterbury, as this was a club field with a very minimal staff my principal role was as a jack of all trades covering everything from bulldozing to avalanche control, lift repairs, hot tub maintenance, catering and everything in between. I am looking forward to my time on the Island as a change of pace and not having to pack my bag every four months to find some more snow.

Restricted Fire Season

A Restricted Fire Season has been declared by the Southern Rural Fire Authority which now makes fire permits necessary for anyone wishing to light a fire in the open in the Southern Rural Fire District which includes Stewart Island / Rakiura. DOC issues fire permits for the island



Steve Barkman entertaining the crowd at the launch of Rakiura Heritage, while author Neville Peat looks on)



LIBRARY NEWS

The exciting Library News this month (apart from Jess's return from US) is our very own Stewart Island book donated and signed by the author, "**Jeremiah's Journey**" written lovingly by John Leask about a very precious duck.

Great Christmas present

Ken Follett's "**Fall of Giants**" is now in the Library, kindly donated by Loraine Hansen. This isn't a good book to pop in your pocket or read in bed, having over 800 pages but is certainly worth the effort, a really good read.

The Book Stall on Gala Day raised almost \$400.00 for the Library, a big thanks to John (Mr Muscle) Maylo for helping to get all the boxes down from upstairs in the Community Hall, and to Jo Riksem and Cathy Jenkins for their selling capabilities. Everyone both sides of the stalls had a great day.
Jenny Gell



Jeremiah himself puts in an appearance at his own biographical book launch. John Leask's book *Jeremiah's Journey* was formally released to a warm crowd at the Community Centre last month.



Ulva Island Research Update:

This is the 10th season for Otago University's Ulva Island Bird Research Team. The Department of Zoology at Otago University has been conducting a long-term research project on island reintroductions for native birds. We are particularly focused on the short and long-term consequences of so-called founder effects, population bottlenecks and genetic isolation on the frequency of inbreeding and loss of genetic diversity in native birds. We are attempting to determine whether inbreeding has significant negative effects on survival and reproductive success, and whether any loss of genetic diversity could jeopardize the long-term adaptability and viability of island species. Our research on Ulva Island has focused on saddlebacks and robins, but elsewhere in New Zealand we have studied other native species such as mohua and takahe.

Recently, we learned that we

were successful in gaining a Marsden Research Grant (see <http://www.royalsociety.org.nz/programmes/funds/marsden/>), which will allow us to continue our research on Ulva Island for another three seasons. This is one of the first studies of a wild population that will use a pedigree to track changes across generations in both non-functional 'neutral' genes as well as complex disease resistant genes. The research will increase our understanding of the respective roles of inbreeding and natural selection in determining the loss, or persistence, of genetic diversity in threatened populations. Our proposal received very positive reviews, which noted that the Ulva Island study had gained an international reputation for its work on inbreeding and genetic diversity of reintroduced populations. Our success would not have been possible without the support of DOC Stewart Island Area office, and we look forward to continuing with this cooperative model of research between the University of Otago and DOC.

We'll also be conducting a collaborative research project with Profs. Bart Kempenaers of Max Planck Institute for Ornithology in Germany and Jim Briskie of Canterbury University, which focuses on the role of odour in birds such as the Stewart Island robin. Recent research has discovered that the waxy secretions from the preen gland of birds contain volatile compounds that may be used as an olfactory signal, possibly in the context of mating, but that during incubation birds' typically regulate these compounds to reduce their odour, making them less susceptible to mammalian predation. New Zealand endemic birds, however, did not evolve with mammalian predators, and may therefore have evolved a much wider use of the olfactory channel (and hence making them even more susceptible to recently introduced mammalian predators). We know that robins show an increase in the volatility of their waxes during the breeding season, suggesting a role for odour signals in their breeding. Increasing our under-

standing of the olfactory cues of robins could help to design better protection measures for NZ endemic bird species against mammalian predators or help to design better lures for attracting and trapping predators.

The main research team this year will consist of Bryce Masuda (returning for his 4th season!) and Tracey Dearlove (who recently worked at Zealandia Wildlife Sanctuary in Wellington). They will be joined by U. of Otago summer student Eva Polmeroy from Nelson (in Nov.) and volunteers Remi Bigonneau from France (Oct.), Gaya Gnanalingam from Wellington (Nov.) and Emiley Weiser from USA (Dec.).

Please look for our free brochure on our research project, provided by the Ulva Island Trust, and we look forward to seeing you on Ulva Island.

Assoc Prof Ian Jamieson
Dept. of Zoology
University of Otago

CRUISE SHIP SCHEDULE

Vessel	Fiordland	Stewart Island	Details	Vis-GT its	Max. Pax	Operator	Agent	
Orion	18/12/2010	17/12/2010	Stewart Is ex Snares 17/12 0800. Milford 18/12 0800, Dusky 19/12 0600	1	3,984	125	Orion Expedition Cruises Pty Limited	McKay
Orion	24/12/2010	27/12/2010	Milford 24/12 0700, Doubtful 25/12 2000, Dusky 26/12 1500, Stewart Is 27/12 0900	1	3,984	125	Orion Expedition Cruises Pty Limited	McKay
Volendam	5/01/2011	6/01/2011	To Dunedin 0700-1800	1	60,906	1,440	Holland America	McKay
Silver Shadow	12/01/2011	11/01/2011	From Port Chalmers to Stewart Is and Fiordland	1	28,258	384	Silversea Cruises	McKay
Orion	17/01/2011	16/01/2011	Stewart Is 16/1 ex Dunedin; Dusky/Doubtful 17/1; Milford 18/1 to Snares	1	3,984	125	Orion Expedition Cruises Pty Limited	McKay
Oceanic Discoverer	19/01/2011	18/01/2011	Stewart Is 18/1 ex Dunedin; Dusky 19/1 Doubtful 20/1; Milford 21/1	1	1,779	76	Coral Princess Cruises	McKay
Oceanic Discoverer	21/01/2011	23/01/2011	Milford 21/1; Doubtful/Dusky 22/1; Stewart Is 23/1; to Dunedin	1	1,779	76	Coral Princess Cruises	McKay
Volendam	2/02/2011	3/02/2011	To Stewart Island then Dunedin 0700-1800	1	60,906	1,440	Holland America	McKay
Oceanic Discoverer	13/02/2011	12/02/2011	Stewart Is 12/2 ex Dunedin; Dusky 13/2 Doubtful 14/2; Milford 15/2	1	1,779	76	Coral Princess Cruises	McKay
Amsterdam	14/02/2011	13/02/2011	From Port Chalmers to Stewart Is 0800 - 1600	1	60,906	1,380	Holland America	McKay
Oceanic Discoverer	15/02/2011	18/02/2011	Milford 15/2; Doubtful/Dusky 16-17/2; Stewart Is 18/2; to Dunedin	1	1,779	76	Coral Princess Cruises	McKay
Silver Spirit	18/02/2011	17/02/2011	From Dunedin to Stewart Is 17/2 Fiordland 0800 to 1600 18/2	1	36,000	480	Silversea Cruises	McKay
Europa	19/02/2011	20/02/2011	From Sydney Milford Sound (only cruising) 08:00- 19:00; Thompson Sound & Doubtful Sound (only cruising) 16:00-20:00 To Timaru	1	28,890	408	Hapag-Lloyd	McKay

Oban Presbyterian Church - Lies and Deceit!!

I don't think there has been any other period in my life when I have told so many lies and involved so many others in deceit! How do you get two very modest and humble people into a place where you can acknowledge their long and honourable service, when they have already said that they wanted no fuss, no ceremony, no anything?

Lorraine and Lindsay thought that it was to be a quiet little service to dedicate a new clavino (a fancy name for an electronic keyboard) in Ronnie's memory. Everyone else knew it was but a pretext to get them into church where we could thank them for their many years of faithful stewardship and in particular Lorraine's 25 years as Session Clerk of Oban Presbyterian Church. Then they had to go off island and would not be there on the day. "Just go ahead with the Dedication Service," said Lorraine, not wanting to disrupt the preparations. "No show without Punch!" said the new Session Clerk through gritted teeth. Much grinding of teeth later, several hasty phone calls, changed ferry bookings, changed date, changed notices, changed delivery date of floral tribute, all was ready.



"I don't know how Raylene will cope with this service," Lorraine had confided to the minister who would be officiating. "I don't know either," said he, probably truthfully, but also with concealed mirth. There was laughter and the odd tear but what a joy to have family and friends present to witness this well deserved tribute to a fine couple –

Many people are drawn to religion by what it seems to offer but retreat from the eddies, shoals and reefs of what they perceive as the hard parts or the inconsistencies or other people's failings. This couple have charted their life's course in the deep, steady stream of faith and trust in God and their legacy is a Church with open doors, open hearts and open arms. Well done, ye good and faithful servants! Enter ye into the joy of Your Lord."

Carol Service - Carols by Candlelight with Family and Friends - Sunday, 19th December, 9 pm

This year's Carol Service will celebrate family and friends. The choir is practising some beautiful lullabies, the children are practising Christmas songs, there will be candles lit by great-grandparents and grandparents and parents and by anyone who wants to give thanks for loved ones.

The Session and Congregation of Oban Presbyterian Church wish you all the joy of Christmas and invite you to join us in celebrating the birth of the Prince of Peace.

For Whom The Bell Tolls.....

The Session and Congregation wish to apologise publicly and profusely to Chris Dillon for disturbing his Sabbath rest. This honest and upright citizen daily lives up to his given name Christopher (bearer of Christ) by performing miracles - *The phone-deaf hear, the TV-blind see, the lame for lack of energy are electrically connected and leap for joy...*

Some weeks ago, Christopher was enjoying his Sunday lie-in but as time passed, minute after blissful minute, something began to trouble the soul of this good man. 10.40 a.m. and the Pressie bell had not been heard to toll its call to the faithful. Worried, nay deeply disturbed, he peered across the road. The steeple was still standing, the bell still hanging in the belfry but the joyful peal of its clapper had not put the kakas to flight. At 10.58 a.m., sorely vexed and perplexed, Chris finally heard the bell cough and clank into life.

Nostra maxima culpa, Christopher. We forgot to warn you all that the time for our Sunday Service has been changed to **11 a.m.** *Blessed are they who wait upon the Lord ...*

Preachers

The Rev. Jim Hunter and his wife Margaret will be here for all of December.

The Rev. John Carruthers will be here for all of January, February and March.

Anyone wishing to contact them can ring the Manse on 2191339.

The Church is open every day. The Visitors Book bears testimony to the many who come in and enjoy the quiet peace of this place. Please feel welcome to do the same.

Raylene Waddell
Session Clerk

Stewart Island Community Centre
GYM NEWS

Hi all, I am away from the 27th December until the end of January 2011 so if you need memberships sorted come and see me on Wednesday or Saturday mornings 9.30am - 11.30 or phone me 2191166 home, 0272316305 mobile or work 2191477 and leave a message. Get fit for summer yahoo!!!! *Cheers, Diddle*

Have you been snapped?

The Search & Rescue fundraising poster of local character & characters is almost due to hit the printers, hopefully in time for all that Christmas gift buying. If you are at all concerned that you may be featured without your express permission, please contact Kirsten on 309 or 266. Of course, if you'd like to be featured – sorry, it's a little late...

Community Native Plant Nursery

Plants available

With all this sunny weather we have been having, it is a great opportunity to plant something in your backyard. The nursery is located at Horseshoe Bay, corner of Lee Bay Rd. A selection of shrubs, trees and grasses are available for **only a gold coin**, which can be left in the donation box or at the DOC visitor centre. Funds raised are re-invested in the nursery.

The nursery is manned on Thursday mornings so your native plant questions can be answered. Check out the new plant signs up to help you browse throughout the rest of the week.

If you have any specific plant requirements these can also be grown to order.

Work Mornings

The native plant nursery runs on volunteer power – come out and lend a hand to propagate and raise seedlings. No previous experience is required and help is always appreciated!

Thursday mornings If you need a lift, meet Thursday 9am outside the Environment Centre/Glowing Sky shop.

For more info please contact Jessi on 219 1291 or jessi@sircet.org.nz.



Volunteer, Serena



KAI KART KETCH-UP

The Kai Kart has started and the season seems to be a busy one to come. You will be pleased to know that we are having EFTPOS!

This year will be quite different without Vanessa singing cheerfully while doing great burgers. She is enjoying work in the mines of the Australian backyard (near Perth) and won't be here for the summer. She sends regular emails to keep in touch with Island news.

I too, will take a backseat in the business this year to work with Jim on the Mussel farm. Markus and Shanshan have just arrived from Germany to run the Kai Kart. Everything is so new to them, but hopefully it will not take too long to settle in.

They give a short introduction about themselves below:

Hi, we are Markus Bernhardt and Shanshan Xu. We came all the way from Kaiserslautern, a city in the South West of Germany where a lot of good wine is grown.

As her name already suggests, Shan is originally from Shanghai in China, but has been living in Germany for a number of years, studying Project management.

I, Markus, am a trained Chef and have owned several businesses over the years. My passion is the Italian kitchen but Stewart Island Seafood is also appealing. We can't get over the beauty out of our kitchen window at Horseshoe Bay. To be able to live in such pristine environment is fantastic.....Hope to meet a lot of you Stewart Islanders over time. Please don't hold it against us if we cannot remember your names straight away and be patient with us if we have to ask you twice for your order! Tell us if we get things wrong so we can improve.

We are looking forward to interesting times.

Markus and Shanshan

Employment Opportunity

Project Manager Pest Control

30 hours per week

- ✧ Management and planning of rotational trapping within the project area
- ✧ Coordination of trapping volunteers
- ✧ Pest monitoring
- ✧ Liaison with community and landowners

This position requires a person who is capable of working alone, is self-motivated, has good people skills and is confident in the bush. Previous experience in pest control would be an advantage.

For full job description please contact Jo Learmonth - ph. (03)2191555 or email jo.learmonth@xtra.co.nz





Toadstools photographed by Carolyn Squires.

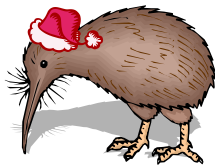
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Ship to Shore Seasonal Salutations!

As many of you know we now have freshly baked bread in-store each day! Flavours include

sour dough, baguettes, garlic, cheese, olive and multi grain. Price is \$4.39, baking is done at least once a day, more when demand is greater!

Xmas orders are being taken now for all your festive needs, turkeys, veggies, flowers, hams, cream and milk etc. Orders close 12th December. We also have mince pies and Christmas puddings in store now.

Stuck for gift ideas or don't want to post bulky items? We now have a gift station where you can buy gift cards for a number of stores around New Zealand. Choose from places such as Mitre 10, The Warehouse, Paperplus, Hunting & Fishing and many more, load up the card with the amount you'd like to gift, then send! Job done!

Kids! Look out for a very special visitor in-store, the man in red may well be visiting all the good boys and girls, so be on your best behaviour and keep your eyes peeled!

Jill & Richard & Staff would like to thank you for your continued support throughout 2010 and wish you all a very merry Christmas, safe holidays and a prosperous and healthy New Year!

Stewart Island Senior Citizens

Stewart Island Senior Citizens Christmas Luncheon will be held at the South Seas Hotel on Thursday 16th December at 11.00 am

Numbers are limited.
Contact Wendy 357 or Jenny 219



The Stewart Island Community sends its prayers and condolences to the Pike River Mine family.

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