

STEWART ISLAND NEWS

CELEBRATING RAKIURA

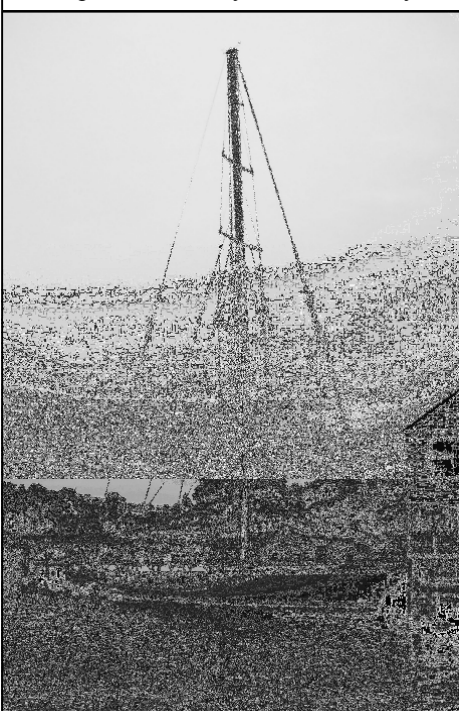
JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2010

\$2.50

Congratulations Rakiura! From taking out the top prize on "One Night Only" (see pg 3) to raising almost \$6000 in the Sunday night quizzes, all given to local trusts and causes (see pg 10), it's been a stellar year. Just 30 minutes before this issue of SIN went to print, the tally raised for the Langley family to help ease their way over the next few months was sitting at \$7500. The story of how this came to be is on page 4. Congratulations also come through in the Island Beat, with celebrations and time with friends and family shining through over Christmas, untarnished by drink-driving or crime (see pg 8). Another big *well done* to the Rugrats board, who are working hard to get Stewart Island acknowledged as being "hard to staff" with early childhood education teachers. Your hard work will help not only this class, hopefully it will build towards helping all of the local industries here who find finding permanent staff a struggle both financially and logistically.



Heat stroke hasn't been a major issue this summer; however, just in case, Kyla (see picture at right) found the perfect way to keep it at bay. Libby Bayne has sent in their summer-at-the-beach pics and a story of their holiday back on the island (pg 3).



If you have pictures of summer to share with us, please send them in.

We are missing a couple of regular segments this month due to people being away but rest assured they'll be back next month. Thanks for all of your great feedback about the new sections. If anyone has ideas for a new column let us know. If you have comments which need a reply, please remember to attach your name or post box so that we can get back to you.

Thanks again for your contributions and photographs this month. Congratulations to Jess and Stu, and welcome home to Moby Howland Cave. We'll be seeing you.

Lion New Zealand

Rumours of its arrival travelled ahead of this historic vessel, yet once here the one-time fastest yacht around the world appeared elusive when it first entered Stewart Island waters. Still, it's difficult to be elusive for long when you're sporting a 118 foot mast. Lion NZ was spotted first in Sydney Cove, then cruising around the inlet, ducking behind Ulva, over-nighting around Port Adventure and finally resting back at HMB wharf on Wednesday. It was worth the wait.

The main role for this 25 year old girl now is in youth development.

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Congratulations

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Christmas 2009

As a first time visitor to Stewart Island from the U.K., I was lucky enough to be here over the Christmas period and enjoy the community spirit and the friendship Ewan and Jenny's friends have shown me, which can be so lacking in many communities these days.

I was able to join in many of the pre-Christmas activities and was most impressed at the effort and togetherness created by the Christmas display at the Presbyterian Church.

It was astonishing, and to think so many people had been involved made it even more so. What a great visiting place it was over the Christmas holiday with so many visitors roaming around too.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the island for making my two months such happy ones, especially Raylene, and of course Jenny and Ewan who I would like to thank very much for their kind

hospitality, and for giving me the opportunity to enjoy this beautiful island – a memory for which I will always be grateful.

A cross section of islanders took part, floral displays from the garden circle and Anglican study group members, the beautiful prem babies' quilts, Jenny Gell's nativity scene standing on one of the blankets knitted for Ukrainian orphans, a crib as you entered made lovingly by Peter, water taxi skipper, and a tree of remembrance



Home Again for Christmas

By Libby Bayne

On my first day back at the island for about 6 months my family and I put some fruit kebabs together and went down to the community picnic.

It was awesome to come back to the

Island and be able to be involved in local events again. The fact that locals and loopies were all able to join in the community picnic together was great. I don't consider myself a loopy, yet! (However I did find myself wandering along the middle of the road at Lon-nekers! I was quite appalled at my behav-iour and quickly jumped to the side of the road.)

I enjoyed the sense of commu-nity spirit that everyone showed by bringing and shar-ing food together and then coming together and watching 'One Night Only'. The Stew-art Island team did an amazing job raising money for Search and Rescue. I especially liked Fridays 'Ring of Fire'.

Thanks to everyone for a great night.



One Night Only: Island Stars

By Kari Beaven

The word went around weeks in advance. The Island Christmas Party was held off so that it could coincide with the appointed night. On Boxing Day, Islanders, friends and family gathered around their TV sets to cheer for our home team. Friday, Jack, Gwen, Heather, Laura and Elaine were courageous enough to put their hands up for television's "One Night Only" contest. They would be given a choreography class, some vocal coaching and the space of three songs, to give it their all on stage in a sing-off against a team from Hawkes Bay. In return, the winning team

would be given \$5000 for their cho-sen charity - for Raki-ura, it was to be Search and Rescue.



We already knew the outcome of course but that didn't let us breathe as the team stepped forward into their opening song. What a show! The girls opened in a dramatic salute to Abba and the whole team danced and sang their way to the top. Hawkes Bay followed meekly (so we're a tensie bit biased) and the end of round one went to Rakiura. A duet from Laura and Heather was as gorgeous as the girls themselves, and even though the judges did their best to run them down and make it seem like Hawkes Bay was catching up, the two of them had our votes.



Finally, Friday took the stage in a sweeping solo, surrounded by cowgirls. Whose dream come true was that one? His voice faded away and without a doubt, Friday himself was replaced by the reincarnation of Johnny Cash. The crowd went wild, both on and off the screen, for his fancy footwork and his Marlborough Man voice.

In the end it wasn't a contest. You all showed the island to be the magic place it is. Gorgeous in the opening scenery and full of stars, but more than that, it's a place where people step out of their comfort zone to raise money, so that we can better afford to look out for each other and for guests to our waters and shores.

So, anyone up for a sequel...?

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Lion Maritime Development Charitable Trust works with or-ganisations around New Zealand to welcome youth on board to learn about themselves, their environment and about working in a team. Speaking with members of the crew, Warwick and Shaun agreed giving these young "at-risk" people the chance to work alongside mentors in a situation in which they are able to significantly contribute to the team, has a major impact on eve-ryone involved. "It only takes a few days to change their lives forever." The trust aims particularly to give opportunities to youth and communities which are not generally able to access maritime pursuits.

As a part of the 25th anniversary of Lion New Zealand, this iconic yacht, built by Sir Peter Blake, is travelling to ports around New Zealand, encouraging people to step on board and learn about its history, increase our awareness of our maritime environment, and experience the unique space that the crew lived and breathed while racing around the world for months on end. Oh yes, and they'll let you have a go of the grinders too!

While Lion NZ has now left Stewart Island, I highly recom-mend a visit if you are in any of the ports she's visiting on her way up New Zealand. If you can't make it to her in person, you can follow the journey by visiting:

www.lionnewzealand.com

The Big Shave

By Paula Brown

When someone comes up to you and tells you they have a good way to make some money, ignore them...

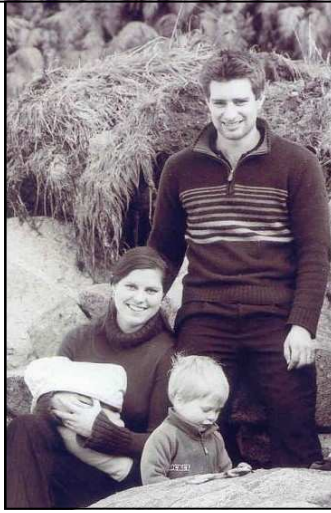
Actually, don't. Because if you do you may miss out on being involved in something as amazing as The BIG Shave that happened in the pub on Christmas Eve.

Matt Langley was diagnosed with Ewing Sarcoma on the 17th September 2008. I remember that date because it was Trae's 3rd birthday and they were supposed to be coming here. Instead Matt had an MRI for his sore back, which had been troubling him for some time. He expected to hear about damage to a spinal disc or a ligament, and the rest is history. Matt and Claire, along with Luke and Leo (then 1 and 2 months), moved to Christchurch to receive treatment and focus on getting better. Matt's family live there and were able to support them, and the best cancer team for this type of cancer were there. It was with heavy hearts we said goodbye. Matt and Claire loved Island life and if circumstances had been different they would still be here.

Matt went through round after round of chemo. He had radiotherapy and he had surgery. He was winning. Sadly, after a routine check on how what the cancer was doing he was told it had returned, was growing aggressively and there was nothing more they could do for him.

Clint and I visited them when we went through CHCH in September on our honeymoon. Matt was obviously in a lot of pain, but his eyes shone brightly. He and Claire were working on the right diet and lifestyle, anything they could to focus on his getting better. He said to me he was going to be the healthiest person to ever die of cancer and you know what? I think he was. As his body got sicker and sicker, his eyes became more bright, more vibrant and more full of life. Almost as his body deteriorated his soul became more and more alive. His father said at his funeral that he was more alive in his dying than in any other time in his life.

Meanwhile, here on the Island a group of his friends, work colleagues and people who didn't know him well and in some cases even at all, decided to try and make this last Christmas as special as we could for them. We had a few raffles and a sausage sizzle and raised some money, but then Lania Davis (one very kind, caring,



beautiful person) came and said those words. "I know a great way to make some money". Lets shave our hair off in the pub on Christmas Eve for money.

Ok, its only hair right? Let the anxiety attacks begin.

The posters went up, the donation boxes went out and the ball started rolling. And roll it did. For \$1000 Lania and I would lose our locks. Then unexpectedly it grew -

for \$1500 Hippy would lose his beard and for \$2000 Becca Parry would lose her hair! Personally I wanted us to reach that \$2000 so badly as I knew how much Matt and Claire needed money, but part of me wanted us to reach \$999.99 so I could keep my hair. After a few days I knew our target had been reached and I started to brush and wash my hair as much as I could.



Matt died on Christmas Eve. He was 26 years old. He died surrounded by those who loved him most: his wife, his children and his family. The news of Matt's death was heartbreaking for us. He was our friend and it was the day before Christmas. It seemed so unfair. The fundraising almost seemed bittersweet. We were asked if we would still be going ahead with it. It was a no brainer really. If we couldn't do it to make their Christmas special, we would do it in his memory, and in the memory of every other person we know who has lived with, is living with, or has died from Cancer.



Lania and I counted the money at lunch time on Christmas Eve and were astounded to have just over \$2000 in donations. Let the shaving begin.

When we arrived at the pub on Christmas Eve the atmosphere was amazing. I cannot thank the people enough who turned up to support us, and who gave money in various donation boxes during the week.

A game of paper, rock, scissors saw Lania go first. The clippers were auctioned and Laurence had the pleasure of shaving Lania's head for \$100. Lania laughed as her head was shaved, nerves must do that because I did the same. She looked amazing. And I want to publicly thank her for this crazy idea. Lania hardly

knew Matt and Claire

yet instigated this mad idea to raise money for them. It just goes to show what an awesome person she is.

Next onto the stool was me. I was so scared I would look like a soccer ball!! Clint won the clippers (again for \$100) and proceeded to shave my head. My fears were right, I do look kind of soccerballish, but that's ok. I would do it again in a heartbeat.

Hippy was up next. A Drambuie halfway through saw the Dutch courage to get him to the end. Steve Kenny paid for that privilege. He had a grin on his face throughout the process that made you think he might have been enjoying himself!!!! I had never seen Hippy's face before. There was actually a man under all that facial hair!!!



Becca wasn't able to be at the pub on Christmas Eve but shaved her hair off on New Years Eve and gave Claire another \$350 on top of the \$2000 raised for her participation. Becca, thank you.

After that I thought it was all over. That was until James Ware jumped up on the stool and lost his dreadlocks for \$20 a dread. It



must have been a great moment for Stu Austin when he removed the last of James' dreads a week before he became his father-in-law.

Bud from Bunkers also had a tidy up courtesy

of Heath, and Nigel had quite a tidy up thanks to Quin Hicks and finished by Vicki. Of course we can't forget Vicki's missing ponytail. A HUGE thank you to you all. Especially to Vicki for using that voice of hers and rallying the people.



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This last 18 months has been so hard financially on Matt and Claire. They have been renting in CHCH, have both been unable to work. They have been living on what the Government will give them and off the goodwill of charities such as the Cancer Society and their families and friends. It hasn't been easy for them and the kindness shown by their Stewart Island Community and beyond has helped them in so many ways.

I was on the wharf just before Christmas telling Spragg that they shouldn't sail on Christmas Day, they deserve at least one day off. Little did I know that that 8am Ferry on Christmas Day would be our chance to get to Matts funeral.

Matt requested that his body be left in its natural state. It was because of this that his funeral was so soon after his death. Christmas day was kinda weird for Clint and I. I would never in



a million years have envisioned an 8am ferry trip, a small picnic in Queens Park, an afternoon nap, a roast chook cooked by Mum and then a 7 hour drive to CHCH as our Christmas day. Thankfully Santa still made it before we left. Wild Bean Cafes and some very loud Violent Femmes at around midnight saw us at CHCH in one piece.



On Boxing Day morning Clint and I went to Claire's house. It's a strange feeling going to see someone who has suffered such a loss. What do we say? How do we act? We were so silly to worry. We were welcomed with such love by all of Matt's family. They raved and raved about the Stewart Island Community. They all feel so deeply moved by what everyone here has done for Matt and Claire. They are all eternally grateful for the love Stewart Island has shown Matt, Claire and the boys. So again from the whole Langley Family and beyond, THANK YOU.

Matts funeral was perfect. Stewart Island was well represented. His family told of his life. There was laughter, there were tears. Claire spoke as well. She is such an amazing woman and I feel so blessed to call her my friend. They spoke of Matt's love for Stewart Island and his father said this is where Matt felt most complete. He loved being here with Claire and his boys. So much so that Matt wants his final resting place to be at Port Pegasus. He may not have been here for a long time, but in the time he was here he wanted to make this place his home.

I want to thank everyone again for their support of the Langley Family. I know Claire wants to say her own thank you as well. But I will leave this with the words of Claire.



Thank you for all the hard work and ALL this money. I wish I could tell you what amazing things it has enabled me to buy but to be honest, I am "just" repaying debts we accumulated over the last year. It IS taking a huge weight off my shoulders, though, you can't imagine, the prospect of "starting" fresh rather than from deep deep down is AMAZINGLY freeing and relieving. Stewart Island will never be thanked enough and you guys will always occupy a very special place in my heart. I know, Matt is dead, but I still feel blessed. I still keep asking myself: what have we done? People have given us SO MUCH LOVE and still do. It's CRAZY!

Matthew Luke Langley
21 August 1982 – 24 December 2009
rest in peace



Yellow-eyed Penguin Trust news

Work on yellow-eyed penguins around Stewart Island

is continuing this summer, but at a very low key level compared to previous years of intensive monitoring. The low level monitoring of 2-3 visits throughout the season will enable us to get an idea of how many pairs succeed or fail, but will not enable us to identify reasons for failures. In the past we've visited nest sites every 2-3 days and have been able to retrieve carcasses of chicks that die and autopsy them, which has given us an indication of why chicks are dying. Less frequent visits this season mean that it is unlikely that we'll find any carcasses fresh enough to autopsy.

hands whose last visit to Codfish Island was to carry out the initial census there in 2001. It was great to have them back and hear their recollections of how things used to be. DOC staff on the island also helped with the census so we were able to cover the whole island within the week allocated.

We found 46 breeding pairs, compared to 61 breeding pairs in 2001. This is quite a drop in numbers even allowing for a few missed nests (they would have missed a few in 2001 too!) and annual fluctuations, and was a bit of a surprise. Codfish Island is one of the sites that has been monitored regularly over the past few years and birds there have generally been more successful at raising chicks than the Anglem

Coast birds, so we expected that the population would have been in good health and stable over the years. However, this result is just one snapshot in time and it would be premature to say that it represents an overall downwards trend – it could be just an extreme annual fluctuation.

It does indicate that we need to keep a close eye on what the population is doing in the long term, and plans are underway to establish some longer term monitoring which, coupled with marking of individual birds, will help measure juvenile survival and recruitment into the breeding population, and adult survival.

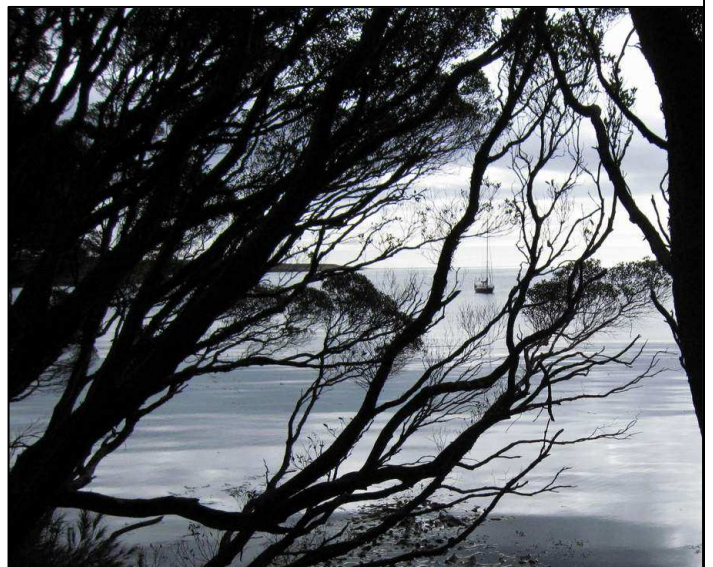
Moving further afield, the Trust



recently supported a DOC expedition to the subantarctic Auckland Islands to survey the distribution of yellow-eyed penguins there. Leith Thomson, the Trust's Dunedin-based Ranger, and myself were the lucky staff members who got to join six others on board *RV Tiama*, a 15m yacht (see www.tiama.com), for a month to carry out the survey. The subantarctic populations of yellow-eyed penguin have long been considered the mainstay of the population, but while there are reliable estimates for the Campbell Island birds the estimates for the Auckland Islands are more like guestimates that are based on some partial surveys carried out 20 years ago. For a number of years DOC and the Yellow-eyed Penguin Trust have wanted to improve on this by carrying out a full and proper census of the Auckland Islands. The logistics, and corresponding price tag, of surveying close to 500km of subantarctic coastline are huge so this expedition was run as a scoping exercise and distribution survey rather than a full census.



Last summer we surveyed most of the coast of Stewart Island to repeat a population census last carried out in 1999-2000, and to see what changes, if any, there had been to the penguin population. We found that the population had declined significantly along the Anglem coast but not elsewhere. However, we were not able to entirely complete the census – last summer's bumper kakapo breeding season and the associated heightened level of activity on Codfish Island meant that our survey there had to be postponed until October 2009. This was carried out with help from Dave Houston & Dean Nelson, two experienced old



We already knew that penguins inhabit places like Enderby Island in the north of the group, which is frequently visited by researchers, but most of the inlets and harbours on the eastern coastline of the main island and on the southern coast of Adams Island are rarely visited and these places were considered the priority areas for us to check out.

from zero to 70+. In total we walked almost 200km of coast line, the remainder being either sheer cliff and therefore inaccessible to us and the penguins, or inaccessible to us due to sea conditions at the time. We identified 301 sites that penguins are using, which we regard as a minimum because we weren't able to search all the coast that was accessible to penguins.

And finally, congratulations to the school kids for being able to say "leucocytozoonosis" and for their very entertaining yellow-eyed penguin video clip on YouTube.

Check it out at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fJOQpalaBFc>

Sandy



We were also able to contribute to other work programmes, and took time out whenever possible to record sightings of weed species, tagged NZ sealions, fur seal colonies, other bird species of interest; to search

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We searched as much of the coast as we could, looking for evidence that penguins were present and recording each site. Tell-tale signs included well used tracks which indicate the route to a nest, scratch marks on rock or in soil made by the claws on their feet, faeces, and of course the birds themselves!

for data loggers on white-capped albatross and band a cohort of Gibson's wandering albatross chicks. Our ramblings along the coast uncovered several previously unrecorded sites of historical interest, and we had



numerous encounters with sealions – some more amusing than others!

As a result of this trip we are in a much better position to efficiently plan a detailed census, knowing which sites to concentrate on and with a better un-



derstanding of the terrain and working conditions which can prevail in the subantarctic. (We had an exceptionally windy trip, even by subantarctic standards.) The hardest part could be meeting the price tag!

We anchored in a different place most nights, and took turns at getting up at first light to watch for birds entering the water which was another way of recording their presence. This also gave us a very crude count of the number of birds in that particular area – it ranged

Photos opposite page:
Top: Dean, Codfish Island
Left: Errol, Steve, Dean and Dave heading out for a day's work on Codfish island.
Right: Tiama at anchor, Port Ross, Auckland Isl.

This Page:
Above left: Tiama taxi service
Above: a typical subantarctic day
Left: Jo L shows why it is best to avoid encounter with sealions—their teeth! Auckland Island.
Below: Dessert, Tiama style



Stewart Island – a Healthy Island

The WHO says a “Healthy Island” is a place where; children are nurtured in mind and body, environments invite learning and leisure, people work and age with dignity and ecological balance is a source of pride.

Nurses News

Weather is a major factor for health issues this summer!! Grey overcast days can leave us feeling a bit glum so it is important to continue to do what we do really well on Stewart Island, and that is to socialize and help each other out!

Grey overcast days can reduce our levels of vitamin D which is synthesized in our skin by exposure to the sun, and lower immunity in general. So be sure to munch on plenty of fresh fruit and vegetables, drink plenty of water and keep up those daily walks and outdoor activities. Great information about healthy eating, nutritional sup-

plements, lifestyle tips and tasty recipes can be found on the internet; a couple of good websites include www.healthyfood.co.nz and also the New Zealand Heart Foundation website www.nhf.org.nz

Thank you to the St John team for their help and support over the summer. Thank you also to our gardener and home help for their support. Thank you also to the Health Committee for their support over the year, and please remember anyone is welcome to attend the meetings, next meeting is the AGM at 9am Feb 10th at the Health Clinic.

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The Island Beat

The Christmas and New Year celebrations are over, the Cruise boats have been, life on the Island has been busy.

Policing wise everyone was well behaved and appear to have enjoyed the celebrations and holiday time with friends and family. There were no major crimes or traffic incidents.

There has been a lot of Lost and Found property reported over the last month. Most of the Found items have been returned to their owner. Some

of the lost items have not been handed into police.

I am currently holding a found puffer jacket/vest found at Lee Bay on the 22/12/2009 in the pockets it had some cash, a camera case, phone charger and tobacco. If this is yours give me a call.

Reported Crime in the last month: Very Little crime has been reported in the last month. However do not be complacent. Give some thought to your house and vehicle security. Reduce the opportunities for crime to happen.

Traffic:

- The Wharf rules appear to be making a difference to congestion.
- Pleased to see no one was caught drink driving. It was noted all the vehicles stopped over new years have had sober drivers. Well done.

Remember to “always blow on you Pie!” ‘Safer communities together’

Dale JENKINS



Rugrats Update

By Mary Chittenden

We would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year!

RAKIURA RUGRATS!

Rakiura Rugrats would like to say a big thank you to the Stewart Island Lions Club for assisting us with a donation of \$1500. We value and appreciate the community support of our centre!

Just to let you all know that we have not been able to employ a new teacher for Rugrats as yet so please pass the word to friends and family alike that we are on the look out for an early childhood education teacher. Details can be found on our website www.rugrats.org.nz or by contacting any of the parents.

Our sincere condolences to one of our young families, the Langley family over the passing of Matt, a much loved father and husband. Our thoughts are with you all.



Finally, it is one of the visions of Rugrats to involve the community in our children's learning



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Kia ora Rakiura, Te Manu Adventures has arrived on Rakiura and we would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves and our new venture.

First of all the staff that will be here on the island, James Dudfield, Hana Ashworth-Manning, and Ty Jenkinson. James has spent the last eight summer seasons as a guide on the Routeburn and Milford tracks and has spent the in-between times travelling the world. He has just returned from a stint in Singapore where he was working for Skyline Gondola Enterprises. Hana has just completed the first year of an adventure tourism management diploma at QRC in Queenstown. She is currently doing an internship with Te Manu Adventures as part of that diploma. Ty (for those that don't know him already) has lived here on Stewart Island off and on for the past six years. He has recently been working for Sanfords and has come on board to skipper our new vessel the Matariki.

from Halfmoon bay to Ulva island which will run three times daily, come down and see one of our friendly staff for times. We will soon be running evening guided walks to The Neck which will take in some the vast history that The Neck has to offer as well as checking out some of the local residents such as seals, sea-lions, and the icing on the cake, yellow eyed penguins! In addition to these trips we will also be available for specialised charters and tours.



The Matariki (Maori new-year) is a 38ft catamaran and has been brought down here from Hokianga. It has seating for up to 30 passengers and is purpose built for beach landings.

Initially we will be operating a scheduled history and nature tour

So if you want to meet any of us or to come out for a trip with us, feel free to come in to the office, 10 main road (next to the Gallery) or to stop us on the street for a yarn. We look forward to hearing from you all.

Cheers

James, Hana and Ty
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Stewart Island Christmas Party

Was great! People to thank:
 All the quiz-goers,
 Kay for all the decorations,
 the Neaves for decorating,
 Sanfords for the salmon,
 Jill & Richard and Ship to Shore for EVERYTHING,
 Steve for setting up the TV (and the school and Smith family for transferring it to big wall vision!),
 Bussy for the tree and the dressing up as you know who,
 Everyone who helped clean down,
 RRRC for the bins and Okey for doing the rubbish,
 Phil for the Karakia,
 Everyone for turning up and Jack, Friday, Gwen and Elaine for the entertainment!
 I'm bound to have forgotten someone, sorry and thanks!
 A big thanks too, to all the people that put their hands in their pocket for the Langley family that night and raised lots more cash for them.
 Vicki Coats

Sunday Night Quiz over 2009 collected \$5955. This went to:

- 18.1.09 \$590 donated to the Stewart Island Community Pool
- 22.2.09 \$950 donated to the Stewart Island Radio
- 29.03.09 \$795 donated to getting Stewart Island Band Equipment
- 12.04.09 \$320 donated to the Stewart Island Pavillion
- 7.06.09 \$990 donated to Mid-winter Xmas Gifts to Stewart Islanders
- 05.07.09 \$330 donated to the Senior Citizens Mid-winter Xmas Dinner
- 29.09.09 \$700 donated to New Printer for the Community Centre & Bating for the Quilters
- 04.10.09 \$200 donated to the Samoan Tsunami Appeal
- 15.11.09 \$600 Senior Citizens Dinner, Kids tickets to the show, Gift Pack for Well Kids Program

27.12.09 \$480 donated to the Community Christmas Party

KNIT, KNATTER & KOFFEE GROUP

Will be meeting at 2pm each Tuesday at "the Waiting Room" for the next couple of months.

The radio guys didn't know to spend theirs, so we spent \$490 of that on the Christmas party too! The band equipment idea doesn't seem to be going ahead very quickly either, so with that \$795, plus the \$460 we have left, the plan is to save up and buy the kids a new computer at the school. Thanks to everyone who gives so generously every time they come. If you haven't been before, let your hair down and come along!
 Vicki Coats

The Draft Taxon Plan for Stewart Island's kiwi, Rakiura Tokoeka, has been written. This is a plan which links the National Kiwi Recovery Plan 2009 to the island's birds in particular, and outlines more specifically how we are planning for their future.

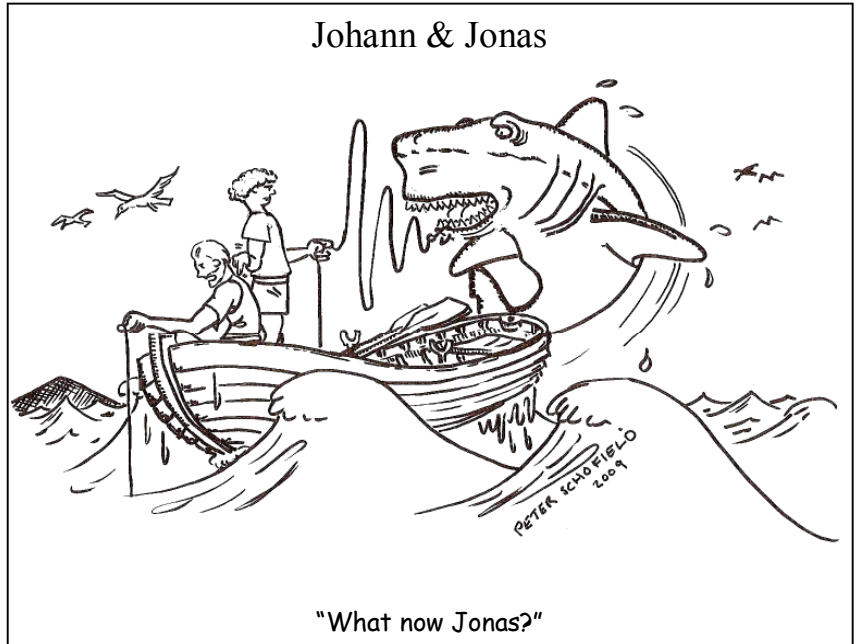
Many of you have been involved in it's development and I would appreciate your response to this first draft. The final plan will be written, based on the feedback that I receive.

I encourage you to pass this onto anyone else who may be interested in the management of Stewart Island's kiwi. This will be especially helpful, as I had a computer crash a few months ago and have lost the list of people who attended all of the meetings.



Thanks, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Brent Beaven



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STEWART ISLAND GARDEN CIRCLE



The next Meeting of the Garden Circle will be held at the home of Anita Geeson at 2pm on Thursday 11th February.

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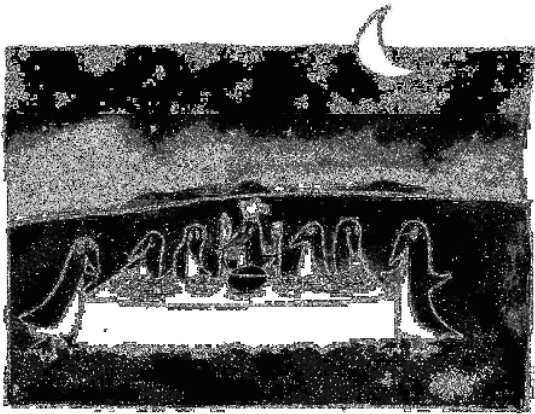


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Twas the month after Christmas and all through the house
Nothing would fit me, not even a blouse.

The cookies I'd nibbled, the eggnog I'd taste.
All the holiday parties had gone to my waist.

When I got on the scales there arose such a number!
When I walked to the store (less a walk than a lumber).

I'd remember the marvellous meals I'd prepared;
The gravies and sauces and beef nicely rared,

The wine and the rum balls, the bread and the cheese
And the way I'd never said, "No thank you, please."

As I dressed myself in my husband's old shirt
And prepared once again to do battle with dirt---

I said to myself, as I only can
"You can't spend a winter disguised as a man!"

So--away with the last of the sour cream dip,
Get rid of the fruit cake, every cracker and chip

Every last bit of food that I like must be banished
Till all the additional ounces have vanished.

I won't have a cookie--not even a lick.
I'll want only to chew on a long celery stick.

I won't have hot biscuits, or corn bread, or pie,
I'll munch on a carrot and quietly cry.

I'm hungry, I'm lonesome, and life is a bore---
But isn't that what January is for?

Unable to giggle, no longer a riot.
Happy New Year to all and to all a good diet!

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