

# STEWART ISLAND NEWS

July 2004 \$2

Celebrating Stewart Island



## **Aerial photograph at Community Hall Anyone know when it was taken?**

The photograph shown above rests in a corner of the Stewart Island Community Centre. It has no date on it but some clues to its age are evident:

There is no road past Butterfields Beach. Ferndale Guesthouse still stands. There is a house on the corner where the flight centre now resides.

If anyone knows when this was taken, please let Stewart know. It seems to be a full colour print and doesn't look as if it has been retouched into colour by an artist. It is framed and has probably been hanging somewhere in the past. If you want to have a look at the original, please feel free to drop into the Centre. It will be found near the door to the Gym.

Several long term residents have been asked but cannot put an exact year on the date. The nearest we have at the moment is around the mid fifties. There are some details of the photographers on the back but the most vital piece of information was omitted.

## **Bowling Green a Step Closer**

Fund raising should start soon for the proposed resurfacing of the bowling green near the Pavilion. Agreements between the newly incorporated Stewart Island Bowling Club Inc and the Pavillion Trust have been drafted and are close to being finalised.

The construction of the green will be undertaken as a separate project from the Pavilion. When the work has been completed (est. at summer 2005/2006) the parties involved; Lions, RSA and Bowling Club, will decide on the long-term arrangements to operate the facility.

No work will be commenced until all the funding is in place, to ensure the project will be not be left partly finished.

Many bowling clubs from the Mainland are already eagerly awaiting the opportunity to visit the Island when work is finished.

As with the golf course, visitors will be able to pay a "green fee" and take advantage of another activity in Oban. Details of progress will appear regularly in S.I.N.

## MUSEUM NOTES

Not a great deal to report this month, with winter bringing the usual drop in attendance. Still fairly steady, all the same.

The team of Elaine and Nancy have almost finished stage one of updating the original acquisition list, which tells us what items we've got, where they can be found, and where they came from. Sounds easy, but it's been a long job which they have worked steadily at over the past several months. Thank you, ladies.

The news on recent acquisitions is that there are none – must be some items about, surely?

### NEW BUILDING.

We have had meetings with the S.D.C. and Venture Southland on the possibility of a new building which would incorporate the Museum, S.D.C. office, Visitor Centre, and perhaps room to display the "Pou". Also included would be office space that Environment Southland and others could use on their occasional forays across the water.

This proposed building would be on a new site, and give us an alternative to altering our existing "home", which could then be put up for sale.

There are many problems to be dealt with, and nothing is definite, but we are keeping an open mind and discussions are "ongoing"!

### This month's Boat: WANDERER.

For many years following W.W.2 the fishing fleet moored in Halfmoon Bay featured one boat with a "different" rig to the rest. Her mast was set at the after end of her cockpit, with a small derrick leading forward, which made her stand out from the rest.

She was the **WANDERER**, built by Bailey Bros. in Auckland in 1922, and used first as a Mission Launch around the Hauraki Gulf. She was a double-ender, 35' x 8'6" x 4', and built of full-length kauri planks, which meant no butts.

At the end of the war she was bought south to Stewart Island by Mick Pollock, and fished by Tim Pollock until she was sold to Garnett Hamilton. He fished her with his brother Jack until about 1949, when Garnett left the Island. He sold her to Jack, who continued fishing out of Halfmoon Bay until he retired and sold to Paul Poynton in 1970.

Paul continued crayfishing and codding out of Halfmoon Bay, and she was later used as a pleasure boat, being the Poynton's means of access to their property at Kidneyfern in Paterson Inlet.

During an easterly gale in 1987, **WANDERER** broke her mooring in Lonnekers Bay and washed ashore, becoming a total wreck.

Her original engine was a 10hp Standard, followed by a 12/24 Morris Navigator petrol engine, and lastly a 3cyl Ford Dexta diesel.

See you next month. Merv King.

STEWART ISLAND GARDEN CIRCLE by Jenny Gell

Wendy kindly let us hold our July meeting at her home again on the 8th.

John Warren, Manager S.I.E.S.A/R.R.R.C has been in touch with the Garden Circle and has donated 20 litres of vermicast (worm poo) so members can trial it and then report on how they find it. This will be on a monthly basis until our own vermicast is ready, somewhere around December/January 2005. Mr Robbie Dick from Central Wormworx Ltd in Cromwell is coming to the island sometime soon and will give a talk to the Garden Circle.

The Roll Call of "cure for winter blues" proved unanimously that no one had the blues during winter as they were too busy with all the winter activities, e.g. knitting, reading, entertaining etc. Nancy's cure was a trip to Tahiti to family and we enjoyed hearing all about it.

The competition results were:

Something Edible:	(1) Anita Geeson	(2) Nancy Schofield	(3) Peggy Wilson
Winter Treasure:	(1) Olive Carter	(2) Nancy Schofield/Anita Geeson	(3) Jenny Gell
Winter Rose:	(1) Mavis Tait	(2) Anita Geeson	(3) Iris Tait

Interesting to note that two lemons and two kiwi fruit were among the winning competition items, which goes to show the wide variety of things that can be grown here on the island.

In-house competition - Plants beginning with "W" was won by Anita Geeson and Peggy Wilson. The next Meeting will be held on the 12th August at the Presbyterian Manse

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**MIKE BROSNAN CONCERT - SUNDAY 25 JULY**

Mike Brosnan has twice visited the island in the last ten years – his last concert here was in 1998. He lived in Manapouri in the sixties when he worked on the Deep Cove power scheme. His hobby of building guitars went hand in hand with his love of singing and he has toured New Zealand many times singing rhythm and blues and rock 'n' roll. He has toured Europe and the United Kingdom many times and now lives in Germany. His Stewart Island concert is part of a homecoming tour and an opportunity to show his German bride a part of the country he loves very much.

**MIKE BROSNAN**

**THE WASTED TIME TOUR**

**Supported by Toi Rakiura Arts Trust**

**COMMUNITY CENTRE SUNDAY 25 JULY**

**8.00PM**

*Bar open at 7.30pm*

## KERERU AND TUI STUDY IN SOUTHLAND

Kereru (wood pigeon) and tui are two distinctive native birds that are relatively widespread throughout Southland and can be seen in gardens, parks, planted road verges, streamsides and native bush. They provide an important means of pollinating plants and seed dispersal. Besides inhabiting the small patches of native bush scattered throughout the Southland plain the birds seek out many introduced food plants in the wider landscape such as broom, willow and winter-flowering gums. These plants may be very important for the long term survival of these birds.

DOC researchers are undertaking a study on some radio- and colour-tagged kereru and tui to determine their movements, food preferences, when and where they nest, and how successful they are at rearing their young. Southland was selected as one of the study sites for this project because it still has reasonable numbers of both species present in urban and rural habitats.

### Kereru Flybys

There is plenty of anecdotal evidence of kereru crossing Foveaux Strait. For example, in November 2002 there were reports of a flock of about 40 kereru in mid strait heading for the mainland. In February 2004, six kereru arrived on Raratoka (Centre) Island. They came from the direction of Stewart Island. Later that day four kereru were seen to depart Raratoka Island for Stewart Island.

Over summer DOC researchers caught several kereru in and around Invercargill city and radio-tagged them. All birds caught were also fitted with little coloured leg flags. Each bird has its own individual colour-tag combination – no two birds share the same livery.

Some of these birds have stayed put while others have dispersed to distant parts of Southland. In an attempt to track missing radio-tagged kereru the DOC staff chartered a light plane. They flew over much of Stewart Island and also the Catlins, Hokonui Hills, Longwoods Range and Waitutu coast of Fiordland National Park.

Ground tracking and the aerial searches have located three kereru on Stewart Island:

- At Xmas a female was tracked to near Paua Beach at Patersons Inlet on Stewart Island 65 kms from her capture site in Invercargill. She stayed in the vicinity of Paua Beach for about four months and was last seen there feeding on miro fruits. She has since moved on to parts unknown.
- A male kereru that had given us a signal from the Port William area on the northern coast of Stewart Island over the Xmas break subsequently returned to its capture site back on the outskirts of Invercargill (a 57 km one-way flight) but has since disappeared again.
- A second female has been located near East Ruggedy Hut in the north west of Stewart Island. In between this kereru being detected on Stewart Island in January and April it was seen in the Rayonier Forest near the Longwoods not far from Otautau, so it has made at least three flights across Foveaux Strait recently.

A male kereru that went AWOL in March was found at Omaui near Bluff in April feeding on ripe miro fruit. It recently returned to Queens Park. Another male kereru was located about the Pourakino Valley on the eastern approaches to the Longwoods Range, 36 km from Invercargill. This bird subsequently returned to the city but then vanished.

So, at this early stage of the radio-tracking phase of the project, it looks like we are dealing with a Southland-wide population, not a localized Invercargill one.

## Birds With Bangles

Southland would have to be the 'tui sugar-water feeder capital of the world' - to date the DOC team know of 68 households that provide sugar-water to tui. At this time of year nectar is in short supply so tui make good use of these feeders (a great recipe for this mix is 1 cup of sugar to 2 litres of water).

So far 30 tui have been colour banded in and about Invercargill. Nearly all tui are wearing four colour bands - two per leg (including a stainless steel numbered band as part of this 4-band combination).

Do tui seasonally cross the ditch as well? It is highly likely that they do so the DOC researchers are looking for feedback from interested people on Stewart Island, particularly those who have sugar-water feeders, as you may see these colour-banded birds. If these bejewelled critters are spied then it would be great if their colour-band combination details were recorded. We have put together a data sheet to simplify the recording of observations. If observers would like one of these sheets then please let the DOC team know.

You can contact Kiri Pullen and Les Moran at the Department of Conservation, P.O. Box 743, Invercargill. Phone: 03 214 4589. Email: [lmoran@doc.govt.nz](mailto:lmoran@doc.govt.nz) or [kpullen@doc.govt.nz](mailto:kpullen@doc.govt.nz)

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## What Rubbish by Anonymous

On behalf of all (mostly all) citizens of Stewart Island I want to extend thanks to those who weekly perform the often thankless and smelly task of collecting our rubbish.

What do they do with it? Fortunately we don't have to think about that but everything has its use and the sorting of it doesn't happen by itself. Someone has to decide what goes where and put it there – cardboard and paper into bales, tin and glass smashed and re-used, food scraps to the worms, etc, etc, and even some things that can be re-used set aside and made available for those who can re-use them.

One person's trash is someone else's treasure. We don't pay them. Our rates have not increased. The people who do all that sorting are often abused and criticised but they cheerfully carry on in all kinds of weather and conditions doing what they have to do without complaint while we go on our merry way creating more 'stuff' that has to be thrown away. Thanks, Guys!



## RAKIURA STONE SYMPOSIUM

### LABOUR WEEKEND 2004

With help and advice from Russell Beck ONZM Invercargill, Toi Rakiura Arts Trust is holding a stone symposium on the island in late October.

The trust is inviting five well-known and respected carvers to the island for a three-day symposium. Most of the artists will work in Oamaru Stone that the Trust has purchased and the works created will be auctioned off to the public on the Monday. Russell will also hold a two-day workshop for interested novices on the Saturday and Sunday of Labour Weekend. Russell will provide all tools and safety gear needed by participants. He is a leading authority on pounamu and rocks and has won many national and international awards and is a popular workshop leader attending many art schools around the country. A reasonable fee will be charged for the workshops to help the trust cover the costs of travel and accommodation for the artists and also the purchase of the Oamaru stone blocks.

The invited artists are:

John Wishart	Invercargill
Theo Jansen	Wellington
John Peninsula	Invercargill
Sarah Rae	Invercargill
Russell Beck	Invercargill.

**More details to follow.**

#### ***THANK YOU!***

PAT & MERV KING would like to say a big "Thank You" all those kind folks who helped in many ways after Pat's shattering experience. What a great community we live in!  
(The plaster comes off soon.)

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Would you like to broaden your horizons with further learning? Could your resultant expertise be used to benefit the island community in some way? If so, perhaps the Rakiura Education Trust can help you.

The purpose of the Rakiura Education Trust is to encourage and assist all Stewart Islanders to access education opportunities through the provision of grants.

Individuals, or groups, may apply for funding to undertake skill development courses, or workshops, or to bring a tutor to the island.

To be eligible for a grant, applicants must:

1. Have been residents of the island for at least 3 months prior to the application and currently be residing on the island.
2. Be seeking assistance to pursue educational opportunities that will develop or increase their skill level and knowledge with the intention of returning to the island to share their expertise with a group or other individuals. Therefore there must be obvious community benefits to be obtained from the project.

Applications for grants may be considered at anytime throughout the year. The actual amount granted for any one application, and the number of grants given in any year, may be set at the discretion of the Trust after considering the merits of the applications.

An interview with the applicant may also be required at the discretion of the Trust.

For further information please contact one of the five trustees: Gwen Neave (ph. 2191 385), Jan LeQuesne (ph. 2191 057), Barry Rhodes (ph 2191 115) Peter Goomes (2191 057) or Sharon Pasco (ph 2191 009).

Application forms are available from the Stewart Island Postal Agency or Department of Conservation.

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## SOUTHERN SOU'NZ CONCERT

Southern Sou'NZ is an Invercargill male voice choir who entertain many groups around the city. Their conductor is Glenys Carson whom locals may know through the Southland Spirit of the Nation Shop in town and through her work at Venture Southland.

Southern Sou'NZ have for some time expressed a wish to perform on Stewart Island and are delighted to have the opportunity to be involved in the weekend celebrations marking the centennial of the Oban Presbyterian Church next month. As well as performing at the centenary dinner on Saturday 28 August and singing at the special church service on Sunday morning they will present a concert on Sunday afternoon in the Community Centre. The group is known for close harmonies and barbershop arrangements and singing 'a Capella' – that is, unaccompanied.

**SOUTHERN SOU'NZ**

**COMMUNITY CENTRE  
SUNDAY 29 AUGUST 1.15PM**

**\$10.00 ADULTS  
\$3.00 CHILDREN**



**After my hint about sponsorship last month, I now have offers of chocolates coming out my ears! Thank you everyone who contacted me. To make up for June, there are two awards this month.**

**The first is to the waste truck guys, David, Craig and Sam with thanks for their sterling work.**

**First equal is Sinky Sinclair for organising all the firewood for the Seniors.**

**Prizes were donated by Jo and Andy's B & B, and by Margaret Fairhall. Thanks.**



The Annual General Meeting of the Association took place at the end of May with the following people be nominated and elected to the indicated positions.

Lesley Gray was declared President. Sue Munro was declared Vice-President and Jon Spraggon was declared Treasurer

Executive Members elected were Wendy Hallett, Helen Cave, Diane Smith, Jo Leask and Liz Cave.

\* Appointment of Brochure sub-committee

It was agreed that the sub-committee would be Holger Lachmann, Raylene Waddell, Sue Munro, Jill Skerrett, Lesley Gray and Helen Cave.

\* Subscriptions

The subscriptions for the 2004/2005 year were set at \$120.00 per annum for all members. This is very much reduced for most members but has increased for Associate members. Operators who have allowed their membership to lapse will not have the opportunity to advertise in the brochure, have a page in the Clearfile or be able to advertise on the Noticeboard. Please ensure you have paid your subscription.

\* Noticeboard rental

The noticeboard rental is set at \$50.00 per annum per A4 space or equivalent for multiple sizes.”

\* Appointment of Honorary Auditor

Mr Paul Checketts of Ward Wilson Ltd was appointed as Honorary Auditor.

Following the A.G.M., Rex Capill spoke to the members and presented statistics relating to tourism trends on Stewart Island.

\* I-SITE Working Party.

At the June meeting Greg Lind informed the members of the situation as it stands at the present time. He outlined the history and the costs involved to run V.I.N. in the past. Greg spoke about the building situation and the preference by the community for a stand-alone operation. He stated that D.O.C. wished to take an active part and work closely with future operations but did not wish to be the driving party saying that D.O.C. couldn't afford to take on the operation.

Rex Capill from Venture Southland spoke about possibilities saying that it may seem complicated but that there were others to assist and steer this Association through the process should it choose to take on the role of driving group for the operation. He said that should the Association choose to be responsible for the operation there would be assistance to support and help the group to cope.

It was agreed that the Executive needed to gain commitment from a majority of the members. In the near future the public will be invited to attend a meeting to discuss the matter. The Executive of the Association supports the concept of the Association being the lead organization for the development of i-SITE on Stewart Island.”

\* Video

The Stewart Island video just needs a little bit more done with emphasis on around the township. The end product is due to be completed by November.

The Executive look forward to a fruitful and positive year ahead.

## 40 Tons saved from Landfill

In the seven months since weekly kerbside recycling collection came to Stewart Island and the Recovery Centre opened, an estimated 40 tons of recyclable resources have been stopped from going to landfill.

"On average 6.5 tons of resources are being saved from Landfill every month" says Ms Peterson, Waste Minimisation Coordinator (Southland District Council).

The Resource Recovery Centre has facilities for refuse disposal and - Greenwaste, Scrapmetal, Hazardous Waste, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Shed and Recycling.

## Old Mattress put to good use

The Department of Conservation recently put new mattresses into their Huts on the Island. The mattresses were taken to the Recovery Centre (Horseshoe Point Road) for disposal. But not all were thrown out.

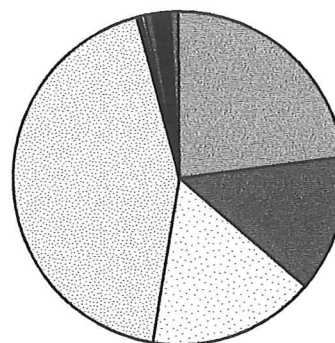
Staff at the Centre were quick to put the good mattresses into the 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance shed for reuse. "Some were used as insulation for a shed and others were being made into cushions" said Centre Supervisor David Squires when asked what people were reusing the mattresses for.

If your looking for cushions, insulation or a foam mattress for a play house, give David a call at the Centre on 2191 581. There may be some left – but be in quick, they're going fast.

## 48 % Bags Collected

Island residents have been quick to collect their 2004/2005 allotment of prepaid refuse Bags. As at Friday 16 July 48% of prepaid refuse bags have been collected.

## Resources SAVED in June



- Foods Scrap
- Cardboard
- Paper
- Glass
- Plastic Clear
- Plastic Coloured
- Plastic Milk
- Plastic Containers
- Tin
- Aluminium

Ratepayers on the Kerbside Recycling Collection system are allocated 52 prepaid refuse bags. If you are on the service (ie have a Bin & Bucket) and have not received your ticket, please contact Donna Peterson of the Southland District Council on 218 7259 or email – [waste@southlanddc.govt.nz](mailto:waste@southlanddc.govt.nz).



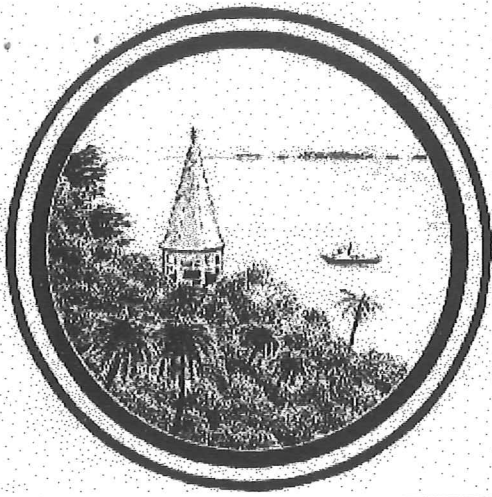
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## STEWART ISLAND

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### PROGRAMME

#### SATURDAY, 28<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

- 2.30 P.M. ASSEMBLE AT POST CENTRE.  
PROCESSION TO CHURCH HALL
- 2.45 P.M. REGISTRATION AND AFTERNOON TEA
- 6.00 P.M. DINNER AT COMMUNITY HALL

#### SUNDAY, 29<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

- 10.30 A.M. CHURCH SERVICE
- 7.30 P.M. CEILIDH IN CHURCH FOLLOWED BY SUPPER IN CHURCH HALL

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT

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DINNER      \$25.00 p.p.

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## Southland District Council News by Cr Bill Todd

The proposed extension to the Oban sewerage scheme has got a lot of people thinking.

Planning for this project is well underway, but whether it gets the final go-ahead will depend on the amount of support there is from the property owners.

I would hope that everyone will want to proceed.

It will never be cheaper to get hooked up to a reticulated sewerage scheme. The Ministry of Health has agreed to pay half the capital cost and the Southland District Council will pay one sixth. That leaves property owners to pay one third of the construction costs, plus the price of connecting up to the scheme and an annual operating cost.

Most people who join the scheme now will pay around \$7000. If they decide to join in a few years time, maybe because they intend to subdivide, then it will cost more in the order of \$20,000 for each connection.

So it's worth thinking ahead. Being connected to the scheme will be a significant capital improvement for island properties.

There have already been three newsletters and public meetings to inform people about what's proposed.

Shortly there will be an invitation for people to make submissions to the Community Board, and the Board will take the public's views into account when deciding whether or not the scheme should go ahead.

So I would encourage everyone to think about this issue, make a submission when they have the chance, and let us know your views.

### OPERATION COVER-UP

#### Wool or Knitters Wanted

To knit squares to make blankets for Ukrainian Orphans  
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