

STEWART ISLAND NEWS

CELEBRATING RAKIURA

March 2016

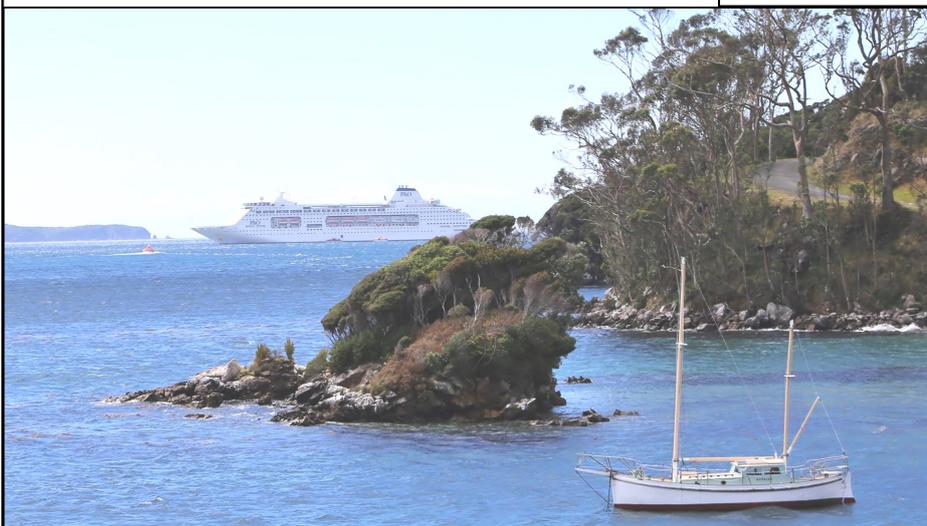
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March feels like a time of journeys, as we reflect in this issue on those who journey to visit our island, whether it is in luxury 164 foot superyachts with helicopters aboard or with lots of others on cruise ships like the Pacific Pearl. This P&O ship visited on the 6th of March and was the largest cruise ship to ever come here, with 1,800 passengers plus 800 crew. It made for a very busy day for the island with a Market day held in the Community Centre, and hospitality and retail bustling with customers who seemed to be having a fantastic time. There was much discussion afterwards about whether the visit was a blessing or a curse or a bit of both, and I couldn't help but think back to that mid-winter visit from Mayor Gary Tong where the issue of attracting more tourists was discussed and debated.

Perhaps it is time to revisit some of those conversations...if you have a view please drop us a line.



Passengers from the Pacific Pearl fill the Four Square! *Photo credit: Jen Ross*



The Pacific Pearl anchored in Halfmoon Bay *Photo credit: Sandra Whipp*

We've also had visits from intrepid adventurers, those who come to swim Foveaux Strait in a record time, or as part of a plan to run every Great Walk in NZ in 7 days, or as part of a mammoth effort to kayak around the country or to walk around it. See pages 6 and 15 to read about some of these rugged types and why they are motivated to do such crazy things.

The muttonbird/tītī season is nearly upon us too, the sooty shearwaters came some months ago and now those who participate in this customary harvest will be making the annual pilgrimage to be part of an ancient tradition. This year I was lucky enough to go along on the trip to drop off some of these intrepid folk and marveled once again at the rugged beauty of the places they will spend the next few months. I'm always astonished as well at the smooth logistics of getting a significant chunk of stuff to those remote and sometime inhospitable islands. I don't think I'll ever be too old to be thrilled by the sight of a skilled chopper pilot lifting tonnes of gear off the back of a moving boat! No doubt

many mouths around the island and the country will be watering in anticipation I'm sure. Happy harvesting all!

The journeys go both ways, as high school kids and university students have left the island for the start of the academic year, and many of our regular cribbies return to their other homes. We've also seen the return to the island of some historical items that were found here and have journeyed away, with the Nelson adze and the Lockerbie collections returning to the Rakiura museum. It is wonderful to see extremely significant collections like the Lockerbie returning to the place they were found. See pages 5 and 11 to find out more.

Hannibal Hayes dropping gear on one of the muttonbird islands *Photo credit: Jane McKenzie*





**Two New Directors
Appointed to Real Journeys
Board**

Leading southern tourism

operator, Real Journeys, is pleased to announce the appointment of Sue Sheldon and Vicky Taylor as directors to its board following its AGM at Cardrona Alpine Resort last week.

Sue Sheldon has been awarded Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit for her services to business. Based in Christchurch, she is a chartered accountant and a former president of the New Zealand Institute of Accountants. Sue is currently chair of Freightways and a director of Contact Energy. Through her role as chair of NZ Global Women, she is heavily involved in influencing corporate New Zealand to embrace the benefits that diversity and inclusion bring to senior leadership. Previous directorships include Paymark, Meridian Energy, The Reserve Bank, Smiths City Group, Ngai Tahu Holdings Corporation and Christchurch International Airport. Sue is a former chair of the National Provident Fund.

Vicky Taylor and her husband established Smartfoods Limited; one of the leading premium breakfast food companies in New Zealand. Vicky has considerable business experience and skills in the commercial, science, environment and sustainability sectors and in not-for-profit governance. She is chair of Enviro-Mark Solutions and a director of Landcare Research. Vicky has worked for complex manufacturing businesses operating in international markets, including Lion Nathan, New Zealand Dairy Foods, Goodman Fielder, Griffins Foods and Coca-Cola Oceania. She is Auckland based.

“We are particularly delighted to have two such high calibre directors join our board. I am confident they will add significant value to the company,” says Real Journeys Chairman, Roger Wilson.



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Anzac Day Monday 25th April

0700 hrs **Parade will assemble outside Ship to Shore.**

0715 hrs Parade marches to the Memorial
 Laying of Remembrance Wreath
 Public to lay poppies and wreaths
 Readings of Official Messages
 Prayers
 HMB School talks
 Reading of the Ode
 Last Post, Minute's Silence observed & Reveille
 Parade dismissed

Any members of the public are welcome to make and lay a wreath.

After the parade everyone is welcome to adjourn to the RSA Pavilion in Ayr St. for refreshments:
 Tea Coffee & Rum toddies.



Superyacht Evviva visits Stewart Island, with helicopter



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SOUL KITCHEN *by Lania Davis*

Sweet treats are just that, treats. More often than not adults and children alike crave something sweet. How many of you know the recommended daily intake of sugar a day? For an adult male it's 7.5 teaspoons, a woman 6 teaspoons and for a child sugar is based on size and age but roughly around 5 teaspoons. So if a child has a fizzy drink, half a can is already their recommended daily intake! How much sugar do you have per day? Do you check out the contents on something before you consume them? I never use to but when you start looking it gets scary.....

There is hidden sugar in most pre-packaged food. Our family has been following an auto immune protocol diet to heal the gut, lots of bone broths, meats, fruit and vegetables, and it's amazing what you learn to make out of the limited list of ingredients you can use to make a 'treat'. One of the main unrefined sugars that is used a lot to make treats is dates, either dried or fresh. It works so well....I decided to share this fudge recipe that was given to me by my friend also following the same protocol. It will hopefully appeal to a whole range of people..... And best of all it tastes delicious !



Creamy choc fudge

130 grams dried dates

1/2 cup water

100ml coconut oil (roughly 4 heaped Tablespoons)

4 Tablespoons carob powder

Pinch salt

4 Tablespoons coconut cream

Method: put dates and water in a pot and simmer til all water has evaporated and dates are soft, add to a food processor and blend to a smooth paste. Add coconut oil, carob powder, salt and coconut cream and blend to a smooth batter. Add to a container of choice lined with baking paper and smooth out (I like mine around 1cm thick) place in fridge or freezer till set. Cut into squares this recipe yields 16 squares, keep in fridge and enjoy! Like anything with sugar in it unrefined or not....moderation is the key.

TIP: If you don't have carob powder you can use cacao powder or cocoa powder.



Fog comes and goes in Halfmoon Bay with the Rawhiti, owned by Fluff Leask, in the foreground.
Photo credit: Greg Northe

Museum Matters by Jo Riksem

We've had some exciting acquisitions come in this past month, one of which is the Nelson adze. William Nelson was a cartographer and because of him we have many of New Zealand's early maps. He was one of fourteen children who survived an epidemic that took ten of his siblings. His father, also William, from Ireland had a daughter, Sophia, who married Manasseh Walshlager of Stewart Island. William, the son, left Stewart Island and moved to Taupo, taking the family adze with him and the family then loaned it to the Taupo museum with the understanding that if it came off display it was to be returned to its rightful home, Stewart Island. It was with much excitement and pleasure that I met Bernise Williams off the plane on the 28th February and took her to be greeted by the Rakiura Museum Trust at the museum with a welcome from Lania Davis, Rakiura Iwi representative. The adze will be on display in our Maori cabinet soon. We have also received some beautiful old maps, old bottles from Kaipipi and Mason Bay, serving dish from one of Miss Baker's homes and Stewart Island handwork from years gone past.



Bernise Williams from Taupo with Nelson adze

The cruise ship season has ended with the last ship, the Pacific Pearl, with many of those people hoping to come back for longer stays on the island. Thank you to all our volunteers that worked extra hours during these times. We could not have done it without you.

Bookings for school parties are starting to come in and it is wonderful to instill in children the wonder of history and the importance of preserving it. Remember we have some beautiful books and cards on sale for those special gifts, as well as delicious chocolate from the Seriously Good Chocolate Company.

We welcome all our holidaymakers to Stewart Island and hope you enjoy our beautiful island.

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Kayak Journey around Stewart Island

Lynn Paterson (aka Red) recently spent some time in the waters of Stewart Island as part of her journey to kayak solo around more than 5,000 kms of the New Zealand coastline raising money and awareness for the Mental Health Foundation. In her own words "It is my inner desire to paddle around New Zealand. I'm not talking about a small part, a bay or a couple of the coastlines at a time. I want to conquer the entire New Zealand coastline. I have dreamt of doing this all my life. When I share this dream with others their normal response is "ARE YOU MAD?" It is a bucket list dream with a cause in mind to raise awareness for the families and supporters of people suffering from depression. The supporters, of people suffering from depression, go through such a solo journey." As part of her amazing voyage she kayaked across Foveaux Strait, down the west side of the island, stopping at Doughboy, Mason's, Easy Harbour and Port Pegasus before putting in a phenomenal effort kayaking from Pegasus to Oban in one day, battling 2-3 metre swells at times. Lynn met lots of people during her time in Oban and also made time to visit Halfmoon Bay Primary, where the kids were thrilled to meet her. She's an inspirational person undertaking an amazing journey, read more about her time here and follow her progress on her blog: <http://www.redznmzjourney.com/>



Lynn and her trusty kayak T2 with the Halfmoon Bay Primary school kids

Lynn's campsite at Doughboy



Sarah's Rakiura Remarks by Sarah Dowie, MP for Invercargill

The vision of the Dog Island Motu Piu Charitable Trust is one huge step closer to being realised. In a first of its kind, Maritime New Zealand has granted a licence to the Trust to carry out restoration work on the island. The licence is a significant milestone following about two years of negotiations. It is the first time Maritime has become involved with a private organisation to carry out work on an island that they own.

Preserving the history and restoring the infrastructure is so important. This is wonderful for the future of the island, which is already uniquely predator-free. The Trust believes it will become one of Southland's key tourist attractions, which in turn will attract more visitors to Stewart Island. The land is a lighthouse government purpose reserve under the Reserves Act 1977.

I first became involved with the trust three years ago when Pete Ridsdale contacted me. He had heard about me through a mutual friend and told me with my background as a lawyer, a science degree and conservation experience I was the right person for the job. His vision was infectious so it wasn't a hard decision to take on my new role as deputy chair of the Dog Island Motu Piu Charitable Trust. Pete established the trust to enable the restoration, conservation and management of the uniquely predator-free Dog Island Motu Piu as an iconic sustainable conservation and tourism destination in Southland.

The island offers great opportunities for eco-tourism and for specialist interest groups seeking lighthouse history. The island has such a rich history! The lighthouse was established 150 years ago, which provided a pathway of safety for sea vessels entering the eastern side of the strait. Māori have occupied it as a place of habitation, kai moana gathering and stone tool making. This is a great project for the island, the environment and Southland. I appreciate that Maritime NZ had the tough task of working through the risks involved but the outcome is just fantastic! It's great for the community to have an island with such significance and heritage right in our back yard that we can make use of in a responsible way. Soon we will begin work on our operational plan. Watch this space!

Oban Presbyterian Church Chatter – Jo Riksem

It's that time of the year for planting crops that we can harvest in the fall and winter. One little girl said to a boy planting seeds, "If you want them to grow you hafta' say a prayer to your gardening angel." It's never too late to sow seeds of kindness and you'll be surprised at the harvest it produces. Give it a try this month. With one return preacher to our pulpit we also have a harvest of local talent.

Speakers Previews:

3 Apr. 2016 – Beverley Osborn – Beverley is our home-grown minister, making her first visit to the Island when she was two years old, as did her mother before her. From that time on there have been very few years when she has not spent time here. Rev Bev gained her primary and secondary education in Invercargill and then went to Otago University. She was a secondary school teacher for five years in Dunedin and Winton before marrying Jim, a Londoner who had made the Island his home. They raised their 4 children here until the oldest was high school age. The family then shifted to Otatara – with annual excursions "back home" to the Bay or, more frequently, to Mason Bay. When Jim died she was already on her way to becoming a Methodist minister, studying for her Diploma of Theology while continuing to work and to maintain the family home. She continued to get her top-ups of Island air each year all through that time and eventually came "home" to retire. She thinks she will be the only minister ever, for whom the Methodist Church of NZ organises the crossing of TWO straits as part of retirement house removal.

10 Apr. - Jo Riksem (yours truly) - I was born in Tauranga but the stay was short as at the age of 3 I moved to India where I grew up as a missionary kid. Then at the age of 16 I moved to L.A., California to finish more schooling with time spent in Portland, Oregon and Boise, Idaho where I met and fell in love with Andy. We moved to New Zealand with a short time spent in Tauranga before moving to Stewart Island

where family on my mother's side had spent some years. There was Rev. David Jamieson and then his son Charlie, a fisherman who met a lovely lady Nellie Cossgrove here on the island and soon married. It has been a little over a year now since Andy lost his battle with cancer but each day I move forward with the help of the many islanders I call friends.

17 Apr. - Raylene Waddell – One of seven children, I grew up at Green Point, near Bluff. My parents, Mary and Bert Hughes, were strong on social justice and helping the less fortunate but we were not church goers. When I married Ronnie, we bought a house near Gore – at Waimumu – just across the road from a little Presbyterian Church. Ronnie with his simple, straightforward faith in God was keen for us both to attend but I wasn't. However, to please him, I agreed and he held my hand tightly through the first few services for fear I might disagree loudly with the preacher's theology! Gradually, however, I found that something in the service would carry me through the stresses of the next working week. It might be a Bible reading, it might be the sermon, more often it would be the music and wording of a lovely old hymn.

24 Apr. - Bruce Morriss - Is the South Island Engagement Manager for Tearfund. Tearfund is a not for profit organization that provides hope to many poor families, primarily in the third world. Bruce has been with Tearfund since 1997 and is the only staff member outside of Tearfund's Auckland office. In his role he connects with many Churches, businesses and individuals. Bruce is married to Christine and they have 3 children. Sarah and Jonathon who are at High School and Michael who is in year 7. The family is really looking forward to their second trip to the island.



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Raylene

Are you raising funds for a community project?

Dianne Williams our Grants Manager is coming to **Stewart Island**.

If you are helping a community group to raise funds for a project Dianne can meet with you to discuss:

- if your project is eligible for our funding
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- completing an online application form

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**Community Trust
of Southland**
Te Pou Arataki Pounamu o Murihiku

Great White Shark Sighting forms now available

Have you had an encounter with a great white shark near Stewart Island? There is now a form available to detail your experience. These forms will be collected, collated, and hopefully included in future studies on shark behaviour. This project aims to turn anecdotal evidence into scientific data.

Over the past few years many people—visitors and locals alike – have had shark encounters. Maybe they've shared their story around a bit, or perhaps they were a visitor who left the island without mentioning it to anyone here. The experience might never see light, or is recounted to friends but over time becomes a vague rumour or pub tale. Thus the reluctance by some politicians and DOC scientists to acknowledge these stories, and that is a shame, because if they had all been documented over time, collectively these detailed accounts could draw a clear picture of behavioural change in great white sharks over the years.

Better late than never, we are starting now. You are encouraged to share your historic encounters (ie years ago) as well as recent ones.

Island cribbie Ken McAnergney created this document with input and advice from the legal and scientific communities. Several forms have already been filled out and collected.

You can pick up your great white shark sighting forms at Ship to Shore, the South Sea Hotel, or the island garage. Fishermen, aquaculture famers, water taxi drivers, paua divers, boat tour operators, and those who spend a lot of time on the water might want to have a few on board. If you are off-island, email the SIN at stewartislandnews@yahoo.com and we can send you a pdf of the form, which you can print.



BOOK REVIEW

by Sue Ford

Summer Reading

Fiction featuring China and I'm hooked – a 3-day stopover in Beijing years ago started it all, though Pearl Buck and Amy Tan books were part of it. Steve Berry's "The Emperor's Tomb" caught my eye and I found the Chinese part of the tale quite gripping. However, the twists and turns, double-agents and betrayals don't make it easy to follow. Malone and Vitt are trying to find the missing son of a Russian geologist - Lev Sokolov has been in China working on the theory of abiotic oil. It will make China independent of oil-producing countries if it's found to be true, but the Russians and Americans want the information too, it's a theory which can be proven (or not) by an oil sample taken from Chinese deep-well drilling hundreds of years ago. The chase is on for the lamp containing the sample. There's a lot of murders and fist-fights between allies, and I was 'over it' long before the tale ended, and the Afterword is more fascinating than the fictional story! OK autumn reading.

"And Then Came The Darkness" by Jane Toombs – another pre-cell phone read (where do I find them?), but this time with a silly heroine. There's a rapist/ murderer on the loose in the park at the end of Sara's street, stalking red-haired women – like Sara. She takes this opportunity to start dating following a traumatic divorce. A touch of 'supernatural' is added by a small boy lying in a vegetative state who 'dreams' the murderer's future but can't tell anyone about it. I had to read to the end once I was half-way through, just to re-assure myself there would be no surprise element. And there was no surprise element. Ah well....

Whereas Robert Galbraith's "Career of Evil" is the

opposite – and the best Cormoran Strike tale to date! There's still Robin's postponed wedding looming, but the delivery to her of a severed leg overshadows that! So which of four prime suspects is a serial killer? The bad publicity quickly erodes the fledgling detective agency, and more young women die. Can't wait for the next Cormoran Strike thriller – the ending was so enigmatic. Such clever writing.

I've given Tess Gerritsen some bad press recently, but her "Playing with Fire" redresses the balance. Julia, a violinist, buys a manuscript in a Venetian antique shop, but back home in the U.S., when she tries to play the incredible waltz from the manuscript, strange things happen to her daughter, Lily. The adorable 3-year old seems intent on causing death or injury, but who will believe Julia's version of events? So Julia has to go back to Venice to track ownership and composer of the strange waltz. Meanwhile, we skip back in time to before and during WWII and follow the fortunes of Lorenzo, also a violinist, as he falls in love with cellist, Laura. Their love seems doomed in fascist Italy – Lorenzo is a Jew. The ending is a tad anti-climactic, but quite clever. And though I don't really understand what 'jarring accidentals' or 'augmented fourths' are, I Googled the actual piece of music, written by Gerritsen, "Incendio", and could hear something of how it bore on the story-line. Nice.

"The Darkest Secret" by Alex Marwood isn't your average 'missing child' mystery, but what did happen to 3-year old Coco? Her much older step-sister, Mila, is plunged back into the 15-year old mystery when their father dies. Now this is deserving of the book jacket description: 'taut, emotive, utterly compelling' – well, maybe not 'utterly', but very good! Towards the end of the book, you are quite certain you know what happened to Coco – but don't be fooled - the Epilogue is a stunner. Have a great-looking batch of books to get stuck into for this month so watch this space and Happy Reading meanwhile.

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Friends of the Library Committee

On Thursday, 17th March, several regular library users met and constituted themselves as a formal "Friends of the Library Committee". This is NOT an exclusive group – other members will be very welcome.

Office Bearers unanimously elected were:- Pat King – Chairperson (2191156), Jenny Gell – Treasurer (2191219), Beverley Osborn – Secretary (2191506). Also present were Mary Chittenden, Sue Ford and Lee Wadds.

There is a policy that Southland District Council facilities should be housed under one roof in each Southland community and this is already the case for many of those. To align Stewart Island with this policy, there is currently a proposal that our local SDC office be moved across the road from the museum building into the library.

We hope residents will share their opinions with Pat, Jenny or Beverley, so that Stewart Islanders' voices can be heard at decision-making levels.

Shop Talk by Jules Retburg**Caramel Carousel**

In the retail environment it seems no sooner have we packed away Santa, marked down the unsold chocolate Christmas Elves and picked up the last piece of tinsel that the Easter Bunny arrives. I know consumers feel the same too, but spare a thought for retailers. Our orders for Easter buns, chocolate eggs, chicks and bunnies have to be placed the week before Christmas!

*Oh crystal ball, oh crystal ball,
Will Easter weather be fair?
Easter buns and milk and bread,
we must have enough for all.
The people, will they come for long?
Oh crystal ball, do tell,
order too much, it goes to waste,
order too little, it's hell!*



So as Summer cools to Autumn, Caramel Santas melt into Caramel Bunnies and mince pies morph into hot cross buns, the Easter Bunny bounces into the shop with all the pinkeared fluffy-tailed cuteness he can muster. And we collectively groan “oh so soon?!”.

Yes, so soon.

Come the end of March after bringing joy and a larger waistline to many, the Easter Bunny hops out of our lives, we mark down the unsold chocolate Easter Chicks and pick up the last piece of tinsel that we thought we'd picked up at Christmas. Before we have a chance to breathe a sigh of relief, Santa's Elves reveal their wicked plan.

“Can we have your order for Christmas toys, gift wrap and decorations please - by the end of March. Oh, and tinsel, do you want tinsel?!”

So soon? Yes, so soon.

Health Clinic News

Stewart Island has a new, permanent Rural Nurse Specialist.

Lisa Harkness has been appointed to the position and will join Martin Pepers in providing medical care to the Island. Lisa takes up her appointment this month and we shall be asking her to tell us something about herself in the next issue of S.I.N.

We would like to welcome Lisa with a pot luck tea – please keep an eye on the noticeboard for date and venue.

The Health Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank Marty for the many hours he has put in keeping the Clinic operating efficiently and looking after us so well, while also having the responsibility of briefing new relief nurses over these many months. A huge job - and done magnificently.

Thank you too to all our relief nurses who have provided continuity of care.

Raylene Waddell

Chairperson

Stewart Island Health Committee

Archaeological collection returns home

by Jess Kany

There have been some bouncy ferry rides recently, one trip was particularly harrowing for a passenger who was transporting extremely precious and fragile cargo in the bins. On 15th March, the morning trip out of Bluff made it about fifteen minutes into the Strait before turning back due to severe conditions, and the sailing was postponed until the relatively calmer afternoon.

One woman on board, Jo Massey, Roving Museum Officer, sat outside clutching a box labelled FRAGILE on her lap. Fragile, indeed: it contained the pelvis of a moa, excavated on the island over 50 years ago. In the ferry bins were eight cartons of Maori artefacts also coming home to roost.

This amazing collection is known as the Lockerbie Collection, named for Les Lockerbie, the man who found them. While most of his work was based in the Catlins, he made several trips to Stewart Island in the 1950s and 60s where he discovered a treasure trove of items from the Old Neck, and Bravo and Native Islands. Shortly before his death in 1996, he wrote a letter to his long-time friend Graeme Collett, bequeathing his collection to him and requesting that eventually the Rakiura items be returned to the island.

A ceremony at the museum welcomed the collection and its bearers. Phillip Smith and Ken McAnergney offered a mihi and karakia, and Mr Collett shared some recollections of his friend and a story of how one of the adzes was found. He recalled they found half of the large ardulite adz at the Neck, and Lockerbie held it up and said to the group: "If you were the craftsman who made this, and it broke, what do you think you would do?" One of the group replied: "I'd throw it as far as I could." So based on that assumption, they fanned out and circled and sure enough, found the other half, a perfect fit!



Ardulite adze and greenstone pendant

"The people who made these tools were skilled craftsmen," said Collett. "These pieces are a connection to that, and they are now connected to your collection. All rocks have spirit and they have attitude, and these rocks have spirit and attitude." He held up a beautiful greenstone pendant, found at Native Island 50 years ago and crafted many years before that, and gave it a squeeze. "This has mana."

The collection includes boxes and bags of moa bones, quartz crystals, adzes, pendants, fishing sinkers, paint pigment, and all sorts of carvings and shards. There is even a bag of calcified poo from the Maori dogs that were here. These can answer questions of when the dogs were here and what

Lania Davis with an adze



they ate. Other pieces raise interesting questions. Where did the quartz come from? Somewhere around here?

One of the biggest and most exciting question marks hovers over the moa bones, which will be examined by an expert in the near future. Some of the bones appear to be from parts of the moa that wouldn't necessarily have been eaten, which starts a whispered theory that maybe... just maybe... these bones were from moa that *lived* on Stewart Island, rather than bones from moa that were brought as food to the island.

The Museum staff are extremely busy sorting and cataloguing this huge collection and much of it requires further examination. There isn't room for all of it to be displayed at the current museum. However, **locals are invited and encouraged to come view it: get in touch with Jo Riksem or Bev Cowie at the museum to make an appointment.** The Lockerbie Collection is a powerful connection to the island's past and it is well worth a look. As Mr. Collett said, these pieces have spirit, they have attitude, and they have mana. I can attest to that: holding the two halves of the ardulite adze together sent tingles down my spine.

Shell pendants and bone fragments including kuri jaw and moa neck rings





Department of Conservation *What's Up, DOC?*
 From Jennifer Ross
Te Papa Atawhai

DOC Series Trap Inventor Phill Waddington Visits Stewart Island

On Friday 4th March we had a unique opportunity to meet Phill Waddington, the man who invented the DOC series traps (DOC 150, DOC 200, and DOC 250) and donated the design to the Department. Phil was holidaying on the island and set aside some time to talk

traps with interested folk at the DOC office. This covered how to service & calibrate the traps to get the most out of them and was a great chance to ask any questions. This talk came at the perfect time since we will have staff members heading over to Ulva Island for two weeks starting on the 14th of March to service all traps (weight testing, any repairs, and general maintenance) across the island.



Caption: Phill Waddington demonstrating weight testing and adjustment on a DOC 200 trap. *Photo Credit: Willy Gamble*

Staff Spotlight: Visitor Centre Ranger Jenny Williams



Jenny Williams at the Rakiura National Park Visitor Centre counter *Photo Credit: Jennifer Ross DOC*

After working for DOC on the Island in 2007 and 2008, Stewart Island became my favourite place and I was always keen to return. When I saw a six month contract come up for this summer in the DOC visitor centre, I couldn't resist applying. Before I knew it, I had resigned from my Christchurch DOC job, packed

my bags and moved back to Stewart Island.

I've worked in a variety of conservation or environment related jobs since studying parks and recreation at university back in the 1980s. I'm particularly interested in New Zealand flora and enjoy most forms of outdoor recreation, so working in a National Park is a perfect job for me. Being in the Visitor Centre and helping people to make the most of their holiday is great.

Apart from the obvious (gorgeous scenery, and fantastic birds and forest), I really like the friendliness of the island community, the lack of shops and the pared back lifestyle. Pity all of New Zealand couldn't be like this.

Ulva Island / Te Wharawhara Response

A report was received from two visitors on Ulva Island late on Tuesday, the 1st of March, describing an animal, possibly brown, furry, on four legs and with a stumpy tail, running across the Boulder Beach Track. The sighting was made from a distance and so we're unable to confirm the species sighted and whether it was necessarily an invasive species.

Biodiversity Senior Ranger, Kevin Carter has put a response plan together based on technical advice from Department of Conservation biosecurity experts. Despite being unable to confirm that a pest species was sighted, we are treating the report seriously as part of a cautionary approach.

We will be running an intensified surveillance programme, as follows, beginning on Monday 7 March:

- Weekly baits & checks of tracking tunnels in the vicinity of the reported sighting and all dwellings
- Weekly checks of the inland traps
- Trail cameras to be placed in the vicinity of the suspected sighting
- Weekly checks of the coastal traps in the vicinity of the suspected sighting

We plan to keep these weekly checks operational until further notice from our biosecurity Technical Advisors.

Sandy King, Matt Jones and rodent detecting dog Gadget had a pre-planned training visit to Ulva Island scheduled for Saturday 5 March and the timing couldn't have been better. Matt laid some rat scent and a dead rat on the track between Sydney Cove and the four way junction. Gadget and Sandy walked the track to Boulder Beach but found nothing. Returning to the four way junction, they then walked towards Sydney Cove, found Matt, the scent and the dead rat. The group walked back to the four way junction and toward Post Office Cove. Gadget started working strongly at one point along the track - a very definite indication back towards the Sydney Cove track. Sandy and Matt think it likely that Gadget had picked up on air scent from where the dead rat had been - Sandy was

throwing it around on the end of a string for her so there would have been a bit of scent from that. The two areas aren't far apart in a straight line & scent could easily have wafted down to where they were. It is such an asset to have Sandy and Gadget on Stewart Island, ready to respond. Thank you to Sandy, Gadget and Matt for your help.

All Department of Conservation staff and the Ulva Island volunteer wardens have been asked to be extra vigilant for any signs of incursions, especially around the sighting area. This includes signs such as footprints, droppings, sightings etc. If any of you are visiting Ulva Island in the near future please stay alert for any possible signs of pest presence and report anything suspicious to DOC. GPS points, accurate location descriptions and photos with something to show scale are very helpful.

This is likely to be a false alarm; however, we are treating this report seriously.

“Immaculate and ship-shape”: The discovery of a bottle at Mason Bay

By Maddy Fowler

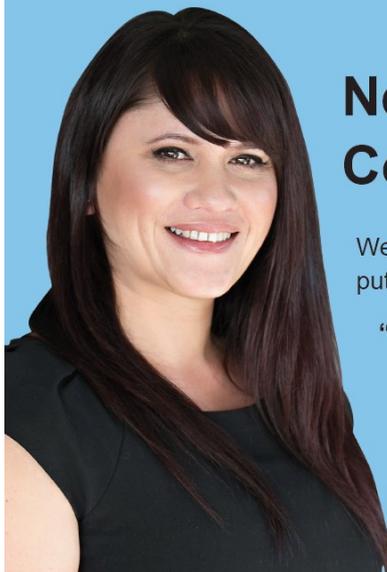
In January 2016, during conservation work at Island Hill Homestead, Mason Bay, a historic bottle was located beneath a pile at the front of the building. The purpose of the nine day fieldtrip – including three volunteers led by Recreation/Historic Ranger, Andrew King – was to remove the cladding from the front wall of the kitchen, then repair and replace any borer-ridden timbers. The light green glass bottle is embossed with the phrase “FINE TABLE SALT FROM C&E MORTON LEADENHALL STREET LONDON” and has been dated by Phillip Smith to the late 19th or early 20th century.



Caption: Volunteers hard at work Photo Credit: Andrew King DOC

Isolated even today, Mason Bay was extraordinarily remote in the 19th century, yet people attempted to farm there. Before the construction of an overland route, the Mason Bay farms were almost entirely reliant on sea access. Ships and boats would call by to drop off supplies and pick up wool, as well as people. The isolation and privations of Mason Bay undoubtedly took a heavy toll on farmers and their families, explaining the change of hands of the lease at least nine times over its history.

The bottle discovered at Island Hill Homestead, built about 1880 with an extension added in the early 1920s, attests to the reliance of settlers to New Zealand’s islands on the transport of goods from England. In 1916, an *Otago Daily Times* correspondent described the homestead as “immaculate and ship-shape. There was a place for everything, and everything in its place”.



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KAKA versus RUBBISH BAGS

At present we are having issues with the Kaka opening rubbish bags, looking for food. Rubbish bags should only be put out for collection on Tuesday mornings. Placing bags out for collection or leaving them at the 3 recycling stations between Tuesday evening and the following Monday night, only makes the problem worse.

We ask that all locals, cribbies and holiday makers to please either bring your rubbish out to the Transfer Station or make arrangements with someone to put it out on collection day.

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SIRCET Update

by Sandy King

Kiwi Catch-up

Monitoring of the Ackers Point kiwi continued over the summer with mixed success: the kiwi did fairly well but the monitors didn't quite keep up! Our three monitored pairs all hatched a chick, but the objective of determining chick survival after leaving the nest by attaching a transmitter to one chick wasn't realised. Matatika and Ngaio left their burrow early in the season, leaving egg shell fragments as evidence suggesting they had hatched a chick but the chick was never caught on camera and we haven't caught up with the birds in the flesh since.

A trail camera caught the chick from Takiti and Tx52 (the golf course birds) many times, along with both its parents, coming and going from the burrow. Our capture attempt was abandoned after a second egg was seen in the burrow and this family has now moved to the far side of the golf course. The chick was getting bigger and spending longer out of the burrow each time the camera images were reviewed, so we can be optimistic for its survival, but may never know for sure.

The chick belonging to Kaihuka (formerly known as Tx22) and his mate was caught on camera many times with both parents and a sub-adult, which is probably a chick from last season. Camera images showed that it was spending long periods out of the burrow but returning between 5-6am - a perfect time for a stake-out! Kev Carter and Bridget Baynes, recent additions to the DOC team with the requisite kiwi handling and transmitter attachment skills, Jen Ross, and Sandy King assembled

at the Ackers Point road end at 4.30am one calm fine morning, equipped with torches, catch nets, and optimism and were strategically positioned outside the burrow by 5am. On cue, the chick appeared about 5.30am; Kev's first attempt with the catch net was thwarted by low fern and it ran behind Jen who was kneeling motionless and not daring to move. What she couldn't see was the chick sitting on her boot so was surprised when Bridget brought a net down over her foot. However, because the net couldn't sit flat on the ground the chick escaped from under it and disappeared into thick fern. It looked like a fast moving fluffy coconut. We waited, hoping for a rustle in the undergrowth that would give away its position, but the chick had gone into stealth mode. A flash of movement over to the right was the last we saw of it as it sprinted into the burrow. At that point it was time to give up, and enjoy the amazing dawn chorus as we walked back. Subsequent capture attempts were dependant on Kev's availability coinciding with a fine morning, which just didn't happen. The family has now moved on from the natal burrow, with nothing to suggest the chick isn't with them.

It's likely that three new kiwi have been added to our local population this season and it's timely to remind everyone to manage their pets responsibly. Ideally, keep your cats inside at night. Have your dogs under control at all times, and don't allow them to free-range - you won't know what they're up to if you do, and sign your dog up for kiwi avoidance training. The next training session is coming up over the Easter holiday and we have an exciting new "e-kiwi" to help convince your dog to avoid kiwi. No details yet - if you want to know more you'll have to bring your dog along to the Fern Gully heli hangar (Zane's hangar) on Monday 28th March!

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KIWI AVOIDANCE TRAINING FOR DOGS

Introducing the "e-kiwi"!

Where: Fern Gully heli hangar (Zane's hangar)

When: Monday 28th March (Easter Monday)

Time: 9am-2pm

Contact Di, Sandy or Shona to book a time for your dog:

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shona.zvezda@gmail.com

Di Morris 027 759 9773 pete.di1@xtra.co.nz

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The Great New Zealand Walk for HOPE



Christopher Neil Linton (52), aka The Earth Walk Man, is attempting to become the first person in recorded history to circumambulate [walk] the entire picturesque North and majestic South Islands of beautiful New Zealand a journey comprising no less than 6,500km (3,500 miles). As Chris is setting a world record rather than trying to break an existing one, he has the opportunity to set the parameters and the challenge he has given himself is to try and walk every paved or gravel perimeter through road in NZ. This history-making long-distance charity-walk is planned to take a minimum of 11½ months of walking (50 weeks or 350 days), will take 1,200+ walk-hours, require 7,350,000 steps, and burn an estimated 1,000,000 calories.

Chris has covered over 2,200 km by foot thus far. His starting point was Picton, making his way through Nelson and up to Collingwood and the spit, over the Heaphy Track to Karamea, down through Westport, Greymouth, Hokitika, Franz Josef, Fox, Haast, Wanaka, Queenstown, Te Anau through Riverton to Invercargill to Bluff, and across to Stewart Island where he is walking Rakiura's Southern Circuit Track.

The aim of the walk is to raise funds, bring awareness to, and combat the stigma associated with 'Mood Disorders' such as Depression and Bipolar Disorder. In addition, Chris also supports our servicemen and women, his fellow veterans, who

suffer the effects of 'Stress Disorders', especially Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). Chris is an expat and average New Zealand-born kiwi bloke now living in Tasmania. He has a family connection to Stewart Island through James Bishop Coventry. He is an educator, trainer, published author, and cross-cultural psychologist, a lifelong survivor/thriver who lives daily with the symptoms of debilitating Bipolar II Disorder and mild PTSD. He also struggles daily with degenerative Diabetes II. It all started on June 16th, 2015, when Chris, on a Bipolar manic-high, accomplished his first two World Records: The first father-son team to walk across Tasmania, Australia, and the first person in recorded history to circumambulate Tasmania, Australia, a distance of 1,400 km (870 miles), 300 walk-hours, over an agonising snow-blizzard plagued 46-days. Chris hopes to raise at least \$250,000 for each of the organizations he represents:

The Mental Health Foundation of New Zealand –Text HOPE to 2446 to donate \$3 to The Mental Health Foundation, The Green Project - Supporting the health and well-being of our servicemen, servicewomen, and veterans who live with the symptoms of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), and a special request to support his walks with a compassionate donation to (<http://www.earthwalkcommunity.com/donations>), and The Earth Walk Community Support Fund (Chris's health and wellbeing fund

<http://www.earthwalkcommunity.com/the-earth-walk-community-support-fund>). Local support for Chris and The Great New Zealand Walk for HOPE have been extremely positive and well above any expectations: Real Journeys have provided return ferry transport and a tour to reward Chris for his efforts. Vicki at Stewart Island Backpackers and Natalie at Bunkers Backpackers have given Chris a base to operate from with back-up accommodation at The Crib and the South Sea Hotel gave Chris free coffee on arrival. FOLLOW The Great New Zealand Walk for HOPE on The Earth Walk Community Facebook page at:

www.facebook.com/earth.walk.new.zealand
READ Chris's daily blog, with stories and pictures covering his day-to-day adventures, as they unfold at:
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To support Chris with an offer of a nights accommodation, meal/s, or to schedule to walk with him for a day, a few days, a week, or more, email Chris at: earthwalkman@gmail.com

Threatened environment to benefit from game bird hunting licence sales

Game bird hunting licences are going on sale (March 17) with some of the money raised from the sales going towards preserving New Zealand's shrinking wetlands. The licences, which cost \$92 for the whole season, allow game bird hunting throughout the country in all 12 Fish & Game regions. The hunting season begins on Saturday May 7 and ends late August, depending on the region and species being hunted.

Each licence carries a game bird habitat stamp produced by New Zealand Post which raises money to preserve, enhance and develop

wetland areas. "The game bird habitat stamp is a great example of hunters protecting the environment," says Fish & Game's Communications Manager Don Rood. "New Zealand has lost 90 percent of its wetlands, yet they provide a vital role in providing habitat and protecting the environment and water quality. The money raised by the habitat stamps helps protect these areas for the benefit of native fish and birds, as well as game birds." Don Rood says non-hunters can also help preserve the environment by also buying the habitat stamps. "You don't have to be a game bird licence holder to protect these valuable areas. Anyone can buy a habitat stamp in the knowledge that their money will be doing a great deal of good for conservation," he says.

Prospects for the 2016 season are good, with good numbers of ducks being recorded. The rise in numbers has been enough for some Fish & Game regions to increase their bag limits and season lengths. "The dry summer experienced in some areas means that there has been a good breeding season for pheasant and quail, and an opportunity to harvest some great tasting birds for the table," says Mr Rood.

Licences for the 2016 game bird hunting season can be bought online or at approved licence agents. If you're a keen hunter you can reclaim your maimai or hunting stand from last season as soon as you've bought your licence, up until 10am pegging day, April 10. If you are new to game bird hunting, visit Fish & Game's website: www.fishandgame.org.nz



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Another seasonal visitor—Kingfisher at Mill Creek

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