

STEWART ISLAND NEWS

CELEBRATING RAKIURA

March 2020

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The effort to minimize plastic waste in the community continues. Glass bottled milk is now available at the shop. Thanks, Ship to Shore!

Mini golf course; roller derby track; Ob Rock zipline... Do you have a pet project in mind that could use a financial boost? The Sanford Fund (10 cents a salmon) is accepting applications until the end of March. See details on page 3 or check out the guide on-line at www.sanford.co.nz

Halfmoon Bay School kids had a ball snorkeling at the Ulva Island Marine Reserve with Johnny & Ollie of Stewart Island Adventures and the visiting Experiencing Marine Reserves representative Lorna Doogan. The kids are now diligently working on EMR projects. Our hardy children also recently completed the annual sea safety swim challenge, entering the water from the wharf, practicing safety exercises, and swimming to shore in their pajamas and shoes!



Ava and Luke dodge a lion's mane jellyfish at Sydney Cove in Te Wharawhara - Ulva Island marine reserve on their Experiencing Marine Reserves snorkel. To find out more check out www.emr.org.nz or emr on Facebook.
Photo by Lorna Doogan



Doug Schurman, a visitor from Washington, USA, was aboard a Rakiura Charters boat when he photographed this Southern right whale breaching in Horseshoe Bay.

A recent wedding brought island generosity and resourcefulness to the fore. A last-minute search for a veil spawned a great thread on the good old Island Buy Sell & Exchange page, an on-line nexus of commentary, concerns and jokes which manages to resolve most troubles. The bride did not resort to using whitebait netting, a veil was procured, and all was well. At the bridal feast: muttonbird leaves for name placecards; heart-shapes punched from eucalyptus for post-ceremony confetti; Paterson Inlet backdrop for décor. And who needs a florist when you've got islanders and their magnificent gardens and lilies galore!?

Lilies are everywhere. Bulbs purchased as a fundraiser for the pool bloomed all over the bay — beautifully described by Raylene on

page 9. Helen Cave hosted a garden party to celebrate the lilies: flowered hats came out for a spin and the sun came out to play, and there is no place more glorious than Rakiura on such days.

Inside: a fascinating article by Bill Watt. Also Stewart Island Man of the Year; Great Southern Ocean Walk update; Pool upgrade; Ben's crossword; and much more.

The days are shortening and we're about to see the back of "cruise ship" season so happy Fall to All, and stay healthy everyone. A potential pandemic is in the news. Horoia o ringaringa/Wash your hands! —Jess

During a beach walk at Horseshoe Bay, a resident found a **dead juvenile kiwi** a few weeks ago. She brought the body to DOC, and based on their observations, it appears the bruising on the bird's body is consistent with dog bite injuries.

This is a good time to remind all dog owners to PLEASE keep your dog under control at all times. Forays into the bush, however brief, can be deadly for a kiwi. Dogs wandering at night: deadly for kiwi and penguins. Kiwi are vulnerable birds and even the sweetest gentlest dog can kill a kiwi with a playful pounce or mouthing.

If you have a holiday house it is so important that you educate your guests about controlling their dogs. Visitors bring their dogs to the island and are in "vacation mode" and therefore not always switched-on about the importance of dog control.

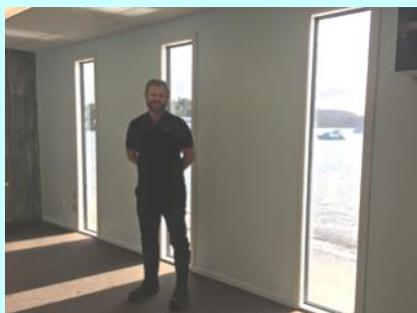
There is a **kiwi avoidance training** session slated for next month. See back page for details.

Please don't let your dog be the reason a little kiwi doesn't make it home to his burrow and whanau.
—Jess

If rimu planks could talk... 45 Elgin Terrace Road. The big wooden building on the waterfront has a storied history. Originally a covered boat slip, it has hosted a variety of occupants over the decades. A paua pearl venture (giving it the local nickname Pearlery), an aquarium, various eateries — most recently a short-lived restaurant which never made good on a promised pet octopus that would entertain diners when summoned by a bell. The main room downstairs serves as an event venue and has seen musicians perform and myriad social functions, including the infamous Rugsrats parents' Christmas party where a random drunk guy wandered in and performed a one-star strip tease for the unimpressed mums. Part of the downstairs serves

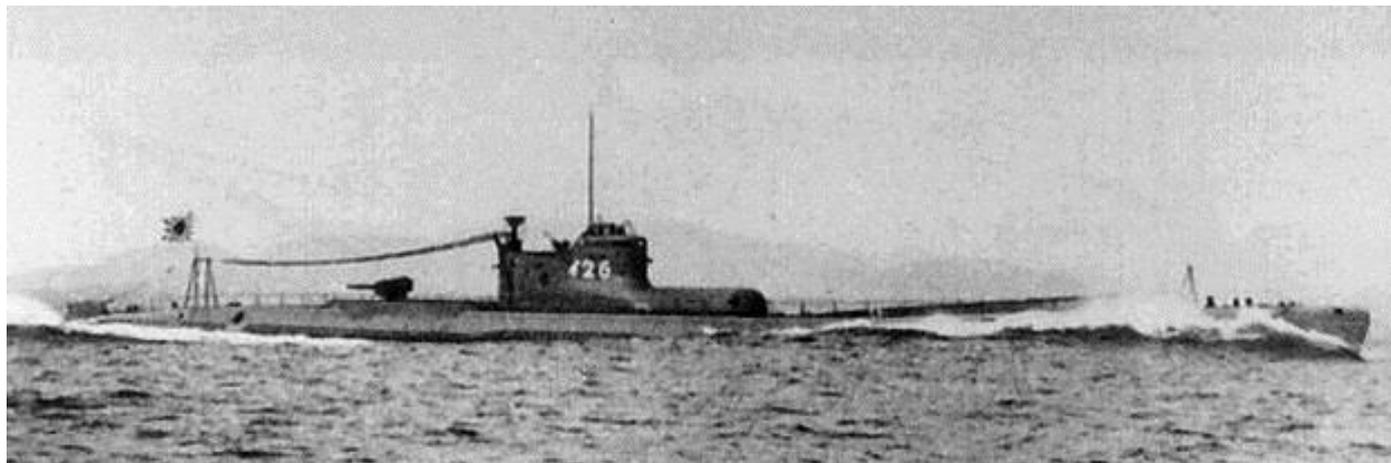
as a storage area; and the "slip-side" corner room houses a fleet of optimists for the kids' sailing club. Upstairs, Yogi, one of the island's most adorable dogs, greets visitors to Rakiura Jade while Dave and Bean guide would-be carvers through the process of creating their own taonga. In recent months, you might have noticed a new sign at the building: *Guest Carter*. Another first for the place called Pearlery... situated in the corner

room that once housed an aquarium is now a law office! Sam Guest is a Dunedin-based lawyer who owns a home on the island and is spending a school term down here with his family, trading a hectic urban commute for an amble along a coastal road; dress shoes for gumboots; and a city centre office for a space that gets "a bit noisy" when the kids are wrangling their wee yachts out on sailing days (the boat shed is on the other side of the wall). It's a lovely, unique and historic space right on Halfmoon Bay and kitted out with all the office-y stuff a lawyer needs. Sam is among a growing wave of people working remotely on Stewart Island. Perhaps there is a need for a shared office space here?
—Jess



DID ANYONE EVER SEE THIS AROUND HERE ???!!!!

by Bill Watt

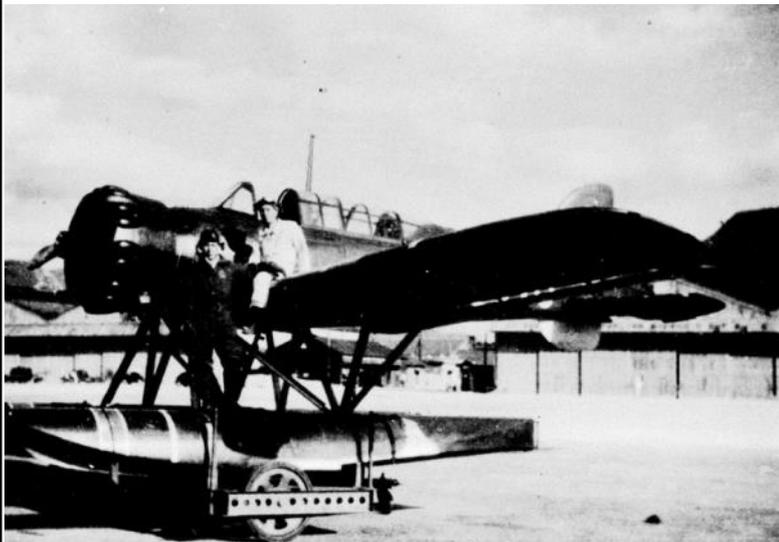


One of my many hobbies is collecting information and stories relating to New Zealand's reaction to the threat of Japanese invasion during World War II. Whether the threat was real is debatable. What is beyond debate is that many people in New Zealand thought a Japanese invasion was not only likely but imminent. There was real fear. An important part of our social history is how people responded to that perceived serious and imminent threat.

The Japanese certainly had a submarine presence in New Zealand waters. The Japanese had a large, and varied, fleet of submarines. Pictured above is a long-range Japanese submarine, I-25, one of 20 built in this class. These were large and fast ships. Wikipedia tells us the following about I-25:

I-25, of 2,369 tonnes, was 108 m long, with a range of 25,928 km (14,000 nm;), a maximum surface speed of 43.5 km/h (23.5 kn;) and a maximum submerged speed of 15 km/h (8 kn;). She carried a two-seater Yokosuka E14Y reconnaissance floatplane, known to the Allies as "Glen". It was disassembled and stowed in a hangar in front of the conning tower.

This aircraft was powered by an Hitachi GK2 Tempu 12 9-cylinder air-cooled radial piston engine, developing 250 kW (340 hp) for take-off, driving through a two-blade wooden propeller. In comparison with an Islander, for example, it was a sluggish performer, taking 10 minutes to climb to 3000 ft and with a cruise speed of 90 knots, but it was armed with a machine gun (for the observer) and could carry incendiary bombs. In the context of the time it was quiet a competent aeroplane and would have been more than a match for the underpowered and lightly armed aircraft in NZ skies at the time.



The submarine pictured, I-25, is known to have operated off New Zealand in early March 1942. One wonders why its ID number in the picture is painted on the conning tower, not in Japanese writing but in western calligraphy. It is recorded that Nobuo Fujita (a Japanese naval aviator) conducted reconnaissance flights from I-25 in a Yokosuka E14Y floatplane over Wellington on 8 March and Auckland on 13 March before departing for Fiji.

It seems highly likely that this submarine and possibly others operated further south. Mr Geoff Piercy (former Invercargill City Councilor) told me that as a young lad he, and a friend were invited on an extended fishing trip to Port Pegasus. "Holed up" during bad weather (probably in "Peacehaven") the crews of several boats were sharing stories. One told of being anchored in one of the anchorages off Great South Cape Island and hearing strange noises nearby. Going ashore, climbing the hill and investigating, they saw a very large submarine in a nearby bay taking on water. They made a very quiet and probably frightened retreat!

The story seems quite plausible, because

These submarines could carry very large quantities of fuel and food but had no desalination equipment. "Watering ship" was a regular necessity.

There is at least one verified account of such a submarine taking on water in the Marlborough Sounds.

The lack of a significant human presence in Fiordland at the time would have made the south of NZ a logical choice for an enemy ship needing to take on fresh water.

I personally do not know Great South Cape Island but my friend and fellow Conservation Board member, Stewart Bull, does. When I recounted this story, he was immediately able to point to a couple of places on the map where it may have happened.

Further, Geoff told me that a foreign aircraft, identified as probably a Yokosuka E14Y floatplane, was once seen over Invercargill. Based on the range of that aircraft, and the fact that it took several hours to remove it from its hangar on deck and assemble, I

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conclude that the submarine had to be in calm water in Port Pegasus, Preservation Inlet, or closer.

A parallel story: Eric (“Pop”) Leask told me (around a camp fire one night) that when he was fishing in the Olga during WW2 off the Mutton Bird Islands, he once had a strong feeling that he was “being watched” and that the contact was not friendly. This was just on dusk. Under sail, fuel being in short supply, he ‘worked’ the Olga up under the shadow of one of the Islands so that she would not be seen against the land. Nothing further happened of course – Olga was hardly a target of international strategic importance - but Eric was sure he had been observed by someone or something that was not friendly. I trust a sailor’s instincts and it is not impossible that Eric was being watched through the periscope of I-25 or a sister-ship.

Can anyone in the SIN readership verify, or amplify on, these stories? Maybe, something their parents or grandparents said? Has anyone any photos of possible locations on Great South Cape Island?

Of course, I must conclude with the observation that 70 years on, the Japanese are our valued and respected friends. There has been a great and wonderful reconciliation.

SANFORD FUND 10 CENTS A SALMON

This fund is to help Stewart Island and Bluff communities.

We want to help you bring people together and promote fun, happiness, pride, care and safety. If you need funding for a community led project, sport, art, culture or health you should apply.

Applications are called for between

01 February and 31 March each year

How much money can I apply for?

Small grants are available for individuals or groups requesting a one off grant of less than \$10,000.

There are also larger grants for individuals or groups requesting more than \$10,000, or for multi-year projects of not more than three years.

Both application forms are available by emailing salmongrant@sanford.co.nz



Halfmoon Bay Police Beat

Kia ora

As I go about the Island it is pleasing to see that the majority of people are keeping on top of having a current Registration and Warrant of Fitness for their vehicles. If you are off Island when they expire I’m sure if you call Sharon and Pete at the garage they will be able to assist in keeping your vehicle road legal for when you return.

I do consistently hear comments about the number of vehicles on the Island and the issues they cause from parking and the eyesore that comes from being neglected sitting on the side of the road. I’m sure you could make a quick phone call to the recycling centre and for a nominal price they will be able to assist you in disposing of these vehicles that are no longer fit for purpose.

The Graduated Driver Licence

For those of you on Learner Licences be aware I am wanting to assist you in obtaining your Restricted Drivers licence.

Come and see me, it isn’t painful and I’m happy to discuss what needs to be done to prepare you for the Practical test.

This will involve some driving instruction and tips, there is also an opportunity to have a driving instructor conduct an assessment drive prior to the actual driving test itself.

I have already spoken with some people about this program and am looking forward to enabling them to successfully complete the driving test and progress through.

If there is no feedback it’s fair to assume those of you on a Learner Licence have been making your own preparations

to obtain your Restricted Drivers Licence. Don’t forget your “L” plates.

Also “Seatbelts save lives”.

As the Roar/Rut season approaches a friendly reminder to follow the Seven rules of firearms safety

Rule 1: Treat every **firearm** as loaded.

Rule 2: Always point **firearms** in a **safe** direction.

Rule 3: Load a **firearm** only when ready to fire.

Rule 4: Identify your target beyond all doubt.

Rule 5: Check your firing zone.

Rule 6: Store **firearms** and ammunition safely.

Rule 7: Avoid both alcohol and drugs when handling **firearms**.

Please check that your Firearms Licence is current, hunting block permits with the hunting parties’ details on them are correct and current.

For those that are privileged enough to have access to private land for hunting reaffirm with the property owner and perhaps have something in writing to avoid any issues if you may end up on the wrong property.

Kai pai to ra

Constable Stuart NEWTON



Stewart Island kiwi research update

Officially, the start of the year marks the end of the breeding season for Rakiura tokoeka. For kiwi practitioners, the breeding season is respected as a hands-off, minimal disturbance time for the birds, where only essential checks are carried out. However, as this is the first in-depth study of their breeding behavior, we can't say breeding is over until the last kiwi sings... (mates...? hatches?). We had a flurry of chicks hatch in September-October, and semi-expected to see another round in December-January. So far, only one nest has produced a second chick, which was first seen on burrow camera on the 05th of January. This nest, on Ulva Island, was where we saw our first chick of the season, back in September. Clearly efficient nesters, the three adults (female, male, male) and two young, could still be seen on the burrow camera all fussing around the nest together until recently, when they started moving around the territory a bit more. At other nests, some attempts at a second hatch seem to have been thwarted, while others dispersed after the first chick, seemingly satisfied with what they had produced. We are still closely watching a few nests for the emergence of a second (or in some cases, first) chick, which would certainly push the breeding season out past historical expectations.

One nest we are still watching is the only kiwi family in our study to have lost a chick so far. Also on Ulva, the chick was approximately 6 weeks old at the time of mortality, and the gross autopsy concluded starvation and weka predation were the causes of death. The starvation factor was surprising, as the other chicks of a similar age have grown rapidly and are already of a size appropriate to swap their chick transmitters for a juvenile model (~800g). The family are still in the nest burrow & we hope they are incubating a second egg. Some nesting attempts have failed for unknown reasons, with frequent disturbance by possums or weka being a potential cause. One kiwi couple on Ulva have tried hard twice this season, the second attempt seemed to be going well until a weka family predated the egg 1-2 weeks before an expected hatch. The family incubation model seems to work successfully to hatch chicks, as there is always a bird on the nest to keep intruders at bay. The unsuccessful kiwi couple may be inexperienced breeders, or perhaps it's more challenging when there's only two of you watching over the egg.

As the current chicks grow into feisty juveniles it makes our job easier & they are less cause for concern as their increasing size means they are not as vulnerable to predation (however, still prone to accidents & illness). Juvenile transmitters also have more capacity than chick transmitters. They have a greater range, so we can find them from further away, and they have two different tones which indicate if the bird is alive & well or there is cause for concern and we should check it out visually. Chick transmitters have a smaller range and can only give you the location, meaning you have to visually confirm the chick is still alive. It's important for us to monitor their survival regularly, as when there is a mortality we need to collect and send away the remains for necropsy as soon as possible to identify the cause.

As well as monitoring our chicks & potentially still breeding adults, we have been out & about completing our annual Summer survey at Mason Bay, Port Adventure, Kaipipi and on Ulva Island. Twice a year, in Summer and Winter, we deploy a grid of non-invasive monitoring equipment (trail cameras and acoustic recorders) at these sites to compare their effectiveness at estimating kiwi population density with the more invasive catching, attaching transmitters and tracking. We hope to prove we can get meaningful results from the non-invasive methods and so avoid unnecessary disturbance of the birds. It's been a busy Summer thus far, with lots of gratitude that Rakiura tokoeka don't have to deal with mustelids (which have caused 100% mortality of chicks in some areas), or drought, which is a big problem when the ground becomes too hard to penetrate for chicks, and the insects & grubs that kiwi feed on move deeper & beyond reach. Having a chick mortality is always sad, but in relation to other projects, Rakiura tokoeka are doing well!

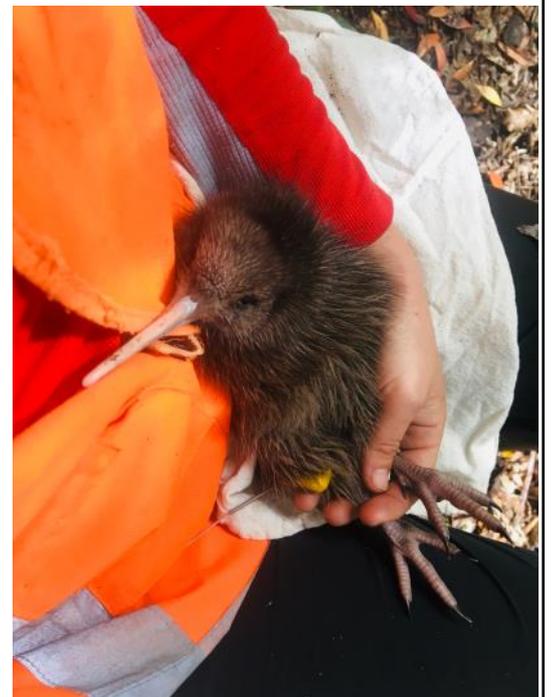
Please email me with any questions at emmafeenstra@gmail.com, and follow our project at: <https://www.facebook.com/Rakiuratokoeka/>

Emma & the Stewart Island Kiwi Research Team

~ This project wouldn't be possible without A LOT of local support! In particular, Rakiura & the Ulva Island Ferry, Ian & Pip Wilson & Aurora Charters, Ulva & Ulva Guided Walks, the team at the Department of Conservation, Raymond & Stewart Island Flights, the Kaipipi crew, our awesome local volunteers & all the other special people that make this community the best place to live & work – thank-you!



Our current intern Orane with an Ulva Island juvenile.



Rakiura tokoeka chick, Ulva Island



**Tracking kiwi by boat!
With Ulva Island Ferry**

Great Southern Ocean Walk update *by Jess Kany*

Last month I attended an informal meeting to hear about the Rakiura Maori Lands Trust's plans for the Great Southern Ocean Walk. There has been plenty of talk and some articles about the proposal already, but in the spirit of transparency RMLT wants to keep everyone informed with the latest information. Deputy Chair Tina Nixon told a group of interested people and stakeholders gathered at the Pub that the Trust operates on a default to share principle - "Sharing information with our owners and the Stewart Island community will lead to a more robust proposal".

For those who haven't yet heard: RMLT is looking at developing a multi-day interactive wilderness walk between the Neck and Lord's River. "We're looking at low-impact, high value guided tours with guaranteed public access," said Nixon. "We are 100 percent committed to a plan that goes with the dynamic of Stewart Island... We want to sell this without losing the Bear Gryll experience. We want to keep it rustic and wild."

Although the jury is still out on the project's logistics and feasibility, excitement and optimism are high. "We received resounding support at the AGM. Getting wholesale support from a Maori Trust is good," said Nixon.

There are many private landowners involved and big question marks remain. Will the track be a loop? Will there be a luxury lodge? Will any of it be possible at all? "Nothing is set in concrete," said Nixon. "We are working with consultants who won't guild the lily and will give us an honest appraisal of what are likely to be our most successful options."

"They may open up our eyes to opportunities we have not thought of and they will tell us if things won't work or may take a longer timeframe to complete than we anticipate."

A feasibility study has been funded by Te Puni Kokiri which will be presented to the Provincial Growth Fund. Respected tourism consultant Dave Bamford came down to have a look at the terrain. Bamford has led successful projects all over New Zealand and the World, from Mongolia to Rwanda and is the "go to person" for an honest assessment of these types of projects, said Nixon.



RMLT Deputy Chair Tina Nixon

If it comes to fruition, the track and other tourism offerings could be a juggernaut for the island tourism experience, for the operators, the community, and the tourists. RMLT has a partnership with Real Journeys, "but this doesn't preclude other partnerships," said Nixon. "That means there is still potential to work with non-RJ guides and charter boats in community. Also, Ngai Tahu supports training young people to be guides for these kinds of operations within their tourism operations so there is opportunity to link with them."

RMLT are looking at the infrastructure this project would require: lodging for people building the tracks, and lodging for tour staff, and a place for tourists to stay before they embark on their journey south. "We own some blocks in the township and some are suitable for accommodation," said Nixon. They are also looking at how transport will work for visitors to get to the start of the track at the Neck. "We may need to build a wharf there," said Nixon.

She also cautioned that although ideally they'd like to start on the project next year, it could take much longer. "We're not going to rush in, it might be we focus on the Neck, and then do the rest in stages." RMLT has already received \$200K to make the Neck predator free. Recent years have seen almost a complete eradication of deer, and Nixon says the regrowth is already evident. She says there is great interest now in cultural, historical and eco-tourism, and the interactive tourism experience at the Neck and on tracks across the Trust's land would educate visitors about the history of the area, and the mahi undertaken to protect the land.

From an adventurer's point of view, the most exciting aspect of this proposed track is the possibility that it could eventually link to DOC's southern route, enabling keen visitors to walk around the whole island!

POOL Update by Jess Kany

It takes a village to upgrade a pool. It also takes a helpful barman, gun powder, seafood chowder, another helpful barman, a truckload of lilies... The story of the school pool has been retold over the years because it's always interesting to see how a tiny community pulls together to create and manage something as expensive and high maintenance as a swimming pool.

Residents from days of pre-pool yore recall swimming lessons in the sea. Mavis Hicks, who taught at Halfmoon Bay School 50 years ago, remembers the children changing into their togs in the bush at Bathing Beach.

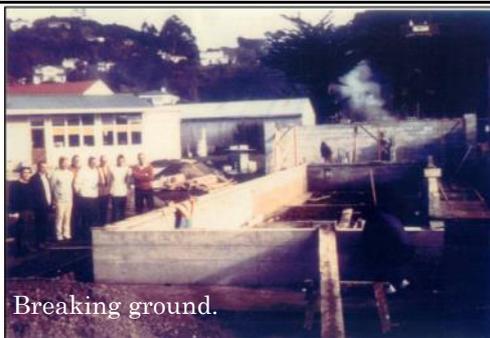
Despite being surrounded by water, members of the island community recognized that a swimming pool would provide an accessible, calm place for swimming lessons for young children.

The barman George Crack, a South Sea Hotel publican, rode the length of New Zealand on a bicycle in 1971 to raise money for the pool. Ground was broken, cement poured, and eventually the pool was built.

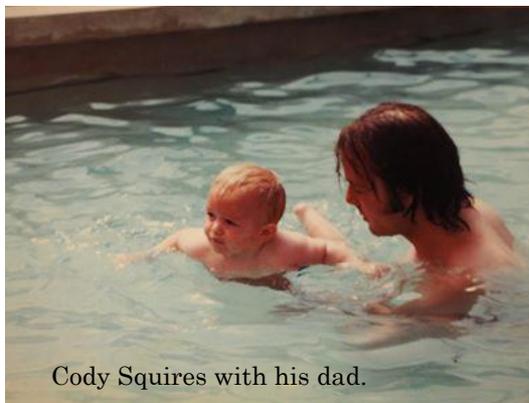
Over the decades, upgrades and refurbishments have been required.

"When I arrived here in 2007, the pool was shut and hadn't been used for several years," recalls HMB School Principal Kath Johnson. "School kids were shipped to Invercargill five times a year for swimming lessons. And that's not enough."

Kath believes strongly in the importance of access to swimming education. "It's about every kid having the same opportunities to learn to swim. And the little kids, before they start school and



Breaking ground.



Cody Squires with his dad.



The clay target fundraiser



Fundraiser lilies.

have formal lessons, they're in there building water confidence." After Kath's arrival, a push to reopen the pool began. Kath, Di, Dids, Spraggon, Bruce Ford and others formed a committee to see if they could get the pool up and running again. "We cranked it up and it went, so we had a look at what it needed," said Kath. "The roof then was covered with pipes which ran through tiny black rubber piping, it was solar heating pre-solar panels. Real

number eight wire kind of stuff. So we got funding for solar panels and we re-clad the whole pool."

"It's a very well-used pool in good weather," said Kath. "To keep it clean we use a saltwater chlorination system, which is one of the most chemical-free systems for pool water maintenance. We actually tip bags of salt in and the kids jump in and stir it around with their feet."

During terms one and four, Pete Ross from the Garage coaches the kids for free twice a week. The children swim daily during school sessions when the pool is warm enough. There are also REAP lessons offered. "When I was first here you couldn't have thrown half the kids off the wharf," said Kath. Now an annual sea-safety school event sees kids jumping off Halfmoon Bay Wharf in their pajamas, doing exercises, and swimming to the beach (and waiting thermos of hot chocolate).

"Wharf-jumping and swimming in our bays is a common after-school activity," said Kath. "The kids travel to Invercargill now to compete in swimming events. Every year, two or three kids are the top eight finalists in Southland at swim comps. They're the 20th best swimming school in Southland but that's not related to the size of the school... Me being me," said the competitive principal, "I went through those numbers and figured out that if you judged the schools per capita of students, we actually have the top results in Southland."

After much use, by 2019 it was evident that the pool was overdue for another spruce-up and repairs. "But there was always

something else to attend to and other projects continually took priority,” said Kath. “It all went in the too hard-basket ... It was just too hard to unwrap.”

And then, members of a Wakatipu-based visiting clay target shooting club showed up, and got the ball rolling. “Members of the gun club rocked into my office and asked if they could donate proceeds from their clay bird shoot event to the school,” said Kath. After a discussion, Kath and BOT chairwoman Mary Chitenden determined that making the clay shoot into a fundraiser for the school pool would be a tangible goal involving the Rugrats and the wider community.

The club of no fixed address, thus named NFA, hosted a clay target shoot on a Horseshoe Bay hillside in April 2019 and it was a great weekend for all involved. Parents and volunteers pulled together to create a feast for the event – the fare included the Ashers’ famous-on-Rakiura seafood chowder.

Logistically, the event was extremely challenging to organize and entailed transporting literal tonnes of equipment across Foveaux Strait. NRA member David Stretch attributes the financial success of the weekend to their sponsors. Rakiura Shipping donated the cost of the freight, Stewart Island Flights donated hundreds of dollars’ worth of flights, Helen Cave the use of the land, and Sheet Metal Craft donated a \$1000 BBQ for the raffle. They’re also grateful to sponsors Target products, Pete Ross Auto, All Purpose Engineering, Real Journeys, Southern Wings, and many others.

By the time the last of the 10,000 shells had been shot and the smell of gunpowder had cleared from the air, it became clear the event had been a monetary success beyond anyone’s wildest an-

icipation. NFA ended up gifting the school a whopping \$10,000!

Kath felt like they were ready to finally “unwrap” the school’s needs, and when they did, they realized it was a doozy. “We knew the pool needed some love, but we didn’t realise it needed \$40,000 worth of love,” said Kath.

With the massive injection of \$10,000 from NFA, the rest of the money slowly built behind it. The Community Trust of Southland gave another ten grand; and thousands more were donated collectively by the Lions and the ever-generous Pub Quiz. The sale of lily bulbs donated by Adin Geeson generated over \$6,000 (and resulted in the community adorned with gorgeous lilies this summer).

Almost all of the pool work has been done by volunteers or paid for by the South Sea Hotel. Helen Cave also covered the accommodation and meals for the pool repairman Ian. Helpful barman (and school BOT member) Paul Fitzsimons, who was a tiler in his pre-pub life, did all of the tiling work for the pool for free.

With new tiles, fresh coats of paint and a massive late-spring clean, the pool was finally ready for action. Pete’s swimming students were the first in the new pool. (The newly painted bottom is noticeably nicer on the soles.)

Massive thanks from the Stewart Island swimmers to everyone who has given their time and money to the pool. And a special big **THANK YOU** to the clay target club NFA, whose awesome generosity is most appreciated. And it’s good to know they enjoyed it so much they are planning a return fundraising event in April 2021. “It was great, and we are all keen to get back,” said Stretch. “We still talk about the lunch provided.”

New Pool, New Rules

With the new pool come new rules.

A pool key for the season costs \$100. Pool keys are only issued to users who attend the health and safety briefing offered at the start of the season.

DO NOT give your key to anyone who is not in your immediate family. Keys cannot be used as an Air B&B perk or loaned to visiting friends. DO NOT leave the door propped open or unlocked. There are huge liability issues associated with community pools. If unauthorized people start accessing the pool, the School Board of Trustees will have to shut the pool as we cannot afford the health and safety risk. It’s a bummer, but that’s the world we live in!

Megan Cowley and Pete Ross donate their time to manage the pool water. It can be time-consuming and expensive to keep the pool clean and healthy, so the new rules will help make their jobs easier and keep costs down.

Pool users must shower before entering the pool. Rinsing away sweat, dirt, dust and lotions first will keep the pool a lot cleaner.

Toddlers and babies must wear well-fitting swim nappies.

There is a Poo & Spew bucket on the toy shelf and instructions for how to handle a Code Brown.

Megan and Pete’s phone numbers are available, so call them with any serious issues with the pool.

In the case of a medical emergency call 111. Let a board member know if you use anything from the first aid bag, so supplies can be replaced.

Sign in. There is a sign-in sheet just inside the door: put your name and the number of swimmers in your party. Again, this helps Pete and Megan see what the pool use load is.

Please check the toilets while you’re in there. We don’t have a regular cleaner so it’s up to pool users to keep things tidy. Buckets of cleaning supplies are provided in each toilet. Thanks!



Church Chatter by Jo Riksem

This photograph reminds me of new life as the sun sets on the old and the next sunrise will bring in a new and exciting day, much like Easter which issues in new life. Eggs are also a sign of new life. My daughter Rene, no matter how old she gets, never forgets the exciting Easter egg hunts on Stewart Island at our place. May this Easter be a great time for new beginnings and new life as you enjoy time with friends and families.



Deep Bay at Sunset

Speakers for April 2020

- 5 April – Palm Sunday – 11 am**
- 10 April – Good Friday – 7:30 pm**
- 12 April – Easter Sunday – 11 am**

Rev. Dr. Hilary Oxford Smith is an ordained Church of Scotland minister who has lived in Aotearoa New Zealand since 2010. She is a writer, poet, experienced retreat facilitator in bereavement care and a Christian teacher in Celtic spirituality. She also offers spiritual direction as a soul friend and companion. She lived and worked on the Inner Hebridean island of Iona in Scotland for a few years, so Oban became a familiar ferry port for her sea journeys to her island destination! Before shifting to North Otago earlier this year, Hilary lived in Riverton and offered Sunday supply to several churches in Southland. She’s looking forward to sharing her ministry on Stewart Island.

19 April – Rev Donald Scott - Donald Scott is the Senior Pastor at Northcity Church, Christchurch, where he has been for 20 years.

Along with his wife Janice, they were both raised in the rolling hills of Southern Hawke’s Bay, both from farming backgrounds. Donald was a shearer for many years while also running a sheep and beef farm, also loving all things involving sport, his whānau (including new territory with 3 gorgeous mokopuna!), and a special interest in watching birds!

Donald and Janice love their ongoing journey of seeking to understand and embody what the church could sound like and look like throughout Aotearoa New Zealand, with a special interest in bicultural reconciliation and expression.

26 April – Rev. Glenda Hicks – a familiar face around the island with her family having deep roots here for many years. She is welcome return to us each year.

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

Stewart Island- Rakiura Community Board

Members: Jon Spraggon [Chairperson], Steve Lawrence [Deputy Chair], Aaron Conner, Anita Geeson, Gordon Leask, Rakiura Hertzhoff & Bruce Ford [Councillor]

Projects

- New replacement road being built to replace the section that has collapsed onto Ringa Ringa Beach.
- New footpath to be built from Mill Creek Bridges to Miro Crescent.
- New angle car parking, similar to that that has been constructed on Argyle Street, outside the new museum on Main Road.
- Along with many of the young families on the island designing and building additional playground facilities at the near end of Butterfields Beach. This will include a shelter over the present picnic table and the new outdoor BBQ facility that is planned. Additional playground items will be included as funds become available.

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What is it about lilies?

From early spring to mid-autumn they beguile us with their strong new growth, the promise of their unopened buds and then the glories of their form and colour and scent as they toss their heads in the breezes which surely blow here.

In this forgettable (weather-wise) summer season lilies have been the stand-out performers. Our native renga rengas put on a magnificent show in December. I was startled to discover that they are a member of the asparagus family, Asparagaciae, but so too apparently are all lilies, if you believe Wikipedia. Whatever, they provide great groundcover and a beautiful display of dainty, ivory white flowers on long stems – perfect for flower arranging. Their billowing underskirts of spent leaves can be whipped off and added to the compost and if their growth is too exuberant whole plants are easily uprooted.

Perhaps Environment Southland and Southland District Council could be encouraged to mass plant the renga rengas along our broom-and-gorse-threatened roadsides to help prevent the spread of those nasties. Rengas have the virtue of being native and environmentally acceptable, so that should keep the purists happy. Yes, I know, the rengas are very acceptable to the deer as well but maybe they would deflect the critters from literally nipping in the bud those other choice blooms we spend our gardening money on.

And what a temptation to spend was given us last autumn! Helen Cave and her team organised a fundraiser for the school pool renovations – beautiful Asiatic lily bulbs, bursting with good health and grown for export by Anita Geeson’s son Adin, were to be had for a fraction of the price we would pay in a plant shop. So great was the demand, Adin had to send a second consignment and a cool \$6,000 was raised in no time.

In the last few weeks masses of these lilies have glowed, white and gold, pink and maroon, in many an Island garden. The left over lilies – and there were quite a few! – had to go somewhere. And somewhere they did, in drifts and droves, in clumps and columns, a lusciousness of lilies, into Helen’s garden. A couple of Saturdays ago Helen and her team arranged a garden party at her Horseshoe Bay property. There was pink champagne. There were cucumber sandwiches and other delights. There were elegant summer dresses and fetching sunhats. And there were lilies in all their glory. Thank you, Helen and team, for all your efforts.

It is not only the aristocratic Asiatics which delight the eye and heart. Tiger lilies, both the common bright orange form and the paler double are blazing away at summer’s end. On the road to Braggs Bay there is a healthy clump of the giant arum, Green Goddess. Its creamy, equally elegant cousins, the common arum, stud the cliff face at Ringa Ringa. And then there is the Himalayan Lily, *Cardiocrinum giganteum*, the tallest in the world (up to 3 m) and tardy with it, taking 7 years from seed to flower. In some of our older gardens it forms whole groves of glistening green spikes, which, in their finest hour, culminate in richly scented white trumpets.

I’m reminded of the lovely Bible verse: *Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin. And yet I say to you, that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.* —Matt.6:28-29.

There is no consensus on which plant is meant by ‘lilies of the field’; they could be the Martagon or Turk’s Cap variety common throughout the Middle East. Some cinnamon-splotched cream ones were a lucky find on the roadside near a previous home on the mainland. They came with me here and have flourished mightily, a spring delight as pure and uplifting as a good deed or a kind word.

Happy gardening! *Raylene*



Pretty in pink.



The unusual double Tiger Lily which grows in many old gardens here.





Thank you Jake Osborne for all of these photos!





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Kia ora Rakiura. On Waitangi Day, **Future Rakiura** was privileged to be able to put on a hangi for the community. It went off without a hitch, what a very happy and enjoyable event for all!

Reinstating the Watangi Day hangi is just one of the events that we have planned for the upcoming year and these will definitely be continued for years to come!

It was awesome to see so many people from our community out together, enjoying the sporadic but lovely sunshine, sharing stories and delicious kai. These events obviously don't just happen on a whim, it was with a lot of collaborative effort and amazing team work. Just shy of 300 meals were prepped up the day before, many hands have dug the pit, attended to the fires and planted the hangi baskets into the red hot ground.

All of this work was well rewarded by the festivity of the event itself. I don't know about you but we are already look forward to the next community event!

We would love to hear your thoughts and ideas on how the hangi was for you. Also if you have any suggestions, they are always welcome too! Thank you for sharing in this amazing community with us all. We look forward to sharing this Island tradition with you all again next year!



On my way back from walking Nonu at Horseshoe beach I stopped to offer this couple a ride as I could see they were post-hike. They shared the exciting news with me that they got engaged on the Rakiura track! I felt very privileged to be the first person they had told - and apologises to both sets of parents - but Tyler's Mum already knew that he'd planned to pop the question. Anyway here's a wee snap of happy couple Jen and Tyler after I'd dropped them at the backpackers (Nonu was not very interested). —Jules Retberg

The **Stewart Island Man of the Year** competition, an iconic Rugsrats fundraiser, was another whopping success this year, though it did not go off without a few hitches.

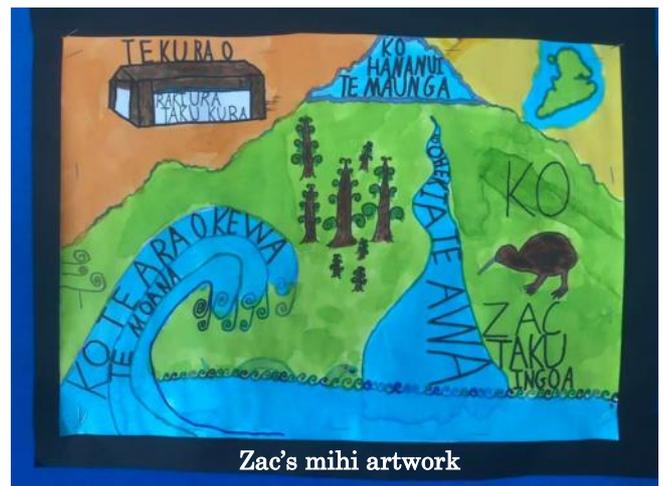
Hiccup number one was the unexpected arrival of a 2,000-passenger cruise ship, re-routed from its Fiordland tour due to Southland floods. As one event organizer put it: "those passengers were hoping to see the flowing waterfalls of Milford, and will now see waterfalls of vomit." This indeed came to pass during the paua guts smoko challenge.

Another snafu occurred early on in the event. If you'd told an American lady that she'd end up getting her nose broken by a gumboot on Stewart Island someday, she might have said *hush yo mouth*, but this also came to pass during the (you guessed it) gumboot throw, when an errant steel-tipped gumboot caught an unlucky observer in the face. With the exception of this unfortunate incident, everyone greatly enjoyed the day and two visitors loved what they saw so much that they donated \$2,000 to Ruggies, bringing the day's kitty up to \$6,784! One lady begged for the shirt off Grim's back (vintage *shuck'em & suck'em*) but blokes and good bastards don't part easily with their favourite tees and she was denied the sweaty memento. At the end of the day, Luke Simeon held onto the title, with Riki Rudin-Jones and Ollie Peckham not far behind. Rhys Leask won for People's Choice and most spectacular, ahem, "waterfall" through his beard. For photos and videos go to Stewart Island Man of the Year on FB. Sensitive-tummied-viewer discretion advised.



Electrix Tournament at Ring Ringa Heights Golf Club

Winning team Luke Squires, Sam Guest, Morgan Hamilton and Ty Jenkinson pose with club patron Lorna Hitchcock. Lorna didn't play this year but Pete Bayne reckons if anyone would have gotten the \$1,000 hole-in-one it would have been her, as she has done it in the past! Seven teams played and it was a great day on the course.



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MUSEUM MATTERS by Jo Riksem

PHOTOS FROM THE PAST



Olga - Black and white copy



Olga - Hand coloured copy

We sometimes get hand coloured photographs that come in and they are a real treat. **Hand-colouring** refers to any method of manually adding colour to a black-and-white photograph, generally either to heighten the realism of the photograph or for artistic purposes. Hand-colouring is also known as hand painting or overpainting.

Typically, watercolours, oils, crayons or pastels, and other paints or dyes are applied to the image surface using brushes, fingers, cotton swabs or airbrushes. Hand-coloured photographs were most popular in the mid- to late-19th century before the invention of colour photography and some firms specialised in producing hand-coloured photographs.

OLGA was a boat with a long and interesting history. She was built in 1906 by the *Leask* brothers in their big shed at Leask Bay. In 1911 she was pulled ashore, cut in two, and lengthened to 32 feet overall. Built of kauri, she was powered by a 5hp Standard engine, later replaced with a 12/24 Morris Marine. Having no wheelhouse, she was originally steered by tiller. In November 1929 she was sold by *Edgar Jensen* to *Eric Leask* for 190 pounds and for the next forty-one years, was owned and operated by him. In 1970, he sold **OLGA** to his daughter *Olive* and her husband *Blair Driscoll*. They made extensive alterations to the vessel.

OLGA carried more than 20,000 passengers on sightseeing trips over a period of thirty-two years. She also carried a tripod, a billy, a carton of mugs and tins of baking, because all those tourists were treated to home-made scones or pikelets, baked daily by *Eric's* wife *Eunice*. These were served along with tea from the billy boiled on whichever beach was the day's destination. **OLGA** was also engaged in fishing during the off season, fishing that was mainly handlining for blue cod and set-netting along the shore from Saddle Point to East Cape, using up to five tanned cotton nets which were set and retrieved from the dinghy. Sadly, she went missing on 24 April 1973, when crossing Foveaux Strait to Bluff, with the loss of the two men aboard, *Blair Driscoll* and *Len McLellan*. An oyster boat later found some wreckage off Murray River which was identified as being part of **OLGA**.

Acquisitions for February archival material relating to George Fife, framed panoramic hand coloured photograph of Halfmoon Bay by RP Moore, and two black and white photographs, one Horseshoe Bay and one Halfmoon Bay.

Searches for February - Mere's Adventures book illustrated by Sheila Natusch and first white child to be born on Stewart Island "Zela"?

Groups for February were six cruise ships.

For Sale: We have a limited amount of out of print books written by Sheila Natusch. They are Brother Wohlers, Hell and High Water, Pocketful of Pebbles and New Zealand Mosses. This is your chance to update your Stewart Island library.

Summer hours: Monday through Saturday 10 - 1:30 and Sundays 12 - 2 pm, apart from Cruise ship days when we will be open 9.30am until 4.00pm



This is a large and complex task and we're up for it.

The Predator Free Rakiura project aims to remove rats, possums, feral cats and hedgehogs from Rakiura and the surrounding islands, because we know that our community will benefit and our wildlife, forests and coastlines will be healthier in the absence of introduced predators.

In March Tane Davis (of staunch tītī whanau lineage and recently recognised as a member of the NZ Order of Merit) will speak to the Halfmoon Bay School kids about the tītī islands, saddleback and snipe transfers, his dreams for kākāpō and for Predator Free Rakiura. Two of our Halfmoon Bay School students will head out with DOC staff to check traps on Ulva Island.



Tutukiwi / Snares snipe on Whenua Hou.
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We'd like to invite you to an evening of exciting and inspiring conservation talks. Save the date for the evening of 15th April 2020, details in the next SIN.



Predation by feral cats was the primary reason for the transfer of kākāpō to pest-free islands. Imagine if we didn't have any feral cats and could keep them off? Photo: Environment Southland

Feral cats! Have you noticed more this season? We have. Following a very productive masting year we saw lots of rats and now we're seeing lots of feral cats. Feral cats are a target predator for removal in the Predator Free Rakiura project because they predate on native birds, reptiles and invertebrates. Neither pet cats nor deer are targeted for removal in Predator Free Rakiura. Predation by feral cats was the primary reason for the transfer of kākāpō to pest-free islands. The surrounding islands are feral cat-free. Imagine if we didn't have any feral cats and could keep them off Rakiura? While we wait for a Predator Free Rakiura, many organisations and individuals are controlling feral cats on their land. Live capture cages are a great way to control cats in the township – a pet cat can be returned to their owner and a feral cat can be removed. Cats can travel several kilometres. It's important to make sure feral cat control is humane.

Humane removal methods include a sharp blow to the head with something heavy, close range shot to the head with a .22, or they can be taken to a vet. Borrow a live capture cage for free from our friends in SIRCET. Timms traps are kill traps that can be used outside of residential areas, these would need to be used without risk to domestic cats, kiwi, weka or kaka. These can be raised 1000mm, on a platform with a ramp, in areas with kiwi and weka. Other options include the Conibear and SA2 Kat Trap. What to bait with? Fish frames, meat offcuts, tinned cat food are options to consider. If you are spotlighting on your property (prohibited on public land), away from pet cats, you can spot your feline target by their bright green eye shine. We support responsible pet cat ownership including neutering and micro-chipping pet cats. For more information on what to do with feral cats on your property, google 'Environment Southland pest hub' (<https://pesthubs.govt.nz>).

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We want to hear from you! To share your aspirations, ideas, questions and concerns please contact Bridget (bridget.carter@southlanddc.govt.nz / 027 212 7809), Sandy King (03 219 1102), John Cushen (027 640 7522) or Garry Neave (03 219 1385).

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- Rakiura Marine Guardians
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400 Words by *Beverley Osborn*

Have you ever watched on TV programmes about hoarders? The situations which form the setting for each episode are extreme and one wonders how unhappy with their living conditions those compulsive hoarders must be. But the reason behind their hoarding habit can often be applauded. There's that old proverb – "waste not, want not" – and we are hearing more frequently through the media these days that we have become a "throw away" society which needs to curb its wasteful habits.

The "throw away" mindset is, of course, encouraged by manufacturers who produce articles guaranteed to last over an ever shortening time frame. When those articles fail after the stated time, we expect to abandon them and buy replacements – very good for business but very bad for a pollution free environment.

I am one of the Knit and Knatter group on the Island. As most *Stewart Island News* readers will know, we enjoy providing a bag of knitted goods to welcome each new Island baby. We also knit for a variety of other causes – Mission Without Borders, Southland Neo-natal unit, Cancer Society, Rest Homes, and articles we can sell to raise money for more wool and to support some local causes. As the years go by, we each find ourselves with an increasing stash of leftover small balls of wool and we're faced with a decision about discarding or inventing ways of using those bits and pieces. Dumping might be easiest but it goes against the grain and we are delighting in each other's creativity.

I think that this decision process could be useful for life choices too. It's good to take stock sometimes of habits and mindsets we acquired because they once worked for us. Do they still apply? Should we abandon them or adapt them into fresh aids for daily living?

Where better to start a new year and decade than with a basic beginner -- an ABC for daily living?

- Act wisely,
- Be courteous,
- Cut out worrying,
- Deal squarely,
- Eat what is wholesome,
- Forgive and forget,
- Generate kindness,
- Hope always,
- Imitate the best,
- Judge compassionately,
- Knock nobody,
- Love generously,
- Make friends,
- Never despair,
- Owe nobody,
- Play often,
- Question glib statements,
- Read good books,
- Speak out for justice,
- Tell no lies,
- Use diversions,
- Vote independently,
- Waste nothing, including possibilities,
- X-ray yourself,
- Yield to specialists,
- Zero in on living with zest and AS zest.

Sarah's Rakiura Remarks

from the office of MP Sarah Dowie

It has been an honour and privilege to represent you as the MP for Invercargill. And while the call to step down at the end of the current parliamentary term isn't one I've taken lightly, it's a decision that is right for me and my family.

I look back on my time in Parliament fondly. Chairing the Justice Select Committee's busy legislative agenda, including family violence reforms in my first term, immediately springs to mind. So too does Extending the Keeping in Touch hours (the hours that mothers on parental leave can take from employment without affecting their entitlement) under the Parental Leave and Employment Protection Amendment Act.

Leading the conservation portfolio and policy development as National's spokesperson for the last two years is another highlight. I continue to believe that collaborative approaches, working together with hunters and fishers, will achieve more for the environment in the long run. The gains made on the Island with respect to pest control pay tribute to this.

Advocacy work has always been a passion of mine and I'm proud of how public awareness was raised in the Tahr and Whitebait campaigns. My Member's Bill proposing practical regulations on shark cage diving will hopefully have its first reading in Parliament this month. If the vote on the Bill is successful it will go to Select Committee for further consideration.

Stewart Island has changed a lot over the six years I've been your local MP. There have been a lot of welcome developments and the Island is starting to get the exposure it deserves. For instance, there were 23 cruise ships this season, compared with 18 that visited the year before. That this number continues to grow isn't surprising because the Island's beauty and birdlife on display—where the calls of Kiwi sound long into the night—offers an experience like no other!

Whether it be it boosting the bank balances of Oban's shops or ensuring that the South Sea hotel continues to hum, it's fair to say that tourism is key to so much of the local community. At the same time it's important this natural beauty isn't taken for granted and that there's the infrastructure to match.

A one-size-fits-all approach never works and I'd like to think that during my time as MP I've stuck up for local communities, recognising the different interests they have. For instance, on the subject of education, an isolated school like Halfmoon Bay will always be different to those in Invercargill.

Until the end of the current Parliamentary term I'll continue to be available for any constituency concerns you might have. As always, should you wish to discuss an issue with me or if there is anything I can help you with, you can contact me on (03) 218 6813 or email sarah.dowiemp@parliament.govt.nz.

Across

- 2. Very concerned about accuracy and detail (10)
- 10. An infective agent that typically consists of a nucleic acid molecule in a protein coat (5)
- 11. Assist (4)
- 12. Level (4)
- 14. Bay in Paterson Inlet named after a Shetland Isle (5,3)
- 16. Leering (6)
- 17. Paddle (3)
- 18. Strongly recommend (4)
- 19. Short high-voltage electrical discharge between cloud and ground or within a cloud (9)
- 21. I am, you are, he/she/it _____ (2)
- 22. To tidy and clean feathers with a beak (birds) (5)
- 23. Frequently (5)
- 25. Tall deciduous tree with rough serrated leaves (3)
- 26. Ask for or obtain something without paying for it (5)
- 28. Light frozen precipitation (4)
- 30. Trading period (of shop) (7,5)
- 31. Weapons (4)
- 32. Cab (4)
- 33. Waste away (7)

- 34. Native of Denmark (4)
- 35. The transmission of voice and multimedia over Internet Protocol networks (1,1,1,1)
- 38. Image (often humorous) copied and spread rapidly by internet users (4)
- 39. Young female (4)
- 41. The entrails of an animal used as food (5)
- 44. Towards a higher place or position (2)
- 46. Famous luxury watch brand (5)
- 48. Trouble or afflict in mind or body (3)
- 49. The SI unit of pressure (*abbrev*) (2)
- 50. Before the present (3)
- 52. Put on (clothing) (3)
- 54. Person who leads prayer in a Mosque (4)
- 56. Greek God of the Sun (6)
- 57. SI unit of luminous flux (5)
- 59. And so on... (*abbrev*) (3)
- 60. Cape at the southern tip of South America (4)
- 61. A category of taste in food (besides sweet, sour, salt and bitter) (5)
- 62. Powerful hallucinogenic drug (1,1,1)
- 63. Beneath (5)

- 65. Suffix on Russian web addresses (2)
- 66. Single (3)
- 67. Queensland mining city, Mount _____ (3)
- 68. Admire or respect (6)
- 69. Utilise (3)

Down

- 1. Stewart Island's golf course (10,7)
- 2. Pointless (6)
- 3. Extremely stupid or foolish (7)
- 4. Bitumen (3)
- 5. Common small seabird (6,6)
- 6. Widely cultivated species of Allium (5)
- 7. Disfigurement (4)
- 8. To make rude and mocking remarks (4)
- 9. Open out flat (6)
- 11. A home and its occupants (9)
- 13. Ovum (3)
- 15. A stretch of salt water separated from the sea by a sandbank or reef (6)
- 20. Primate species to which modern humans belong (4,7)
- 21. Irritation (4)
- 24. Misty (5)

- 26. To say something incorrectly (12)
- 27. Annual event world-famous in Edendale! (5,2)
- 29. Intentional relinquishing of a known right or interest (6)
- 36. Traditional Inuit shelter made from 28 *Across* (5)
- 37. Location of the biennial Southern Fielddays (7)
- 40. Receive [*abbrev*] (of radios) (2)
- 42. Lack of success (7)
- 43. Andean pack animal (5)
- 45. Frying implement (3)
- 47. Repulsive (6)
- 51. Intergovernmental economic organisation founded in 1961 (1,1,1,1)
- 53. Shop (5)
- 55. Reminders (4)
- 58. Cube root of 729 (4)
- 59. Moose (3)
- 60. That girl (3)
- 64. Chemical symbol for Sodium (2)

Find the circled letters to spell a large Stewart Island river.

Created by Ben Hopkins

Last month's solution: Across: 1 Tutane kai, 5 Osmosis, 12 Port, 13

- Poplar, 15 Penrod, 18 Reap, 19 Neolithic, 20 CA, 21 Etiology, 23 Torpedo, 25 Na, 26 Pot, 28 Aidi, 29 Deter, 31 Ear, 32 Yaps, 34 Near, 36 Sanitary, 38 Charged, 40 Aim, 41 Nerd, 42 Any, 43 Sea, 44 Age, 46 Imp, 50 Moot, 53 Steaks, 55 Sag, 58 Ink, 59 Iliad, 62 Mohair, 63 Indemnity, 65 Tone, 67 Ta, 68 Riot, 70 Idea, 71 Gramophone, 72 Dire, 74 Nu, 75 Shashay, 76 Mended, 77 so.
- Down: 1 Tapestry, 2 Topography, 3 Nuanced, 4 Ample, 6 Spoil, 7 Mod Con, 8 Or, 9 Stray, 10 Starboard, 11 Anti, 14 Reading, 16 Either, 17 Rhodesia, 22 Gaming, 24 Pisa, 26 Pear, 27 Try, 29 Dad, 30 Ram, 33 Acne, 35 Eel, 37 Teem, 39 Ramekin, 40 Aegean, 45 Iterate, 46 IT, 47 Pa, 48 Islet, 49 As, 51 Ovation, 52 Higgins, 53 Skate, 54 Kid, 56 Amyloid, 57 Go, 60 Image, 61 Dilate, 64 Needy, 66 Oath, 68 RH, 69 Onus, 73 Re
- Highlighted words: Christmas Village

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