

# STEWART ISLAND NEWS

## “CELEBRATE STEWART ISLAND”

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### Editor's Bit

*Chris Visser*

Welcome to issue three of the 'new' Stewart Island news. Thank you to all who have sent in contributions for this issue. In putting this issue together I am again reminded of all those people in our community who work hard at doing things for our community on a voluntary basis. I wish I could organise a Community Thank You chocolate Award for every single one of you because you all deserve our appreciation.

I have just been away for a week doing a course in Kaikoura on how to set up a community based recycling / resource recovery scheme. I've written an article about this later on in the paper so you all know what is going on – but the thing that really struck me in Kaikoura and all the other small communities I visited on the way back to Bluff was that our community is the envy of so many others. Places like Kaikoura, Raikaia and Ashburton are jealous of our ability to influence, manage and control what goes on here. I know that some people feel we are at the hands of decisions made in Wellington – and while that is true to a degree we have the ability to grab a good idea and run with it. Even small towns can't achieve what we can. We have huge opportunities here to be an effective

community that other places simply don't have – for that we really should count our blessings.

I'll put together another issue just before Christmas – publication date will be 16 December – so if you have any articles please email them me at [possum.stewartisland@xtra.co.nz](mailto:possum.stewartisland@xtra.co.nz) or post to PO Box 123 Stewart Island.

Looking around the place it appears we are all working hard in anticipation of a busy summer season – new restaurants, maybe even a movie theatre, a new motel complex and a "bay front" location for Rakiura Arts T Shirt business. Good luck to everyone trying something new this summer.

#### *In this issue;*

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*Read on.....*

### Money available for education – Rakiura Education Trust

*Barry Rhodes*

As you are probably aware the Rakiura Education Trust is up and running since it was formulated shortly after the opening of the National Park. The founding members are Gwen Neave, Sharon Pasco, Jan LeQuesne, Peter Goomes and Barry Rhodes. In the next few months we will be looking at calling for nominations to endorse or replace trustee(s) as there is a roll over system developed to

bring in new people at the same time as ensuring continuity.

At the moment we have approximately \$26 000 made up of \$10 000 from the Minister of Conservation, \$6 000 from the proceeds of the Opening celebrations and \$10 000 from an anonymous benefactor. This is currently invested and other sources of funding are being investigated to increase the Trust funds.

However the really great news is that we have been given a grant from Southland Trust which we can use immediately while our base fund builds up.

*Applications forms are now available for consideration for assistance in educational opportunities for individuals and groups. These applications close on the 15th of December and the forms are available from Sharon at Doc or Barry at Stewart Island Flights Depot.*

Included with the form is the outline of criteria required for a successful application.

Probably the most important is the benefit to the Community, however if you feel you need more information or advice feel free to discuss this with the Trust members. They are all approachable but they will not be able to indicate the outcome of your applications success or not as it has to go to the whole Trust. We look forward to your applications and good luck.

## Ship to Shore News

*Donna Hamilton*

Hi guys, the busy season is starting and we are all now getting organised for the xmas season, as you will soon see by the shop. We are in the process of painting the interior at the moment, so we apologise for the inconvenience. Though hope the result will be an improvement.

Just a couple of points for you all to be aware of:

Do watch the signs on the door as we will be starting to open later now the summer is approaching, so at this stage we see ourselves being open till 7pm by the end of November and then 7.30 by the end of December. So watch this space.

We will also be open on Xmas day, - Don't you worry we are not asking the staff to give up their lives!! But Gareth will be away so hey, I wont have anything better to do!! At

this stage we will be open for a couple of hours for those last minute forgotten things. So please come on in and say hi!

ICECREAM CONES ARE COMING - yes we will be taking over the DEEP SOUTH ice-cream cones for you all ice-cream addicts. This will be in store over the next week or so.

Fern is now in the process of ordering Xmas Hams, so if you would like to order one, please see her in the next week or so. Apart from that, enjoy the busy season and please let us know if you have any suggestions, complaints etc.

Have a great XMAS.  
Ship to Shore.



Department of Conservation  
*Te Papa Atawhai*

## Possum Control on Rakiura/Stewart Island

The first intensive possum control operation on Stewart Island is due to commence within the next few weeks. Four possum control firms have been contracted over 6000 hectares of Rakiura National Park as part of a Department of Conservation programme to reduce possum numbers at the most ecologically significant sites on Stewart Island.

The areas to be targeted this year include the Rakeahua, Mason Bay and Freshwater areas of the island. The contractors will be using a combination of leg-hold traps, encapsulated cyanide (Feratox™) and 1080 pellets in biodegradable bait bags. The control work is likely to take until the end of February to complete. The Southland District

Council and the Medical Officer of Health (Public Health South) have given consent for this work to be undertaken.

This initiation of possum control on Stewart Island, is the result of a lot of effort from the Stewart Island Pest Management Liaison Group. This group was formed from members of the local community, as well as interest groups such as Forest and Bird and New Zealand Deer Stalkers Association. The group has provided valuable input into the process and is supportive of the methods chosen for possum control.

Trampers in the area are likely to see warning signs placed along tracks and at huts in areas where the work is being undertaken. Baits containing cyanide and 1080 are poisonous to humans and poisoning can

occur through handling or eating the bait. These risks can be eliminated by following these simple rules:

- DO NOT handle any bait**
- DO NOT allow CHILDREN to wander un-supervised**
- DO NOT bring DOGS into the area**
- DO NOT handle or take ANIMALS for eating.**

Hunting blocks will be closed while contractors are working to ensure their safety. Hunters wishing to hunt in the 'open' hunting block will also be restricted to outside of the possum control areas. These details are available on permit application.

For further information, please contact Malcolm Wylie at the Stewart Island Field Centre (Ph: 03 2190 011).

## RAKIURA SEASCOUTS

*David Squire*

On the 20th October the scout group travelled to Invercargill for The Southland area Scout & cub Touch Tournament.

We left on the 8.am Ferry and on arrival in Bluff travelled to Splash Palace where an enjoyable hour and half was spent. The Scouts sat their swimmers badge which involved swimming 200 metres, retrieving an object from the bottom of the pool and rescuing someone from the middle of the pool. All 10 Scouts were successful in passing this badge.

After Splash Palace it was on out to Centrepoint Park for the touch tournament. The Scouts started off with a hiss and a roar

demolishing 1st Gore troop 6 nil. The next game was against Jellicoe from Invercargill and although giving a good account of themselves Rakiura were beaten 3 nil. Jellicoe went on to contest the final against Wainawa and although strongly supported on the sideline by the Rakiura group Jellicoe were beaten 3-1. A very good day out and a special thanks must go to Stewart Island Marine without whose support this trip wouldn't have been possible. Also a big thankyou to Glowing Sky Who donated the groups' activity shirts which were admired by many at the Tournament.

### WANTED...

The Rakiura Seascouts desperately need a storage shed or boat shed for our soon to be purchased 18' Scout Cutter and its associated equipment - Mast, Sails, Oars etc. If any one can help please contact either Jon Spraggon or David Squire

#### Cub Leader

Cub leaders are needed to take cubs next year. We have one but two would be better – there are such a lot of people out there who have so much to offer our island kids - for further information contact David Squire

## STEWART ISLAND GARDEN CIRCLE

*Jenny Gell*

The Annual General Meeting was held at the home of Raylene Waddell on 12th September, Raylene having completed her two years as Secretary was thanked for all the hard work she had put into the job, and Anita Geeson was elected as Secretary.

Vouchers for the most points scored for the year went to: First - Lil Skipper, Second - Raylene Waddell and Third - Mavis Tait.

We welcomed two (and a half) new members, Belinda Dobbin (and Jack) and Helen Bennett.

Nancy Schofield was presented with a bouquet of flowers made up from flowers brought by members, to celebrate Nancy and Murray's Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Competition results for September: Rhod/Azalea (1) Jenny Gell, (2) Anita Geeson (3) Mavis Tait

Camellia (1) Lil Skipper (2) Iris Tait (3) Peggy Wilson  
Daffodil (1) Lil Skipper (2) Iris Tait (3) Peggy Wilson and Anita Geeson  
Inhouse prize for "Know your seeds" went to (1) Iris (2) Anita (3) Nancy

October's meeting was held at the home of Anita Geeson

Competition results:  
Iris (1) Anita Geeson (2) Lil Skipper (3) Peggy Wilson  
Yellow Flower (1) Nancy Schofield (2) Peggy Wilson (3) Lil Skipper  
Azalea (1) Lil Skipper (2) Mavis Tait (3) Nancy Schofield  
Inhouse Competition for "Blue Flowers" was won by Myra Leask.

Next Meeting on 14th November at 2.0. at Mavis Taits - All Welcome.



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	Street Maps should be out mid November.	
	All details for the new 56 page Stewart Island brochure are at the printer. The	
	100,000 copies are due out before Christmas	
	Barry Rhodes and Jo Leask will be away at the Christchurch A&P Show to let	
	Cantabrians know all about Stewart Island.	
	Updates for eth Stewart Island Clear Files are being sent to the 410 clearfile	
	holders around NZ in mid November.	
	The 95 members of the Promotions Association are looking forward to a busy	
	summer!	
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## Stewart Island Snippets

*Caroline Squires*

George Turner was a Stewart Island resident from the 1920's, a philanthropist with the Island in his heart. He gifted 'Raroa' – the two storey home above the Fuchsia Walk to "Forestry" – now the Department of Conservation, as well as the Forest and Bird Cottage for society members. He was responsible for early tracks and signage, as well being one of the few members of the Royal Society of Photographers. He recorded on film birdlife and local scenery – and a highlight for him


was the expedition with the Squires Family abroad the "Ho Ho" to the Auckland Islands in the 1950's.

On one of his travels to his homeland England, George visited Copenhagen with his wife. They dined at their hotel and to their astonishment discovered two other couples from Stewart Island! Sp you see Stewart Islanders have always been on the move...

The following is a travel diary of Islander Journeys this year – SIN would like to hear from you about your travels!

KEITH & ELAINE BAILEY - AUSTRALIA- MURRAY RIVER, JIM MAAS - BARRETT - CANADA,GERMANY HILLE MASS- BARRETT - GERMANY, HUGH & ISABELLE BROUGHTON – ALASKA, GRANT CAVE & HELEN - ZIMBABWE, RICHARD CAVE - MONTREAL, MURRAY CAVANAGH & JAN WEST - AUSTRALIA,M RIVER, LES & BEV COWLEY - AUSTRALIA M RIVER, TRUDI CREIGHTON - VANAWATU, ALISTER EADE & JAN RICHARDS - VIETNAM, EAMON GANLEY - ENGLAND,EUROPE, GARETH & DONNA HAMILTON - AUSTRALIA, KIRSTEN HANSEN & HUSBAND - BALI, HERZHOFF FAMILY - GERMANY, SHADIA JACK - FIJI, SANDY KING - McQUARRIE ISLAND CHATHAMS, HOBART CRAIG LITTLEJOHN &NIC CALTEAUX - AUSTRALIA, IAN & SUE MUNROE - AUSTRALIA M RIVER, FRANCESCA PASCOE - SOUTH AFRICA, SKATING FOR NZ, MARTIN PEPERS - FIJI, SALLY ROONEY & HUSBAND - RUSSIA.SWEDEN US MALAYSIA, TED & MARGARET ROONEY - TONGA, BELINDA SAWYER - ENGLAND,DIANE SMITH - ENGLAND, PHILLIP SMITH - AUSTRALIA, SARAH SMITH - ENGLAND,EUROPE, KERRY SQUIRE – BALI, LISA SQUIRES – VIETNAM, BRIDGET & SIMONE SQUIRES THAILAND,ENGLAND, EUROPE, RUSSELL & CAROLYN SQUIRES - FIJI, PETER & IRIS TAIT - FRENCH POLYNESIA, PHILLIPA FRASER WILSON & IAN WILSON - THAILAND, VIETNAM.

Do let us know if we have missed your trip and it can occur in the next SIN.  
CAROLYN SQUIRES

 *Employment Wanted :*

Mature, experienced, multi-talented, reliable, hard-worker seeks employment either part time/full time or casual/permanent otherwise will have to leave the Island to survive. Anything considered, immediate start. Please contact:

Stewart Dovey, phone 2191100 (leave a message) or call at the caravan on Ferndale (or stop me if you see me)

## Councillor Comment

*Bill Todd*

I'm 12 months into my three year term as your representative on the Southland District Council, and one thing stands out above all others. That is the way that funding constrains everything that the community wishes to achieve.

Our Mayor, Frana Cardno, and CEO Michael Ross continue to keep pressure on Central Government to get funding to upgrade facilities on our island, as promised by previous ministers.

Frana met Michael Cullen in September and we had expected a response last month, but

at least the government has acknowledged its responsibilities, and we wait in hope for the funding.

The 11 other councillors I sit with have all visited Stewart Island / Rakiura, of course, and understand our particular needs. While they all have responsibilities within their own wards, they are very supportive of our local area.

The final draft of our guidelines for development will be available shortly, after taking into account the wide of range of submissions received.

I think they will strike a good balance as a guide for future development and infrastructure, and give the island something to operate within.

The Community Board has also resolved to obtain an engineering report for costings for extensions to the sewerage scheme.

While there is a cost to landowners within the proposed areas, it is most necessary and

must be considered a well justified capital investment on any property.

The year 2002 is running out and may we all look forward to continued and controlled development on the island, and be able to handle the visitor influx that occurs during our summer season.

Bill Todd  
Southland District Councillor

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## Stewart Island Wine and Cheese Night

Kari Farmer

Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> September I met Wendy and Lynne (still clutching hands after their flight "ordeal") off the Stewart Island Flights van. After coaxing their fingers around a wine glass and some nibbles at home, we carried on to prepare the RSA Pavilion for a great night of laughs, socialising and wine and cheese tasting.

The night started on "Stewart Island time" with a glass of Matua Valley Bubbly. Lynne introduced herself from Matua Valley Wines, which is a part of that great Australian owned company, Fosters, and spoke a little on how wineries are benefited by being a part of a larger, Australian, organisation (perhaps a little bias on the *Australian* bit.) Far from narrowing the range, the monetary back-up allows winemakers more freedom to experiment. The results can be stunning, and the mishaps not quite as devastating. Lynne went on to talk about the wine we had in our hands as most people started to wish they hadn't swallowed the glass just yet. Wendy, meanwhile, was already busy handing around a beautiful double-cream brie, which she also spoke about.

Over the course of the night we heard about cheese making processes, when to eat and how to store cheeses, Lynne and Wendy's other airplane experiences, even some taste sensations and cooking suggestions from all over the room.

Apparently, brie and camembert differ only in the ways each individual cheesemaker chooses to make them differ, and both are best kept until right on the use-by-date before cutting. Blue cheeses are best kept for as long as you dare (or as long as you can hide them from your partner in my case) and all cheeses, each time they are cut, survive best when wrapped in fresh cling film and sealed in separate containers. The last thing you want to do now is contaminate your brie with a blue cheese mold!

The wines we tasted were equally glamorous, as usual some more than others. I think it is safe to say there was a wine there to suit everyone's tastes. Working through the South Seas Hotel, Lynne offered special bottle prices over the next week for people who attended and I know Brent and my wine collection saw the need for an extra shelf after the night. Wendy gave each of us a Kapiti Cheese Newsletter which described several cheeses, gave a few recipes and some general big-city gossip.

Helpful hints? I personally liked the marriage of the Port Wine Vintage Cheddar with the Matua Mathesons Cabernet Merlot, but if a dessert is more your style it would be hard to go past the Kahurangi Blue accompanying the sweet, yet refreshing Late Harvest Muscat.

Here's Cheers!

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## Tales from the Cofferdam

Stewart Dovey

One of the Island's newer residents spent (or should that be "misspent"?) his youth working as a Radio Officer on BP oil tankers back in the 1970's. These tales have been selected from his experiences aboard these vessels and might explain why Stewart Island was chosen as a final resting place!!

What is a radio officer? The communications centre on any ship is a vital link with the outside world and the radio staff on a ship are fortunate that they are only answerable to the ship's master. Although the primary purpose of a radio officer (or *Sparks* as he/she is usually known) is to summon assistance in the case of distress, this very rarely happens these days. All sparks are required to spend their first six months at sea under the supervision of a more senior officer. The junior radio officer always carries the nickname *Baby Sparks*.

### Ship - the British Adventure.

Yes, my first ship at the tender age of 18! Straight out of Polytech, Baby Sparks was thrown into the real world and joined the *Adventure* at Falmouth drydock in the far southwest of England. Expecting a sparkling new ship, the truth was a bit of a blow. A ship in drydock is the saddest sight on earth - dignity all but gone, covered in soot, grease, rust and drydock workers. However, grit the teeth, put on a brave smile and struggle up the gangway with a suitcase packed for a 6 month trip.

The first impression of chaos was soon to be overshadowed by meeting the ship's second engineer. Fresh out of the boiler room, drenched in sweat, overalls covered with a congealed mixture of oil and rust, this paragon of cynicism was to be the bane of my life for the first two months on the ship. As soon as he saw the fresh-faced boy standing

disorientated on the deck in his nice shiny new uniform, a gleam came into his eye. Fresh meat! A lamb to the slaughter!

Ship's engineers are a funny breed. They tend to form cliques, think they can run all the functions of a ship by themselves (who needs Mates or Sparks or Cooks?) and generally shuffle around in a fog of negativity and mistrust. They rarely change out of their overalls (or boiler suits as they like to call them), eat in the crew's messroom so they don't have to wash. They can hear the distinctive hiss of a beer can being opened at a range of 100 metres - even between decks.

Baby Sparks was assigned the oldest, gruffest and hottest cabin amidships. The taps on the sink didn't work, the porthole wouldn't open and the lino on the deck had wrinkles big enough to trip up an elephant. Never mind, it was home and it didn't have to be shared with anyone else. After two more weeks in drydock it was finally time to set sail. What a relief! The destination was the Persian Gulf, a promise of exotic times and unknown excitement. Don't mention the 55 degree Celsius temperatures and a ship with no air-conditioning.

The first event after leaving the English Channel and battling the always-choppy Bay of Biscay was the ceremony of *Crossing the Line*. This time-honoured event is the initiation of all newcomers to the navy who have not previously crossed the Equator. A pantomime is held where King Neptune presides over a mock court. The unlucky inductees have hair shaved (from the head if you're fortunate), have tar and paint daubed in awkward places and are generally good-heartedly chastised for being landlubbers.

**Happy Birthday Neville King!!!**

**Neville celebrated his 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday on 12<sup>th</sup> October with a gathering at the RSA. Congratulations Neville!!**

## STEWART ISLAND PLAYERS CELEBRATE 21 PRODUCTIONS

Gwen Neave

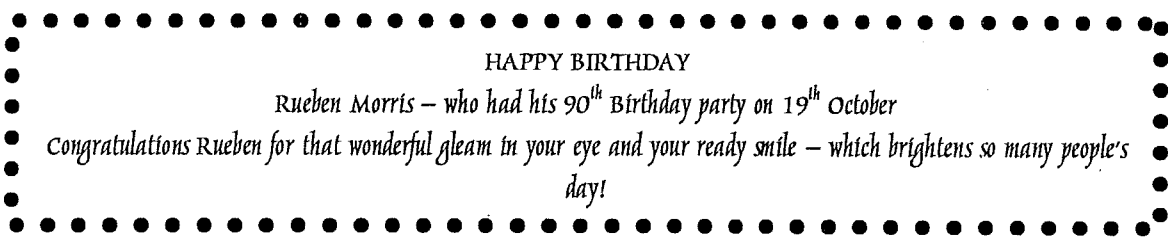
They're 21 this year! The Stewart Island Players were formed in 1981 by Beryl Wilcox and Gwen Neave after a successful Music Hall concert in 1980 was produced on the island in conjunction with a group from the Invercargill Operatic Company. As part of the group Sherry Trifle which was made up of Michael Goomes, Lloyd Wilcox, Noel Pasco, pianist Kath Strang, Beryl and Gwen, had a real desire to encourage musical performance on the island under the direction of an off-shore theatre person with real expertise.

Barry Rhodes was at the first planning session which was held in a restaurant in Invercargill during a school trip to the Mainland when he recorded the minutes on a napkin. Present at that meeting were John and Airdry Leask, Gwen and Owen Gerrard who was persuaded to come to the island to cast and produce a pantomime in December. The rest as they say is history! Owen rehearsed 20 very nervous islanders for 'Cinderella'. Noel and Sharon Pasco, Airdry Dyson-Leask, Russell and Caroline Squires, and Gwen are back in this year's production although Gwen is the only one of this group to have taken part in all 21 shows.

This year the Players are presenting another pantomime and the number of new members in the cast is heartening as many former members have retired or left the island. "The Sleeping Cutey" opens on Friday 08 November with a family night performance and shows again on Saturday 09 at 8.00pm. A special invitation is extended to the many past members who still live on the island to attend the performances and join the cast at the end of the show on stage for a special curtain call.

Once again Owen Gerrard's talents have been harnessed to produce a lively and extremely funny show. He has been a huge influence on the Players since their formation directing each of the 21 performances as well as conducting makeup and drama workshops. His knowledge of the theatre is vast. Stage management, lighting, sound, wardrobe, stage craft and front of house, music, drama, opera, stage movement - these are all areas he has worked in over many years. Owen enjoys sharing his knowledge with people and encouraging the development of talent and self confidence in willing cast members.

**Don't miss this hilarious production by an all local cast.**



### South Seas Hotel News

Well it's been a pretty busy winter at the hotel and all the staff are looking forward to some nice warm summer months. Our \$15 buffet in the Restaurant has been busy with locals and tourists alike but unfortunately they are coming to an end. The last night for the \$15 buffet is Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November. But don't despair we have a new summer menu arriving at the end of November in the form of bar meals and a la carte dining.

The bar was kept busy over Labour Weekend with the Mechanical Bull, which was a great success (see the notice board by the pool table for photo's) and the Melbourne Cup sweepstake left a few locals out of pocket while a couple benefited. The hotel occupancy is looking busy for the summer months and we are expecting an influx of students in the next couple of weeks to help out over summer.



So we are expecting a busy summer with a large number of tourists visiting the island however we are always happy to welcome the locals in for a beer or a meal. And look out for a return of the mechanical bull over summer and possibly a visit from

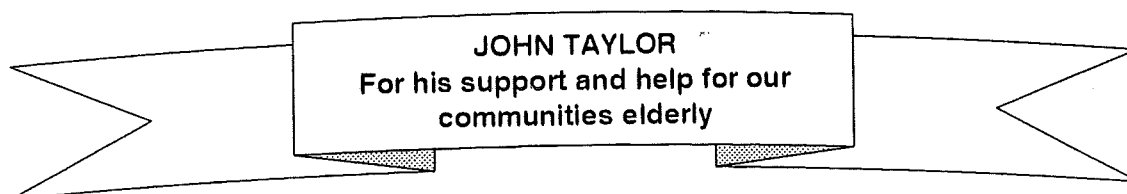
Midge Marsden and his band early next year.  
Take care everyone  
Love, Hotel Staff



In order to give recognition to those people who do good work in the community, and for the community – SIN is delighted to organise the third Community Thank You Chocolate Award! Readers are invited again to nominate anyone whom they think deserves a thank you from the community – and SIN has arranged for a local business to sponsor a box of chocolates by way of a thank you.

Please drop any nominations into the SIN box at the Post Office, or contact the editor – with the name of who you think deserves a Thank You Chocolate Award. Please include a brief explanation of why you think that person deserves an award.

SIN is delighted to announce the third winner of the Community Thank You Chocolate Award...



John will receive a box of chocolates sponsored by **Clampett Industries / Jed's electrical.**

**Thank you John for what you do in our community that makes it a better place.** *(And a thank you too from the Mill Creek Ducks – who would have had a hard winter if not for you feeding them!)*

## **TOI RAKIURA ARTS TRUST**

### **OPEN INVITATION**

to anyone that wishes to become a supporter of Toi Rakiura Arts Trust

Toi Rakiura Arts Trust has achieved much on the Island since its inception in 1999. The Trust has held and hosted regular art/photograph exhibitions, promoted educational workshops and generally encouraged community participation in various art forms.

We already have an extended list of supporters that have assisted the Trustees when necessary, but we know there are other members of the Community that would like to be more involved with the Trust than they already are.

Please call Ulva Amos (2191 216) if you wish your name to be placed on our list of Supporters

## Stewart Island Community and Environment Trust Resource Recovery/Recycling Centre

Chris Visser

In previous issues I have written about the future of the Stewart Island landfill /dump at Braggs Bay. The simple fact is – we won't have a dump after the end of next year. Because of this we will have to start getting smart about how we manage our rubbish as it will all need to get sent off the island in some shape or form. A small group of us (after a series of public meetings) have set up a trust to look at ways we can manage our rubbish in such a way that we can re – use what we can, recycle what we can (so that it has a value on the mainland which will off-set the transport costs of us getting rid of it) and compost / worm farm anything "rottable".

You will start to hear more and more about "Resource Recovery". It is a simple idea – what we think of as rubbish doesn't have to be rubbish and thrown away for ever – "Rubbish" can be a resource, and can have a value. "Rubbish" can be recycled, it can be re-used (one persons trash being another persons treasure), and some rubbish can be composted or fed to worms to make a high value fertiliser. Resource Recovery will be a win - win solution for our Stewart Island waste problem.

I have just spent a week in Kaikoura with an outfit called 'Innovative Waste Kaikoura' who are a community group who run a "Resource Recovery Centre" and also run the local landfill. John Ransley and Josie Uren came to Stewart Island a couple of months ago, and some of you may have met them then. They recycle all of Kaikoura's plastic, glass, paper and cardboard – and in doing so have created jobs for 14 people in their community. I went on a rubbish pickup with one of their staff who only has 25% vision (he wasn't driving the truck though!), which was really amazing because he loves his job, is very very good at it, but his 'disability' makes it hard for him to get jobs. Innovative Waste Kaikoura have a strong community ethic to benefit their local environment through Resource Recovery,

and also to benefit their local community through employment opportunities.

In a couple of weeks I will organise a community workshop to tell you about some of the neat things I have seen other small communities doing, and to talk through what would work best here. I now know more about worm farming than I ever anticipated I would want to know, so I will apologise in advance if you encounter me on the street and I try to talk worms with you.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN WORM FARMING – GET IN TOUCH WITH ME AND I CAN GIVE YOU ALL SORTS OF INFORMATION AND COULD ORGANISE A SUPPLY OF WORMS.

*.....I have become quite fond of worms actually....*

We will put up notices about our next community workshop to talk about rubbish (not too hard for most of us...) so keep your eyes peeled – or ask any of the Trust members – Chris Visser, Jed Lewis, Fiona Hall, Sandy King, Dil Belworthy and Jim Barrett what is happening.

The course I went on was paid for by CEG – Community Employment Group – a division of the Department of Labour. My transport back from Kaikoura was provided by the Southland District Council - so a big thanks to those two organizations for helping us.

Also thanks to those local business who have pledged to donate \$100 each to our trust to fund us doing a feasibility study and putting a proposal to the District Council that a community Group can run a resource recovery centre on Stewart Island.

Personally I am very excited by this project – we can really make a real difference to our environment by not having a landfill anymore and we as a community we can be a powerful example to other communities.

And don't forget to talk to me about worms.....

## Oban Volunteer Fire Brigade

*Jed Lewis*

Hi from the team! In response to the spate of car accidents over the last couple of months we have been doing lots of training for vehicle accidents. You may have noticed the burnt, chopped, extinguished wreck on Hettie Atkins Corner. Needless to say we made great use of that car. And we apologise for the unsightly mess but it is an ideal site for training and perhaps a message of caution to the driver.

The emphasis on training is now Scrub Fires and co-ordination with DOC in dealing with them. Coming into the "dry" season we should be well prepared.

Remember if a fire gets out of control the individual responsible can be fined and charged for the cost of putting it out. DOC run the fire permitting system – so go down and see them about fire permits if you have any queries.

## Community Dairy

(Please be aware, we believe this is accurate as of time of printing – but keep your eyes open for public notices about other things coming up)

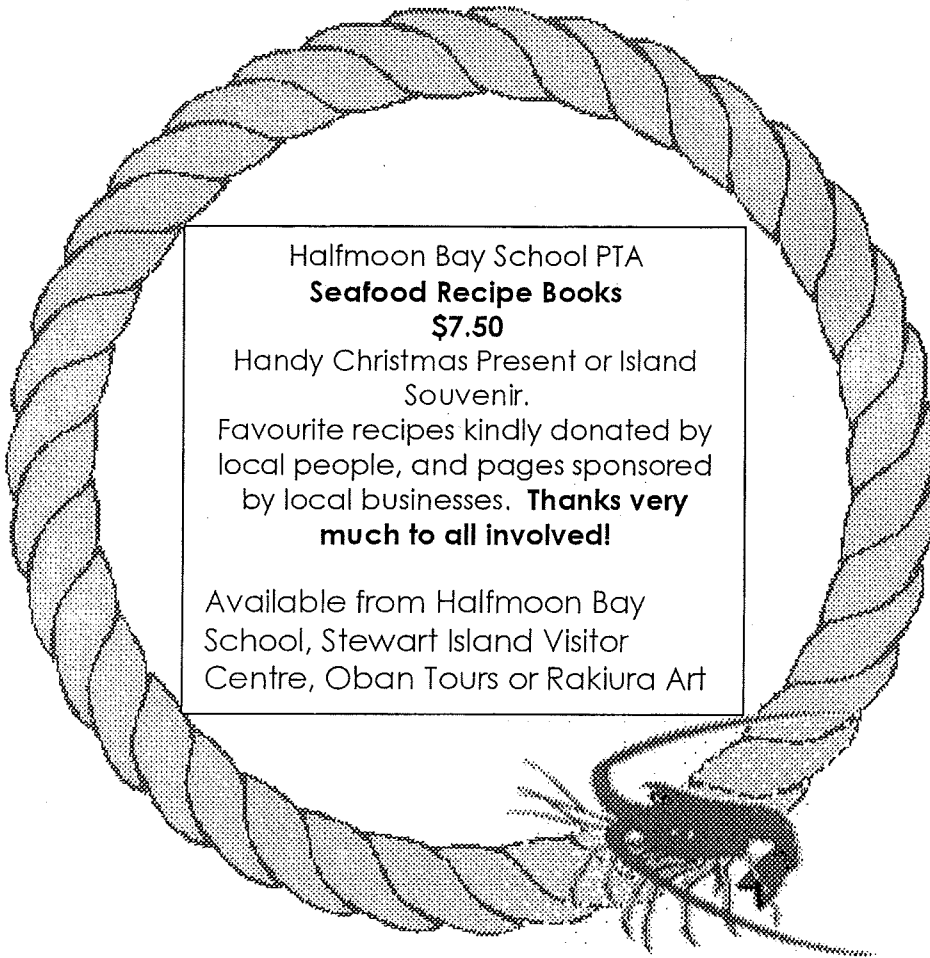
### EVERY WEEK

MONDAY	<b>Playgroup</b> – 10am till noon – at the "playgroup room" at school <b>Line Dancing</b> – 1.30 pm at Community Centre <b>Body Blast</b> – 7.30pm at Community Centre <b>Fire Brigade Training</b> – 7pm at Fire Brigade <b>Seascouts</b> – 7pm Traill Park Hall
TUESDAY	<b>Yoga</b> – 5.30pm at RSA
WEDNESDAY	<b>Library open</b> 2pm - 3.15pm <b>Cubs</b> - 3.30pm Traill Park Hall <b>Body Blast</b> – 7.30 Community Centre
THURSDAY	<b>Dance class</b> – 7pm Community Centre Social Room <b>Badminton</b> – 7.30pm Community Centre
FRIDAY	<b>Playgroup</b> – 1pm – 3pm – at the "playgroup room" at school <b>Library open</b> 11am – 12 noon
SATURDAY	<b>Library open</b> 11am – 12 noon
SUNDAY	<b>Anglican Church Service</b> (or Bible Study Group, see article) 10.30am <b>Presbyterian Church Service</b> 10.30am

8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> November "Sleeping Cutie" – Stewart Island Players – Community Centre.

14<sup>th</sup> November Stewart Island Garden Circle meets

15<sup>th</sup> December Applications close for funding from Rakiura Education Trust



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✂ Editor's Last Word

I hope you enjoyed this issue of SIN - thanks again to those who sent in contributions.

- ✂ REMEMBER - This is YOUR paper - it can be whatever you want it to be.
- ✂ All articles, contributions and letters to the editor: welcome
- ✂ Thanks to DOC for letting me use their printer

I'll put out another issue just before Christmas (and will welcome anyone willing to give me a hand chasing up or writing articles....) - please note deadline for articles to me is **Friday 13 December**. Also - my apologies for no pictures in this issue - I did borrow a digital camera but it has gone to the Subantarctic before I had a chance to download the pictures (is that a plausible excuse or WHAT!) If you have a digital camera (and know how to use it as I really have no idea) I would love to be able to put pictures in SIN of what is happening around the place, and would appreciate it if you could help me out.

Till next time: cheers, Chris Visser

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