

# STEWART ISLAND NEWS

## CELEBRATING RAKIURA

October 2015

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Hi there, for those who don't know me (hello far off SIN subscribers!) I'm Shona Sangster, and one night I found myself out behind the South Sea Hotel having my arm twisted up my back by one Jessica Kany...well not quite but I have had the privilege of editing October's Stewart Island News with her expert guidance. I hope you enjoy it. As I think is traditional in these cases, any errors are entirely my own, and the best bits are certainly to her credit!

Spring is most definitely with us, along with the humming sensation of a tourist economy approaching the start of 'The Season' (in my head it always sounds capitalised). So in addition to daffodils and lambs, we have position vacant ads, changes of timetable for planes and ferries, the re-opening /extended hours of local businesses, and the return of the silly question!

September was a bumper month for Aurora Australis aka the Southern Lights it seems, see below for an explanation from Kylie of what one of these elusive things are and why so many nights lately it looks like there is a decent sized town lit up away to the south. But be warned, apparently aurora hunting is addictive and can lead to sleep-



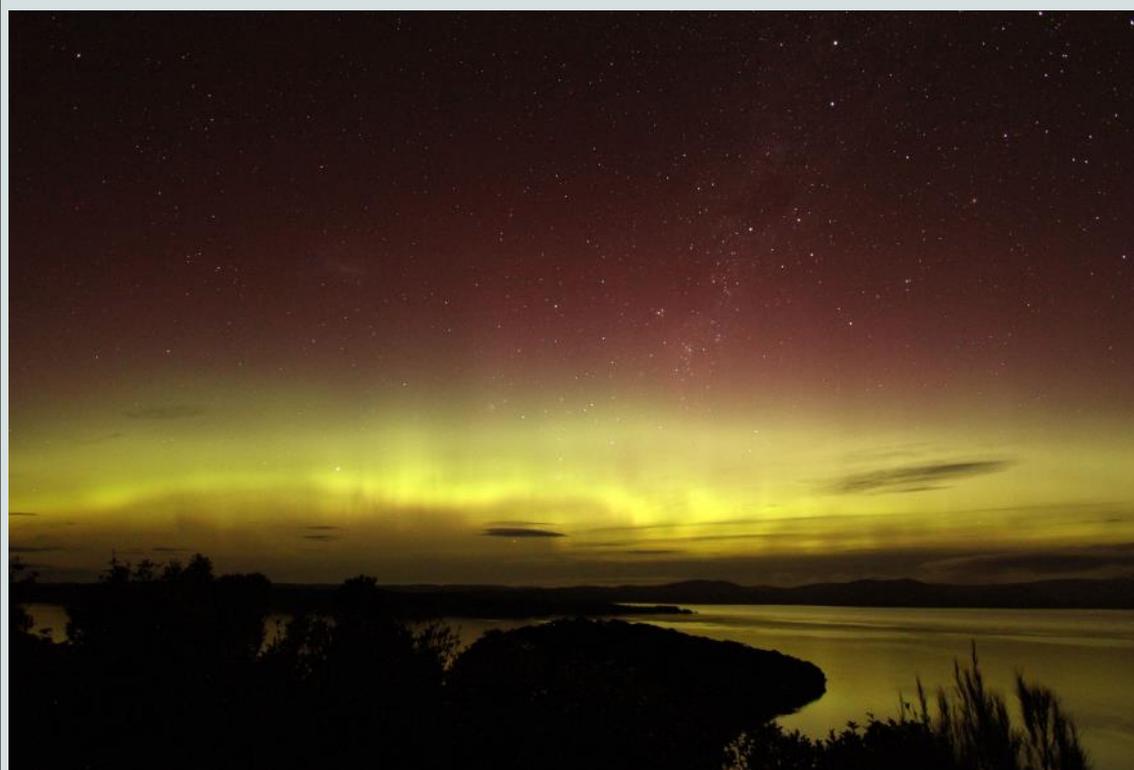
Blood moon by Serena Dawson

lessness and the purchase of expensive camera gear.

We've also had some beautiful blood moons, also known as the super moon. Surprisingly, Astronomers do not use Blood Moon as a scientific term (no sense of drama). According to the Stardome website "A Supermoon (a perigee full moon) happens when a full moon occurs when the Moon is at its closest point in its orbit around the Earth

(perigee). Viewed from Earth it will appear 30% brighter and 14% bigger." The good news is that despite dire predictions associated with a tetrad of lunar eclipses in the northern hemisphere, the world doesn't seem to have ended. We think...

October is also Save the Kiwi month, keep an eye out for kiwi related events. And Labour weekend is as usual chock-a-block with events, like the B for Ball.



### All about Aurora

by Kylie Bakker

On account of the uber-hot surface of the sun (millions of degrees Celsius), collisions and explosions happen frequently. As the sun rotates, proton and electron escapees (solar flares) are blown towards the earth on the 'solar wind'. These particles are largely deflected by the earth's magnetic field. However, at either pole, the magnetic field is weaker and these electrically charged particles from the sun collide with the gaseous particles in the earth's

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**Printmaking Workshop: with an Island Conservation Twist** by *Ulva Goodwillie*

The Printmaking Workshop poster advertisement in last month's Stewart Island News, stated that one didn't have to be an artist...perfect! Also, the highly respected artist/printmaker Lynn Taylor was going to head the workshop, so it was an easy decision to attend. Her previous workshops held in the South Island were always booked out well ahead of time, and I knew it would be a real coup to get her to Stewart Island, let alone attend one of her workshops. It really helped that she had always wanted to come to Stewart Island anyway...

So, a team of novice artists (well most of us, that is) arrived at the Community Hall at 10am on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September. We were introduced to Lynn as well as another brilliant artist/tutor Jenny Rock from Otago University and her three students; Elsie Percival, Ellen Sima and Lydia Mclean. They were there to help guide us through the basic set-ups and various forms of printmaking.

We stared at the plastic covered tables surrounding the wooden floor of the hall, efficiently topped with glass sheets, coloured paint tubes, rollers and small wood carving implements. Then there was a big roller thing with a ship wheel turner, plastic stencils, and a resource table of usable picture books, photos, leaves, maps as well as trap line maps. I couldn't wait to use the cake-tin shaped gelatine, looking exactly like jelly; printmaking from that was great fun! The tutors had really done their homework; all resources were about Stewart Island birds, plants and natural environment.

What a brilliant art workshop weekend. Saturday was really about teaching us the basics and we were encouraged, coaxed, even inspired into a storm of messy creativity. It was an informal drop in weekend, so a lot of



locals made the most of the printing roller on Sunday. We were also urged to create artwork with an underlying conservation ethic. It was, in part, to support a project study by Elsie Percival that was thought –provoking. It was a challenging question of whether conservation on Stewart Island was a celebration or a concern. I didn't really understand it at the time, but the result of our primitive efforts actually ended up as an amazing exhibition in the hall the following weekend (19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> September). Lynn and Jenny spent the week editing, cutting and arranging our apprentice papers to end up looking quite magnificent. It was amazing how their magic wands made our efforts look effortless...

There were bins of material and resources (thank you so much Real Journeys and Toi Rakiura Arts Trust); tubs of different weights and thicknesses of art paper, newsprint, very heavy print wheel, solar art lamp, quarts of water based paint, oils, inks, woodblock materials, rollers, plastic sheeting, cleaning materials, brushes etc. When they told us they were supplying (expensive) materials, they really meant it. Now, all of our Stewart Island 'exceptional artistic ability' is being taken on tour! There were so many people that were disappointed they were not able to attend because of previous commitments; however the success of this weekend has ensured that all of our artist tutors want to return.



*(Continued 'All about Aurora' from page 1)*

atmosphere. The ensuing 'excitement' gives us the dancing lights we see toward the south.

The colour of each aurora is dependent on which gas particles are involved. The common yellow-green colour, for example, is caused by oxygen molecules some 80 km above the earth. The rare red colour is

caused by oxygen molecules much higher up.

2015 sees us in the end of the solar cycle. Every 10-12 years, sunspot activity is at its maximum. Sunspot activity relates directly to the amount of solar flares that occur which in turn, relates to the intensity and frequency of aurora shows. It has been a fully exciting year to date and we can expect more of the same for the next months.

If anyone out there would be interested in being involved in a Community Radio Station please get in touch with either Shona or Kylie Bakker

**Printmaking Workshop and Exhibition**

We'd like to say a big thanks to all those who participated in the printmaking & conservation workshop/exhibition, as well as all those that wished they could have & came & saw & talked & supported the whole thing so strongly throughout. One of you said, despite initial reservations, the experience was an unprecedented success. We felt the same: arriving with total nerves that then transformed into absolute respect for & warmth towards the community we interacted with.

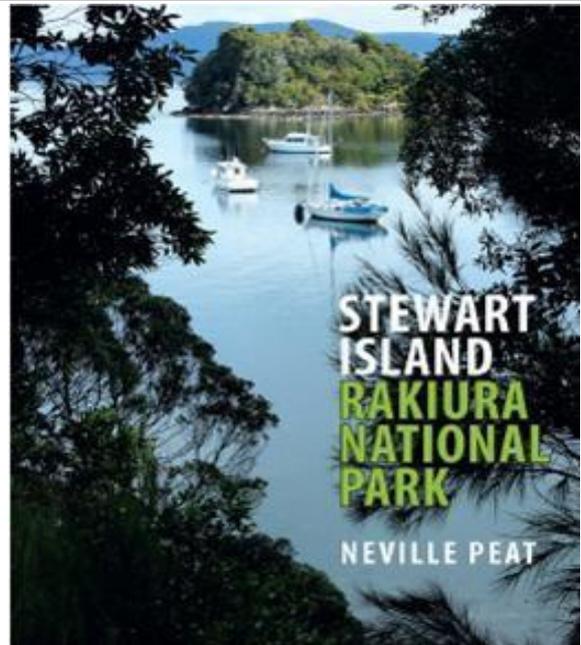
There's no easier way to convey the magnitude of this respect than to say that it cost many thousands to pull it off & this has cleared out my coffers for a while - such that when all my workmates head off to a big conference & powwow in Wellington in Dec I will be staying behind. But here comes the respect: the topic of the conference is 'Science & Society' ... about the popular buzzword of 'community engagement' that is being levied from higher up in all sorts of different professions these days. Given the choice, I had a real hunch that I would learn far more from the Stewart Island community (about lots of things including how to communicate about big conservation science issues) than I would at a national conference. And I was dead right; we learned so much.

Many of you expressed gratitude, and again it goes both ways: THANKS for sharing so many angles of your great community with us! We intend to make it really count by sharing it wide to inspire other communities tackling big environmental issues (though none quite so big). Lastly we need to extend a big thank you to the local supporters (both financial & in-kind logistics) in particular SIRCET, as well as the Stewart Island Gift Shop, Real Journeys, & Toi Rakiura Arts Trust. Thanks to particular stars: Megan, Shona, Kelly, Ulva, Jennifer, Denise & Kylie!! Will keep you posted about future developments.

*Jenny, Lynn, Elsie, Ellen & Lydia*  
 email: [TheSandpitCollective@gmail.com](mailto:TheSandpitCollective@gmail.com)



(Left to right) Lynn, Jenny, Elsie, Lydia & Ellen



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**SIRCET needs your help!**



**New trustees are urgently required!**

**The SIRCET AGM will be held on the 29th of October at 7pm, at the Pavilion, followed by a general meeting. All welcome!**

**Refreshments provided.**

“A good newspaper, I suppose, is a nation talking to itself” Arthur Miller

**Walking the Rakiura Track in One Day** by Jennifer Ross

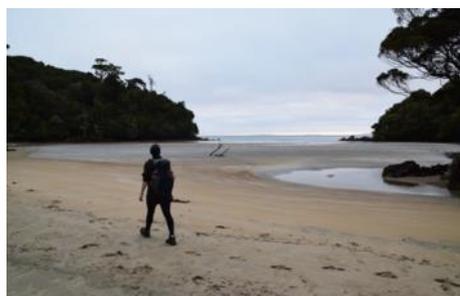


Under the chain sculpture at Lee Bay bright and early & ready to start our Rakiura Track challenge

“Why would you do that?” is one reaction I got when I told people I’d walked the Rakiura Track in one day. Other people were excited and said “Well done” or some verbal equivalent of a high five. Why would I do that? Because my friend Claire Simpkin asked me to, it sounded like too much fun to miss out on and it was for a good cause.

Claire came up with the Rakiura Track challenge as part of Orphans Aid International’s Challenge for Change week (19-26 September). She did quite a bit of planning and training for the track including looking over the maps in detail and doing training walks to and from work in Invercargill (with a day on her feet working retail in between)! I had been driving a car around Oban for three weeks and doing very little walking. Everyone trains differently.

We decided to start very early and stuck to that plan! I picked Claire up from Jeff (Carter)’s house at 6:00am on the morning of the 25<sup>th</sup> September. It was still dark out. Claire had unfortunately left all of her amazing, pre-planned food on the ferry the night before and we were leaving to start the track too early to be able to get it. She made do with food from Jeff’s pantry which seemed to fuel her just fine. We started the track at Lee Bay at 6:30am on the dot and as we began our walk, the sun rose above



Claire walking across the beach at low tide near Little River

the horizon and light crept over the land and sea. The birdsong was beautiful and we were the only ones on the track.

When we hit Little River the tide was so low we could easily walk the beach route. After leaving the beach and climbing the stairs we heard something in the bush on the right side of the track. We stopped, listened and looked. A flash of brown feathers appeared and Claire asked me if it was a weka. We didn’t have to wait long before a large female kiwi poked her beak out from behind a crown fern and walked toward us on the path! This was the first time Claire had seen a kiwi in the wild and what a treat to see in daylight and right on a Great Walk track! The kiwi walked toward us before skirting around us through the bush and continuing along the path. This is the second time I’ve seen a kiwi walk along the Rakiura Track and it still cracks me up!

We were buzzing with energy after that encounter! What a fantastic start to our day. Walking along Maori Beach we saw kiwi and deer prints in the sand. Shortly after the Maori Beach swing bridge we reached the turnoff to North Arm Hut! I pulled out a thermos of chai hot chocolate and Claire ate one of her salmon sandwiches. We sat and talked about the next stage of our walk as it was one we were both unsure about. I walked it two years ago and remembered it being hard. We packed up and got going!

“Day two” was great! We started calling the sections day one, two and three since most people take three days to walk the track. This got progressively more hilarious as the day continued! Day two had us roaming through beautiful forest filled to the brim with moss and ferns. We climbed our first real hills and walked across many helpful bridges over picturesque rivers. With such good conversation and company before we knew it we were jumping for joy at the half way buoy! This section took much less time than we had expected!

Seeing the sign to North Arm Hut stating it was five minutes away was another highlight. We stopped there for lunch and while we did try to eat outside at the picnic table built for giants, the sandflies were relentless



Claire walking through one of the muddy sections

and we decided inside would be best! We were right. After half an hour of eating, relaxing and being slightly amazed at ourselves for making it that far we set a departure time of 12:15pm and stuck to it.

Then there was day three. We had lost a lot of our initial enthusiasm and our legs were getting tired. We started walking in a purposeful, head down marching style and planned one small break in two hours. We took our break on a bridge over a wide stream and sat down slowly and tenderly, groaning about our knees and hips. We ate snacks, got up and walked on. And on and on and on! I knew it wasn’t far when we reached Kaipipi but it seemed to take forever! We finally reached the Ryan’s Creek turnoff and were ten minutes away from completing our goal.

Claire and I reached Fern Gully, took a watch photo with the track sign as proof of our arrival time and collapsed. Our 30km adventure took a total of 8 hours and 45 glorious minutes. Walking the Rakiura Track in one day is long but doable and mostly enjoyable! We felt like we’d accomplished so much and ended up raising \$1,050 for Orphan’s Aid International!

Thank you to everyone who supported us, whether it be through kind words of encouragement leading up to the event, hugs of congratulations after we finished, cold hard cash donations or a pickup from the end of the track.



We finished! And still smiling!

**LETTERS** ☒☒☒

As my due date is quickly approaching, I just wanted to take a moment and say thank you to the community for being so supportive of Rugarats and to those of you who have helped me along the way in my teaching career. So many people and businesses have donated their time, money, and energy to help our wonderful centre grow. The centre and my teaching has come a long way over the last few years, and without such a strong community backing, these achievements would not be possible! We have received a fantastic report from the Education Review Office, upgraded our kitchen facility and are getting ready to update our staff area and outdoor environment. Thanks again for all you do!

*Karin Dawson*

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Regarding the cake stall

It's so good to be part of such a caring community and when one adds into that amazing total the amount people will have spent in paying for ingredients as well as the time and effort put into production, it's heart-warming. Thanks to Jess for organising, too. I'm planning to put a donation box in the shop for the same cause in a week or two so we can continue to do our bit for these desperate people.

*Beverley Osborn*

**WISDOM CORNER**

Tāne rou kākahi ka moea, tāne moe i roto i te whare, kurua te takataka. The man who gathers shellfish will be happily married; the man who spends all his time sleeping in the house will be struck on the head.

*The Reed Book of Māori Proverbs*

**Raffle - \$5 per ticket**

**Mason Bay, Stewart Island - Flights and Accommodation Fundraiser for Rakiura Heritage Centre**



**1<sup>st</sup> Prize** - Return flights Invercargill or Ryan's Creek to Mason Bay for 2 people (to work in with Stewart Island Flights' bookings) plus accommodation for 3 nights at rustic Kilbride Home-stead for up to 6 people.

Prize to be taken during period 1<sup>st</sup> November 2015 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016 value \$1000

**2<sup>nd</sup> prize** - Stewart Island heritage pack – value \$100  
To be drawn on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2015 (NB - date amended from that shown on tickets)

Tickets available from Rakiura Museum and Glowing Sky, Stewart Island, and Margaret Hopkins - [rakiuramuseum@outlook.com](mailto:rakiuramuseum@outlook.com)

**Positions available**

Oct '15 – Apr '16  
Customer service for water taxi and tours booking office  
2 positions available depending on availability of applicants  
(hrs flexible)

For a job description please TEXT Alina on 027 354 9991,  
or email [info@rakiuracharters.co.nz](mailto:info@rakiuracharters.co.nz)



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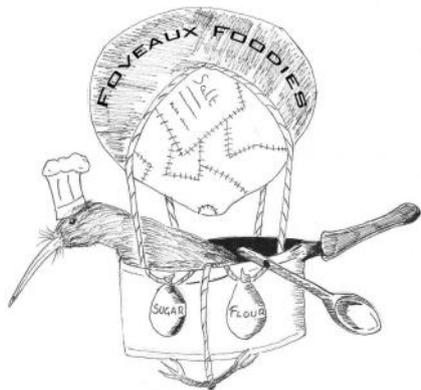
houses, cribs, sections and blocks of land.

See our website [www.locations.co.nz](http://www.locations.co.nz)

or contact our local representative

Jeanette Mackay on 027 681 8589

for current listings.



Is there room for another club on Stewart Island? Of course! Especially the three-course kind... **Foveaux Foodies** is a group of island gastronomers keen to explore cuisine through discussion, sharing recipes and advice, and occasional potluck dinners.

Every month or so they will meet at someone's home and bring a dish celebrating the host's theme of choice. Could be a country (Belgium), could be a region (the Arctic Circle), could be a specific place (New Orleans) or could be some sort of whacky never-before-cooked fusion (Panamanian-Irish?). If you're uncomfortable about hosting a bunch of foodies in your home, renting the RSA or another space for a few hours is always an option and everyone can help with a wee donation. So far, participants have mentioned Morocco and Spain. Yum.

In the meantime, if you have just reinvented the wheel and discovered a new amazing way to cook cod, or you felt inspired to buy some exotic produce from the shop and now you don't know what to do with it, or someone gave you a gift of kina and you don't know how to cook it, or you desperately need a handful of fresh coriander, or you want to vent about Masterchef or mention an awesome cookery book at the library or your favourite foodie site ... join Foveaux Foodies on Facebook. If you're not a Facebooker but would like to be kept informed about upcoming gatherings, let Jess or Shona know.

p.s. if anyone requires further information...

Formal Name of Group:

*Um... how about The Stewart Island Society of Culinary Gastronomers*

What does the group do / any key achievements:

*We just like food and we don't have any key achievements. Wait! We do! One of our members skited about a dish and made us jealously drool. Octopus salami, sliced and drizzled with olive oil and dusted with smoked paprika. Making people jealously drool over octopus is an achievement, right?*

When it was established:

*Sometime after a MasterChef episode and shortly before Jess hooked into a third glass of vino.*

Names of all the office bearers:

*No office bearers... just whisk bearers and apron wearers.*

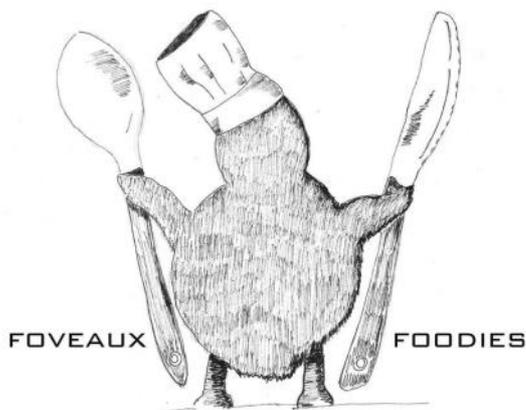
If there are no Office Bearers - who is involved in group and who do they represent?

*A bunch of people who like food and fun are involved, they represent their sense of culinary curiosity and their tummies.*

Contact details for the Secretary: *No secretary.*

When are office bearers elected?

*We don't have office bearers. Should we have office bearers? Like a Secretary? I'm just imagining everyone stuffing their faces with good grub and wine at a dinner except one poor guest in the corner taking notes.*



Thanks Matt Jones for the Foveaux Foodies artwork

**Spring-cleaning ? Please Look For These Books!**

I never learn. I know I should keep a list of books loaned and to whom but do I? No.

So this is a plea to the lovely people I loaned the following favourite books:

**The Greenstone Door** by William Satchell – a New Zealand classic, this hardcover copy has a mid to dark green cover.

**The Cook's Garden** and **More From The Cook's Garden** by Mary Browne, Nancy Tichborne and Helen Leach. Paperbacks, one brown/cream cover, the other green/white, these are my vegie gardening and cooking go-to books. My hazy memory suggests I loaned them to a delightful young couple keen to start their own vegie patch.

Raylene Waddell 2191092

**Stewart Island to bloom red with the help of Project Crimson**



Committed to keeping the smallest of New Zealand's major islands beautiful, Stewart Island Rakiura Community Environment Trust (SIRCET) manages a community nursery which grows and propagates native plants and makes them available for local restoration projects. SIRCET has received ongoing support from national conservation charity the Project Crimson Trust and is once again a recipient of funding following Project Crimson's 2015 Community Restoration Programme.

Each year Project Crimson reviews applications and supplies trees or funding to groups and individuals around New Zealand who aspire to create a long-term benefit to their local community through conservation projects involving pohutukawa or rata.

"This year's programme is especially special to the Project Crimson Trust as we celebrate our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary" says the Trust's Chairman, Joris de Bres.

"It seems hard to believe but 25 years ago the future of pohutukawa and rata looked bleak. Possums were out of control and in some parts of the country up 90% of coastal pohutukawa stands were gone. We have been overwhelmed with the support of New Zealanders across the country who have all contributed to bringing back our much loved tree from the threat of extinction. Such was the success of the project in the early days that our mandate broadened to a national focus, to include rata, and more recently a wider ecosystem focus."

SIRCET's native plant nursery propagates many different native plants. It is a great resource for the local community, providing eco-sourced native species to replace weed species and restoration projects at Lonnekers Beach, Mill Creek and Harrold's Bay. Plants are also available to local residents for an affordable donation. Increasing the presence of natives in private gardens provides food for bird species protected by other SIRCET projects.

**High winds hit Stewart Island**

Two days and nights of storm force westerly winds on the 5th-6th of October caused some damage. Sheets of iron came loose from the roof of Alan Wadd's shed (the Trading post) and power was out for a short time. Gusts of 119 kilometres per hour were recorded at Southwest Cape at 9:00am Wednesday 7 Oct 2015.



**PUTTING KIWI ON THE MAP FOR SAVE KIWI MONTH**  
*Save Kiwi Month: 1-31 October 2015*

Kiwis for Kiwi is calling on all New Zealanders to help put kiwi on the map with a new citizen science project launched for Save Kiwi Month. 'Quest for kiwi' is a national programme being launched in partnership with Department of Conservation (DOC) through NatureWatch NZ, an online platform for recording New Zealand's natural history. It aims to clarify where kiwi are both present and absent, providing a better understanding of where conservation efforts are most needed to ensure kiwi are preserved for future generations.

Executive director of Kiwis for Kiwi, Michelle Impey, said "We are encouraging everyone to report sightings and calls of kiwi especially in key areas where data is lacking so we can refresh our information and get to where we're most needed. "Up to three kiwi are dying every day and we know that more than 95% of kiwi chicks born in areas without predator control are killed before they reach breeding age. However, up to 60% of kiwi chicks survive in areas where predators are controlled." There are many ways to identify kiwi, from their calls, feathers, poo, burrows, footprints or probe holes. As many people will be unfamiliar with these different types of evidence, they can visit [www.kiwisforkiwi.org](http://www.kiwisforkiwi.org) to learn about what to look for, hear kiwi calls and view pictures.

Sightings and calls can be recorded using a mobile phone app or a camera. The information can be uploaded onto the Quest for kiwi web page where it will be posted to the kiwi location map and is available for verification from bird and kiwi specialists.

The Department of Conservation's Kiwi Recovery Group leader, Jennifer Germano, says this initiative is about harnessing 'people power' to help address some of the gaps in our kiwi distribution knowledge. "It provides both an opportunity for people to share their experiences and observations in nature as well as data that we need to get a comprehensive view of kiwi populations in New Zealand," she says. To join go to: <http://naturewatch.org.nz/projects/quest-for-kiwi>

**The Fire Brigade fixing tattered panels at the former paua hatchery at Horseshoe Bay.**



Above: Upended picnic table at Deep Bay after the island was battered overnight by storm force westerly winds. Below: Seppy Smith's dinghy upside down.



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## *Kiwi Avoidance Training Day*

This is a follow up for dogs that have attended a previous session and also for dogs that have not yet been trained. The workshop will be run by a qualified local trainer, Sandy King.

**The Training Day will be held over  
Labour weekend, Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October.  
It will run from 9 am, with 15 minute slots.**

**Location: Trail Park, Stewart Island**

Please bring your dog along. It only takes a few minutes and with the number of kiwi being seen around town, let's all help to keep them safe

For more information or to register please contact Di Morris on 027 7599773 or email Sandy King at sdk@kinect.co.nz or Shona at shona@sircet.org.nz





This year we will be screening a number of NZ Independent films at the Bunkhouse Theatre (www.bunkhousetheatre.co.nz). These films have been receiving great reviews.

Our season commences Labour Day weekend with **A LOCAL'S TAIL** screening daily and in November 2015 we have the **SHOW ME SHORTS FILM FESTIVAL** back again.

**Feature Films 2015/16 Summer Season**  
 Don't miss out on seeing the latest NZ Independent films. Details about these films are on our website

All feature films start @ 7.30pm

Sat 21, Wed 25, Sat 28 Nov & Wed 2 Dec 2015 Wed 6 & Sat 9 Jan 2016	Sat 23 & Wed 27 Jan 2016	Sat 13 & Wed 17 Feb 2016
		Adults \$15 Seniors \$13 Child \$10
Wed 24 Feb 2016	Sat 12 & Wed 16 March 2016	Bookings Suggested!

**Glowing Sky Rakiura**

Summer Dresses Now in Store.  
 Between The Pub and The Shop,  
 or [www.glowingsky.co.nz](http://www.glowingsky.co.nz)

Tickets for 24th Oct 2015 Ball can be obtained from  
 South Seas Hotel  
 Pete Ross Auto  
 Jon Spraggon  
 Mona Wiig  
 \$25 per ticket

Holiday House owners and property managers it would be appreciated if you would let your Labour Weekend guests know of the B for Ball.

**A G M**  
**WEDNESDAY 14TH OCTOBER 7.00PM**  
**AT THE PAVILION**  
**FOLLOWED BY A GENERAL MEETING**  
**ALL WELCOME**

**Stewart Island Ball**  
**Labour Weekend**

**Saturday 24th October**  
 Stewart Island Community Centre  
 7.30

the theme is **B** for Ball

Now is the time to start thinking of what you could wear that starts with the letter **B**  
 Butthead, Bob the builder, Beautiful Babe, Blackbeard

**Bountious Supper and Cash Bar**  
 The Band is **Quantum** from Invercargill and we hear they are **bebopping beauts**

Courtesy Car will be available



### Picnic Day & Silly Games!

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November 11am

Traill Park

(or Community Centre if the weather doesn't play ball!)

**Sausage Sizzle & Bar Available!**

Heaps of games  
for kids and  
adults with  
prizes!

### Competitions!

Kids

Paua Shell Garden

Adults

Best Bacon & Egg Pie

Best Floral Arrangement in a  
beer bottle!



Sponsored by Stewart Island Four Square

A fundraiser for a park bench on Stewart Island to celebrate 95 years of the Women's Institute

## The Stewart Island Gift Shop

Is now open;

10.30am - 5pm

7 days

Thanks, Megan.

### Oban Presbyterian Church Chatter

*Raylene Waddell*

One of the things I love about wandering around Halfmoon Bay is the many different views of the red roof and steeple of our church. From air or sea, sighting its distinctive outline is also special. Just as I crane my neck to catch a glimpse of the roof of my own home as the plane circles out from Ryans Creek and heads for Invercargill, so too do I look for that red ridge on the return trip. I guess you could say these two buildings are my anchor stones, representing the fundamentals of life, heart and home with all their memories and faith with all its reassurance and hope.

### November Happenings

Nov. 1 Sunday Service led by Rev. Ian Crawford of Invercargill

Nov. 8 and 15 Sunday Services led by Rev. Alan Bennett

Nov. 22 A special service to celebrate (in advance!) St Andrew's Day (Nov. 30). This service will be led by Ian Lang of Woodlands and we will be combining with the congregation of St Andrew's Anglican Church to celebrate our Scottish heritage. In the evening there will be a combined service at St Andrew's led by Rev. Richard Johnston of All Saints, Invercargill.

Nov. 29 Sunday Service led by Dr Rachel Trevathan. Rachel is a medical doctor who has practised in China, where she experienced at first hand the difficulties and oppression faced by Chinese Christians.

**Church remains open daily so come in and enjoy its beauty and peace.**

Church services: every Sunday, starting at 11a.m. followed by a cup of tea and home baking!

Prayer Circle: every Saturday 11.30 - 12 noon in the church vestry.





**SIRCET Update** by Kelly Bunce

Of course rats, cats and possums have been my focus over the cold winter months.

We have recently increased the number of Goodnature A24 Automatic re-setting rat traps; there are now 64 Auto traps operating in the Core Project area. Each trap uses a small gas canister to re-set itself after each rat kill 24 times before a gas canister change is required! Very efficient! Since the extra traps have been mobilised our monitoring results have had a significant decrease with the latest monitoring coming in at 15% which is 27% lower than the same time last year. The plan is to continue to increase the number of Goodnature traps operating in the Core Project Area.

Since the start of 2015 five wild cats have been removed from the Project area, it is especially more important to focus on cat trapping whilst their main food source (rats) are not as prominent in the area. In this time we have also trapped 14 possums, all possums have been trapped with our Warrior Kill traps.

If you are interested in volunteering on one of our rat lines situated in our community zone or if you would be interested in operating a cat trap, please contact me on 027 838 2300.



*Above: Students from Lumsden School at Ackers Point*

Lumsden Primary School visited the island at the start of September; the children joined me on a Pest Control / Educational walk out to the Lighthouse at Ackers Point. They helped with checking all the traps on the Light house rat line whilst being introduced to different trapping methods and lots of fun facts along the way. They were an absolute delight to host and were super excited when we found trapped rats!

**Attention Halloween enthusiasts:**

Last year some trick-or-treaters missed out on some houses, and some houses missed out on trick-or-treaters. So this year let's all get on the same page, if trick-or-treaters are welcome at your home put your name on a list on the noticeboard on the 31<sup>st</sup>, and if you are a trick-or-treater check the board so you can make sure you visit all the welcoming homes.



October is Save the Kiwi Month! SIRCET & DOC are working together to host a Great Kiwi Morning Tea on the 16th of October. So keep an eye out for some tasty goodies featuring Highlander Sweetened Condensed Milk. Keep an eye on the noticeboard for more details or contact

Jennifer Ross  
(gross@doc.govt.nz) or  
Shona Sangster  
(shona@sircet.org.nz) if  
you'd like to contribute  
some baking or help out.



**LIONS BBQ**

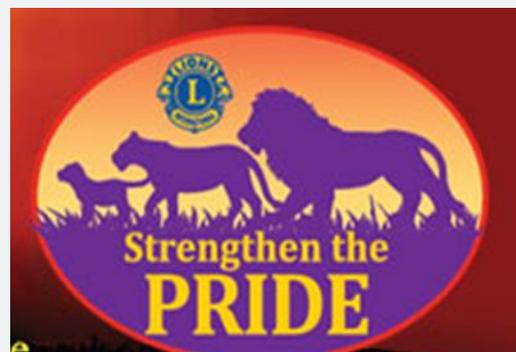
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## SOUL KITCHEN by Lania Davis

Spring is well and truly here, I am loving the extra daylight and warmer weather. Almost time to bring out the BBQ, and the lily white legs! I find as winter leaves us my taste buds look for lighter but still full flavoured food. I'm a big curry fan and have been trying out authentic curry packs which contain all the spices you need to make that particular curry, which lead me to the recipe I'm sharing today. It's from a little cook book called the Little Curry Cook Book and offers some great quick recipes using easy to source spices. This curry has no meat to it...which can put a lot of people off but I assure you, you won't miss the meat as it has all the flavour you need to satisfy your taste buds and give your digestive system a rest for the evening.



### MIXED VEGETABLE CURRY

- 4 cups of mixed vegetables
- 3 Tbsp vegetable oil
- 2 tsp roasted cumin seeds (or ground cumin)
- 1 tsp mustard seeds
- 1 tsp onion seeds (I used onion flakes instead and doubled the amount)
- 1 tsp ground turmeric
- 6-8 curry leaves
- 3 cloves crushed garlic
- 2 dried red chillies
- 1 tsp granulated sugar
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 300mls/ 1 1/4 cups natural unsweetened yoghurt mixed with 2 tsp cornflour

Salt & black pepper

Cut vegetables into around same sizes, simmering veggies like potato, kumara, pumpkin and carrots for 10 mins until almost tender, add the remaining veggies like cauli, broccoli, red peppers/green, brussel spouts etc and steam for a few minutes. Drain all veggies in a colander.

Heat oil in wok or large high sided frying pan, fry all spices and garlic and chillies, until garlic is golden and chillies are almost burnt. Reduce heat, add veggies and stir, sprinkle in sugar and salt & pepper and toss to mix. Gradually add yoghurt mixture, stirring over low heat until the sauce thickens and the veggies are hot, season with salt & pepper and serve straight away.

I like to serve mine with a side of rice to fill up my ever growing little men and of course the husband. I also top the curry with toasted almond slices to add extra texture and crunch.

As usual this curry is easy to change, it is a mild curry, more aromatic, the red chillies are left whole so add a very faint heat with some flavour, child friendly of course. You could change yoghurt to coconut cream to make it dairy free, and change oil for coconut oil. If you grown fresh coriander then add some as a garnish at the end. So many choices, especially with veggies, and if you only have frozen then I'm sure they would be fine too.

Seriously tasty, and simple and quick to make so why wouldn't you!!.....missing a spice? Use fresh diced onion if you don't have seeds or flakes, I think all the rest are available at your local four square. If not I'm only a call away..... "lend me some sugar I am your neighbour!"



Is it an employee of the month/top crew award? A fancy new kind of fruit bowl? An abstract sculpture of Carmen Miranda? Lucy Carrick's birthday present? It's certainly heavy!

The Super 15 Rugby Trophy, won by The Highlanders in 2015, recently paid a visit to Stewart Island,

Right: Karen Bowman



Above: Lucy and Maggie Carrick

Letitia McRitchie and Di Morris all glammed up to represent SIRCET's trustees at the National TSB Pride of New Zealand Awards in Auckland on the 16th of September.. While they didn't come home with a national award a great time was had.

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**Museum Matters by Bev Cowie**

It has been a quiet month for the museum – time to re-charge the batteries in readiness for the influx of visitors next month. So far we have 5 different schools booked for museum visits. These are normally done after hours so the paying public are not disturbed during their visits.

Behind the scenes we have been collating a disc of suitable photos for our Exhibition Designer to choose from for the new museum. From an album we searched through we found a photo (*at right*) which shows a very early Mill Creek scene, which by the amount of debris visible appears to have been taken after a flood.

Our Anzac display is due to be removed, so if you haven't been in to view it, within the next week would be a good time. The tapestry and information panels will remain on display in the museum until November 2018. The cabinet will be getting reverted back to the mining display.

Our AGM will be held October 22<sup>nd</sup>.



Opening hours for the next month will be:  
 Monday to Friday 10.00am – noon;  
 Saturday 10.00am – 1.30pm;  
 Sunday Noon – 2.00pm

**Book Reviews From Sue Ford**



**Robert Galbraith's "The Silkworm"** doesn't have the novelty of "The Cuckoo's Calling", and the story is *very* far-fetched. Author, Owen Quine, is missing but his appalling manuscript is not. Is there something in the allegorical horror story that Cormoran Strike and assistant Robin Ellacot have missed? When a horribly mutilated body is discovered, mimicking the horrific end of the book, the missing persons' case becomes a murder enquiry.

It's definitely not a realistic plot, but the characters of Strike, Robin, Matthew and Leonora – in particular – are so well-developed that you are drawn into this mystery. To be honest,

I couldn't put it down till I found out 'who-dunnit' – and a splendid (if totally unlikely) ending it was too, with all the loose ends nicely tied up. Reminiscent of the old-fashioned mystery thrillers.

I was taken aback at how much I enjoyed **Bernard Cornwell's "The Empty Throne"**. The year 911 isn't a period of English history which ever appealed, but Cornwell has a mellow 'voice', so I found myself deeply interested in the fate of Untah of Mercia. He's a Saxon warrior leader, dying of a wound received in battle from Cnut's sword which is supposedly woven with spells. Only retrieving the sword from the Saxons of Wessex can heal the wound according to legend, but Untah has adventures, battles and emergencies to cope with, and the foundations for a fledgling kingdom to lay. Fascinating reading.

**"The Spider Goddess" by Tara Moss** is aimed at a youth audience I believe. The writing is naive, but that's not a criticism. Pandora English lives with her beautiful great aunt, in a suburb of New York that doesn't exist. Their building is inhabited by vampires, and haunted by a handsome Civil War soldier – with whom Pandora is falling in love. Pandora rescues a spider whilst on a photo shoot for the magazine where she works. So how come the spider seems to be watching her? A Hunter's Moon is due, when things may come to a head – but can Pandora learn to use elusive powers soon enough to save herself? Of course she can, but not before others pay the price exacted by The Spider Goddess. The story is sufficiently creepy to turn cold the blood of a young teenage reader, the budding romance is sweet without being cloying, and – best of all – Moss doesn't take it all too seriously and injects some humour into the situation. Not my cuppa exactly, but a fun read.

A fun read too is **"Fatal Frost" by James Henry** who mimics the original Frost author, R.D. Wingfield, to a T! You can't see the join, as Morecombe used to say to Wise. "Jack" Frost has his hands full during one hot week in May in the early '80's, as Denton police cope with a wave of BMX thugs, break-ins, and a dead girl. And things escalate quickly, not helped by a new massage parlour in town and Frost's own domestic dilemmas. The humour is very well done but doesn't get in the way of the drama. Very well done Mr. Henry!

**Nicholas Rhea** published **"Confession at Maddleskirk Abbey"** as a sort of sequel to the 'Heartbeat' series. It's centred around the secrets of the confessional and a wrongly convicted murderer. But there's something 'wrong' with the writing! It took me ages to figure out it was like a TV script, with detailed minutiae on how ex-Inspector Nick's authorisation badge is pinned on his chest, and the constant re-iteration of clues and investigation updates – which would be required if this were a 2-part TV programme! I wasn't that impressed actually, and that blasted song is now going round and round in my head...!

"Heartbeat, why do you miss when my baby kisses me, (dum de-dum dum, dum de-dum dum)  
 Heartbeat, why does a love kiss stay in my memory. (dum de-dum dum, dum de-dum dum)....."

**Music Review** by *Shona Sangster*

Cathy Harron played a great first show at the South Seas Hotel to an appreciative audience on Monday 28th September. After a few initial nerves (and shots) she got into the groove of playing a mix of classic covers (Neil diamond, Billy Joel) Irish folk (Danny Boy) and her own compositions, which were a real highlight as Cathy is a talented songwriter as well being skilled on the acoustic guitar and the harmonica. It was an impressive gig for what seemed to be the result of a dare from Jack, and by the end of the set the room was rocking. Everyone especially enjoyed her self penned encore tune, which had plenty of us (including this reviewer) laughing along with the hilarious raunchy and R rated lyrics!



**Crayfish Cupcakes...**  
**Notes from a Stewart Island Bake Stall** by *Jess Kany*

MUCH THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO BROUGHT AND BOUGHT BAKING & PRODUCE AND TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED. WHAT A GENEROUS COMMUNITY! \$1,750 was raised and has been given to the Red Cross Refugee Crisis Appeal.

Special thanks to Raylene for providing the tables, and to Karin and Serena who stayed until the last possible minute before Karin's baby shower. Extra special thanks to Jen Ross whose selling tactics included a provocative dance in front of a tour bus, and veiled threats toward a dithering customer (sorry, Manu).

There was a lot going on that day and everyone made time to come by and give. I'm sure as an island resident I'm biased but hey, I'm going to say it: this island can throw down the best bake stall ever. In minutes the trestle tables at the noticeboard were transformed into the likes of the finest Parisian patisserie, only better. The array of goodies produced here is amazing: beautiful cakes, Nila's Indonesian rissoles, Diddle's world-famous-in-Stewart-Island giant bickies, rice bubble treats, ginger kisses, salted caramel fudge, custard squares, brownies, pies, mystery puddings, spicy maple nuts, gluten-free fare, bounty from local gardens including rhubarb and lovely bouquets of fresh herbs from Pip, a generous pile of baked goods from Rachael Sagar... even our younger citizens pitched in – thanks Tess for the cookies (the fastest sellers). Got to love a local fisherman's contribution: where else in the world are you going to find fresh crayfish served in pretty paper cupcake holders?



There have been ongoing discussions on how this community could further help. Suggestions include: we sponsor a family that resettles somewhere in New Zealand, raising money to buy them extras such as toys and appliances; we sponsor a family and invite them to settle *here* on the island; or we invite multiple families to live here and perhaps offer them work trapping rats and possums! An interesting range of ideas and shows how caring and concerned islanders are about the crisis.

Here is where money donated to the Red Cross can go: \$25 could help buy school supplies for a child refugee resettling in NZ. \$75 could help provide furnishing for a refugee family's new home in NZ. \$150 could help buy a car seat for a refugee family resettling in NZ. In the Mediterranean crisis, \$25 could help provide a family with a hygiene kit for essential daily items. \$75 could provide a mattress to a displaced family. \$100 could provide clean drinking water.

**Nilawati's Mayonnaise Sausage Rissoles**  
 (soft inside and crispy outside)

For the pastry  
 150 grams flour

350 ml milk  
 1/4 teaspoon salt  
 1 tablespoon butter melted.  
 Oil for frying

Filling  
 8 pieces of sausage cut length  
 150 grams mayonnaise  
 1 tablespoon butter for frying  
 1/2 tablespoon sweetened condensed milk  
 5 hard boiled eggs diced  
 1/2teaspoon lemon juice  
 2 tsp of tomato sauce

Dipping material: 2 eggs, beaten

Coating: bread crumbs

How to make the crepes  
 Beat the eggs and milk until smooth, slowly pour the mixture into the flour and salt. Mix. Add melted butter and stir well. Make an omelet in a thin non-stick frying pan with a diameter of 12 cm. Repeat until the mixture runs out.

Filling  
 Heat butter, fry the sausage until cooked, remove from heat. Mix with mayonnaise, milk, salt, eggs, lemon juice, tomato sauce.

Crepes  
 Take a piece of skin, give a complete 1 tablespoon stuffing, fold the right and left around 2 cm. Then push the roll toward the front.

Dip into the beaten eggs and roll over the bread crumbs.

Set aside.

Heat the oil and fry the rissoles on medium heat, cook until golden brown. Remove and serve while the rissoles are still warm.

## Shop Talk by Jules Retberg

### In the virtual world, nobody can hear you scream

Mobile phones have become an integral part of many peoples' lives and whilst there's no doubt they have their uses, I do wonder if humans will begin to evolve with more flexible necks for looking down, longer thumbs and rectangular phone-shaped hands. In Aussie recently I was stunned by the number of people walking along the street with eyes firmly planted on their phone screen with not even a glance at the footpath or the crowds they were bumping into.

At the shop I've had my fair share of visitors continue a phone conversation while I'm serving them, and ridiculously even felt like *I* was being rude when I interrupted *their* conversation to ask them to pay! Is it just a sign of the times that people in restaurants don't engage with others at the table, and instead check emails and texts on their phone? I personally think it's rude, however I need to fess up ...

A few weeks ago in Sydney, Matt and I were in a restaurant where we spent much of the time on our mobile phones. In our defence, the noisy diners surrounding us and "atmospheric" music was so loud, we actually couldn't hear one another talk. So we texted our conversation to one another! Never have I felt so middle-aged, and yet so much like a young person at the same time. When the waitress brought my food, which was not what I ordered, Matt suggested that if the music could be turned down to just below ear-drum shattering, maybe our order would have been correct. She didn't appear to hear, or care. Maybe we should have texted or tweeted our order instead, although all joking aside this probably isn't that far from the truth.

At Sydney Airport we stopped somewhere for a coffee. Planted in the middle of the floor about a metre from the counter, was a large machine where coffee orders could be placed and paid for electronically ... without talking to a person. The machine was right beside a real person that was serving! It just didn't make sense to me.

At check-in there were no airline staff, just a bank of those crazy machines that ask if you have packed anything illegal. Hundreds of confused travellers attempted to scan passports, print the correct number of baggage labels, and answer 'yes' or 'no' to whether they had packed their own bags, were spare batteries packed in their hand luggage and did they have any aerosols ... chaos doesn't begin to describe the scene. I ended up helping lots of people check in and I think Air New Zealand owes me for *my* customer service! The final insult was that we still had to queue for an hour to drop our bags off - to a person! The whole fiasco definitely wasn't an improvement on the traditional snaking queue to check-in and drop luggage off in one fell swoop with a person at the counter. Just because it's *possible* to do something electronically doesn't mean it's a good idea to do so!

On the plane I watched a Stephen Fry programme about gadgets, one of which was a shopping trolley programmed to find its way around a supermarket with the aid of an on-board satellite navigation system. All I can say about this is that if you've ever used a car satellite navigation system, how many times has it told you you're driving in a river when you are clearly driving comfortably along a road? I rest my case.

I don't want to give technology a hard time, generally I'm a fan of all-things-computer and there's no doubt that mobile phones are one of the greatest inventions of modern times. They allow us to see and speak to family and friends overseas, organise holidays, run a business, get recipes, check emails, play games with a friend (*and turn you into an evil competitive nutcase if your brother in the UK beats you at Scrabble = guilty!*), or maybe you just want to find out the name of that actor who's in such a lot of films and always plays the baddie ...

But I hope the human race remembers to look up from the phone screen every so often to watch the clouds and rainbows, and birds flying overhead; chat to a stranger on a plane or in a cafe; enjoy sharing a meal with friends in a phone-free-zone; or play a real game of cards, Scrabble or Bananagrams with some mates! I will still turn into an evil competitive nutcase regardless, whether the letters are made from wood, plastic or magical internet gloop!





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

**Staff Spotlight: Olivia Brandt, Visitor Centre Ranger**



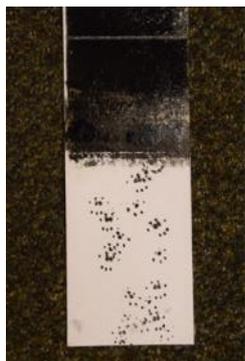
Olivia with one of Andrew King & Letitia's spring lambs!  
 Photo Credit: A King DOC

Hello! My name is Olivia and I work at Rakiura National Park Visitor Centre. I've been coming to the Island to holiday for over ten years to visit my Dads but I moved here from Auckland about a year ago. My friends up North can't understand the attraction but I love everything about living down at the bottom of the world (although you do need a trip to the big smoke every now and again). I've travelled quite a lot and I would honestly say that Stewart Island is one of the most beautiful places I have ever had the privilege to experience. I walked the North West Circuit with my Dad last year and although it was gruelling, it was a wonderful experience – the West coast is stunning! I now work at DOC giving advice to loopys and looking after hunting block bookings. It's a great job and I love all of the people I work with. It's great that they've accepted a JAFFA like me into the family. When I'm not at work I can be found at the pub, enjoying the island's beautiful scenery or at the pub.

**Rat Prints Found on Ulva Island**

Rat prints were found on a tracking card near the houses at Post Office Cove retrieved on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September by DOC staff during standard monitoring. DOC has since implemented the standard incursion response, including

*Tracking cards are long pieces of cardboard secured in a black plastic tunnel. There is an ink pad in the center and they are often baited with peanut butter. The bait entices a rat to run through the tunnel, over the ink pad and leave its footprints on the cardboard at either end. The tunnels are left in place permanently and the tracking cards are inserted and baited as required.*



An example of rat prints on a tracking card

Photo Credit: J Ross DOC



Gadget, the Rodent Detector Dog on Ulva Island Photo Credit: Matt Jones

activating all background traps and tracking tunnel lines. Sandy King and rat-detecting dog Gadget visited Ulva Island on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September and again on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September for five days to cover the island in full.

During her first visit Gadget showed interest in one particular area around the Post Office Cove houses. The second trip resulted in one possible rat detection at the East end of the island.

DOC staff have been re-baiting traps and tracking tunnels with a variety of rodent attractants including Norway rat bedding, chocolate-flavoured pallets, bacon and chicken and will continue to do so weekly. We have confirmation that the prints are from a Norway rat (based on their size). The results of Sandy's visit and the tracking cards (which are spread across the island) tentatively suggest there is one (or a very small number of individual) rat(s), but the sooner we can catch it/them the better! If you would like to be added to the Ulva Island information distribution list please send an e-mail to [jross@doc.govt.nz](mailto:jross@doc.govt.nz).

**A BIG Thank You to the Ulva Island Trust for its Generous Donation!**

The Ulva Island Trust has donated \$3000 to be put toward DOC's Ulva Island Biosecurity Programme. This money will help DOC to purchase bait, maintain traps and fund Gadget the rodent detecting dog. Thank you so much for this contribution!



**DOC National Geocaching Challenge**

Five geocaches are hidden along tracks relatively close to Halfmoon Bay and will be uploaded to the geocaching website [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com) by 15<sup>th</sup> October. This is a national challenge linked with the Conservation Week (1 – 8 November) theme: Healthy Nature, Healthy People. DOC staff have placed geocaches close to tracks to try and promote and encourage people



– both local and visitors- to get out, get walking, and get healthy! There are some fantastic prizes to be won (including return Air New Zealand domestic flights for two, a Macpac trekking tent, day pack and hundreds of other prizes) so finding caches and entering the competition is an adventure well worth your time! Check the website below for further details and instructions: [www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/events/conservation-week/competitions/national-geocaching-challenge/](http://www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/events/conservation-week/competitions/national-geocaching-challenge/)



Ava & Lilly taking a close look at the red finned bully *Photo Credit: Olivia Brandt*

**Freshwater Fish with Rugrats**

Phred Dobbins & Jennifer Ross put together a freshwater fish information session for the Rugrats group & their parents on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September. The importance of freshwater fish was emphasized and so was how lucky the kids are to have such an intact Freshwater ecosystem in their backyards. Three eel, three red finned bully (New Zealand’s most colourful freshwater fish), two banded kokopu, and a few crabs were caught using crawdad traps placed both in Mill Creek and the river near the Back Road/Main Road intersection. The group was given a chance to get up close and personal with the freshwater creatures and seemed to enjoy it very much.



Rugrats and parents taking their first look at the Freshwater fish on display near Mill Creek. *Photo Credit: Olivia Brandt*



DOC & SIRCET are hosting a bake sale on Friday 16 October from

10:00am – 1:00pm at the notice board to raise money as part of the Great Kiwi Morning Tea and October’s Save Kiwi Month. The money raised will be donated to Kiwis for Kiwi and help to support the community and iwi who are working with DOC to save kiwi and their habitat throughout New Zealand. Please come down and show your support by either baking something or buying something!

**War on Weeds**

The Minister of Conservation Maggie Barry has launched a War on Weeds. The first stage is a public awareness campaign focusing on the "Dirty Dozen". These are 12 weeds everyday people can identify and help control. Out of the twelve, these three are targeted on Stewart Island/Rakiura:



Buddleia



Old Man’s Beard *Clematis vitalba*



Wandering Willie *Tradescantia fluminensis*



The Rakiura Charters & Water Taxi Booking Office will be re-opening this Labour Weekend from

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8:15am and 4:30pm
- .....
- ▶ Port William to Halfmoon Bay  
8:40am and 5pm
- .....
- ▶ Halfmoon Bay to Ulva Island  
9am and 12:30pm
- .....
- ▶ Ulva Island to Halfmoon Bay  
12:15pm and 4pm



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Amazing face painting of a kaka on Zac Chittenden courtesy of the Sandpit Collective  
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