

Stewart Island News

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Postal Service Deteriorates

Post Office restructuring, a computerised Banking Terminal and changes in mail delivery have brought frustration instead of better service to the community in the past couple of months.

All mail now comes by air, letters are on the first flight and should be sorted by noon, depending on the volume, and the number of people at the counter. Parcels and second-class mail arrive later in the day. Outgoing mail now closes at 4.00pm, and should reach destinations south of Christchurch the next day.

The new Banking Terminal means bankbooks no longer go to town for updating and chequing information is easier to obtain. Some individual transactions may take longer than formerly, but this will speed up with changes to the system and "Innes the Post's" increasing experience.

Having installed a septic-tank big enough for six households when the new exchange was built, NZ Post have now cut staff to **one person** - for the first time in over 30 years.

This is the real problem!

With a growing population filling in more forms for Government, and more visitors posting mail from the country's southernmost Post Office [apart from the one at Scott Base] this is a backward step.

In the dim, dark ages of the manual

exchange, we had the Postmaster, a Counter Clerk and two folk on the exchange, one of whom would often help to sort mail. Now we have a *Postal Manager* who must tend the counter, sort the mail and clean up, alone, as well as doing the internal paperwork, which no Government seems capable of cutting back.

We find longer queues than we are used to at the Post Office, but Innes has provided more seating for our comfort while we wait. It's also frustrating to find the Office closed from 1-2.00pm daily, but there's not much of Innes, if we denied him lunch we wouldn't have a postmaster at all!

A Postal efficiency expert is due on the Island soon to investigate ways of improving the situation. Maybe they'll manage the office alone for a week now [and again at Xmas], to assess the situation.

More likely it'll be *come & motion* - they spend their time watching Innes in motion, between counter and mail sorting, while we spend our time motionless - waiting . . . and . . . waiting! - Sam

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Past News

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10 Years Ago**Island Women Irate at Ferry Strike**

"Angry protests were voiced at a meeting of 50 irate Stewart Island women yesterday, over the strike on the Island ferry, ~~which~~ which is holding up vital supplies of food and fuel. The strike was regarded as one small incident in itself, that happened every year, but it was "the straw which broke the camel's back" for the women, who said they were "being held to ransom" by the Seamen's Union."

Times - 7 Sep 1977

Officer Should Go Capless

"The MOT officer visiting Stewart Island should go capless according to an Island county councillor. Cnr. Noel Broomhall told the County Council that as soon as the officer was seen getting on the ferry at Bluff, word went around the Island he was coming - all sorts of vehicles disappeared from sight."

Times - 24 Sep 1977

5 Years Ago

The ~~news~~ again - headlines in Sep papers were about the ferry - an extract from the editorial

A Vital Ferry Service.

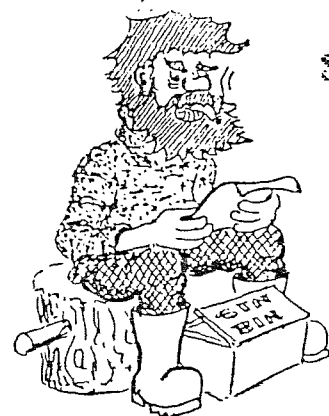
"It has been said before that people who choose to live on Stewart Island do so in the knowledge of what conditions are. But the Island is part of New Zealand and its residents are entitled to the same services and facilities that are extended to the remainder of the country."

Times - 8 Sep 1982

"A rare plant which in NZ is found only on Stewart Island, is being given a new lease of life. The *Gunnera hamiltonii* is an isolated

one at Mason's Bay. This gunnera species is evergreen and has leaves only a few centimetres long. By comparison South American gunnera have rhubarb-like leaves a full metre across."

Times - 17 Sep 1982

**Sam Says: "Hi Folks!"**

Another month gone and spring has retreated into midwinter. The equinox has hit with a vengeance this year.

I trust all the early problems with subscriptions have now been cleared up and that everyone is getting their copies of Stewart Island News - thanks for your understanding.

I'm getting to grips with the computer, having committed all the boo-boos in the book, and being an inventive chappie, even found a few extras. For all that, the potential of "desk top publishing" is tremendous. Paul Brainerd, who pioneered the concept, produced something as revolutionary for small scale publishing as were the "Gestener" and photocopiers.

Technology is marvellous when we accept its limitations, and keep its use in perspective. Which brings me to the power scheme. We claim our Island lifestyle is unique, and in many respects it is. We lost some of that "difference" with automatic phones, and will lose more with reticulated power - although I'll appreciate the convenience and lower cost.

But I'm going to miss the darkness, for along with 24hr power we'll have 24hr lighting on 5km of our roads. I for one prefer to have night as nature intended, quite bright or pitch black, depending on the phase of the moon and the thickness of the clouds. What do you think?

Cheers to you all

Sam Sampson

"Sorta-Edita"

From the Sin-Bin:-

Sep 2 1987

Sam my Boy,

I am greatly taken by the illustration of the new power house, particularly the prefab graffiti on the end wall.

It appears that some space is left on the front wall and I want to reserve a place for a truly ghastly ~~rhyme~~ rhyme verse which may even shock some of the young fry. Who should I see about this?

May good fortune attend you.

- **Maurice.**

Maurice,

I put your question to the County Chairman, but he was otherwise engaged. The County Clerk wanted to refer it to a special meeting of the "Committee", but was unsure which secretarial "hat" to wear, so declined action. Cr Brand referred the matter to the County Foreman, who said: "If the verse is written in an environmentally acceptable colour, on a background of the same colour [paint provided & applied by Maurice] I have no objection." - **Sam[TIC]**

Cinquain

CARS
 BIRDS SINGING
 PEOPLE TALKING LOUD
 CRUNCHING SHELLS UNDER FEET
 TREES RUSTLING IN THE WIND
 - **Simon EADE [Std 3]**



Mike's

Message

Having returned from an enjoyable but wet holiday, I find that Constable Stevenson has been busy with a number of reported offences. These include damage to boatsheds at Watercross Bay, the joy-ride of the ex-Telecom Landcruiser and several behaviour offences.

Five people were arrested and charged during last month. These people have either already appeared before Court or are due to appear in the near future on various charges including: theft, fraud, possession of cannabis and hashish, returning to licenced premises, wilful damage and possession of pistols.

On a lighter note, several items of found property have been handed to the police in the past few weeks. They include money and various items of clothing. This property is now held at the Station and I urge those missing such articles to contact me.

Since my return I have also noticed the wandering dog saga is still with us. The problem, although seeming minor, can be very expensive if the dog is impounded for a few days. I have spoken with the County Chairman on this matter, and we both have agreed that a crackdown on this problem will start immediately.

Finally, Constable Stevenson wishes to pass on his appreciation to all the local people for their hospitality and friendship shown to him during his stay.

- **Mike TeAU**

Thanks - From Rakiura Museum

The official opening of the Rakiura Museum is planned for next month, sometime after the weather enables us to complete the landscaping in front of the new building. We are open to visitors while work continues on displays and at present the hours are: Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 11am until 2pm, so please bring your visitors along.

As our building project for the new museum and displays nears completion, we would like to take this chance to thank all the people and business firms who have given us generous discounts, donated labour and helpful advice. As well as the grants given to us by the various organisations, we are equally grateful to the many locals who helped in so many ways by preparing the site, emptying the old museum, storing exhibits, carting gravel, cooking for builders, laying tiles, painting, putting down carpet, and the many other time-consuming tasks which we know added to many hundreds of hours. The new museum has been a true community effort and we're very grateful. Thanks to the people and organisations listed below.

Also a very big thank you to Keith Bartlett, Norman Chamberlain, their builders and to Barry Allen for the design of our lovely new building. The building went up in amazingly quick time thanks to the effort and long hours put in by the builders, but without professional help, the displays have been a long, slow task.

Biggest thanks would have to go to Bid and Ernie Hopkins, who as chief babysitters have enabled this whole project to get completed. Indeed the Hopkins and Schofield families have put up with considerable inconvenience over the past 12 months while we have been fulltime on the museum. Thank you to everyone.

- **Margaret HOPKINS & Nancy SCHOFIELD**

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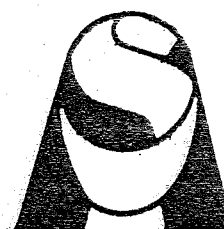
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Conservation Week Prizes

The theme for Conservation Week [1-9 Aug] this year was "What's in a Park" and as usual the Stewart Island Branch of Forest & Bird ran a competition for local children on that subject. These projects have been a feature of the Branch's calendar for many years.

Book prizes are donated for those judged first and second in each class. Money for the prizes comes from the local Forest & Bird Branch funds.

Although as a parent I cannot act as a judge, the standard of the children's work has improved markedly over the years. This reflects both on their teachers and on the children's perceptions of the need for care to be taken of their environment.

Thanks must go to the teachers at Halfmoon Bay School for the help and encouragement they gave the children, to those Forest & Bird members who gave their time as judges, and to Lynette Thomson and Murray Cullen [High School Teachers] who selected the special prize winners.

As chairman, it is with pleasure that I present the following list of prizewinners for 1987.

- Peter TAIT Chairman - Stewart Island Branch Royal Forest & Bird Protection Soc.

PRIZE-WINNERS

- J1 1st Timothy Dawson
2nd Sean Edwards
- J2 1st Matthew Schofield
2nd Elizabeth Cave
- S1 1st James Clelland
2nd Natalia Davis
- S2 1st
Jeremy Schofield
2nd Christy Soper
- S3 1st Simone Squires
2= Simon Eade
2= Bevan Soper
- S4 1st Rebecca Walker
2nd Alice Bissland
- F1 1st Kiri Pullen
2nd Carla Eade
- F2 1st Anne Tait
2nd Janine Peacock

Highly Commended:-

- Joanna Hare [J2]
- Ben Hopkins [S2]
- Stuart Cave [F1]
- Phillipa Peacock [F1]
- Bridget Squires [F2]

Chairman's Special Prize

- for the most improved student
Stuart Cave

Mrs M Tait's Prize

- for the best overall project
Anne Tait

Travel Agent or Booking Clerk?

Those who read the Oct *North & South* may have noticed "The Trials of Travel", where Norman Taylor complained of the lack of South Island and Stewart Island information he got from a major travel agent. I sympathise, for while promoting NZ travel in the North Island on "Trainabout", my biggest surprise was how few travel agents bothered visiting the train - their best chance of getting information from people in the know. Unfortunately, Norman Taylor is right, although there are good travel agents in NZ, far too many are "Booking Clerks"!

- Sam

Rakiura Riders

In October 1986 I first came to Rakiura and for 10 glorious days lugged wetsuits and tanks from Turner Cottage to Golden Bay. Not a great distance - but long enough for my tired body to wish someone was hiring out motorscooters or something! I also longed to see the rest of the roaded part of the Island, and as luck would have it, some special people made that possible - but oh, how nice it would have been to leisurely visit all the beautiful little Bays, at my own pace.

Well, fate has a funny way of rearing its head, and, I now find myself resident on the Island, opening "Rakiura Riders", and hoping many tourists feel like I felt last year, ready to come and try my scooters.

I am starting with five single seat Honda "Eve" scooters, for people with a car or bike licence. They are "turn the key, push the start button, and off we go" - no gears to struggle with, so suitable for learners.

I have also been very lucky to get a Honda "Lead 125cc" from the Bonnifaces - "Bonny" is a two-seater and one I hope couples, honeymooners and more experienced riders will enjoy - again, no gears, but riders need a bike licence to ride "Her".

I had never ridden a bike before "Bonny" and they are amazingly simple to operate. My only fear is overseas tourists from "Right Side of the Road Countries" may forget here - so I'm hoping everyone will put them right, I mean left - when they are right. Right???

I will also have a pushchair available - for a donation to the Parent Support Group. I hope the bikes will be an added attraction for the Island and as I'm just starting hope people with "ideas for hire", or suggestions for improvements will tell me so I can!

- Rosalie DOBSON

Power to the People - September's Progress

The end of September shows visible signs of the power scheme, with red painted survey markers on the roadside, associated with the transmission lines. Tenders for generating units have been accepted and, as there are no major objections to re-zoning the powerhouse site work should progress according to schedule.

Caterpillar Power

Visions of a string of caterpillars tramping a treadmill spring to mind on hearing Council has accepted a tender from Gough, Gough & Hamer, to supply the generating plants for the Island's power scheme.

The sets to be supplied are three Caterpillar 3408TA turbo-charged diesels, coupled to SR4 generators, rated for a continuous output of 208kw. Power use surveys indicate that normally only one will run, with a second cutting in at times of peak loading, leaving the third on standby.

Street Lighting

A few years back a night-time satellite photograph of Europe was published in *Scientific American*. It outlined the continent with the lights of cities and towns. Even the lines of motorways could be picked out. This turning night into day was a little awe-inspiring.

Visitors to the Island often comment on how clear our night sky is, but it is really more a lack of reflection from wide scale lighting. On the night of Sat 26 Sep an Aurora Australis [Southern Lights] was quite bright from outside Ferndale, but completely obliterated by street and other lighting in the Bay.

Street lighting will make it easier for folk to find their way round on a dark night and it could also improve safety. The guy who was injured falling from Mill Creek bridge last year may not have done so if there were lights - though with his state of sobriety at the time that's debatable.

On the negative side, lights can also be a hazard, particularly if they aren't close enough for their cones of illumination to overlap. Our eyes are slow to adapt to changes in light intensity, so the dark spots between the lights become darker. Similarly, the glare of scattered street lights on a smeary windscreen on a foul night can interfere with driving vision.

A number of places now use low "mushroom" lights, which seem to get over problems of glare on windscreen, bedroom window and night sky alike, yet still give sufficient light for nocturnal ramblers to find their way home. Is it too late to consider their use here on Stewart Island? Do we want 5km of street lights added to the unit cost of our power?

What are your thoughts? - Sam

Reticulation

Reticulation is being done by Electrix Ltd, who are currently surveying the routes to be taken. Most of the area around the township is to have underground power cables with the remainder of the settlement serviced by overhead lines.

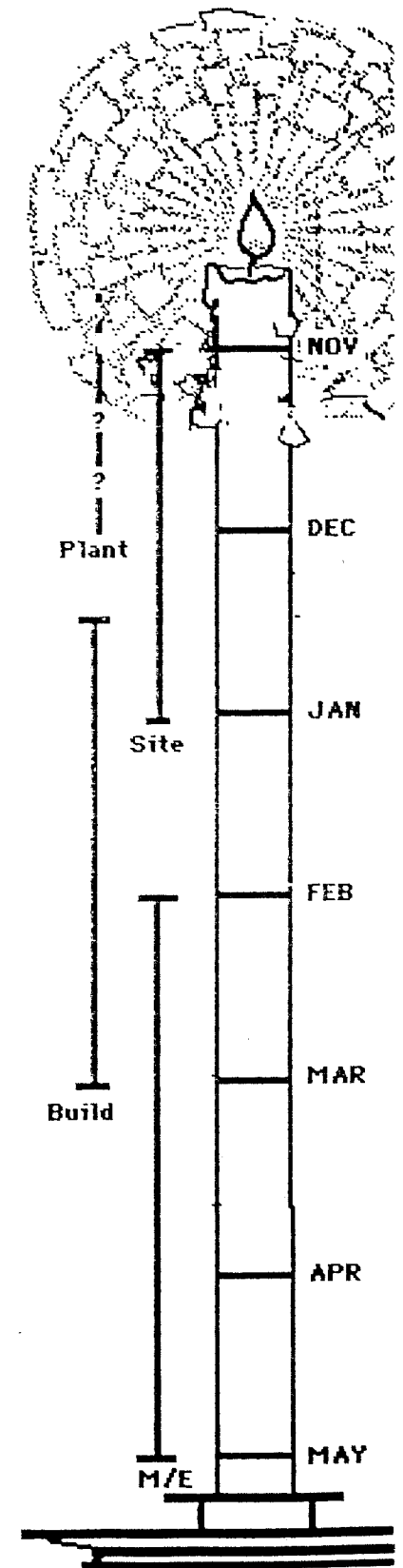
Unfortunately it would add a further \$500,000 to the scheme's price to have fully underground reticulation.

Actual laying of the distribution lines is due to commence in early November. At that stage Electrix Ltd will have five linesmen coming to the Island to work.

They are looking for accommodation, preferably a house to rent. If anyone can help, please contact:

AIf FOLEY

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Costing Your Power

Council have still to give us the unit cost for electricity, so we'll use the rumoured 40c/unit in calculations. Hopefully we will know the actual cost in the not too distant future.

Most people have a good idea of what their domestic power plant costs to run. Fuel and oil costs, plus repairs are easy to work out, but true cost must take depreciation and replacement into account too.

We all know the power rating of our generator but finding the amount of power actually used in a month isn't a simple case of multiplying power rating by the hours run a month - unless of course the motor is "grunting" all the time.

If it were that simple a 5KVA generator, running for five hours a day [150hrs/month] would produce:

$$5 \times 150 = 750 \text{ kWhrs [or "units"] of power.}$$

At 40c/unit that's \$300.00/month. I guess most domestic power plants in the Bay only have a load of a couple of kilowatts much of the time they are running. That would give $2 \times 150 = 300$ units, at a cost of \$120.00/month. In fact the power used in this theoretical case would be somewhere between the two figures.

Finding the actual amount of power you use needs careful record taking unless you monitor power use with a wattmeter [the ones with the spinning disc that they have on switchboards in town]. You can get a rough approximation from the figures in the table on the next page. They are "averages", so you are best to check your own appliances to find their actual power rating.

Try doing the sums, and I think you'll be surprised to find just how much it costs to generate your own domestic power. With only a 1.2KVA Honda petrol generator, and 12V battery fluorescent lighting, I use a lot less power than most folk, but it's more expensive per unit than diesel plants. On load it uses around 1 litre of petrol/hr, so let's say a dollar an hour including oil and maintainance.

If I spend a morning in the workshop I'll have it running for five hours - cost = \$5. In that time I may have a 650watt portable saw running for 30min [that's a lot of sawing], a 300watt drill going for 30min [that's a heap of holes] and use a 300watt sander for an hour [using quite a few sheets of sandpaper]. Total power used comes to:-

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Saw } 0.65\text{kW} \times 0.5\text{hr} &= 0.325\text{kWhrs [or units]} \\ \text{Drill } 0.3\text{kW} \times 0.5\text{hr} &= 0.15 \text{ units} \\ \text{Sander } 0.3\text{kW} \times 1.0\text{hr} &= 0.3 \text{ units} \\ \text{TOTAL} &= 0.775 \text{ units} \end{aligned}$$

At 40c/unit, that comes to 31c - even at a dollar a unit, it's only 77.5c - much cheaper than the \$5 I pay at present!

These figures are all largely guesswork, but Jim Bissland has done some precise measurements:-

Monitored Power Costs for Two Diesel Plants

The following figures were obtained using kilowatt hour meters that were checked for accuracy and measured fuel consumption.

Workshop Power Plant

Model 6/1 Lister, cooled by radiator and thermostatically controlled fan, with a belt-driven 4.5KVA alternator.

Continuous load: 5 assorted incandescent lamps

Intermittent load: Various electric repulsion motors from 0.75hp to 1.5hp

Kwh meter checked @ 0.036 of 1% correct

In 249 hours running time, 177kw were produced

That is an average of 0.7108 kw per hour

With diesel fuel costing 74c/litre this gives

POWER COST = \$1.09 per unit

House Power Plant

Model ST/1 Lister and direct coupled ECC 3.4KVA alternator

Continuous load: 3 assorted incandescent lamps

Intermittent load: 1 TV set, 1kw heater and usual household appliances [no deep-freeze or microwave]

Kwh meter checked @ 0.17 of 1% correct

In 1345 hours running time, 566kw were produced

That is an average of 0.4208 kw per hour

With diesel fuel costing 74c/litre; this gives

COST = \$1.19 per unit

As may be seen, both these plants are operating under very low average loads, but as in most cases round the Bay, their full load capacity is vital at times in order to commence the operation of many electrical appliances.

In the two cases quoted, manufacturer's figures for optimum fuel consumption versus power output to get most cost efficient running, would involve raising the average load of Plant 1 by 431% [when fuel consumption/Kw should fall to 97cents], and of Plant 2 by 712% [a drop to \$1.04]

Since these two cases are very typical, there can be no doubt that a public electricity supply costing approx. 40c/unit must be an attractive proposition and on the basis of fuel costs alone will reduce power costs 50% to 70% in many cases.

How can the cost of such energy be lower than the cost of private generation? Larger engines are more fuel efficient. By varying the number of plants in operation a high average loading is kept on each one. Installation and maintainance will be superior to "average" and bulk fuel purchase will lower costs. In addition we'll have the advantage of 24 hour power.

- Jim BISSLAND

[Thanks for these measured figures Jim]

From the Salmon Pen



NZ Salmon Joint Venture in Chile

The Directors of The New Zealand Salmon Company Ltd advise that subject to Chilean Foreign Investment approvals, negotiations have been completed to participate in a Joint Venture Company in Chile to farm salmon and service the Chilean salmon industry.

50% Equity of Aquacultivos

This investment involves the purchase of 50% of the equity of Aquacultivos SRL based in Puerto Montt and owned by Alfonso Mueña Rodrigues. The Company supplies nets, salmon smolt and consulting services to the Chilean salmon industry. It is also involved in the Sea Pen rearing of Coho salmon at Abtao, close to Puerto Montt, to service the United States market.

As well as purchasing 50% of the equity of Aquacultivos, The New Zealand Salmon Company will contribute financially and with technical expertise to a structured expansion of the Company's involvement in a rapidly expanding industry in Chile. Coho salmon production in Chile is expected to total 3,500 tonnes in 1987/8, rising to 10,000 tonnes by 1990. Chilean salmon producers have clearly demonstrated that they have the cost structure and biological components to produce high quality chilled salmon for export markets at very competitive prices.

The total cash investment by The New Zealand Salmon Company in the equity purchase and funding commitment is in excess of NZ\$3,000,000.

Plans are well advanced to expand the Aquacultivos operation, increasing markedly volumes of fish reared in sea cages and diversifying into feed production to service the industry. Further diversification in compatible projects within Chile will occur in the near future. Investment opportunities in Chile outside the Salmon industry are also being investigated through Aquacultivos.

This investment is a logical development for The New Zealand Salmon Company. Chilean production is sold into markets currently being served by New Zealand salmon production and production methods are very similar.

US Office to Open

In conjunction with the acquisition of 50% of Aquacultivos, The New Zealand Salmon Company will open an office on the West Coast of the United States to co-ordinate production and marketing activity in conjunction with our existing Marketing Agents. This office will be manned by Norman Moe, who has had many years experience in the salmon industry in the United States and in New Zealand and who was domiciled in Chile for a period of four years. He has

recently been acting as a consultant to the Chilean Salmon Industry. He will be responsible for investigating further investment opportunities offshore for the New Zealand Salmon Company Limited.

The Directors have assessed carefully the political and economic considerations in Chile and in line with several other New Zealand companies who are currently involved in Chilean resource utilisation, we believe offshore investment in Chile at this time is appropriate. We have been impressed by the professionalism and high commercial standards set by the Chilean business community.

Strengthening Dollar

The New Zealand Salmon Company has been concerned for some time at the continuing increasing strength of the New Zealand dollar and the inevitable impact this has on export earnings. We believe the current exchange rate regime is beginning to destroy New Zealand's production base and export related commercial infrastructure. Unless this is addressed quickly by Government, the adverse economic and social consequences for New Zealand will be significant.

While The New Zealand Salmon Company has maximised production efficiencies, profitability of the Company's operations has been severely eroded by decreased export returns due largely to the strength of the New Zealand dollar. This has been compounded by continuing high interest rates, high inflation and the high cost of some services to industry.

While the Company's commitment to aquaculture and horticultural production in New Zealand will continue, the Chilean investment is a logical move to offset such erosion of profitability. The projected returns from existing activity in Chile are excellent. The strategic development of a servicing and production unit in the rapidly expanding Chilean salmon industry is an appropriate step in The New Zealand Salmon Company's continuing development as a producer of quality food products in the Southern Hemisphere.

9 Oct 1987

- Peter Townsend

[Managing Director - NZ Salmon Co Ltd]
Ph: Dunedin [024]776-244 for further information.



Rumour Squashing

Rumour No 1

Cost of Power House Building

"Have you heard that Council is spending \$300,000 on the shell of the Power House? Its only to keep the generators out of the rain. So-and-so has a shed that could do that and it only cost him \$15,000. The Council is crazy pouring out money like that, no wonder electricity will be so dear."

The short answer to this is that the Power House is not going to cost anything like \$300,000. It is not only going to cost less, it will be scores of thousands of dollars less. Where they get their figures from, I cannot imagine, but they are hopelessly wrong. I cannot quote the actual Engineering estimate here because the work will be put up for tender and consequently tenderers do not get access to our estimates, but it is quite likely that one or more tenderers may put forward figures below our estimates. In no way however will it be anywhere near \$300,000.

Secondly it is not just a simple shed to keep generators out of the rain. It is 71 feet 6 inches in length and 26 feet wide, giving a base area of 1,859 square feet. The framing will be timber placed on a reinforced concrete slab foundation designed to carry an ultimate weight of 20 tons, that is the four generators the building is designed to hold. The roof will be of roll-formed sheet and the outer cladding will be fibre cement sheeting on construction ply backing.

Each generator will be housed in a separate room, with staggered studded walls and rafter construction, with a fibreglass blanket core. Outside the generator cells will be a specially designed acoustic lobby with solid core doors and acoustic type door seals.

Double glazed windows will be fitted between the control room and the generator area. In addition to the internal construction of the control room there will be a workshop, a spare part store-room and a staff room. The latter will be equipped with toilet and kitchen sink facilities.

There is still a lot more to it than this but I hope I have said enough to put paid to the ridiculous rumour that we are paying \$300,000 for a shed to keep the generators out of the rain, when we could do it for \$15,000.

From time to time rumours reach my ears in reference to various activities in which council is involved, most of them having little or no foundation in fact. This last week or so I have been made aware of two such rumours and I would like to dispose of them as below.

Rumour No 2

Cost of Connection to Power

"Did you know that Council is going to call in Capital Contributions to finance the connections to the Electrical system? They asked for Capital Contributions of \$1905 per toilet towards the establishment of the Sewerage System, and it's probably going to be the same for the Electricity."

The fact is that there will be no Capital Contributions called for in regard to the Electricity Scheme. Council will take power right to the outside wall of every property, complete with meter and meter box, which will be Council property. The only cost to the consumer will be to ensure that his wiring system is in order, and to connect it to the meter, the latter being a negligible cost.

Should anyone specify that they wish to have underground reticulation to their property and request this in writing, it will be done, but they will have to pay the extra cost of trench digging work.

So much for these two utterly unfounded rumours, but no doubt there will be more coming up as the Electrical and Sewerage Schemes proceed. I would be grateful if anyone hearing rumours of any description concerning Council activities would refer them to me for squashing purposes - or possibly confirmation.

- H G SLINGSBY [County Clerk]

[A regular input to SIN helps avoid rumour - Sam]

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- Cedric STURGESS



Sewerage Scheming

It has been "all quiet on the sewerage front" for the past couple of months, but as with the power scheme, activity has been going on behind the scenes. It's easy to get the story wrong when you only catch the "tail end" of radio news. A half-heard reference to the Stewart Island Sewerage scheme and "stockpiling" had me a little worried as to just what was being stockpiled until next year. Fortunately a County Council Press Release soon became available which has cleared the matter up. This is summarised here for those who missed the full report in the "Southland Times", with a few extra details of interest to local ratepayers.

Sewer Pipes Purchased for Stockpiling

As the price of sewerage pipe increased by 15% on 1st Oct, Council has saved several thousand dollars by ordering around 90% of that needed for the Island's Sewerage Scheme in September. The purchase was made in conjunction with a bulk order made by Southland County Council.

Pipe and fittings, are arriving on the island now to be stockpiled until work on the project begins some time next year when the power scheme is operating.

Council will shortly call in Capital Contributions from those who will benefit from the scheme [at a cost of \$1,905 per WC]. As many have opted to pay 6 monthly instalments over a two and a half year period, only a proportion of the total amount promised will be immediately available, but this will cover the cost of purchasing the pipes, and some engineering consultancy fees.

Work on the scheme will progress as more capital contributions come to hand. Reticulation of pipes, which is Stage One, begins next year, and it is planned to complete the Imhoff Treatment Tank and pumping facilities in 1989. Funding the scheme by capital contributions has avoided the need for loans of around \$400,000. Repayment at high interest levels would have meant a fourfold increase in rates on properties serviced by the sewerage scheme. A small rate will be needed to cover operating costs and maintenance.

The sewerage scheme will allow building on a number of properties which are currently too small for septic tanks. Future connections to the scheme will cost at least as much as do those made initially, so present ratepayers won't be subsidising future developers.

Horseshoe Bay Isolated

Oban - 2 Oct 1987

A total of 42.9mm of rain falling yesterday, followed by heavy rain again today, resulted in a slip closing the road at Horseshoe Bay around noon. A 30 metre swathe of logs, scrub and clay is completely covering the road, but residents can still get home along the beach at low tide.

Council Chairman, Bruce Ford, has declined to declare a State of National Emergency, stating that relief accommodation for stranded residents is always available at South Sea Hotel. Special tariffs can be arranged - rates increase by 10% per hour, starting at low tide this afternoon.

County Clerk, Harry Slingsby, insists that any objections must be made on Form C, to be in his hands by 4.00pm. Unfortunately

he has no copies of the appropriate form at this moment, but is awaiting their arrival with the next mail delivery.

County Foreman, Roger Brand, is overseas in Invercargill and doesn't really want to go home tonight anyway!

Managing Director of Stewart Island Storage & Haulage, Neil "Arkwright" Connor, is on the job at Horseshoe, with "Tink" and "Dink". They hope to clear a

pathway by nightfall but are unsure just where to haul and store the rubble. Most satisfied person seems to be "Bob-a-Job", who was last seen grinning from ear to ear, clutching a chainsaw and muttering "Firewood". It will probably be a couple of days before the road is completely cleared - assuming of course that the continuing rain doesn't bring down more of the hillside.

In the meantime, folks, don your oilskins and gumboots, grin and bear it - there's one thing for sure - it can get worse! Above all - Don't Panic! - Sam[TIC]

[A track was cleared that night, the road was cleared in two days and "Bob a Job" got his firewood, so all's well that ends well.]

Darts Trip Saga

[A Tribute to the Real South]

Where did it all begin?
Was it adventure or misadventure?

Dear Readers,

From memory, away back in 1973, before the advent of organised hotel darts competitions in Invercargill, a small group of enthusiasts were discussing over a couple of jugs of the "ole Waipiro" as to where we could go for a social weekend that would offer something different, something beautiful, something attractive away from the monotonous humdrum of the conservative south.

Well! You can imagine the ideas that were put forward - Queenstown's mountains and lake grandeur, Auckland's nightclubs and the Waitemata Harbour, Rotorua's hot springs and geyserlands etc... Anyhow, a motion was finally put: "Why don't we go to the real south?..." "Aye?..." Yes - Stewart Island. heads bobbed up, eyes lit up, the decision affirmative and unanimous. And so it all began.

A small group [six in all] took off overseas to this scenic and lovely Island. Since those days a few of us Originals have never forgotten the kindness, the hospitality and the warmth given to us by the Islanders. However, it was not until 1981 that this became a regular, organised event, mainly because the Appleby Dart Club was by this time a properly constituted club. [Incidentally it was the Appleby Club which was the instigator of the Hotel Darts League in Invercargill, which at the present time has 17 teams partaking in regular competition]

Many of us still remember vividly Vyna Field, Russell Wills, "Bones" McKay of the past and still look forward to renewing experiences again with Merv & Pat King, Lil Skipper, Bruce Ford [great publican] Ron Dennis, Garry Neave, George Fife and Marie Hamilton, to mention a few.

Stewart Island [Rakiura]

Thank you very much

- Ian Campbell
[President - Appleby Darts Club]

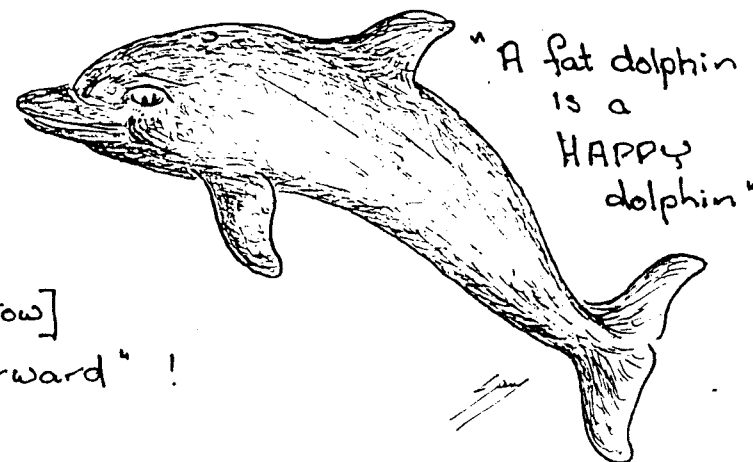
Quote of the Month.

"A Happy Fish is a Fat Fish"

-Tom "Sock"

[Sonic Scarecrow]

From "Fast Forward"!



Stewart Island Yacht Club

Stewart Island Yacht Club is another local sporting group whose fortunes have varied over the years. At one time they competed successfully in the Sanders Cup, the national 14ft championships.

Renewed interest over the past couple of years has brought keen local competition, and a fleet of sails is once more a common sight in the Bay on a Sunday afternoon.

The Island yachting season starts at Labour Weekend, with the first races starting from the Halfmoon Bay Foreshore at 2.00pm on Sun 25 Oct.

You don't need to own a yacht to become involved, as local skippers are keen to help anyone interested. Just come along with appropriate clothing and give it a go - it's a sport just built for the Island!

— Sunday 25 Oct —

Stewart Island Yacht Club

Opening of Our
1987-88 Sailing Season

Halfmoon Bay Foreshore - 2.00pm

Bring suitable clothes
& GIVE IT A GO!

Foveaux Yacht Race

the Annual Foveaux Strait Yacht Race is scheduled for Saturday 5 December 1987. It would be great to have the fleet welcomed across the line by the full local flotilla. The normal Traill Park Barbecue will also be held - so keep the date in mind.

Stewart Island Lions Club

There was quite a contingent of visiting Lions from Invercargill & Te Anau at the Lions Club meeting on Tue 29 Sep. Two with long term Island connections were Munro Matheson of Invercargill, and Alan "Arnie" Wright, of Te Anau. Longer term residents may remember him as [Mr] Sister Connie Fourgier, as he stole one of our district nurses more years ago than either now care to remember.

The meeting was addressed by District Governor Jerry Wall of the Invercargill Host Club, who spoke on the International Convention in Taipei. His impressions of Taiwan [Formosa for us oldies], were perceptive and enlightening, pointing out differences in lifestyle which make us appreciate what we have here in this country.

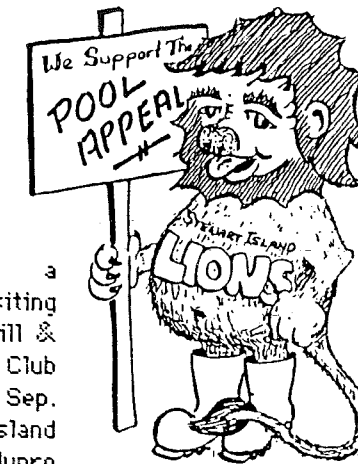
He found the "Americanisation" of the Convention a little hard to take, preferring the down to earth, get on with the job approach to Lions activities of most New Zealand clubs. The Lions motto "We Serve", which is being highlighted this year, certainly applies in this country. It seems "We Pay" may be more appropriate in some other cases.

Involvement with youth is an area of concern again this year. As District Governor Jerry says: "We are creating the offspring - it's over to us to get behind and help them, for they are our future." In this he complimented the Stewart Island Club for their Youth Exchange programme with Waimate Lions.

On the International Lions scene funding for research into Diabetes and Aids are being given high priority - two areas of considerable medical concern. It is interesting to note that Lions are the biggest single sponsor of international research into diabetes.

Before the meeting closed three framed prints of Peter Beadle paintings of the Island were presented to Lion Noel Pasco as a memento of his long service with the Club. Unfortunately Bulletin editor, Sharon, was too busy heeding "involvement with youth", looking after the "offspring", to attend the meeting.

Next Lions Meeting - Tues 27 Oct



RSA/Bowling Club

The RSA/Bowling Club green and hall was the result of a lot of hard work, and a credit to the community spirit on the Island many years ago. The labour which went into the stone retaining walls alone would daunt most of us involved in similar projects today.

Bowling has had its ups and downs as an Island sport over the years, but there has always been the dedicated few who have maintained the green each year. Weather over the past couple of seasons hasn't helped attempts at a bowling revival, with "Huey" deciding bowls day was just the time to "send 'er down" and keep our rain-forests in trim.

Although at times this year it has seemed more suitable for a rice-paddy, Mick Gibb and Mike TeAu have been working on the green, and will have it ready for the club opening at Labour weekend. This will be held at 2 pm Sat 24 Oct [weather permitting] and as always all are welcome. Bring along a plate [and contents] for afternoon tea.

This summer the club plans to have bowls every Saturday at 2 pm and on Wednesday evening, starting at 5.30pm. The green is open at any time, and this season bowls may be hired from Rakiura Museum by visitors or locals who want a game at any time when the weather is right.



"Mick 'n' Mike" - Greenkeepers

Labour Weekend

Saturday 24 Oct

RSA/Bowling Club Gala Opening

Bowling Green 2.00pm
[Weather permitting]

Bring a plate BBQs will be lit

Rakiura Scout Group

Thursday 8 October was a memorable day for our Cub Pack. Mrs V Cocker, District Commissioner for Awarua, presented warrants to the two Cub Leaders, Erica Cleland and Jayne Wilson and to the Kea Leader, Ruth Eade. Eight boys were invested at a ceremony to which Keas and parents were invited. They are: Bevan Soper, Simon Eade, Paul Duston, Andrew Clelnad, Ivan Tait, Matthew Hare, Robin Wilson and Jeremy Schofield. Everyone enjoyed the afternoon tea that followed. All the parents are thanked for their support and we hope the Cub Pack and the Kea's group will go from strength to strength.

I would like to thank all the former Cubs who donated their uniforms to the group. Thanks to them, we have been able to provide all our cubs with uniforms. Thanks also to all those who sponsored the boys for Scoutrek and who bought Scout lollies recently. We do appreciate all the support we get.

- Erica Cleland [Cub leader]

Keas Meet - Wed, 3.15pm - Traill Park Hall
Cubs Meet - Thu, 3.15pm - Traill Park Hall

Country Women's Institute

Thank you to all who donated clothes to the appeal for the Salvation Army and also to those who helped in the packing. Special thanks to Stewart Island Charter Services for transporting the 44 boxes to the mainland at no charge.

CWI meet - 2 pm - RSA Hall
1st Thursday in month

Coming Attraction

Saturday 24 Oct

Classical Guitar Concert

With Virtuoso Performer

Horst Baltes

DOC Information Centre
8.00pm Cost: \$5.00

S.I. Promotion Association

A Promotion Association meeting on Tue 8 Oct approved a draft copy of a questionnaire which will be used for a visitor survey. The decision was also made to go ahead with the purchase of modular portable panels, to be used for displays in shopping malls, shows and tourist related conferences throughout the country. First use will probably be in the Barrington Park Mall in Christchurch next February.

It is always a problem finding good quality up to date photographs of the Island and commercial and recreational activities here, and the Promotion Association would be grateful if anyone has suitable material they would be prepared to make available.

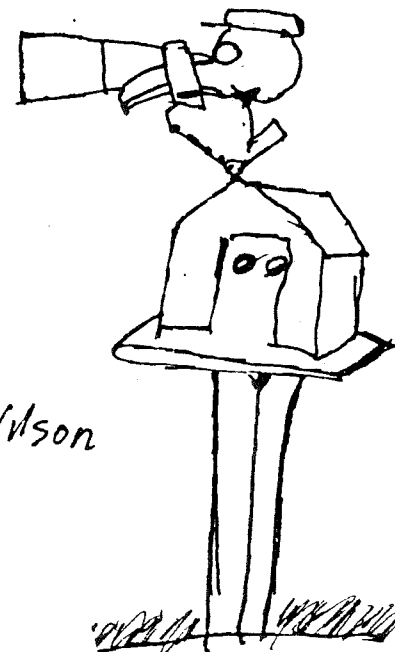
Main concern expressed at the meeting was the problems brought about at the Post Office through the reduction of staffing. Delays and frustrations have already upset many individuals and businesses, and it is still a relatively quiet time of year, with the pressures of the summer season still to come.

To expect one person to sort mail, attend the counter, do normal internal record keeping and clean the office as well, is seen to be grossly unfair, both on the individual and on the community who are suffering less efficient service.

Although we hope for a successful outcome from forthcoming NZ Post investigations, the Association is preparing a case to take the matter further, should this be needed.

To help this we would appreciate written details of specific instances of inconvenience caused to individuals or businesses caused by the cut of staffing to one. Please address to:

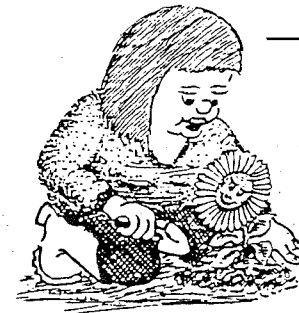
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P O Box 133
Halfmoon Bay



Wayne Wilson

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Garden Circle



In September the annual general meeting of the Garden Circle was held. President is Iris Tait and secretary Linda TeAu. The annual competition was won by Iris Tait, second Irene Dennis, third Peggy Wilson.

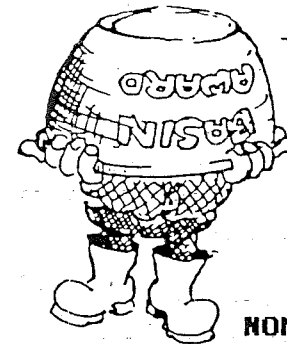
At the October monthly meeting members discussed a variety of bugs and pests in the garden at the moment. In particular wireworm and bag moths, which attack conifers. The monthly competition winners were:

- Tulip **1st** S Munro
- 2nd** L Skipper
- 3rd** P Wilson, I Tait, I Dennis
- Blossom **1st** I Dennis
- 2nd** I Tait, P Wilson
- 3rd** D Jenkin

The competition for next month is a rhododendron and an azalea, and bring a bug or pest to discuss.

Next Meeting: Thursday 12 Nov
Lil Skipper's House

The Basin Award



For "pudding-head" actions that give us a good giggle [without malice].

- * Only written nominations
- * Victims given right of refusal
- * Annual Award made

NOMINEE No: 9 1987/8
Constable Mike TeAu

On Thursday 8 Oct, on returning from a fishing trip aboard *FV Privateer*, in the company of Sgt Mick Finn of Dunedin, Constable Mike TeAu attempted to moor to the Halfmoon Bay wharf. Unfortunately the long arm of the law was too short, so the inevitable happened. Said arm has recently descended upon the crew of the *Privateer*, so all we can ask is "Did he fall or was he Pushed"?

A still damp Constable TeAu threatened police brutality against the "edita" [by withdrawing his services as a scribe] should this event be made public. However the freedom of the press will prevail. Nominee and seconder remain anonymous as they are under close police surveillance!

- Sam[TIC]

Foetal Heart Detector

At a time when continually improving technology is making more diagnostic instruments available for health care, "user pay" policies are putting demands on small communities such as ours to provide anything other than the basics.

One such item is a Foetal Heart Monitor, which can detect foetal heart beats as early as the 10th week of pregnancy. In addition, such an instrument enables the nurse to verify continued foetal life quickly and easily, and to detect multiple pregnancies. It can be used to monitor the foetus right through to labour and the delivery of the child.

The model being investigated for the Stewart Island Clinic is a *Sonicaid 0206* portable foetal heart detector. This is battery or mains operated, and uses Doppler ultrasound, with a small transducer that is placed on the patients abdomen. In a way it's a medical version of a sounder. Operation is simple and safe, and regular checks here on the Island would be very reassuring to pregnant women.

In order to help raise the \$2000 needed for the purchase of this instrument, the group who ran the *Tarts & Tramps* evening are organising other evenings of a similar kind. In supporting these evenings you will help gain more medical equipment for our Clinic.

Sonicaid Wanted

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Please support these functions:

Halloween Party **\$5**
[Belated]

7 Nov — **RSA** — **8pm**

Ladies a Plate **Gents a Crate**

Coming Attractions

[Dates to be Arranged]

** Pool Calcutta **

** Bad Taste Party **

Contact: Robyn Young

Hatches - Matches - Despatches

Fordley Falls

We may see more of County Chairman/Publican, Bruce Ford, now "Snoopy" has been brought down by the "Red Baron". Bruce celebrated the 2nd Edition of his 21st birthday by announcing his engagement to Sue Thomson on Fri 11 Sep, adding to his notoriety by becoming the first "Match" in this column.

Sue came to Stewart Island last summer to escape the pressures of secretarial work in Wellington, but couldn't escape Fordley's amorous approaches. He soon swept her off her feet and into his Cessna for high-flying romance. A number of repeat visits made Sue rise to the challenge of clipping Bruce's wings - in which endeavour we wish her the "best of British". Bruce and Sue plan to marry on the Island early next year. It's bound to be the gala event for '88, so congratulations and best wishes to you both.

Susanne Auf Nach Deutschland

Susanne Gorrie's hasty departure from the Island wasn't caused by John "Tarting it up" at the "Tarts & Tramps" Dance last month, but was the result of a phone call from her mother, in Germany, on 8 Sep. This was to say that Susanne had been accepted for a 5 year course in Psychology at Kiel University, and had to be there for registration by the 14th, though the course doesn't start until October.

Susanne was rather suprised to be accepted, as this is a popular course, but was soon packed and en-route for Germany. She will be returning to the Island in mid-February, but goes back to Germany again in mid-April. Suzanne hopes to complete the course extra- murally after a couple of years full-time study at Kiel, and aims to become a school psychologist here in NZ.

Best wishes for the course Susanne and we hope you enjoy a happy Xmas with the family. Kind regards to Ulli and Gerdemarie from those of us who met them at your wedding.

France has Population Explosion

The population of France exploded by 50% overnight on 27 Sep 1987. Well, at least the France population here on the Island did, when daughter Hannah was born. It's a pleasure to welcome the newest Islander to our midst. Hopefully Trish and Evan will find their new role as parents satisfying and rewarding. El Niño hasn't been too welcoming, for Hannah so far, but with summer coming on Horseshoe beach should be more pleasant than it is right now - a great place to be with Mum and Brandy [the dog that is]. There can't be many better spots to make a start in life than here on the Island. Viva la France - family!

Pasco's Part

No, not from each other, just from us. Noel and Sharon are a couple who will be missed by many on the Island, both as friends and as stalwart workers in community activities.

Noel was first on the Island crewing for Colin Hopkins, and living at Ferndale House. He later went pua diving on his own, having lost fingers in a disagreement with a block.

Sharon began school-holiday waitressing at South Sea Hotel for Gavin McKenzie when she was 15, and continued on through varsity vacations, until she married Noel in December 1979. She worked for NZFS and later as secretary for NZ Salmon, until Francesca was born in November 1986. Both have been actively involved with the Lions Club and Stewart Island Players, while Sharon was Guide leader for seven years.

The disappearance of the Sea Prince from her moorings during a storm on April 26 this year, sent Noel and Sharon in search of another boat. Instead they found a house in Opua [Northland] with an attached motel unit. Perhaps the thought of warmer water was too much, for they decided to sell quota, move north and set up a diving tour business. A second motel unit should be finished ready for Xmas, as should Noel's new motor catamaran Orea. Best wishes in the new venture Sharon and Noel, and no telling us lies about the weather up there!

Anderson's Arrive

At the same time the Pasco's left to start a new tourist venture in the north, Dot and Kevin Anderson arrived on the Island to begin a new tour boat operation here. Having followed a farming career with seven years in the trucking business, Kevin decided it was time for a change of lifestyle.

After recreational boating in Island waters for 25 years he feels this is the place to turn a hobby into a business. His boat, Moana, is a 40 ft wooden-hulled displacement vessel, built in Picton 21 years ago, for use as a mailboat on Marlborough Sounds. More recently she has been fishing from Riverton, before being reconverted to her former passenger status.

Dot and Kevin will be catering for all types of boating trips, including evening cruises, with a meal on board. It's good to see their confidence in the future of tourism on the Island. Another boat with a passenger survey is helping build us back to the 1930s, when visitors had a choice of six or more cruise boat. Welcome aboard Kevin and Dot!

[Quite a changeover this month, eh! - Sam]

Beehive Buzzing



Jeff Grant's Maiden Speech

Jeff Grant presented his first, or maiden speech to Parliament, as the new member for the Awarua electorate at 7.30pm on Tuesday 6 October 1987. SIN has a full transcript of the speech. Around 10% is quoted here. Jeff began his speech with comments on the need to investigate changes to our Parliamentary system. For example, Greater Auckland is likely to have the same number of seats as the whole South Island the next time electoral boundaries are changed. He then gave a tribute to his predecessor, Rex Austen, emphasising the time he crossed the floor of the House to vote against his own Party on a Southland issue. Next came praise of Joseph Ward our representative of 100 years ago, who got Stewart Island the telephone. Then, in his own words:-

"Mr Speaker, I stand before this House a proud Southlander and it is an honour for me to come from a province where people take pride in what they achieve.

Although we only represent just under 3% of this country's total population, we have 10% of the total land mass of New Zealand, and from that we produce nearly one fifth of the nation's total wealth. There are some that would say that one of the great advantages is that they only have to deal with three Members of Parliament, but Sir, there are many who would say, it is pleasing that the three they have to deal with, are from the National Party.

Sir, it is an honour and a privilege for me to be able to serve the most diverse electorate in New Zealand. Awarua is the most southern. It stretches from the end of the Waimea Plain and along the base of the Hokonui Hills in Matura down to the fringes of the Catlins at Tokanui and along the coast to Bluff and around the boundaries of the city Invercargill, taking in approximately 10,000 people of the city's population. There are many attractions within the boundaries such as parts of the Catlins area, petrified forests at Curio Bay and of course the Matura River, world famous for trout fishing.

One of the most distinguishing features of the Awarua Electorate is Stewart Island. The third largest island in New Zealand, covering approximately 160,000 hectares. Stewart Islanders are very toiling and hard working people who have a great pride in their Island. They also have a simple philosophy on politicians. They either come to their Island to give them something or they come to the Island to take it away. And I can assure the member for Auckland Central sitting on the Government side, is well remembered for the latter.

The Island has a very strong, exportable oriented economy and has done so for well over a hundred years. All Islanders want from this Government, or any Government is a fair deal. They only expect the

same, no more, no less than what the rest of New Zealand receives. But it is important that we recognise the millions of dollars that have been exported from the Island for the gain and benefit of the country.

Tourism is gradually increasing every year as many people realise the wonderful scenery and lifestyle on the Island. Tramping still creates the most interest as there is an extensive track system throughout the Island.

Also within my electorate"

[Jeff's speech continued to comment on the meat industry, Tiwai and farming.] Then he said:-

"Another major industry is the Fishing Industry, based on three seaports, Stewart Island, Waikawa and Bluff, having well over 150 vessels from small family and single operator units, through to some larger companies that are based mainly in Bluff. I must also sound a warning to the House, and to this Labour Government, in relation to the Fishing Industry, especially in the Southern region. It seems that the Government is continually trying to increase the regulations and also the recording required either by MAFFish or the Fishing Industry itself. To the extent that we must now have the most regulated industry in the country, affecting the smooth and independent running of this Industry. We must monitor the Quota System, because if we continue to allow aggradation of quota to the extent that it has been happening, we will end up with only two or three big companies operating in the lower South Island and this would have a terrible effect on the micro-economic climate of areas such as Bluff and Stewart Island, severely affecting and adding even more towards the population drift northwards.

For the rest of my speech, I would like to concentrate on some concerns that not only I have, but many people of the Awarua Electorate and many New Zealanders. It is my belief, no Government has

the right or the mandate to move rapidly in a social or economic direction faster than what the people are able to adjust to. So therefore it is important that Government measures its successes and also the ability in relation to people adjusting, by checking that all areas of either industry or community are moving accordingly. . . ."

Jeff continued with changes affecting Matura, Edendale and Wyndham, the paper mill and wheat industry and fair competition.

[He then discussed issues beyond our electoral boundaries, covering family life, social problems, law & order and ACC.] He continued:-

"... So I think it is important as much as we talk about the economic issues and all the directions that we should take in those fields, more importantly it is that we make sure that we have a well adjusted and stable environment so that people who are prepared to get up in the morning and work in this Nation do so with some pride and incentive.

In conclusion Mr Speaker, I would like to take the opportunity in telling this house that although as a Southlander I come from a Province that tends towards the belief that actions speak louder than words and are traditionally suspicious of the fast and carefree because of our tradition of hard work, we are also suspicious of those who impose decisions on us from outside the Provincial boundaries. Decades of experience has told the Southland people that they must first have regard for their own Province, in short, provincial, but not to the point of smallmindedness. Southlanders are regarded as warm and hospitable people and it is on that conclusion I would like to say thank you to those who helped me during my period since selection and especially those in my Campaign Committee that worked so hard in getting a young person into this Chamber."

- Jeff Grant [MP Awarua]

[Thanks Jeff, you have the somewhat dubious honour of being the first political contributor and also the first subscriber to SIN. I trust Jeff will keep us informed on matters which affect us that are discussed in the House. If anyone wishes to read the full version of his maiden speech, see me - Sam]

Jeff Grant - MP for Awarua

will be visiting

STEWART ISLAND

9.30-Noon Wednesday 28 Oct

[Phone: 87-749 for appointments]

Post Office Problems

As of Thursday 15 Oct, there has been no sign of the NZ Post officials coming to investigate the operation of the Halfmoon Bay Post Office. It seems we are at least lucky in that we are retaining ours. Minister for State Owned Enterprises, Richard Prebble, MP for Auckland Central who was the butt of Jeff Grant's jibe in his maiden speech, appears to be considering closing many branches throughout the country, much to the concern of fellow MPs.

Closing branches and agencies which are a few hundred metres from other Post Offices is one thing - closing uneconomic rural offices is another. The nearest Post Office is often many kilometers away.

An NZPA report of Mr Prebble closing the Office at Auckland Railway Station appeared in the Southland Times 7 Oct 1987. He mentioned that it was within sight of Auckland's Central Post Office. Fair enough, except that these philosophies of his have a habit of getting out of hand. Let's hope we never print a serious version of this **misquote** of Richard Prebble [words in brackets are mine - Sam]

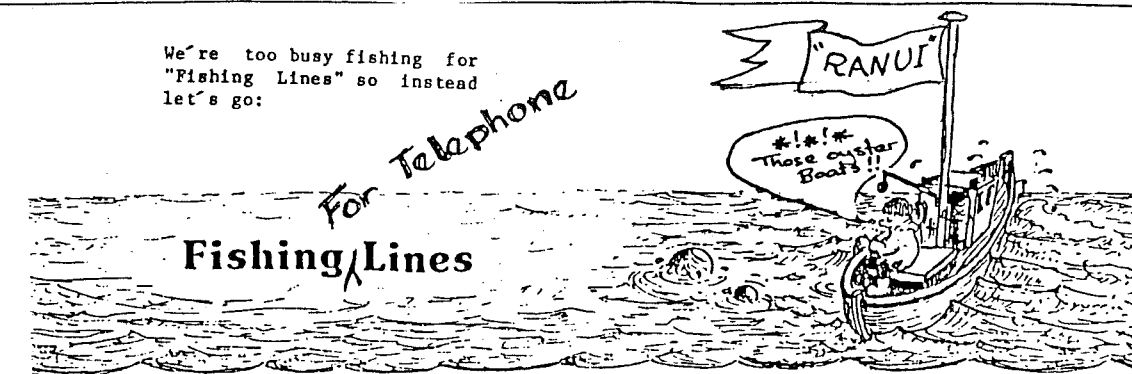
"As [Southern] MPs know, what is really extra-ordinary . . . is that you can [almost] see the [Bluff] Post office from [Halfmoon Bay]," Mr Prebble said.

"That is absolutely looney. As [an] MP [renowned for my dedication in maintaining communication links with Stewart Island] I can't defend keeping that Post Office open . . . [Besides I think they may need a new one in Fiji since the coup!] - Sam [TIC]

Parliament Buildings has its own Post Office, and to the best of my knowledge MPs still get their mail free, so stamp sales there must be minimal. I wonder if that qualifies as an uneconomic Post Office? After all, it is within sight of the PO at Wellington Railway Station! [Unless that has had the axe too!]

Hopefully our local issue will be resolved before Jeff Grant's visit later this month. Get information on your views of the Post Office issue to the Promotion Assn, so we can make a co-ordinated approach to our MP if it is needed. My guess is that at best there will be part-time assistance with mail sorting in the morning, and at worst we'll have the Office closed in the morning to allow mail sorting and office work. We have our local MP coming to find our views, let's make the most of it, he's only here for a short time this trip. Jeff has commented that he plans to make regular trips to the Island. If we want him to do so, it will be up to us to make them worth his while.

This could also be an appropriate time to let him know current local feelings on the Rock Lobster ITQ policy on the next page.



Rock Lobster Policy

Federation of Commercial Fishermen members will have received their notice concerning Government's Rock Lobster Policy. For the benefit of interested non-fishermen a summary of that policy is presented here. I trust I haven't left out anything important.

Background

At present the Rock Lobster Fishery is a closed access fishery available only to those who hold a Controlled Fishery licence. No limits to effort are placed on those entitled to operate in the fishery. In Nov 1985 Cabinet approved consultation on future management by ITQs [Individual Transferable Quotas] and these were conducted within the industry in 1986 and 1987. Following these a Fishing Industry Board poll gave clear support for ITQs.

No specific consultation was aimed at non-commercial groups, but recent decisions on Maori fishing rights claims before the Waitangi Tribunal indicate consultation with the Maori Community will be needed prior to introduction of ITQs in the rock lobster fishery.

Legislative Requirements

At present minimum quota for rock lobster is one tonne. The industry feels this is too low as a large influx of new entrants bringing in additional gear would make it difficult for existing fishermen to work their pots. Similarly the Fisheries Amendment Act 1986 allows an individual to aggregate up to 20% of a species in an area. This is considered too high by the industry who wish to maintain the present owner/operator character of the rock lobster fishery.

MAFFish believe amendments in both areas are justified, and would support changes to the Act to support a change to 3 tonnes minimum quota holding and aggregation limits between 5 and 10% of the rock lobster quota in an area.

The Ministry acknowledges concern that limits on the number of vessels should be maintained under the ITQ system, but believes other methods will avoid a large increase in the number of vessels fishing.

PROPER EQUIPMENT IN
GOOD ORDER IS REQUIRED

Timetable

The Ministry has put forward the following timetable to allow for the introduction of rock lobster ITQs by 1 Oct 1988.

- ± **Sep/Dec 1987** Conduct an audit round to correct any anomalies in catch histories [There is widespread feeling that the MAF database has some errors, so this audit is to allow fishermen to furnish documents to update the statistics. Criteria for this are currently being prepared by MAF]
- ± **Feb 1988** Recalculate Total Allowable Catch based on additional information gained during the audit round
- ± **March 1988** Inform fishermen of their provisional maximum ITQs
- ± **May 1988** - Quota Appeal Authority could begin holding hearings from fishermen
- ± **Oct 1988** - ITQs issued

Catch Histories

The history years to be used for the calculation of catch histories will be the three years from:

1 Jan 1983 to 31 Dec 1985.

It is not proposed to hold an objection round as with finfish, as the audit should sort out problems of incomplete statistics. New entrants will have their catch history adjusted by a mathematical formula. Shoty absences and unsubstantiated claims won't be taken into account, but fishermen can pursue these through the Quota Appeal Authority.

[So after a couple of years waiting, that's it - but I guess there'll be all sorts of cleaning up to do - Sam]



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Nature Notes

There'll be no rash comments about spring this month - the equinoctial gales certainly arrived with a vengeance though, [along with El Nino], bringing a total of 173.2mm of rain for September, making it the third wettest month in what looks like being a wet year.

The first sooty shearwaters [muttonbirds] I've heard of for this breeding season, arrived here on their migration from the North Pacific on 19 Sep. Tuis continue to keep up their territorial singing full-throat and there's been a slow build-up of kakas and parakeets round the village over the past couple of weeks - despite the weather!

Tree fuchsias are back in full foliage - they're one of the few deciduous native trees we have in NZ, though in some places further north they don't lose their leaves in a mild winter. Wineberry, too, has a flush of new season's growth and one or two clusters of clematis are in full bloom.



Know Your Trees No:1



Rimu

[*Dacrydium cupressinum*]

Shaggy widespread crowns with drooping foliage, towering over the surrounding forest, make rimu an easily recognised tree round Oban township. The trunks have a distinctive bark with a pattern like ripple marks in sand and are generally less than a metre in diameter in local trees. A few along Raroa track and in other places are larger than this, but a quick glance usually shows their trunks to be flawed.

Rimu was the tree which "built New Zealand" up until plantation-grown radiata pine came onstream in the 1950s, and sawmills were operating close to Oban by the 1870's, cutting timber for the local market, for Invercargill and Dunedin, and exporting a considerable amount to Australia and even South America. Almost all the area between North Arm and Maori Beach was logged. Fortunately only the best trees were taken, so there are still quite good examples [by present day standards] right alongside the village.

The trees are of separate sexes. Windblown pollen produced by males fertilises the females in Dec-Jan, but it takes 15-18 months for the seed to ripen to dark brown or black, sitting on top of a fleshy red receptacle. The branchlets bearing these turn up at the tip, which makes the female tree look more scruffy with age. Males retain the elegant weeping foliage of the young tree. There is usually good seeding every two to three years, and a large rimu can produce 200,000 seeds.

Seeds in this quantity provide good food for birds like pigeons, bellbirds and tuis, who digest the fleshy parts, and drop the seed itself pre-packed in a bundle of fertiliser. Some seed is destroyed on the trees by kakas, parakeets and chaffinches and some is eaten on the ground, but where rimu are dense, there can be 500-1000 seedling per square metre on the forest floor. They only grow 2-4cm in their first year, so you get dirty knees looking for them.

Seedlings require a reasonable amount of light and damp soil or rotting moss-covered logs and stumps, if they are to thrive. They also need "mycorrhizal fungi" present in the soil - these "moulds" grow in association with the roots, and seem to help them absorb nutrients from the soil. Lack of these important fungi explains why so many rimu seedlings soon die if they are dug up from the bush and replanted in the garden.

Once firmly established, however, rimu seedlings "hang on in" even if they don't make much growth. In heavy shade you'll find poles that are 15-20m tall and only 10cm in diameter - they could be 150yrs old, and taking five years to add a millimetre to their diameter! Even in good conditions they usually only add 1-3mm per year.

Because rimu grows very slowly in shade, it is seldom found growing under the parent trees. In fact, it seems it forms a relatively early stage in the natural succession, or change in the types of species growing in New Zealand forest.

At the end of the last ice-ages, around 10,000 years ago, Stewart Island would have been covered with tussock and some scrub. As the climate warmed manuka, silver pine and other small, relatively shortlived [only one to two centuries] trees appeared, around about then, rimu came in in ever increasing numbers. It didn't take very long, probably only 4-5000 years. By the time Europeans arrived, about 150 years ago, and began cutting timber for boat and house-building and for sale, rimu forest, as such, had passed its prime, and trees like kamahi were replacing it. Instead of a forest composed largely of rimu, there were now some venerable old trees 1.5m or more through the trunk, just right for milling.

Rather ironically, the milling improved conditions for rimu. Cutting trees and dragging them out through the bush opened up the forest floor to light, and "scarified" or stirred up the soil, making conditions better for the growth of young rimus than they were under the deep, dank primeval forest the early millers found. Once you get out of the settled area of Oban, there are probably heaps more young rimu on their way to maturity now, than there were when the Mill Creek sawmill began working in the 1860's!

Hey, whoa back! Do I here the sound of chainsaws being sharpened? Oh, well, fair enough! Do it now. But - once they're sharpened, empty out the fuel, give them a good spray of CRC, a coat of grease, wrap them up carefully, put 'em in a box, and label it "To be opened by my great-great-grandkids" - or somesuch!

Sorry folks, rimu has been given a reprieve, but none of us living on the Island today will ever make our fortunes using it in bulk as they did in the "good old days". An enterprising and talented craftsman could make a living on the Island, using rimu from demolished buildings or from occasional moderate sized trees that are windthrown on privately owned land. [No trees are available for timber from DOC land, which makes up the bulk of the Island.] This would be sufficient for small-scale turning, carving, and maybe limited furniture-making, but that's it.

It's a pity, for the warm golds and rich brown of heart rimu make it a beautiful timber, and its reasonably easy to work too. The early settlers had no alternative but to use rimu and other natives. In the past 30-odd years [since the Island sawmills closed] it has been used for many jobs where pine would have sufficed. Now there is little available even for quality work.

Generally rimu is too slow growing to be considered as an economic timber species grown under managed conditions, though some work is being done on the West Coast. Here on the Island there are some good stands of young poles that would warrant thinning, but it would be at least 100-150 years before any really useable timber resulted. I've got a small pole stand that will ultimately yeild around four or five timber trees, but I'll never see them.

In the meantime, let's accept rimu for what it is now. A beautiful weeping juvenile tree, that shows its resilience to environmental conditions in middle age, and becomes a venerable patriarch of the forest in old age [about 6-700 years old that is!]

Let's end with a quote from NZFS silviculturalist Dudley Franklin:-

".. if any one tree could be chosen as a symbol of native forests that once were the nation's heritage, there could be no better choice than rimu."



Southern Air Lines
News from SOUTHERN AIR

Here we are again, well into October, and we have found a new contender, the *El Niño*. Hopefully El should move away by the second week in November. In the last month we have been delayed by foul weather at times, but have only lost one day's flying completely. Last weekend saw the Clinton Rugby team fly over, plus the Appleby Darts Club, while the tourists are starting to move now too.

Behind the controls we now have Capt Mike "Jack" Ryan, so make yourselves known to him. Labour weekend is just around the corner, so don't forget the bookings. Also, from Nov 2 we start flying from Invercargill at 8 am, so this gives you a good day in town on business.

Bring your friends over for the weekend on the *Weekend Special* which leaves Invercargill 6pm on Friday, returns Sunday 5pm. In the summer we will be flying every hour, so this gives people a good chance to get their freight out. Luggage like shopping bags left untied are hard to keep together. Ideally put it in a well-labelled carton - Thanks.

Why don't you Stewart Island folk take a scenic flight around your Island this summer? You have some of the best scenery in the world there! A trip to Mason Bay is something else.

Britten Norman Islander

As promised last month, here is a brief description of the moving parts of the Britten Norman Islander. In front of the pilot is the control column, very similar to a steering wheel. It is connected to the elevator on the tail. When pulled back by the pilot it lifts the nose of the aircraft and when pushed forward it lowers the nose. Turned left or right it connects to the ailerons outboard on the wings which cause the aircraft to turn left or right.

Inside the ailerons on the wing are the flaps, which have two positions. Halfway gives extra lift for take-off. Right down causes drag, which helps slow the plane up for landing.

The rudder, behind the tail, combines with the ailerons to help turn the aircraft in the air. It is worked by the pilot's foot pedals, which are also connected to the nosewheel and main brakes, for manoeuvring on the ground.

Alongside the pilot's right hand are, from left to right, two throttles [black] for power, two pitch controls [blue] for prop rpm and two mixture controls [blue] for fuel economy. Next month we shall see what makes it fly!

Write to you next when daylight saving starts.

"Over and out" - **Flying Phil**

Charter Chatter
News from STEWART IS CHARTER SERVICES

The gracious old lady Endeavour steamed into HMB in September, discharging a load of cargo from Port Chalmers. Those who know the "before and after" will agree she's pretty trim now.

There's been a few post-op problems with the ticker - she insisted on running on one motor for a while there, a case of rejection of things like belts and radiator caps! Buckets of wood shavings and the like in the bilge created a case of constipation.

- **Kay Cooper**

[Apologies to Kay, she had written an excellent article on the work done on Endeavour for No 2, which we didn't have space for, but it got lost in Invercargill - Sorry Kay - Sam]

————— **Labour Weekend** —————

MV Acheron Sailings

Fri 23 Oct	Depart Bluff 9am
	Depart HMB 2pm
Sat 24 Oct	Depart Bluff 9am
Mon 26 Oct	Depart HMB 2pm

Colouring Competition

DIC will be providing prizes for the Island children with a colouring competition they are holding in conjunction with their visit over Labour Weekend. Entry forms will be given to the pupils at the school.


[Tongue In Cheek]

Sam[TIC] indicates a tongue-in-cheek article which scurrilously misquotes folk with little or no regard for the truth - even if they did probably think it!

A Grizzle at the Drizzle

Dirty days hath September
April, June and November
February is quite all right
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And if they should be thirty-two
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- **Anon**



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Fire Station Open Day

This November is the second anniversary of the opening of the Oban Volunteer Fire Brigade's new Station building. Remember the old shed, with no door and the end wall cut out so the VAS would fit in? Longer serving brigade members certainly do! After the long battle it took to get the building, it is certainly very much appreciated.

No more standing inside in the wind and rain for theory lectures as we used to. No false alarms caused by someone sneezing and tripping the shutters. No more cleaning vehicles, then watching dust blow all over them before they're dry.

The new station certainly helped improve morale and it's not the eyesore the old building was either.

To celebrate our second birthday, OVFB will hold an open day on the afternoon of Sunday 1 November, so come and join us. Brigade members will be on hand to explain equipment. Afternoon tea will be served.

**Oban Volunteer Fire Brigade
Open Day
1-3pm - Saturday - 1 Nov
Afternoon Tea**

Stewart Island Events Dairy

October 1987

1pm Thursday 22
Jump for Heart Jump Off [School]
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2pm Thursday 22
APW [Ph:391-230]

LABOUR WEEKEND

Saturday 24
Gordon Cub Group Visit
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2pm Saturday 24
Opening - Bowling Club

7.30pm Saturday 24
Classical Guitar Concert
Horst Baites - [DOC]

2pm Sunday 25
Opening - Yacht Club

6pm Tuesday 27
SI Lions Club - [RSA]

9.30am Wednesday 28
Jeff Grant - MP Awarua
[Ph:87-794 for Appts]

10.30am Saturday 31
Doctor's Day - Dr DeCroos

2pm Saturday 31
Presbyterian Church Sale
[Sunday School Hall]

Streets Ahead Hairdresser.
[Ph:391-011 for appts]

8pm Saturday 31
Helena Rubenstein
Cosmetic Evening [OVFB]

November 1987

1pm Sunday 1
OVFB Open Day

Friday 6
Marco Polo NZ group visit

8pm Saturday 7
Halloween Fancy Dress Night -
[RSA] - \$5 [BYO]

8.15pm Saturday 7
Marc Bonetti [Cellist]
House Concert - [Gwen Neaves]

Friday 13
Baltimore Zoo Group visit

Wednesday 21
"Front Lawn"
Don McGlashen & Harry Sinclair
[music/theatre/dance/comedy]

Sunday 25
Natural History Group visit
New Jersey Audobon Soc visit

Thursday 29
Wildflower Tour Group visit

- Beryl Wilcox

Events Diary Listings

Events diary listings are free, for clubs, and visiting entertainers and tradespeople. If you want to make your activities known, get into SIN. I hope to have postcards available soon to simplify sending information

- Sam

Saturday 31 Oct 2.15pm
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- Jo RIKSEM

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10.00	10.20	10.30	10.50am
1.00	1.20	1.30	1.50pm
5.00	5.20	5.30	5.50pm

Sat-Sun

10.00	10.20	10.30	10.50am
1.00	1.20	1.30	1.50pm
4.00	4.20	4.30	4.50pm

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TIMETABLE - Mon/Wed/Fri

Bluff.....	Stewart Is.....	Bluff	
Dep	Arr	Dep	Arr
9.00	11.15am	2.00	4.15pm

Ticketing:

From 1hr before sailing

Boarding:

From 15min before sailing

**Coming
Attractions**

Listings of events for
October and November
are on p22 inside

Postscript

Well, folks, here it is, SIN No:4, late as usual, but never to worry. Thanks to contributors, and to the teams who helped with fold. I hope our rural postal subscribers still have a Post Office to collect their copy from. On that topic,

Business House Hours**Anchor Merchants**

Mon-Fri 9am - 5.30pm
Sat/Sun 10am - Noon

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Mon/Wed/Fri 1.30-5pm

Stewart Island Travel

Mon-Fri 8.30am-6pm
Sat/Sun 9.30am-5pm

Post Office

Mon-Fri 9am-1pm
2pm-5pm

SI County Office

Mon-Fri 9am-Noon
1pm-3pm

South Sea Hotel

Mon-Thu 11am-10pm [Bar]
Fri/Sat 11am-11pm
Daily Noon-1pm [Lunch]
6pm-7pm [Dinner]
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Mrs M Hopkins 391-126
Mrs N Schofield 391-340
Mr W Fisher 391-099

Stewart Island Library

Wed 2pm-3pm
Fri 11am-Noon

DOC Information Centre

Mon-Fri 8am-4.30pm
A/H & weekends see notice on door for duty officer's phone no.

District Nurse Clinic

Mon/Fri 10.30am-Noon
Ph:391-098

Police Ph:391-020

**EMERGENCIES
DIAL "111"**

Stewart Island Events Calendar**DAILY - Mon-Fri**

Exercise Class - 9am [RSA]
2pm [Traill Park]

MONDAY

Yoga - 1.30pm [RSA]
OVFB Practice - 7.00pm

TUESDAY

Playcentre - 9.30-Noon
Bible Study - 10am [Ph:391-199]
Last SI Lions Club - 6pm [RSA]

WEDNESDAY

Keas - 3.15pm [Traill Hall]
Brownies - 3.15pm [St And. S/S]
Guides - 3.15pm [Dianne Smith's]
Darts - 7.30pm [Pub]
3rd Parent Support - 10.30am
SICC Meeting - 7.30pm [Hall]

THURSDAY

Playcentre - 9.30-Noon
Foveaux Radio SI News - 11.40am
Cubs - 3.15pm [Traill Hall]
Badminton - 7.30pm [Hall]
1st CWI - 2pm [RSA]
SI Promo Assn - 8pm [OVFB]
2nd Garden Circle [Ph:391-020]
4th APW - 2pm [Ph:391-230]

FRIDAY

RSA Raffle - 6.30pm [Pub]

SATURDAY

Prayer Circle 1pm [Ph:391-199]
Netball Games - 2pm [School]

SUNDAY

Oban Presbyterian Church 10.30
3rd St Andrews Anglican Church
[See Noticeboard]

SIN managed to pay back a little of our debt to Big Glory Seafoods by sending a report through via computer & phone when weather closed postal communications.

The Island's a great place for visiting sports teams and usually their trips are enjoyable for all

concerned. Not so with the rabble from Dunedin on 16/17 Oct. Uprooting signs, brawling and generally creating havoc wasn't appreciated by the community. On behalf of all thanks to Mike TeAu for sorting the issue out promptly and effectively - Sam