

Stewart Island News

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Celebrating Stewart Island



Staff and pupils of Halfmoon Bay School stand under the newly painted sign.

Created as a woodwork project in 1990, the sign was the idea and work of Ted Jones, and made from a rimu plank donated by Jim Barrett of Horseshoe Bay Road. To mark the restoration of the sign, Principal Lee Wadds decided to photograph previous technology teachers Mrs Helen Bissland and Mr Jones alongside Allan Wads who undertook the work

Artful Wears - Catwalk Creations

Toi Rakiura Arts Trust would like to remind everyone that the Stewart Island Artful Wears competition will be held at the Community Centre this Saturday, 27th September.

Doors open 7.30pm - show starts 8.00pm.

Stewart Island Players to perform exciting routine + Fashion show + Celebrity Judges

Spring! Spring!

First the days start getting longer, then the fuchsia are in flower and the cherry trees blossom around the bay; but nothing yells "**springtime!**" like seeing the birds start to nest. Ah what a feeling after the long dark days of winter...

Safe in their fourth year on Ulva Island, the robins are at it again with the first chicks of the season hatching last week. That's earlier than last year by nearly a week. I think that pair is putting in a big effort towards the next couple-of-the-year award. (It went to a special little pair last year who brought forward 5 new additions, bringing their personal Ulva contribution to 11 birds.) Last year ten pairs of robins raised twenty-six fledglings and seventy-five percent of the chicks have already been seen in a quick survey this season (there may be more yet.) If you do your sums for this year, that equates to ...lots!

Also of recent interest are the Mohua/ yellowheads beginning to separate into smaller groups after the flocking behaviour of winter. They're giving a tuneful, seasonal call which heralds the spring. We knew of two nests last year, five fledglings amongst the hail storms and rain. Needless to say this year I'm hopeful for more (nests, not hail storms!)

In 2002/03 Ulva felt the pitter patter of twenty-one new pairs of Tieke/ saddleback feet, bringing their total to about eighty birds. They have their own reasons for a big year this year as many have recently "come of age." Occasionally, saddlebacks will breed as jackbirds (one-year-olds) but by two years they're all adults and as active as they'll ever be. This year thirty-six saddlebacks turn two. If anyone saw the young pair who live in Post Office Bay, they are a good example of the visible transition to adulthood as the birds' feathers changed

from the chocolate-brown of a jackbird into a glossy black with the burnt saddle of an adult.

Finally, the Titipounamu/ rifleman- who knows what they're planning for the year. Thirty-eight were brought to Ulva earlier this year, and they seem to have recovered well from the journey. I've seen them in all corners of the island but the most accessible can be seen from the edge of the main track.

If I was a rifleman, I'd take a well earned rest after that. Did I mention females can lay five eggs in each nest, staggeringly laying up to their own body weight?! (and you think your bubs was hard work!) None-the-less, rifleman all over NZ start building nests in late September so I'll keep an eye on these guys and let you know if the island starts filling up.

So for anyone who's missed the start of spring, keep your eyes open. There's heaps happening around the bay, you may find a Tui nesting in your fuchsia.

Kari Farmer

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES!!!

**28th November 2003
Community Hall**

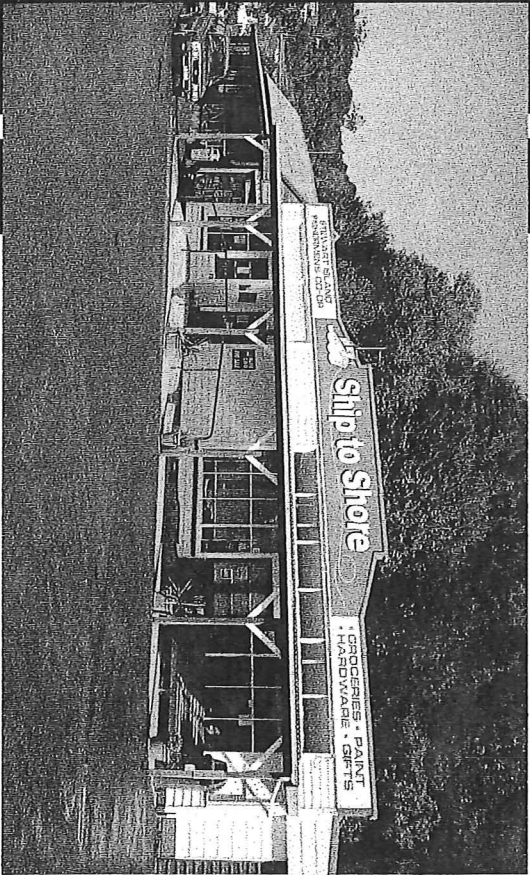
Halfmoon Bay School will be putting on a big show for the community on Friday 28th November at the Hall. There will be a matinee for the junior audience (and those who don't stay up late), and an evening event that is DEFINITELY not to be missed.

More details later.

See you there!

Ship to Shore - News Update

Change of Hours
from
Labour Weekend
Open 7.30am
Close 7.30pm



STARTING FROM THE 1ST OCTOBER WE PLAN TO RUN OUR OWN **INSTORE SPECIALS**. THESE WILL NOT BE THE NORMAL **FOUR SQUARE SPECIALS** (WHICH WE WILL STILL BE RUNNING) BUT OUR OWN **SPECIAL SPECIALS**. **NO ADVERTISING IN ADVANCE - JUST COME IN AND SEE FOR YOURSELF!**

Home Baking Treats

Come in and try Wendy's treats. We regularly bake and have everything from sandwiches, pies, cakes, muffins and scones. We also have a menu available for packed lunches. Other catering services will be considered - ask Wendy or Jill.

NEW PRODUCTS

We are always endeavouring to source new products. Please come into the shop and look around.

Cheers, from the team at Ship2Shore

MUSEUM NOTES.

Another quiet month has whistled past, with not a lot of news from the Museum. Attendances seem to vary considerably – on Sunday 31st August I sat for two hours with no “customers”, while on 14th September I had fourteen visitors. (The day before Elaine Hamilton had no-one through the door!)

I found it interesting to ask where the people came from, and of “my” 14, three were from Germany, three from the U.K., one from Holland, two from Australia, and five were Kiwis! Quite a mixture, and all interesting to chat with.

As time permits, Elaine and her helpers continue with the big task of cataloguing the hundreds of items held in the Museum. It would be great to have the space to exhibit more of what is stored upstairs! One day, perhaps?

There are no new acquisitions to report this month.

ANNUAL MEETING.

This will be held in the Museum on Tuesday 30th September 2003 commencing at 1.30 p.m. Interested persons are welcome to attend.

SPEC –This month’s boat.

Back in 1877, Andrew Black and his three sons – David, Jack, and George – set up a fishing station at Lucky Beach on the northern coast of Stewart Island. The boat they used was an open whaleboat, 30 feet long, named ***SPEC***. She would have been typical of the smaller boats built and used locally around that time.

When the Blacks had a worthwhile catch, they would sail or row across Foveaux Strait and up the Oreti River Estuary to Invercargill’s Otepuni Creek. Here they announced their arrival with a tune or two on a cornet and laid their fish out for sale on the grassy bank – probably near what was later known as the “Bank Corner.” Then it would be a case of loading a few essential stores and heading back home across the Strait, to do it all again! In these modern times the bureaucrats would have a field day, and no doubt soon put an end to such enterprise!

During the 1890’s the Black Family became well known as touring musicians, and gave the first “professional” concert in Halfmoon Bay in 1899.

Well, that seems to be the lot for this month. See you later!

Merv King.

Local Iwi apply to Minister of Fisheries for the establishment of a Mataitai Reserve in Patterson Inlet

On the 19th of September Iwi submitted the application for a Mataitai Reserve in Patterson Inlet that has resulted from the four public meetings held on Stewart Island from 20 February 2003.

Mataitai is a framework that enables local people to establish fishing regulations for their local areas. The Mataitai Management Committee will be made up of a group of local people – half of whom will be on the committee as Iwi representatives – the other five being voted on by the local community.

The proposed Mataitai Reserve for Patterson's Inlet is separate to the Marine Reserve currently being established by DOC at Ulva Island. The Marine Reserve administered by DOC will be a total "no fishing / no take" area – the Mataitai Reserve is likely to have particular species specific regulations but people will still be able to fish in the area.

The need for a Mataitai Reserve has come about as all those who attended the public meetings agreed that some species and areas needed special protection from fishing. As an example - currently the bag limits for Paua (10 per person in the water) were considered by those who attended the meeting to be very high. People agreed that you don't need 10 Paua per person for a feed. Locals felt that it was important to protect everybody's right and ability to catch a feed of seafood in the Inlet – but that Patterson Inlet should not be a place where people can come and take seafood to fill up their freezers – as in the long term this isn't sustainable and everybody loses out.

If the Mataitai is approved – then the local Management Committee can propose bylaws which may override any current Fisheries Regulations in the Inlet. Bylaws proposed by

the Management Committee are required to go through a public consultation process where submissions will be sought.

The Minister of Fisheries will consider the proposed bylaws and decide whether or not to turn them into law. These bylaws will apply to all fishers equally.

These bylaws will be enforced by the Ministry of Fisheries.

The original idea for the Mataitai was to include Horseshoe and Halfmoon Bays as well as Patterson Inlet – however this idea was shelved after opposition from the commercial fishery. Currently the level of commercial activity in Horseshoe and Halfmoon Bays is low – but as Malcolm Lawson (Chief Executive of the CRA 8 Management Committee) submitted - "A Mataitai reserve prohibits commercial fishing unless regulations are introduced at a later date to allow it. The amount of commercial effort in this area is irrelevant. It is the opportunity to exercise a property right in the area that is important. This proposal would have also impacted on commercial fishers in other ways as pots would not have been able to be left in the area, even as temporary storage, and coff pots would also be prohibited."

The public meeting agreed that while commercial coffing of fish and storing of pots would be unlikely to be of concern to any Mataitai Management Committee (who would be more likely to be concerned with managing Paua and Kina) the concerns of the commercial fishery were valid. Therefore the proposal for Horseshoe and Halfmoon Bays should be shelved for the time being – and the proposal for Patterson's Inlet go ahead.

"It is possible" said Phillip Smith "that in time the proposal for Halfmoon and Horseshoe Bays will go forward again, however in the meantime the biggest community concern is in Patterson

Inlet and it is important to make that a priority. I am really pleased with the comments from the commercial fishery – we are trying to do the right thing by everybody and we want to know what people think”.

Currently there is no commercial fishing permitted in Patterson’s Inlet in any case and the establishment of a Mataitai would not change the status quo in that respect.

What happens next?

Once the Ministry of Fisheries has received the application – they have 20 working days to publicly notify the receipt of that application and invite submissions from the local community. After the period for submissions has closed – there will be a public meeting to further consult with the local community. After this consultation the application may be amended.

In the meantime, local and mainland Runaka, together with the local community will run a process to appoint the local community representatives on the Mataitai Management Committee. Iwi have already appointed their representatives on the management committee – Maureen Jones, Phillip Smith, Richard Squires, Peter Goomes and George Ryan. There are seven nominations for the five local community reps – and these will be voted on at the next public meeting. *At the moment no date has been set for this meeting – but a notice will be put on the public notice board.* The nominations for Community Reps are – Margaret Hopkins, Jim Barrett, Bill Hazlet, Bill Hamilton, Martin Pepers, Furhana Ahmad and Gordon Leask.

Phillip Smith invites everyone who has an interest in the ongoing management of the Patterson Inlet fishery to attend the next meeting and to be involved. If you have any queries about the Mataitai proposal at this stage please contact Phillip.

Book Review by Anon

Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix

Now available at Stewart Island Library.
(Thanks, Pat!)

The newest book in the Harry Potter series deals with his fifth year at Hogwarts School of Wizardry, and just as Harry has grown through the series, so has JK Rowling's style. Harry's adolescent problems are very realistically described: (at times he is definitely less than appealing) and any reader who started reading the series at Harry's original age will find that the style and aim of book has grown with their hero.

Over summer, Harry's had an awful time with the Dursleys, but coming back to school is no better, with gossip circulating about him in the wizarding world. Professor Dumbledore seems less than helpful, Sirius likewise: and the latest Defence gainst the Dark Arts teacher is really dreadful. He's got his Ordinary Wizarding Levels examinations (O.W.Ls) at the end of the year and the workload seems just too much: then his Quidditch hopes crumble. This book shows Harry dealing with darker problems - not everything ends neatly wound up, and Harry's decisions sometimes have very bad results, but it certainly leaves the reader hoping that JK Rowling is writing Book 6 really fast.

Oban Volunteer Fire Brigade WANTED

Interested persons to be part of the Fire Brigade's *Wajax* (fire fighting) competitions at Otautau in March 2004.

Mens and Womens teams required. For more information contact the Brigade's secretary: Jayne Wilson 2191456.

This is a social event and a fun weekend for all

Stewart Island Promotions Association

The new Executive for 2003-2004

President: Sue Graham

Vice President: Lesley Gray

Past President: Bruce Ford

Treasurer: Jon Spraggon

Members: Sue Munro, Helen Cave, Diane Smith, Jo Leask & Wendy Hallett.

Secretary: (Appointed by the Southland District Council) Colleen Dawson

Please feel free to contact anyone if you have an issue regarding Promotions

Christchurch A & P Show

We are representing ourselves at the show this year with a team of five going up. We will be situated at one end of the Venture Southland stall and display. It is going to be great to focus on our own product again.

Video

This project is still in progress. Unfortunately, weather conditions have not always been suitable for filming.

Constitution

The Executive Committee reviewed the submissions and presented some recommendations at the General meeting which took place on Thursday, 11 September 2003.

Laminated Stewart Island Parkmaps

These are at the DOC Visitor Centre selling for \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members.

Tear off street maps

We have printed more and they are available from the DOC Visitor Centre. The new updated ones will be available in October.

Stewart Island Website

The Executive and the website sub-committee met in July where it was decided that correspondence for new additions and changes to the website are to come through the Executive and then passed onto the website committee to action. The forms for changes and new additions are available from the Secretary at the Southland District Council Oban office, Phone 2191-049 or P O Box 90, Stewart Island. If you require your web advertisement changed to be in line with the brochure, you will need to complete the form and have it back to the Secretary by the 1st of the month then it will be actioned by the middle of the month. By knowing the cut off date we hope this is going to be of help. This process will be reviewed in 3- 4 months.

Stewart Island brochures

These are available from the DOC Visitor Centre and we suggest when operators are taking bookings, to check it is the current brochure being used which has 2003-04 on the front & January 2003 on the back. Venture Southland do all the distribution and their contact details are on the back cover of the brochure. ■

RUBBISH REDUCER REACHES FINALS!

by Rhys Leask and Fiona Hall, Halfmoon Bay School

Some of you may have read, in "Envirosouth" magazine, that Vanessa Taylor was a finalist in the Reduce Your Rubbish Challenge. This competition was run by Environment Southland and the Ministry for the Environment. We wondered how a Stewart Islander managed such a feat **before** the Recycling Centre has opened!

Vanessa (29) told us that she found out about the challenge on the Internet. She said that it was quite scary being a finalist and having people go through two weeks of her rubbish. She started recycling five years ago, when she lived in Christchurch, because there were recycling bins there. Vanessa's mother recycles too, and her father is "a fixit kind of person".

How did she do it?

- ❖ Food scraps go in a compost bin outside.
- ❖ Paper is used for lighting the fire.
- ❖ Tins, No 1 & 2 plastics etc go to a recycling centre.
- ❖ Other plastics are a problem, eg meat wrappers and packaging, and these go to the dump.

Vanessa doesn't just reduce her rubbish on the way out - *she also reduces it on the way into her home.* She says, "The main thing I use is prevention: thinking before I buy." She often complains to shops about over-packaging things, and sometimes even leaves the wrapping at the shop! She also likes to buy things that don't break or wear out easily, reuses things (like both sides of A4 paper), prefers home cooking to packaged food, gardens and grows some of her own food, uses calico shopping bags, and fixes things rather than throwing them away.

She doesn't use fancy bins for recycling, instead she uses ordinary things like banana boxes, Tux dog biscuit bags and coal sacks. In the end she probably sends one coal sack per month to the dump. It doesn't take much time to recycle because she just rinses things as she does the dishes, and pops them in the box on the way out to work. "All it takes is a bit of thinking," she says. Recyclables are taken to Ashburton each time Vanessa visits her Mum. In Ashburton recyclables are collected at the kerbside, and she just adds to her Mum's box. Like Stewart Island, Invercargill will be doing this soon, but isn't quite ready yet.

We asked if it was harder to recycle because she lives on Stewart Island, but Vanessa said no. "I only have a banana box of recycling every two months, so not really, and when they get the recycling up and going here, there'll be **no excuse!**" Vanessa thinks that if people on Stewart Island **want** to reduce their rubbish they'll do it. Bag charges and prosecution for dumping might be good incentives too.

Thanks very much to Vanessa for her time.

Basin Award

This month the highly-sought-after Basin Award has been dusted off and is presented to Tim Chamberlain at the Hotel for filling the oil tank on the forklift with 5 litres of *petrol!*
The vehicle in question was last seen heading west at high altitude over Te Anau.

Stewart Islanders – about ourselves

Chris Visser

Have you ever wondered what we all actually do for a living here, how much we earn and how many of us own cars? In the summer of 2000 / 2001 research was carried on behalf of the Department of Conservation by Kay Booth and Jason Leppens of Lincoln University which took a 'snap shot' of the Stewart Island Community and visitors to this community prior to the establishment of Rakiura National Park.

The full report – Rakiura National Park: Study of Tourism and the Stewart Island Community Prior to the Creation of the National Park – is available from DOC.

The researchers contacted all 211 household listed on the local phone list – and had a response rate of 49%.

There are 384 permanent residents on Stewart Island – 55% of us are male and 44% female (which begs the question – *what is the missing 1%?* I am not great at maths but if there are 384 residents and 1% are neither male nor female then that is three and a bit people.... I must admit I'm quite curious about this one.....)

80% of our residents are aged between 16 – 65, and 9% are under 15 years – lower than the national average of 22.7%. The percentage of people aged over 65 in our community is 10.2% - similar to the national average of 12.1%.

24% of us make a living from tourism related industries. 27% make a living from fishing related employment (including salmon / mussel farming and fishing / fish processing). 17% of us are retired.

28% of us earn more than \$30,000 a year – which is slightly lower than the national average of 30.7%.

234 dwellings are identified as occupied – and 117 unoccupied (holiday homes and cribs). 79% of residents surveyed owned their own home – which is higher than both the national average of 67.8 % and the Southland District average of 75.5%. Many people surveyed believed there is a housing problem on Stewart Island - but only a few (3%) thought this was because there was not enough houses on the island – mainly people recognised that house prices, and unoccupied houses not being available for purchase or rent by residents was the main problem.

We were asked how long we have lived here – 15% of us have lived here all our lives, and 51% have lived here for more than 10 years. The rest of us – 34% - have lived here for less than five years.

We are quite definite on why we like living here, nature, the land and sea, and peace and quite are qualities we hold in high regard.

Tourism on Stewart Island

An estimated 32,000 visitors come to Stewart each year. 8% of these are day visitors – the rest stay on average 4 days or three nights. Converting our visitor numbers to 'person days per annum' gives us an extra 117,000 person days per annum – the equivalent of 321 extra full time residents. When added to the present population of 384 residents, this gives a total of 705 full time equivalent residents living on Stewart Island.

What we think about tourism

In response to what we thought about tourism, 61% of us thought that tourism benefited us personally, while 36% believed that it had not. Personal benefits were mainly related to business and employment opportunities. When asked if we had experienced any negative impacts personally from tourism 38% replied they had and 52% that they had not. The negative impacts were reported as increased numbers of people on the roads and a loss of privacy.

We were asked to rate an ideal level of tourism from a scale of "already too much tourism" to "develop as much tourism as possible". The bulk of respondents indicated the middle of the scale – meaning that mostly we are either happy with the current level of development or are wanting to see a bit more. A few people thought there was already too much tourism development (5%) and 11% thought that we should develop as much tourism as possible.

What tourists think about us

500 visitors to Stewart Island were surveyed in January 2003.

The most common response from visitors when asked what they liked best about their visit to Stewart Island was bird life (30 percent) followed by scenery (18 percent) friendly people (11 percent) peace and quiet (11 percent) and nature (10 percent). The main dislike reported by visitors was weather (18 percent) followed by the ferry crossing (7 percent). At the time the survey was conducted there was spate of strong north easterlies and rough seas – however 87 percent of visitors said they would come back if they had the opportunity so despite the weather our visitors enjoy themselves.

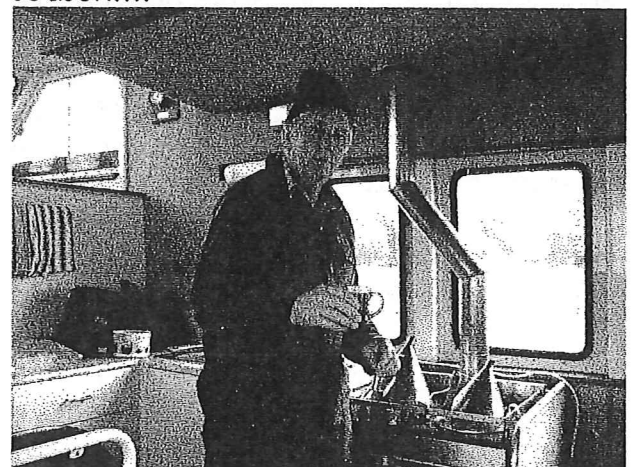
Our Island Infrastructure

Our Power Station is designed to service a maximum of 900 people and their industries, and an average of 400 people and their industries. So the power station can cope with 500 visitors on any one day before the capacity of the station is reached.

The Sewerage system was designed to handle a capacity of 690 full time equivalents. While not all permanent residents are on the sewerage scheme – if we take into account the fact that with visitors we have the equivalent of 705 people living here – the scheme is reaching its current capacity.

This study was carried out in late 2001 and early 2002. There have been noticeable changes in our community since then – most notably an increase in building and the increase in property values. A number of people have commented that the Island just seems busier this winter than last winter, even though last summer was pretty quiet tourism wise compared to the summer before.

So what will be the actual impact of Rakiura National Park on our community – is the whole tourism growth thing simply hype? Time will tell – in the meantime – be careful of tourists on the roads this coming season.... ■



Book Review

“Wish You Well” by David Baldacci

Being a David Baldacci fan in a hurry, I bought “Wish You Well” purely because of the author, and without reading about the subject. I was disappointed to discover that the story was a complete departure from the usual Baldacci formula. It seemed to concern: children, depressed rural America in the late ‘30’s/early ‘40’s, good triumphing over evil, “heart-warming”, etc. And I had been looking forward to a bit of suspense, so I put the book to one side to read “at a later date”. Finding myself one wet Saturday afternoon without a library book, I reluctantly pulled out the Baldacci – I didn’t stop reading until the book was finished! What a tale!

It concerns Lou, aged 12, and her seven-year old brother, Oz. Their father, is a brilliant but penurious author living in New York, their mother concerned that her husband is about to throw away his dreams in order to make money. A car crash leaves the father dead and mother in a coma. The only living relative remaining to take care of the penniless children - and their comatose mother – is a great grandmother, Louisa Mae. And she ekes out a bare existence on a Virginia mountain farm. What happens to the two city children when they are transported into this alien environment is the hub of the story.

Essentially, it is a love story. It’s about the love of parents and grandparents for children, of children for their friends as well as family, and a burgeoning love affair between a man and a woman. It is an adventure story totally dissimilar to any I’ve read before, and it more than touches upon issues of ecology and environmental health that are very current today. It is a story of hope, and of what happens when people dream. And it is, necessarily, about death – about the death of people, and those same hopes and dreams, and how children, as well as adults learn to cope. It is told with great good humour and the kind of empathy that makes you wonder about Baldacci’s own childhood. His

descriptions of life in the mountains – from midwifery to building a barn, from the back-breaking work of summer in the mountains to the joys and privations of winter – is so sure that you could be living the life along with the Cardinal family.

The ending is not quite happily-ever-after. Instead, it is a beginning. And a kind of Epilogue, being the final chapter and entitled “Today”, is the very satisfactory conclusion to the book. I was delighted with this story, and will read future Baldacci books without reference to the genre in which his is writing – he is obviously much more than competent in more than one line.

Sue Ford

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Councillor's Column by Bill Todd

We've waited a long time for this, but a government-funded study into tourism-related costs has conformed what we already know – that the costs of providing infrastructure for all our visitors is more than our Stewart Island community can bear.

As the report says, the costs on small communities like ours, with high visitor numbers, are untenable. The Southland District Council has been arguing this since before the Rakiura National Park was opened, and we've been fobbed off until now because the Government has wanted a formal study.

This was in spite of promises made by Sandra Lee, when she was Minister of Conservation and Local Government, that we would get Government assistance.

Visitors are a vital part of our economy, but there has to be a way of sharing the costs of the facilities that they require. The cost of sewerage reticulation and water supplies would cripple our community if our small number of ratepayers had to pay for them in full.

The costs of these two projects alone are budgeted to be \$3.2 million. So we'll await the next move from the Government with interest. ■



This month's award goes to Pat King. A little bird told us that she donates her Librarian's honorarium every month to buy new books for the Stewart Island Library.
The chocolates this month were generously donated by Ship to Shore .

STEWART ISLAND GARDEN CIRCLE by Jenny Gell

The Annual General Meeting of the Garden Circle was held at Church Hill Cafe on 12th August with a good turn out of members. Jenny Gell was thanked for her two years as President and Pat Bethune was elected the new President. Many thanks to Gary and his team for allowing us to use the Church Hill Whaling Room for our meeting.

Gift Vouchers were issued to those with the most points for the years competitions, Lil Skipper was first, Anita Geeson second and Peggy Wilson third, congratulations to all three.

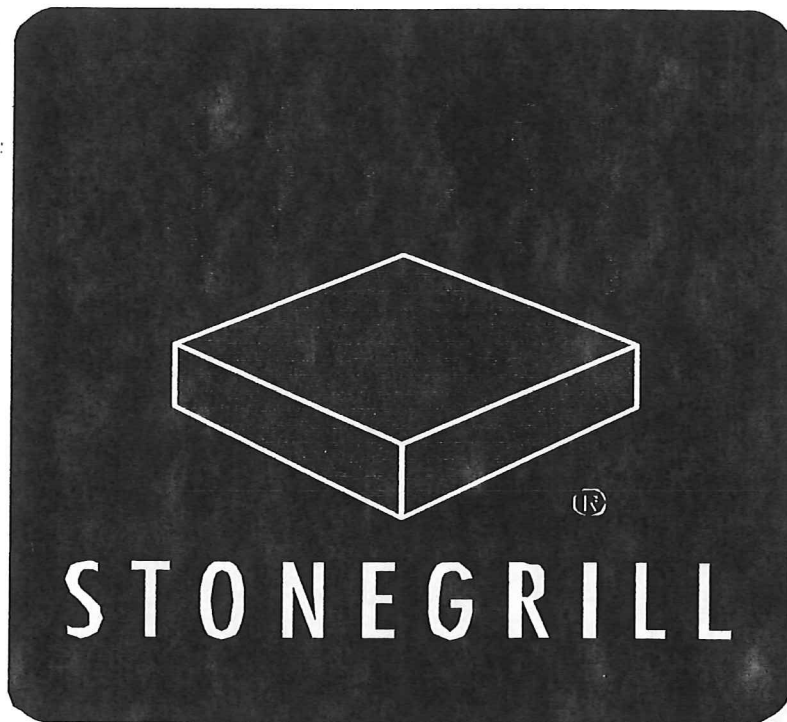
On 11th October Kath Widdowson from the Catlins will be giving a talk on "Gardening in difficult conditions" and Diacks Nurseries will be making their annual visit to the island towards to end of October. Notices will be put on the Notice Board.

The next meeting will be held at Lorraine Squires at 2pm on 9th October.

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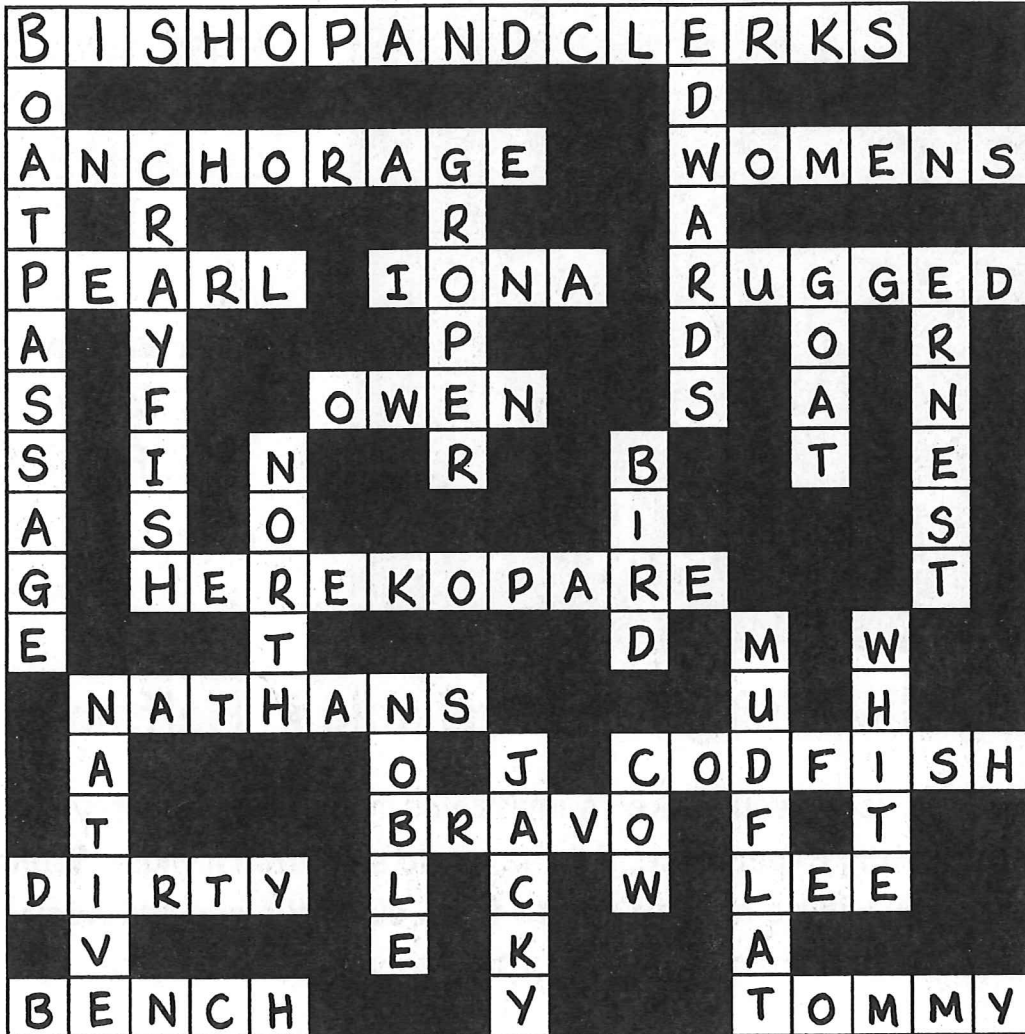
Our usual *a la carte* menu has also been changed so you are guaranteed to find something to your liking. Bookings are recommended.

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