

STEWART ISLAND NEWS

CELEBRATING RAKIURA

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Some treats are just so good that second helpings are irresistible and this has certainly been a month jam-packed with second helpings! The Kakapo Encounter presented by the Ulva Island Trust is a great example: Sirocco, one of only 91 kakapo left in the world arrived last week for second helpings of the popular nocturnal visits. Don't miss Kakapo Encounter 2008! *More this page...*

Stewart Island Singles Ball was up to it's *third* helpings in August, and party-goers *still* couldn't get enough of the live, all-night music, fantastic kai and party atmosphere. People arrived from Brisbane, Ireland and beyond, having read about the Ball on the Internet. Once again the bonfire was still going at dawn and guests to the island couldn't believe how friendly the atmosphere was, and how all that fun was so affordable.

Photos ph 8 & 9.



Stewart Island Singles Ball 2008 rocked on until Sunday. Many 'first timers' said they will be back in a flash to this beautiful island and its fun and friendly people.



Harry watering his new potato-growing experiment. Story page 6

SIN Editor Jess is back next month and will 'take the pen' from here. Thanks for all your articles and ideas; Happy Reading!

Kari Beaven

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Sirocco the Kakapo is back!



The stealthy, green parrot of the night landed 'incognito' on Friday morning in a manner befitting a bird of his fame (he flew in for a start, a trait not usually attributed to these critically endangered, flightless icons of survival).

Sirocco was met by Sandy King, who will be his minder 24hrs a day for the next few weeks. Well experienced in kakapo health, Sandy deemed Sirocco was happy enough after the flight to make a short detour to Halfmoon Bay school, where he was reacquainted with the students who were around for his visit in 2006, and met any new faces one by one.

The Ulva Island Trust and *Kakapo Encounter 2008* project manager, Jo Learmonth, have been preparing his home on Ulva Island with Sandy's help, ready for his return. He arrived with a few days to settle in before opening night. Practice runs to the viewing area, where visitors can meet Sirocco face to face, showed he remembered his last visit, and was impatient for the people to start showing up!

Sirocco epitomises our reason not to make assumptions when working to save threatened, native species: scientists assumed kakapo were all but lost, and then a sizeable population of males and females was found on Stewart
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Daffodil Day

Thank you to everyone who supported Daffodil Day this year.

\$324.60 was raised in merchandise sales
\$716.00 was raised in donations.



Congratulations Gwen!! Gwen finished a Dunedin half-marathon last weekend in what has been an inspirational lead-up to the New York Marathon. Thanks for the challenge, energy and motivation Gwen!

SIN PRICES HAVE GONE UP TO \$2.50 each.
For now, subs remain at \$2.00 plus postage

Many Stewart Islanders and members of the 'extended' island community will remember Kicki and Thies, who were here a few years ago, and their yacht Wanderer 3. Thies is a shipwright and Kicki an architect; both are seafarers and adventurers. For the past four months they have been caretakers of one of the more remote of the Falkland Islands.

In July, a very special visitor washed up on 'their' island. What follows is part 1 of Kicki's tale, 'King Oliver'.

God Save the King, 14.07.08

On Friday we received a royal visitor in need of lodgings. On my daily, long walk I saw a very heavily oiled King Penguin standing on the shore. At first this was just quite lovely cuz Kings are not that common and it is a rare occurrence to see them on shore and away from their breeding sites. But as I walked past him I could see that his entire front was black with crude oil.



So I hurried home to phone Falkland Conservation for advice and we have since captured him and cleaned him and are taking care of him as best we can in one of the sheds. What an experience! If we had left him on the beach he would definitely have died of hypothermia since he can't keep waterproof so gummed up with crude oil.

At first Falkland Conservation (FC) weren't sure whether capture and cleaning could increase his chances of survival since they assumed we didn't have the right equipment and medication for him. They said we would need to rehydrate him with a big syringe and flexible tube to stick down his throat. Well, we had just bought one of those thinking it might come in handy with our new diesel stove which had been acting up and spilling diesel in hard to reach places. Then FC said it was very important the penguin get activated charcoal to reduce the risk of poisoning from oil ingestion through preening. Well, of course we carry activated charcoal on our round the world vessel, so I could give him that too. But then there was the question of food. And even that was solved by a lucky stroke of events as our nearest neighbours happened to be in Stanley and were due to return yesterday and were able to carry a 20kg box of frozen Rock Cod which we sailed to pick up today.

What you do for a King Penguin?

We've had our ups and downs. This poor chap needed three cleaning sessions, so thick was the oil on his belly. Basically, everything that ought to be white was black - thick, heavy, gummed-up black. First you rub vegetable oil into the crude oil to help dissolve it. Then it's dish detergent and warm water. Boy do their feathers fit like armour! And boy do penguins have belly muscles! They are just a ball of muscle. And they are so warm! We've looked it up and their body temperature is 40°C, and one can feel it.

He's light grey now, no longer black. And he's fluffed himself up now that we've allowed him to preen again. Had to put a modified sweater over him to not only keep him warm, but prevent preening in the oiled areas. We also had to heat the shed which had its own hiccups cuz the power system here couldn't handle the extra load of an electrical heater. And of course it's been a shuffle with the three dogs who can't all get on with each other and

also have to be kept away from the penguin.

Tonight we had hoped to get the first fish down to his belly, but we just couldn't get him to swallow it. Poor chap has never experienced a dead fish. You have to feed it from a salt water bucket to ensure his salt glands stay active. And today we could give him his first rehydrating solution. If we can't convince him to eat dead fish we will have to put it in a blender (don't know if this household has one) and squirt the fish into his belly.

He seems perky enough, and plump enough to give us hope of his chances. But of course, even if he survives his ordeal with us and we see him off to the ocean again, we will never know what toll the oiling and the handling will have taken on him. We can't tag him as one has to be specially licensed to tag a King with a flipper band.

Thies and I have done nearly nothing else since Friday, except one thing or another to do with King Oliver (aka Oily Ollie): erect a pen inside a shed, figure out how to heat it, find rags, assemble the gear, organise the dogs, phone for advice, pick up the fish...

I just really hope we can help him. What a privilege.

The next chapter 'King Oliver takes flight' will continue next month or go to www.stewart-island-news.com

STEWART ISLAND GARDEN CIRCLE

The Annual General Meeting took place at the home of Raylene Waddell on 11th September. Barbara Wilson remained Secretary, and Jenny Gell joined Anita Geeson as President.

The annual prizes were awarded to:
First: Jenny Gell,
Second: Anita Geeson
Third: Nancy Schofield

Over the past twelve months Garden Circle arranged native flowers for Schofields' wedding; flowers for the Christmas ser-



vices at the Presbyterian Church; had Christmas Lunch at Church Hill; a bus trip at Anzac Weekend; Robert Guyton visited in June to talk about Permaculture; each child at the School was given a bucket from Garden Circle, a potato from Ship to Shore and potting mixture from The Murphys.

Next visitors will be Dorothy Findlay on the 6th October and Jayne Wilson at a date to be arranged.

The next meeting will be at the home of Lee Wadds, 2pm Thursday 9th October. Competition:
Spring Collection (3), a weed and a leaf with attitude.

DOROTHY FINDLAY

Garden Circle invited Dorothy Findlay over to the island in September 2004 when she presented a "Floral Art Display". This was so successful we hoped she would visit us again.

6th October

Dorothy is returning to present

"Christmas Decorations"
1.30pm at the Fire Station

Everyone welcome
Gold Coin Donation appreciated.

Sirocco the Kakapo is back! *Continued from pg 1*

...Island; the discovery of these birds meant all was saved, then Stewart Island kakapo were found to be dropping with dramatic speed due to wild cats; kakapo were moved to a pest-free island, where series of lessons have shown that it is never safe to assume good intentions don't mean bad things don't happen; when it was found hand-raising could save chicks from starvation when the masting fruit failed, Sirocco was found to imprint humans on his psyche instead of other kakapo; this, assumed as a major mistake has proved to be Sirocco's charm and linked what once



The kids loved Sirocco's visit to school

was a restricted and hidden story to those who really need to know. This sociable, intelligent and cheeky bird revels in the company of people and has become a natural, generally relaxed star, introducing

ing who Kakapo really is to those who have rightly assumed their closest contact with the secretive bird would be Buller's historic book of New Zealand birds; who have only guessed at his size and imagined the sweetly musty smell of his feathers; those who may now or in the years to come, have the power of the votes that save him; and he was watched their eyes mist in recognition of intelligence and self-awareness in another living, innocent creature.

But something is different about Sirocco this year. He has been 'on edge' and while obviously enjoying the attention

(and the grapes) those who know him best knew something bigger was on his mind. Finally, they realised! Those new, white paper overalls and the freshly cleaned gumboots worn by his minder have for so long been a signal in his world that something unpleasant is about to happen. Like a pet who sees the transport cage and bolts for the door, Sirocco went as far as taking a bite out of the rubber boots! Simply enough, the boot colour has been changed, white overalls exchanged for blue and Sirocco is at ease once more!



Spirit & Nature Photography

Come and see Sirocco while he is on Ulva - he's pacing at the bottom of his race, waiting for you!

Book your tickets at the Stewart Island I-Site Visitor Centre.

Visitors make sure you look out for special deals associated with *Kakapo Encounter 2008*.



Creating atmosphere in the viewing pen

Brown Creeper & Rifleman Transfer

by Margaret Hopkins SIRCET



brown creeper/pipipi, Ulva I.

The middle of August saw a flurry of activity for

SIRCET staff and up to 20 volunteers from on and off the Island. As a change from the usual business of trapping pests and pulling weeds we helped with the capture and transfer of brown creeper/pipipi and rifleman/ titipounamu from Ulva Island to the main Stewart Island/

Rakiura.

The transfer was a joint operation between SIRCET and the Dancing Star Foundation (DSF) with the August operation being the first of several planned. Applying to DOC for permission to transfer these birds together made the best use of people's time processing and advising on the applications, and offering their field skills to the task. Shared costs also meant both SIRCET and DSF saved significant amounts of money. A grant from the Barry Dent Fund covered most of the consumable costs and wages for staff time was covered by both DSF and SIRCET on a *pro rata* basis.

Initially, transfers were to be made in August to both the DSF reserve at Horseshoe Bay as well as Ackers Point Scenic Reserve but SIRCET delayed their first stage of the translocation, due to the higher-than-expected rat numbers that showed up in monitoring tunnels in July.

Rat tracking tunnels are a nationally recognised technique for comparing rat numbers in an area. Completely open at both ends the tunnels have an ink card pegged

down inside them for one night only. When rats run over the ink, their footprints show up on the blank cards and can be identified. The tracking tunnels can be used in situations like the Half-moon Bay project, where an index is used in decision-making, or places like Ulva Island, where even one set of rat footprints showing up requires immediate action.

SIRCET is in the process of developing a contingency plan for higher-than-expected rat years and times when the trapping operation is not sufficient to keep rats below 10% tracking. It is important to prove this to ourselves and to others before we look at releasing these two species back here.

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Volunteers Bevan, Cathy and Dale releasing their brown creeper.



Watching the welcoming party of tomtits



ban Globetrotter *off-Island Adventures.*

Ann Pullen journeyed through Outer Mongolia, with stories of yaks, salt tea and arag.

I can't believe I am back again from another adventurous holiday.

This year I went to Outer Mongolia, and what an adventure! It started off with a bit more of a challenge than I expected, with planes cancelled, planes turning back, no real sleep for about 4 nights, lost luggage and then food poisoning!!! Yes I began to think I had bitten off more than I could chew but after the first 4 days it just got better and better.

The plane I was starting out on from Invercargill on a Monday was cancelled, so a hasty change to get to Christchurch on the Sunday night was arranged. Then it turned out that delays in Singapore meant most of a night there. It is a lovely airport so plenty to do and see (and you can always catch up on sleep can't you?).

Arriving in Beijing we had to spend a night and be up at 4am next day ready for the plane to Ulan Bataar (capital of Mongolia). All was well until we went to land at Ulan Bataar, Because of torrential rain the pilot decided to turn around and return to Beijing, where we filled in the day walking around like a bit of a zombie, finally returning to the airport at 8pm for another go at getting to Ulan Bataar. We finally left Beijing at 12.30 am next morning, with all well this time and landed safely. We were transported to our hotel by 3.30am, minus our luggage but at that stage couldn't really care!!!!

Next morning bright and early up we get to sort out the missing luggage, Yee ha! we are in Mongolia. To cut a long story short 48 hours later the luggage arrived.....(getting pretty desperate by this stage).

The first night of our meet and great for the tour I managed to get food poisoning. So with stomach cramps all night, not a lot of sleep for the 4th night, that was when I thought... O.K what next!!!!

From then on it was all excitement and laughter, and I certainly haven't laughed so much for ages. Our group

of 13 plus guide and 2 van drivers were indeed a mixed bunch, but all the best of company.

Outer Mongolia has a population of 2,791,000, 70% of which are under 35 years, and a quarter of the population is under 14 years. 53% live in the city, and the other 47% live a nomadic life-style. Life expectancy is 65 years.

Outer Mongolia is an area of 1,564,100 square Km (1/2 size of India) it is 2,400 km from west to east, 1,260km from north to south. It has an average altitude of 1,500 meters above sea level

line, then walk/ trot to the start line, and race back to the finish line, the excitement has to be seen to be believed.

We had a good position to watch one event but just as the first horses were coming up to the finish line there were people coming from all directions! Talk about having to "hold your ground" or get run down in the stampede - that in itself was an education. The atmosphere of the whole event was one not to be missed. Very colourful and very hard to explain accurately.

The most interesting thing for a grey/white haired old lady visiting an Asian country, was that everyone wanted to touch, look at or have a photo taken with me!!!!!! Never been so popular in all my life.

We set out on our road trip in 2 Russian vans. I say road trip but that is a bit of an exaggeration. Mongolia is really one huge paddock with no fences, and ruts going in all directions. I am glad I did not have to drive, as there were no signposts, so how you know where you were going beats me.

We have never been so bumped and bruised and every time we stopped for a break the drivers were inspecting their vans and making temporary adjustments. We never got any punctures, but the springs had quite a lot of attention!! It was just surprising what spare parts and tools were kept with each van; each time an adjustment was needed out would come some other bits and pieces (we were always a long way from a garage, if they have such places in Mongolia).



It pays not to grow too tall in Mongolia!

There are a total of 4,000 lakes, the largest being Huvusgul with a depth of 238 meters. We visited this lake, which was very beautiful, some nice larch forest in this area, which made for a lovely area to go horse riding.

So much for the geography lesson. We travelled 2,700 km in total during our 14 day tour.

The first 2 days of the tour we visited the Nadaam festival, (an annual event which Mongolians celebrate with great enthusiasm) which was an extremely colourful event. We watched the opening ceremony wrestling, horse racing and archery, all activities which they are very proud of as a country. The horse racing was the most impressive. About 600 horses with jockeys raced 40 km, the jockeys being aged between 5 and 14 years. They actually start at the finish

I took this photo crossing this bridge in the van - just as well we had good drivers!



At the end of each day we stopped at Ger camps, which were usually adjacent to some highlight of the country, a bit like a NZ camp ground. They have basic showers and toilet facilities, (sometimes

there is water, sometimes there is not, and as a treat sometimes it is hot) plus basic dining. The Ger's are round felt covered tents, they are very cunningly built and effective, and able to be dismantled and re-erected very easily.

The nomadic people all live in the Ger's and in the spring time take their possessions and all stock to summer grazing. The main stock they own are horses, goats, sheep, cows, yaks, and camels. Generally the camels are to transport the heavy gear and when on summer grazing, live entirely off what they pro-

duce..... meat and anything that can be made from milk: yoghurt, curds, cheese, butter. The most popular is arag, which is their form of alcohol, made from fermented mares milk, which tastes a bit like very sour yoghurt. Oh yes not to forget the rice, rice and more rice!

On two occasions we just called up to summer grazing camps, and asked if we could stay. Can you imagine 16 people arriving on your door step just before dinner time?!!, but absolutely no problem to the nomads, we were made very welcome (we did have our food supplies with us) and before long they had heated up salt tea, which is actually milk diluted, and a teaspoon salt added - not unpleasant to drink. It is tradition not to ask questions or hold a conversation before the salt tea is consumed.

Even though it was only our guide and drivers who could speak the language, with the help of sign language it was

not long before everyone was mixing and laughing at all the antics. We were riding their horses, (and the boys tried out their "iron horse" the motorbike) plus helping to milk the yaks!!!! All shared in pre-

paring a meal for us all. Some helped with getting the stock close to camp for the night. It was surprising how well behaved the stock are, as in some places there were quite a lot of fami-

lies in the same area (reasonably close to water) but the stock always stayed in their own flocks/ herds, sheep and goats together, keeping in a reasonably tight circle. At night they were bought close to camp, because of wolves and foxes, and they stayed around the camp all night.



On the move Mongolia-style, complete with house!

from the very necessities of life, like cooking and eating gear, and a chain-saw (they burn wood on the stove in the Ger) as well as a motorbike, there was a TV in the Ger. At least it kept them in touch a bit with the outside world.

After dinner of course the vodka came out and everyone was singing. I must admit, the Mongolian's left us well behind in the singing department. They had beautiful voices, and one of our young drivers (who was a bit short on words during the day) left tears in our eyes with his beautiful voice. It was well into the night when we got to bed.

Fortunately it was a beautiful night so most of us slept under the stars. The

Ger is about 4 meters across so not a lot of room for us all to sleep, then about a hour after we got to bed the Ger family had visitors of their own suddenly turn up,

and finally at 4.30am the yaks had to be milked... A very memorable night.

It was quite emotional leaving in the morning, everyone had such an amaz-

ing time, and gifts were left for the family, which we had brought from home.

The second family we stayed with were much the same, albeit with lots more children. Six little boys all wanting to wrestle with the guys in our group - great entertainment - but with no toys to play with, have to make their own fun. They were delighted with a frisby that someone in the group took as a gift.

It was not uncommon to come across a family on the move and there were quite a lot of movement from West to East, which our guide did not have an explanation for at that time of the year.

One such family had been on the move for 49 days when we caught up with them. They had another 10 days to go before they got to Ulan Bataar, where they were going to sell stock, then later in the year head back home, expecting to arrive in October. They were using Camels to carry most of their possessions including their Ger



Ger + satellite dish, solar panel & iron horse

all folded up so small. We had many a photo taken with them, and they were fascinated with digital cameras, we promised to send copies to them via our guide, who knew how to find them once they got to the city.

We were fed really quite well on tour, considering there was very limited access to fresh food (except meat and milk products). They tried to give us vegetables, raw cabbage and carrots being the most popular (and mustn't forget the rice!!).

After about 10 days on the road we all got food poisoning, which in itself was a real laugh - once we were on the road for the day the drivers learned to stop very quickly! It was amazing how quickly 6 people could get out of the van if it was the one in the corner that needed to exit quickest!!! Everyone wanted the front seat that day.



And I let all three handsome Mongolians slip through my hands!

HMB School Report

Thanks

So many people help us with so much! I think we must be the luckiest school in the world! Thanks heaps to Jan (who did the application) and PUB CHARITIES who have provided us with a brand new interactive white-board and data projector. Thanks to Kari Beaven (who did the applications) and to COMMUNITY TRUST OF SOUTHLAND (\$20,000) and SOUTHLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL (\$2,500) for grants to replace the solar heating for the pool. Thanks to WINTER SPORTS CLUB who have given \$10,000 towards the pool heating and to LI-ONS who have promised to top up the heating fund should more money be needed. Thanks to the visiting publicans who gave us over \$200 also for the pool heating. Thanks to all the locals who voluntarily helped replace the drainage in the school playground over the summer - it's amazing what a difference this has made. Thanks to Vicky and all the quiz goers for over \$500 to go towards our ski trip.



SALT'S BIRTHDAY

Thanks to Carolyn and Brenda for bringing Salt down to school to share his 34th birthday with us all.

FELTING

Check out this cool photo of Harry - our felting star! The students used sheep's wool to make felt on Wednesday as part of our science topic about where



clothes come from. From the level 1&2 science achievement objectives... *Students will observe describe and compare the physical and chemical properties of common materials and changes that occur when materials are mixed, heated or cooled.*

SOUND OF MUSIC

Thanks to Paula for organizing a great sing-a-long night. We raised \$114.10 for the ski trip.



POTATOES

Thanks to the Stewart Island Garden Circle, The Murphy Club and Ship to Shore for providing each student with a bucket, soil and seed potato. It is going to be great fun to watch the potatoes that we planted on Friday grow. The potatoes will remain at school until the end of the fourth term when they will be harvested in time for Christmas dinner. From

the level 1&2 science achievement objectives... *The students will recognise that all living things have certain requirements so they can stay alive.*

FRIDAY TRIP

By Jamie Adams

On Friday we went to town for a school trip. We got up early and headed for the wharf. We got on the boat and headed for town.

First: we went to Glowing Sky. When we got there, Henry gave us a tour and showed us how to make t-shirts. Linden let us make our own screen prints.

Next: we went to the Capital E Theatre to see Hinepau. It was awesome to see the special effects and how everything worked. The characters were good at what they did. The show went for an hour.

Then: we went to the pool and practised our snorkelling and dived for coins. Unfortunately the hydro slide wasn't open. We got to swim in the wave pool. We had goes at standing in a cold shower then jumping into the pool.

Lastly: we went to the velodrome and went on some cycling bikes. They had hard seats and had a fixed sprocket system so we couldn't stop pedalling; they went really fast. We had lots of fun that day.



Left and Above: snorkelling at Splash Palace

Right: Cycling at the Southland Velodrome proved tricky with fixed sprockets, but fast!

The Hoffman challenge and Quilting Course

By Margaret Rooney and Pat King

The three day event was a most stimulating, challenging and worthwhile event and Pat King and I would like to thank the Stewart Island Lions Club for paying for the hire of the Pavilion Rooms, the ferry fare for Noeline Johnson, Tutor and her car storage for three nights. This



'Home to Roost' winning quilt by Beverly Williamson, Alexandra

made it an affordable course for those who attended. We would also like to thank the Halfmoon Bay School, the library, Margaret Fairhall, Dianne Smith and Isabelle Broughton who kindly lent boards and

easels on which we hung the twenty Hoffman Quilts that were brought across.

For those who did not get to see them they were works of art and the time and effort gone into designing and stitching them must have been enormous.

This challenge is open to all quilters throughout New Zealand, and Hoffman is the name of the manufacturer of the material that has to be used in the making of a quilt. The quilts have to be no bigger than a metre and not square nor rectangle, and how much of the Hoffman mate-



'After 5' winning quilt by Denys Boyd, Dunedin

rial used is up to each quilter. Among the exhibits we saw round and triangular, a dress, a fish, traditional and non-traditional shapes, and we hope the people who came and saw them enjoyed them as much as we did.

For the seven who participated in the two day workshop, I think every one came away having learnt heaps, having been challenged and I hope felling more inspired to keep on

patch working. There were some very interesting pieces of work in progress and one day who knows, you may see them displayed.

Thank you to everyone who made it such a worthwhile three days.

Bring-a-long & Sing-a-long

by Kari Beaven

The Hall was alive with the Sound of Music last Friday night as an old favourite was brought to life, complete with karaoke words for anyone brave enough to hit (or miss) those high notes.



Just as much fun as the old-fashioned costumes were the laughs the old-fashioned values stirred.

Songs delighting in young girls who dream of one day 'belonging' to a man (who is mysterious, wise and strong) brought fits of laughter and grateful sighs of relief. There are a few of the 'old ways' which really do need to be preserved... in memory only!



Box of treasures



Paula, our local 'box of treasures' wrapped herself up in brown paper packaging tied up with string and organised a fun pot-luck dinner and fund raiser for the Halfmoon Bay School. Prizes were awarded to great costumes for both their look and the bravery it took to wear them out!

Whiskers on what??

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We finished up on the edge of the Gobi desert, where we had a chance to ride Camels in the dunes. It was very hot and humid, and the flies and midges were not missed when we left the area.

Mongolia is not up with tourist scene to a great extent, there are so many opportunities to sell souvenirs, but it is really lovely not to see the commercial side pushed in your face, although I am sure as the years go by that will change. Ulan Bataar is changing fast, with some very modern looking buildings going up, and the locals dressed very smartly in western style clothes. They are working on some roads in popular areas, but there is a very long way to go there. We

came across one road gang all sleeping under their vehicles, and our guide said "these ones are making roads in their dreams" (mind you is was quite hot)

The Russian vans we were travelling in were great for the conditions. They cost \$16,000 US to buy new. The ones we were riding in were far from new, being year 2000 models, and one in particular had done the rounds a few times.

On our way home we had 3 days in Beijing, - been there, done that, ticked that one off - and I felt sorry for the athletes at the games. But Mongolia, yes I would go back there any-time, wonderful people wonderful country, just my idea of a holiday.



Not sure which was more exciting, riding camels or yaks!



Stewart Island Sings Ball 2008

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Best pick-up Line: I'm going home... want to come with me?



Community Board Update

The last meeting of the Community Board was on 11th August and covered a diverse range of topics, from roads and power to your satisfaction. The board is exceedingly pleased to see the progress that has been made on our road network. "Works" has done a great job of patching and prepping our existing roads for sealing. These need a few months to settle and then a full re-seal will occur this summer. While there are a few bits that are already starting to fall apart, the Area Engineer has given a commitment to have these repaired again before the reseal. It will be the end of a long process to get our roads back up to a fully maintained standard again. In the meantime, if you note any repairs that are required, poor drainage or other roading issues, please call the SDC freephone (0800 732 732) to ensure that the job gets "logged" into the system.

Foreshore protection work is also progressing, albeit behind the scenes. Consent has been obtained for the rock work and tree removal at Lonnekens and the work at Halfmoon Bay beach. The decision on the consent for Horseshoe Bay is still pending with further information on drainage required from the council. It is likely that the Halfmoon Bay work will begin first with rock sourced from the new quarry at Horseshoe. Slip repair work is also progressing with a drilling crew on the island in August taking core samples of each of the major slip areas. This will enable a geotechnical assessment for a repair design.

A new street light has been installed between the hotel and the shop. The board is keen to see more lighting in the downtown area and has labelled the wharf as the next priority for further lighting. If you have any ideas on where you would like to see streetlights, then please let

one of your community board members know.

In response to several comments about people cutting the hotel corner at speed through the new car park, judder bars have been ordered for each entrance. These will be installed as soon as they arrive. In the meantime, please stop this corner cutting as it is likely that someone will get hurt at some point.

The new solar and wind trial is due to start soon. Consent was expected for the wind turbine on 18th August and by the time you read this, it should be fully constructed. Trials are expected to start mid-late Sept. We will keep you informed on how this progresses.

Your board also received the local results of the residents satisfaction survey. There were two major issues that became apparent from the survey. The first was a dissatisfaction with the state of the roads. While acknowledging that they have been in a bad state, we are pleased that our roads are currently receiving some major investment and we expect this to be a more satisfying area come next survey.

The second area of concern for residents was dog control. Only 39% of respondents were satisfied with the level of dog control occurring on Stewart Island. Your board takes these concerns seriously and we have asked the council's dog control officer to come to the next community board meeting and report on how the council plans to improve their performance in this area.

The next community board meeting is scheduled for 13 October. You are welcome to attend. In the meantime, if you have any concerns about SDC issues, please contact any of your elected members.



This Little Piggy Has to Leave

By Michele Poole

The small population of pigs that are being kept on the island will shortly have to be removed, as Environment Southland has declined an application from their owner to be allowed to keep them.

The Regional Pest Management Strategy (R.P.M.S.) prohibits pigs from being brought to the island because of the huge risk they pose – particularly to native birdlife – if they escape.

Environment Southland Biosecurity Officer Sherman Smith said that the person who has been keeping the pigs will need to shift them back to the mainland or destroy them, because the risk of environmental damage outweighs the benefits the owner would get from being allowed to keep them. Pigs are omnivorous – they eat just about anything – and would raid the nests of kiwi, titi, penguins and other ground-nesting birds, eating both eggs and chicks. They also tuck into native

plants, devouring them above and below the ground.

"If just one pig escaped it could do a great deal of damage during its lifetime, even if it didn't breed" Sherman says. "It would be very difficult to recapture an escaped pig, because normal methods, such as using hunting dogs, would also be a threat to native birds and there is no poison approved for use against pigs in New Zealand."

Sherman also said that if two or more of the pigs escaped and bred, they could easily establish a feral population. The no-pigs rule for Stewart Island has been in place since 1 September 2007, when the revised RPMS came into force.

**NB Until the recent RPMS review, pigs were listed as a 'surveillance animal', which meant their spread by humans was banned and, where they occurred, voluntary control by landowners was encouraged*



Patchwork & Quilting Group

There was a positive response and turnout to the initial gathering of persons interested in forming a Patchwork & Quilting Group.

It was decided that we will;

- Meet every 3rd Wednesday of the month. 10am – 3pm.
- Bring a project to work on
- Bring your own equipment, but there will be an iron and ironing board provided
- Bring your lunch

Come prepared with hints, tips, smiles and enthusiasm!

We have very kindly been offered the Fire Station to work in and so a gold coin donation from participants would be appreciated in order to cover the electricity.

First session will be Wed 15th October. Next session Wed 19th November.

Beginners and experts welcome. See You There!



HALFMOON BAY BEAT

By Dale

The island Beat has been quiet for the last couple of winter months. I don't think that is because of the policing but more because of the law abiding people of this community.

Now that spring is here things are about to get busy for the majority of the people on Stewart Island. Statistics show this is the same for the Police, with more reported Crime and incidents like Search and Rescue, lost and found property.

Because we live in a relatively crime free place we can become complacent about looking after our selves and our property. This complacency can provide opportunity for a few visitors to our paradise who are not as law abiding as us. Preventing an incident or crime is far easier than reporting, attending or being a victim. Give this some thought. Be vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour.

Since being on the island Cath and I have noted how caring and thoughtful this community is and how everyone looks out for each other. It is something to be proud of.

Training of Victim Support volunteers from Stewart Island and Invercargill was hosted on the island last month. Those involved refreshed old skills and learned new ones over the weekend.

On the traffic front: it is pleasing to see that there are very few unlicensed and unwarranted vehicles on our roads now. This makes it safer for all road users. Keep an eye on the expiry dates on those labels as six months comes around quickly.

Thanks for the cooperation of owners in removing the semi abandoned vehicles parked on the sides of our roads. This has not only tidied our roads up, but will make it easier when it comes time to reseal the roads this summer.

As most of you will be aware I have been policing vehicles parked longer

than the 30 minutes in the loading zone (parking) at the wharf. The reason for this is to free up the parking, reduce the congestion and make the wharf safer at peak times i.e. when passenger and freight boats are at the wharf especially over the busy summer period.

Real Journeys along with Southport are looking at improving the flow of passengers, baggage and freight on the wharf to make it safer for users.

Please use the loading zone at these peak times. Don't park on the Wharf or on the footpath side of the road as you are just adding to the congestion and problems being experienced.

I am looking at getting Search and rescue training started again in the near future. So keep your eye on the notice board.

Catch you next month.



It's been a while since we've put the Library News in the SIN...since Jess our intrepid journalist and librarian extraordinaire is away, it is something that we just haven't been doing. So here goes...

If you've been to the library lately you might have noticed that the shelves are groaning with new books and so we thank the following people for their generous donations; Barbara Wilson, Tim Brady, Loraine Hansen, Jenny Gell, Bev Cowie, Margaret Wright, Ulva Goodwillie, Vicky Coats, Bruce and BJ Storey, Karen Bowman, Raylene Waddell, Lyn Fergusson, Pat King and Irene Dennis. We have processed approximately 100 new books with a lot more being donated for the annual library book sale.

Speaking of which, we are getting our surplus books ready for sale (Date and Venue to be decided on soon!) and we would appreciate any further donations of books, jigsaws, videos or DVD's that you would be happy for us to sell. All proceeds go towards new books for the community.

We have a huge selection of new non-fiction books on the "NEW BOOKS" shelves with a diverse range of titles and subjects. For our 'crafty' readers out there, there are some new knitting, jewellery and card making books. For the sports minded, there are three autobiographies on Colin Meads, Ken Rutherford, and Norm Hewitt. There really are too many new titles to list in both our Non-Fiction and Fiction range, so come in and see for yourself.

One thing that we have managed to do over this quieter winter time is to go through our card system and to pick out the overdue books. Some of these overdue books date back to 2006! Now with fines at \$1 per week...well...it'll

be like the library has won lotto! Some of these books are considered very special to the library and we want them back, so please have a look around your homes for any books that need returning.

A special mention needs to be made to Jenny Gell who has done an amazing job of keeping the library and administration matters up to date while Jess has been away. So a big thanks to her from all of us.



All on board for Children's Library Day

Wednesday 20th October was Children's Library Day and to mark the occasion children gathered in libraries across New Zealand to read 'Diana Neild's story, Piggity-Wiggity Jiggity Jig'. The event and celebrations were a part of the

annual Library Week.

Above and right: Stewart Island kids (and some adults) enjoy Children's Library Day in the library boat.



Missing, 2 children. Lost in Piggity Wiggity Jiggity Jig.



Department of Conservation
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DOC Spot

Conservation award for Ulva Island Trust

For the past nine years the Ulva Island Charitable Trust has worked hard to preserve, enhance and promote the natural features of Ulva Island for the benefit of everyone. On Thursday, September 11, the Trust's efforts were formally recognised when it was presented with the Community Conservation Award at the Department of Conservation's Southland Conservation Awards evening. This event is held each year during Conservation Week to celebrate the conservation achievements in our community, which, as expressed by our new Conservator Barry Hanson, "only happen because people make them happen."



Members of the Ulva Island Trust pictured with Raewynne Evans from the Community Trust of Southland, sponsor of the Community Conservation Award

Barry went on to add that Southland is very fortunate to have so many people willing to lend a hand and make a difference. Evidence of this is shown by the fact that the 3 areas within the Southland Conservancy (Stewart Island, Murihiku and Southern Islands) put forward over 50 nominations this year, making it an extremely tough call for the judges to reduce down to just 14 finalists and 5 eventual winners. Added to that, each area lobbied fiercely for their nominees, and Southern Islands was delighted to get two of its nominees (Ulva Island Trust and Winton Rotary Club) into the finals, unfortunately though up against each other for the same award. Both were very strong contenders (as indeed were all the finalists this year).

Members of the Winton Rotary Club have been rolling up their sleeves and volunteering their labour on the island since 2002 to help keep the 13 visitor huts and 3 shelters well maintained, as well as helping out with various other projects, including boardwalk construction for the sub-antarctic islands. However, the achievements of the Ulva Island Trust made it hard to beat and when the announcement was made it was a popular winner.

The UIT has been instrumental in getting funding for the upgrade of tracks and facilities on Ulva; has helped with the relocation of a number of bird species and skins; assisted research projects; helped produce material such as the self-guiding booklet and DVD *Primeval Paradise* and; generally raised awareness of the benefits of conservation on offshore island sanctuaries, for species that are struggling to survive on the mainland. In particular the trust's perseverance in bringing Sirocco to Ulva Island not just once, but back again this year has highlighted the protection of these precious taonga.

Other winners were: *Richard Henry Conservation Award to Southland Schools* – Heddon Bush School; *Individual Ser-*

vices to Conservation – the late Warrick McCullum; *Corporate Conservation Award* – Landcorp Farming Ltd; with a special *Conservation Champion Award* going to Ray Willet. Profiles of all the finalists have been compiled in a colour booklet available from the DOC visitor centre – please feel free to call in and collect a copy.

Successful garage sale

Thank you to everyone who turned up to our garage sale in August - and more importantly thank you to everyone who made a purchase. We now have room to move in our workshops. When the yard is finally sealed we will be looking very tidy.

Digital story system

As mentioned in previous DOC Spots, our visitor centre is undergoing a major information upgrade within the next few months. New maps and display panels have been developed, but the most exciting inclusion will be a digital story system, which will allow fast, reliable, easily changeable, visually striking messages to be conveyed on two flat screens incorporated in the panels in a non-static, interesting and compelling way.

These will be used to convey such things as:

- Recreation information / Safety messages and visitor notices / Weather forecasts
 - Conservation stories, news and community event information
 - Interpretation of our natural and historic heritage
- Rakiura National Park Visitor Centre has been chosen as one of just a handful of DOC visitor centres around the country to pilot this system.

Before the new panels are installed the retail section and Taonga carving need to be moved and so we will be rationalising some of our retail stock. Be sure to watch the public notice board for sale details – you will need to be in quick for the best bargains.

And speaking of being in quick – if you would like to purchase an autographed copy of Rob Brown's *Rakiura – The Wilderness of Stewart Island* then you better not hesitate. Rob was on the island recently and we persuaded him to sign all the copies of this beautiful book that we had on hand.



Rob Brown at an impromptu book signing of his work 'Rakiura', which includes inspired photographs and script from around the island.

Rakiura Museum Residents' Survey Revealed

Below is the summary of the resident's survey for the new Rakiura Museum. It was very pleasing to the Rakiura Heritage Trust to see that it reflected very much what they too would like to see in a new Museum. More opening hours was a request but in order to do that we need more volunteers, so if any one has some spare time and would like to go on the list please see Jo Riksem.

We would like to thank every one who took the time to fill it in and return it, and we now await the next step in the process towards a new Museum.

Summary of that Survey.

Only 15 papers returned from a mail drop.

1. Have you visited Rakiura Museum?
All 15 answered 'Yes'
2. What did you like about it?
* Marine and Stewart Island history. Displays are all relevant to the Island and well set out.
* Good range of Stewart Island early history, compact, good use of space. Lots to look at, has character.
* The items on display and photos have ties to local families on and off the Island.
* Always been good, second hand atmosphere, full of treasures.
* Colleen's happy face and greetings.
3. What did you not like about it?
* Nothing (4)
* More space needed, too compact (5)

- * Displays never change, nowhere to sit and read stories, cold and dark, opening hours too short, not enough photos on display (1)
- * Do not like paying bills in a Museum!! (1)
- 4. What would you like to see in the way of displays in the new Museum?
* Sub Antarctic and Codfish Island related displays;
* Displays to reflect industry/natural history/ habitation;
* Interactive displays;
* Foreign translation to exhibits;
* More light, more heat;
* Movie style history eg Riverton Museum;
* More history, the carved log on display;
* More fishing and boat history;
* Travelling exhibitions relevant to the Island;
* Good story boards, no dead birds or tired costumes
* A Museum shop;
* Build on what you have, local art and stories.
- 5. What would you not like to see in the new Museum?
* no answer (6)
* Loss of character,
* too much in,
* increased cost for locals,
* huge expense that becomes rate-payers burden,
* too much noise,
* stored items not been displayed, rotation displays,
* more displays depicting early Maori settlement,

- * Advertising, interactive displays.
- 6. Any further suggestions as to how you see a new Museum for Stewart Island.
* Enlarge at your present site.
* A well thought out Museum.
* Heating improved.
* Access to finding more information,
* Child friendly, something inviting
* What we have is OK
* Maybe \$2.00 is too cheap
* A space that preserves the past in an engaging & fresh manner
* Good display area for Merchandise
* Present Museum good, but more space needed
* A cultural centre, activities and story telling times
* Congratulations on being on AA's 101 must do in a weekend visit to Stewart Island
* Funny feeling like walking into a church, all whispered voices, musty, fusty, and dusty, be more cheerful, less reverent
* More security and alarms for displays
* Don't like the Council Office being part of the Museum
* Lay out to reflect a physical journey through time
* Not too contemporary please
* Open all day. More open hours.
* New Museum as at present
* Weekend opening hours linked to ferry timetable over the peak summer times
* Regular up dates in SIN on what is happening in museum circles.

Margaret Rooney
Trustee

Brown Creeper and Rifleman Transfer continued from pg 3

In August, 34 brown creeper of mixed sex & 4 male rifleman were transferred to Horseshoe Bay. This is the first translocation of brown creeper ever attempted and only the third rifleman translocation. Each bird has been banded with a unique colour band combination as well as a metal number code band. From a distance the colours can identify individual birds and in the hand the numbers can be a double-check.

The brown creeper transfer has been successful to date, with every bird seeming healthy on release and almost 1/2 of them having been re-sighted in surveys. Even more birds have been encountered in flocks, which have moved away too quickly for band combinations to be identified. Several different groups are showing territorial behaviour in the new area and one group has already been seen displaying pre-nesting behaviour.

Rifleman females were not as responsive to playback in August as we would have liked and in the end only four males birds were caught and transferred. Another captured male was released back on Ulva Island when his pair

could not be caught on the same day. It is better for him to remain there, breeding, until we can catch females to transfer with them. A follow-up translocation is planned in January/ February '09 to return this precious bird to mainland Rakiura.

DSF Ecological Preserve, by Michael Tobias

The DSF Ecological Preserve is one of thirty fenced preserves in New Zealand at this time. The total land area encompassed by these preserves collectively is 7740 ha., using 114 kilometres of fence (27 of these having been designed and constructed by the Xcluder company). For comparison sake, the Department of Conservation Mainland Island Programme comprises 11,900 ha, approximately. What these numbers ultimately reveal are the converging passions and methodologies being applied by both government, private and non-profit sectors in the country with the shared aim of staving off further declines in rare and threatened species, and doing everything possible to restore as much ecological integrity as possible to a precious landscape.

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Selaginella (African Club Moss) update

As some of you might have noticed, the weeds team has stepped up the intensity of the selaginella programme this year. Previously, our treatment of selaginella occurred at three monthly intervals, which we have now reduced to six weeks. Since this new regime was implemented we have observed some impressive results. A massive reduction in the density of selaginella at all of the treatment sites is apparent, and at some properties we are unable to find any selaginella at all.

The three monthly treatment periods were too long, with the selaginella having sufficient time to recover between treatments. Also, as it is a moss with root filaments and spores in the soil, several treatments are required to completely kill the plant. The new treatment frequency seems to be doing the trick, by hitting the selaginella again each time before it can recover from the previous treatment.

Thank you for your continued support for this project. Most land owners with selaginella have given us permission to treat this weed on their property and it is this support that continues the success this project has seen.

Note: DOC has been made aware of health concerns by a member of the community about the chemical we are using to treat selaginella. Organic Interceptor smells strongly of pine (it is made from pine extracts) and we would like to hear from anyone who has experienced any health concerns. Please phone Matt Langley on 2190019, or leave your details so Matt can contact you.

Gala Day

*Sunday 26th Oct
9am—2pm (ish)
Halfmoon Bay School*

Come to our fun day out, lots of activities for all ages with awesome prizes to be won:

- Market & Food Stalls; white elephant, cakes, bbq, crafts and much more
- Face Painting
- Bouncy Castle
- Fun Races (3 legged, gumboot throw, sack races, etc)
- Design a Boat
- Glowing Sky Camp Cook-up
- Raffles
- Food competitions

RAKIURA RUGRATS!
Fundraising event for Rakiura Rugrats, Stewart Islands Early Childhood Centre.

If you are interested in having a stall please contact:
Sue Conner (Diddle) on:
2191-166

Entry forms to competitions and races are available on the community noticeboard.



Meet the Locals Launch Evening

By Kari Beaven

In what has been describe as a 'ground-breaking partnership' between TVNZ

and the Department of Conservation, inspiring stories from the ordinary New Zealanders who contribute extraordinary efforts to conservation are being told. *Meet the Locals* is a series of mini-documentaries, which takes the viewer on a tour of New Zealand's most special and awe-inspiring places, meeting the 'locals' who look out for both the place and the precious taonga who call it home. Perhaps the most inspiring aspect of this was Philippa Mossman's comment that on 'putting the feelers



out' for stories, she was blown away by an inexhaustible supply, in the people and groups, businesses, farmers, school kids and retirees who work alongside DOC in many ways and who are all completely passionate about what they do.

Stewart Island featured in six different stories, including

the Halfmoon Bay project, Ulva Island, Mason Bay and others.



Stewart Island Boat Book Launching

With the *Stewart Island Boats* book now at the printers everything is on target for our Labour weekend book launch. A function will be held at the Stewart Island Community Centre at 2.30p.m. on Saturday 25th October and interested locals and visitors are welcome to attend. Copies of



the book will be available on the day for purchase and those who have ordered books may collect theirs if they haven't already indicated that they want them posted. We would like to thank all those who have ordered and paid for their copies of the book in advance and to the generous people and companies who have made donations towards the publishing costs. This has ensured a more 'stress-free' time for the Rakiura Heritage Trustees who are faced with a very large bill for publication. A reminder to everyone that there are order forms for the book at the Post Office and at Rakiura Museum. An order for multiple copies will receive 10% discount.

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In an era of severe climate change, and the continuing pressures on all wildlife being exerted by the human species across the planet, every nucleus of high biological productivity that can be achieved provides added prospects for the so called halo effect, namely, the increased breeding and movement of native species to an increasingly broad habitat outside the immediately protected areas. These downstream biological effects are crucial to the eventual large-scale

habitat protection which is key to all protected areas, whether fenced, or merely controlled for non-native predators. The end result of all these projects working in tandem will be to help bring back fantastic creatures with whom we share the planet but who are otherwise doomed to continual declines.

New Zealand conservation has provided critical blueprints for the rest of the world, and no more so than in the realm of offshore-and mainland

island approaches to bringing back the dawn chorus. Dancing Star Foundation is grateful to all those individuals, and SIRCET, who have helped in the translocation of these first two species, and who have dedicated so much time and compassion towards the goal of making Rakiura one of the most important ecological paradises on the planet.

Michael Tobias
President
Dancing Star Foundation

OBAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH RECIPE BOOK

FRIDAY, 3rd OCT, WE ARE CELEBRATING THE RELAUNCHING OF OUR MUCH LOVED RECIPE BOOK.

First published in 1981 and re-edited in 1991, this new edition retains all of the past and introduces many new recipes contributed by present Island residents and visitors. The new edition has a beautiful coloured copy of a water-colour of the church painted by Dave Baab.

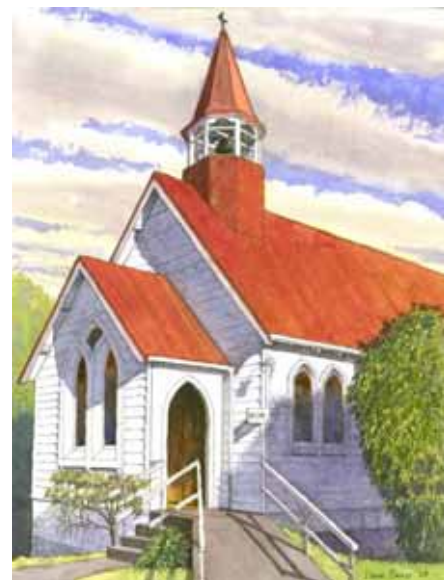
JOIN US FOR A POT-LUCK LUNCH IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE FROM 12P.M. TO 2P.M., 3 OCTOBER.

We want to acknowledge and celebrate our many contributors, so please bring along examples of your own recipes from the book or those of family members. Each dish will be identified with the original contributor's name.

A photographic display will highlight as many contributors as possible. If you can lend us suitable photos, please do!! Contact Jo Riksem: phone 2191230; Box 46 Post Centre, Stewart Island; jariksem@clear.net.co.nz

If cooking isn't your thing, a gold coin donation to the Medical Centre will be gratefully accepted.

The Recipe Book will be on sale at \$12.00 a copy. For those who can't get there on the day, copies can be ordered by filling out the form below.



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On Sunday 31st Aug in the afternoon someone mistakenly removed an overhead projector from the road side in front of "The Anchorage" in Kamahi Road. It was not rubbish for removal, it was admiring the view while I dropped people to the ferry. A good score you might think but we really need it back please...

Please call Brett Hamilton OR Kate Kelly...2191234.. Thanks..

Vet day 20th September.

Cath & Phil from Vet Services Invercargill, are over for the weekend..

If you pets need vet checks, vacations I.D. chipping, or nails clipped, etc. All the things that a good owner is responsible to follow up.

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We will be doing house calls over the weekend..

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