

STEWART ISLAND NEWS

CELEBRATING RAKIURA

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Breaking News—Bonamia not detected in wild oysters! Rural Support Southland are here to help those affected by the Bonamia outbreak –see pg 2 for their details and for an MPI update on sampling of wild oysters.

How do you feel about the pay phone on Main Rd? Do you use it? Spark are thinking of removing it as it isn't cost effective. Where will Stewart Island's superheroes change if it goes?

Showing at the New Zealand International Film Festival is *No Ordinary Sheila*—a fascinating and inspiring documentary, about Stewart Island personality, writer and illustrator Sheila Natusch. In the film directed by her cousin Hugh Macdonald she retraces a long life dedicated to sharing her understanding and love of New Zealand's nature and history. It also features beautiful archival footage from the 1930's and 40's. The film will be showing in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch but hopefully it will also come to Dunedin, Gore and especially to here!

Congratulations to the Halfmoon Bay school children who took part in the Southland Social Science Fair. Especially Molly Conner and Zac Chittenden who won first place in the Industry Section, Tommy Dobbins who won first place in the Conservation Section and merit in Best Place Southland and Nate Lachmann who gained a merit in Year 7&8 . Their projects will be on display in the Community Centre for the next couple of weeks. Pop in and have a look



The public meeting of the Southland Aquaculture Reference group looking at possible sites for aquaculture has been delayed—see pg 6 for more on this. But the group meeting is still happening in Invercargill.
Shona

Above: Fantail/pīwakawaka. *Photo by Carolyn Squires* Below: The sun setting over the Ernest Islands. *Photo by Natasha Lundin*





Ph: 0800 787 254

Rural Support Trust Assistance - Bonamia Ostreae Biosecurity Event

The purpose of the Southland Rural Support Trust (SRST) is to help rural people help themselves restore their lives following an adverse event. The SRST has been asked to assist with the recovery from the Stewart Is. Bonamia Ostreae event.

Three primary industry recovery coordinators have been appointed to help identify and solve the welfare needs of primary industry people directly affected by the Bonamia outbreak and response.

Lindsay Wright and Cathie Cotter (SRST), and Jo Learmonth (Stewart Is) have been appointed to provide support for the directly affected people in the following ways:

- Take calls via the SRST number 0800 787 254
- Undertake one-on-one visits to them to assess their welfare needs.
- Respond to their requests for information and advice.
- Refer them to the appropriate avenues for assistance, including the following:
 - * Financial assistance
 - * Psychosocial support
 - * Biosecurity Act compensation.
- Assist with welfare application forms.
- Assist with Biosecurity Act compensation application forms

For assistance, affected people are encouraged to contact the SRST as soon as possible. The service provided by the SRST is confidential.

Ph: 0800 787 254

Jo Learmonth 021-241-8764

From MPI—Bonamia ostreae response update –

Bonamia not detected in wild Bluff oysters in latest testing

No Bonamia ostreae has been detected in the Ministry for Primary Industries' latest testing of the Bluff wild oyster fishery.

“This is good news and demonstrates that the removal of farmed oysters from Big Glory Bay is the right thing to do to lessen the risk to the wild fishery”, says MPI Director of Readiness and Response, Geoff Gwyn. “We sampled 11 locations across Foveaux Straight and Bonamia was not detected in any of the samples. The testing gives us 95% confidence that Bonamia is not present.

“We’ve also recently carried out testing in farms and a hatchery in Horseshoe Bay, a hatchery in Bluff harbour and in Bluff harbour itself. No Bonamia ostreae has been detected in any of these areas”.

Mr Gwyn says the two Horseshoe Bay sites and the Bluff harbour hatchery will be incorporated into a monthly MPI testing regime.

Since March 2016 MPI has conducted 6-monthly sampling and testing of farmed and wild oysters for Bonamia ostreae in Marlborough, Otago, Chatham Islands and Southland. This surveillance programme is designed to detect early infections, so that measures can be implemented to control spread of disease.

MPI will continue with the removal of farmed oysters in Big Glory Bay and the Marlborough Sounds as planned.

“Removal of the last of the caged oysters finished over the weekend in Big Glory Bay. This week we move to phase 3 of operations, which is pulling up ropes. Operations get underway in the Marlborough Sounds this week, with the first of the cages coming up.

“We are grateful for the cooperation of the farmers and community in this process which we know is challenging for them,” Mr Gwyn says.

Because of the proximity of farms and tide and current movements, Big Glory Bay is being treated as a single epidemiological unit - this means that every oyster within Big Glory Bay is assumed to have been exposed to the disease.

“The removal of farmed oysters is intended to keep the number of Bonamia parasites in the water low to reduce the risk of Bonamia spreading and becoming established in the wild fishery.

“A dying flat oyster can release about 500 million parasites into the water. The lower we can keep parasite numbers the fewer oysters will become sick and die and the risk of spreading to new areas greatly reduced.

MPI will continue to actively monitor the wild fishery - the next round of sampling and testing will be in September.



Else returns

Else is a traditional Norwegian snekke, a clinker-built double-ender, 22ft x 6ft x 3ft. She was brought out to New Zealand in 1927 on the Sir James Clark Ross, one of the mother ships for the Norwegian Rosshavet Whaling Company, which set up a ship repair base at Kaipipi in Paterson Inlet, Stewart Island. Intended for the personal use of the manager of the repair base and originally known as The Captain's Gig, she was renamed Else, after the younger daughter of a subsequent manager.

After the base closed, Else was sold to a local Stewart Islander, passing through a number of owners over the years, including Jack Sloane, George Turner, Ken, Trevor, Ian and Doug Johnson. She remained here till

about 10 years ago, when Doug Johnson took her to Picton and renovated her to such a fine standard that Else won the prize for best renovation at the Lake Roto-iti Boat Show.

Else then spent several years in the Coromandel. She came up for sale late last year. Jim Watt alerted the Rakiura Museum Trustees to this – and the rest is history! And some heart palpitations!

Else has her own trailer and was loaded on to a transport truck in the Coromandel and brought south. On the 29th of June Peter Leask helped Trevor Johnson and his sons Hayden and Karl get Else ready for the tow back to the Island. This took

Else in Bluff Photo by Sandra Whipp

some time! Else's bilge pump needed to be replaced, she was taking on water at an alarming rate and her engine was not inclined to co-operate. Sandra Whipp, relaying messages from Bluff, metaphorically held this anxious new owner's hand throughout the morning. The gentlemen worked miracles and by 1pm the message came through that Else was on her way.

At 3.10pm on one of those beautiful, calm, blue and gold afternoons that a Stewart Island winter comes up with, Trevor's boat Exenda could be seen rounding the point into Horseshoe Bay with a little craft

Left: Maureen Jones, Anita Geeson, Margaret Hopkins, Shona Sangsters, Alan Wadds and Raylene welcome Else home.

Below: Hayden Johnson and Raylene aboard Else in Horseshoe Bay. Photos by Wendy Bailey



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bobbing along behind. And then Else, with Hayden at the helm as he had been all the way across the strait, came on under her own steam up to the wharf at Horseshoe. Her return to home waters was celebrated in style, with bubbly and bikkies!

An anxious night ensued for the watchful Johnson family, as first Hayden at 2am and then Karl at 4.30am braved the freezing conditions to row out and check that the bilge pump was still working. Fine at 2am but at 4.30am Karl found and averted a near disaster. The next night was another anxious watch and wait, with Sandra helping to check Else at 5am before Trevor set off fishing. 'Make sure you can see the blue line on the hull!' were Trevor's parting words.

The generous offers of help by so many people, on and off the Island, have been humbling and indicate in what affection this little boat is held. Else will eventually come round to a mooring, kindly offered by Luke Simeon, in Faith, Hope and Charity. A very appropriate spot for a little boat that engenders faith, hope and charity!

Else is an important part of Stewart Island history. I hope to ensure that she remains here and continues to be well looked after. God bless all who have been and will be a part of that!
Raylene Waddell



Main Road pay phone may be removed

After hearing that the payphone on Main Road would possibly be removed I contacted Spark for comment. Here are the answers I received.

How much is the Stewart Island pay phone used? Are you able to confirm that Spark is looking at its removal?

Usage of the phone box is low (over the past year only 110 calls were made via the phone box). This, coupled with ongoing maintenance requirements, makes it commercially unsustainable for us to keep the phone box in operation, so we're having to look at removing it.

Has Spark has ever considered converting the booth here into one of its free wifi zones?

The option of converting the box into a free WiFi zone, while a great idea, unfortunately isn't feasible as the site would need access to VDSL connectivity to provide a good WiFi experience. Currently, it only has access to ADSL.

I understand that previously the cleaning of the booth has been contracted out to an island resident, but this is no longer the case. Are you able to confirm this?

With regards to cleaning the booth, our contractor had at one time engaged a local resident to do this. I understand that resident has since moved off the Island.

Dog Ranger's Wife Celebrates!

After 40+ years, Bruce Ford has retired from his honorary position with SDC's Animal Control. And Sue could not be happier! No more call-outs at 9.30 p.m. for Bruce to search for lost dogs, no more 'dog reports' for Sue to type (because she can't abide to watch Bruce pecking the keyboard with two fingers), and so on. She does, however, wish to thank all the escape artist dogs who popped in to No. 5 for a free feed and a few laughs. Sue will miss those afternoons of playing Fetch or Hide 'n' Seek round the bottle-brush tree. All dog-related issues should continue to be reported to SDC Animal Control, 0800 732 732.

Hayden Johnson and Raylene Waddell in Else. *Photo by Sandra Whipp*

Shop Talk by Jules Retberg

I'm not exactly up to speed with what's hot and what's not in the music charts, if indeed there is still a music chart. So when Matt recommended I read an article about an argument breaking out between Britain and the USA over Puff Dog, I initially dismissed it as a prima donna rap star doing something ridiculous on a Transatlantic fly-on-the-wall cooking/building/singing TV show.

Turns out I was wrong.

Turns out that the USA have invented a new snack called a puff dog, according to supermarket, Trader Joe's. This tasty treat consists of a sausage wrapped in pastry. Hmmm, sound familiar? Could it be a SAUSAGE ROLL?!

Apparently the internet almost exploded in the face-tube-twitter-gram world as Brits rallied to defend the heritage of one of its greatest national nibbles, the jolly old sausage roll.

It's Pavlova-gate all over again!

However before any rolling pins were brandished in anger, British newspaper, The Times came to the rescue with an article written in 1864 about a pork pie and sausage roll manufacturer being fined for having unsound meat on his premises. Awkward! However, it proved that the humble sausage roll's roots were firmly planted in Britain.

While I was researching the history of the sausage roll on ye olde interwebs, I stumbled upon an

artery clogging fact which is that a British bakery chain sells 140 million sausage rolls per year.

I also found a 2010 article on the BBC in which the Oxford English Dictionary laid to rest Pavlova-gate and confirmed what we all know, which is that Kiwis invented the Pav and not the Aussies as evidenced in a New Zealand recipe book called Davis Dainty Dishes in 1927. Yay!

My research took maybe an hour or two, which makes me an amateur by some standards. One Australian just couldn't let it go *sigh* and by 2015 had searched around 20,000 newspapers and 10,000 cookbooks - for up to 18 hours a day! She claims to have found a Pav recipe from 1911 belonging to the Americans and English. Gulp! Let's move on.

By the way, the American Puff Dog is a beef sausage wrapped in pastry and not a prima donna rap star, nor is it the pork sausage meat enveloped in pastry that we know and love in OUR sausie roll.



YES!

Stewart Island Has Got Talent

Round up your community group colleagues, workmates, friends or family members & start working on your act

Let's create a show to remember & put a smile back on everyone's dial

Show date & details out soon - watch the noticeboard

A RHCT fundraiser for our new museum

Museum Matters by Jo Riksem

60 YEARS AGO

A look at this photo reminds us of what our roads use to



look like 60 years ago. I've heard many a tale of children sloshing through the mud to go to school. I'm sure we would be hard pressed to navigate roads like this today and how thankful we are for the paved roads we have now. We thank all those that went before us who made our roads what they are today.

A film called "No Ordinary Sheila" about our own Sheila Natusch has been released and we have been promised that it will come down here for a showing. Look out for it.

We are selling raffles for the building fund of a pendent made by Dave Goodin . The raffles are \$3 each and the raffle will be drawn at the end of July.

Acquisitions for June: Booklet - "Stewart Island" by N.S. Seaward with additional material by Sheila Natusch - A guide book with pretty little etchings by Sheila which came out in 1955. I've also include a list and something about each of the books and booklets that were mentioned in last month's issue but did not have their titles. They are: "New Zealand Mosses" by Sheila Natusch - a lovely little book for moss hunters from 1969



Road along Elgin Terrace in 1957

with many of the species found on Stewart Island and Sheila's lovely etchings. "A Pocketful of Pebbles" by Sheila Natusch - a little guide from 1983 for the beachcomber anywhere in New Zealand. "See our

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On behalf of Graeme Todd, Independent Facilitator of the Southland Aquaculture Reference Group (SARG):

As you will be aware the *Bonamia ostreae* outbreak is a major concern for Stewart Island businesses and the wider community. This is especially true for those local businesses and families which rely on the shellfish for their livelihoods. The implementation of an effective response and recovery plan should rightly be the immediate priority.

That's why we have reluctantly made the decision to postpone the public meeting at Stewart Island, which had been organised to provide an update on the feasibility study into a proposal to establish a finfish farm at the north arm of Port Pegasus. We are also postponing the field trip to Port Pegasus.

We know this will be inconvenient for some...but we believe a postponement is the right thing to do. As you know, the role of the reference group is to make a recommendation on the feasibility of establishing new aquaculture in the area. We will continue to gather detailed scientific data so we can evaluate the suitability of the area. This includes understanding the environmental, cultural, social, and economic suitability of a finfish farm.

A later date will be set for a visit to Stewart Island as we remain committed to sharing the results of this work with the community and other stakeholders when it is right to do so. The process is still at an early stage and we are yet to make a recommendation on whether or not the proposal should proceed. This additional time will also enable a broader view to be taken of potential economic opportunities impacting Stewart Island and allow the SARG to factor into the feasibility study any learnings arising from the recent oyster farming event. We will proceed with the SARG meeting itself and this will take place on Tuesday 11th July.

I apologise for this...and just to reiterate, we believe this is the right thing to do at this time. Thank you, Graeme

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Island" by Ann Allan - memories from a family who lived here for a short time in the late 1970s. "Stewart Island" by Phillip Temple - a pictorial look at the island in 1982. "The Stewart Islanders" by Olga Sansom - delightful stories and history of Stewart Island. "Ruapuke Visited" by Sheila Natusch - a good history of Ruapuke published in 1998. "The South Explored" by

John Hall-Jones - well done history of Southland with mentions of Stewart Island. "On the Edge of the Bush" by Sheila Natusch - history of many of Southland and Stewart Island women.
 School Groups: Southland Otago High School from Dunedin.
 Searches for June were: Shetland Islanders and their music, Eileen Willa
 Winter hours now are: Monday - Friday 10- 12,



Visitor levy funds allocated

The Ulva Island jetty rebuild is one of eight projects that will receive a boost after almost \$180,000 of Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy funds were allocated. The Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy Subcommittee met on June 29 to discuss and make decisions on a wide range of applications to the fund. The subcommittee approved \$178,627 funding to eight different projects ranging from the jetty upgrade to walking track maintenance, visitor information resources and the Halfmoon Bay Habitat Restoration Project.

The largest grant was to the Stewart Island Jetties Subcommittee, which was allocated \$80,000 for the Ulva Island jetty rebuild. As well as the \$80,000 allocated to the Ulva Island wharf, it was also to receive the remaining available balance of the fund once all the grants had been decided. Southland District Council was allocated several grants for island projects including \$25,600 for walking track maintenance, \$8200 for the Mill Creek to Bathing Beach Track, \$2223 for Moturau Punga Fencing and \$41,000 for a walking track/footpath. The Rakiura Heritage Trust was allocated \$400 for a historical walkabout pamphlet, hile Stewart Island Promotion Assn Inc is to receive \$3700 for visitor information collateral and Stewart Island/Rakiura Community and Environment Trust (SIRCET) \$6500 towards the Halfmoon Bay Habitat Restoration Project. The levy, which charges \$5 for every visit to the island, was introduced in 2012.

Sarah's Rakiura Remarks

Support for Stewart Island and oyster farmers

It is distressing that *Bonamia ostreae* has been found in the South. However, the Government and MPI are taking all necessary steps to prevent further spread of the parasite and making sure all those affected receive proper support.

I have been engaging with those that work in the wild and farmed industry and wider community. There are some opposing views of what should or should not happen regarding the operation however, what is clear, is that the logistics are executed in a considered and controlled way to minimise the spread of the disease. Open dialogue is essential moving forward and those that are directly affected need support.

Since *Bonamia* was found in Stewart Island, MPI have taken actions to eliminate the risk of further spread of the parasite. MPI is following the process of removing oysters from Big Glory Bay. This cull is aimed at preventing the

contamination of the wild Bluff oyster fishery which is worth over \$20 million.

Recovery coordinators have been appointed to help locals and communities affected by the removal of these oysters. This type of situation is an unusual one for most businesses to go through, so it's important that all affected farmers and their families have the necessary pastoral support on hand.

Two recovery coordinators are based on the mainland and MPI will contract an additional coordinator for Stewart Island. MPI is also currently assessing if an expert is needed to help farmers access the compensation process. MPI is working closely with the Rural Support Trust, government agencies and local councils to ensure welfare services and support is available to anyone who needs it.

Agencies such as the Southern DHB, MSD and Inland Revenue are also working towards effective recovery outcomes and are working closely with MPI. Work and Income have a range of services to assist affected farm workers with

financial support and employment advice. The Southern DHB is also providing psychosocial support such as free GP vouchers. A field HQ has been set up in Invercargill to provide a local point of contact and liaison support on the ground.

I will work closely with the agencies and recovery coordinators through this recovery phase as we help anyone affected through this difficult period. Financial assistance will be a significant issue for farmers and so it will be necessary to have experts to assist businesses with the processes for accessing support if needed.

In the meantime – thank you to all those involved in the recovery work. It is a harrowing time, involving long hours but it is an essential process to safeguard the fishery moving forward.

During this recovery process, I am always available to help if you or business requires assistance to access the wide range of support out there. Please don't hesitate to contact me on 03 218 6813 or email sarah.dowie@parliament.govt.nz

From the Office of Sarah Dowie. MP



Carriage of Fuel and Gas

Stewart Island Ferry Services

From 1 June 2017 the following rules apply to the carriage of fuel and/or gas on our Stewart Island Ferry:

Limits

- **4 x 20 litre certified fuel containers** (80 litres maximum, petrol or diesel)
- **5 x 9kg gas bottles** (50kg maximum, flammable gas incl. LPG)

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Commercial operators

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Hunting and tramping parties

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School groups

All luggage and freight allowances are included in school group packages.

We strongly encourage all groups reconfirm their bookings with the Bluff Visitor Terminal prior to day of departure. All fuel etc. needs to be booked in advance. Please call to avoid disappointment!

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21 Foreshore Road, Bluff





Book Reviews *From Sue Ford*

Yeah! Dana Stabenow is back with “Less Than A Treason”. “Bad Blood” finished spectacularly with Mutt and Kate being shot. It’s not a ‘spoiler’ to let on that

Kate’s wound was not fatal, but goings-on in The Park don’t mean Kate’s future is healthy – especially without Mutt as protector. Erland Bannister is back as ‘villain’, along with much loved characters: Bernie at The Roadhouse, Aunty Vi at the B&B, Kate-champions Bobby & Dinah, horrible little Howie Katelnikoff, and ‘Chopper Jim’. A feast for Stabenow and Shugak fans. “The Girl Who Was Taken” by Charlie Donlea: an excellent thriller, tension and suspicion on every page. Over several years of girls going missing, apparently without any connection, Megan is the one that escaped. Livia, doing her training in the autopsy lab, can’t forget that sister Nicole was a ‘missing girl’ who didn’t come home, and whose body has never been discovered. The two eventually meet up and put together the missing pieces – with a shock ending. There is some obscure vocabulary (is ‘saccadic’ really necessary?) and a few grammatical errors or typos – annoying, but didn’t spoil a great story with good characters. No such errors detected in “Hide” by Lisa Gardner, my Book of the Month. Annabelle has become almost a recluse, with a dog for companionship. Her paranoia stems from the glorious summer of her 7th birthday when her mathematician father first came home and demanded they run with a few suitcases to a new life. He has hysterically shunted her and her mother around the country ever since. Why? Each new town meant a new identity for the three of them. It’s some years now since her mother died and then her father was killed in an accident. But Annabelle has to sort out what her parents feared, what she should still fear. Bobby Dodge is called in by his ex-girlfriend, Sgt. D.D. Warren, to help investigate the horrific case of six mummified little girls found in an underground cavern. One of the girls is found with a locket with Annabelle’s name on it. This is eerily similar to a case D.D. and Bobbie were on and which de-railed Bobbie’s career. Is Annabelle a connecting link between the two cases? Or did the earlier case spawn a copy-cat or admirer? What does the paranoid family have to do with it? A page-turner this one, definitely a psychological thriller rather than of a ‘blood-and-gore’ variety. Highly recommended winter-evening reading (check the door is locked first – yes, I know this is Stewart Island and you don’t know where the keys are, but still....!) I found ‘inexistent’ IS a word, synonym for ‘non-existent’! Never too old to learn. The other things I learnt in Alfredo Cornelli’s “Inquisition” make “Game of Thrones” look like “Noddy, Part II”. Yet I was fascinated by the happenings in 1311 Bologna: the Templars driven underground, science under fire from the Church, etc. So when a confrere is discovered by Templar, Gerardo, chest cavity excavated and an iron heart placed there, Mondino, local scientist, is fascinated. With Gerardo chasing the murderer of his friend, and Mondino chasing the alchemical genius, they join forces with near-disastrous results. Cornelli describes a world part-dystopian – except the casual brutality and cruelty were as the world was then. Pedantic in parts despite the many action scenes, but still fascinating. Brilliant reads: “A Twist of the Knife” by Becky Masterman – don’t be put off by the unexciting blurb – suspenseful, and told with wry humour, sarcasm and irony. “Spilled Blood” by Brian Freeman is different again, no humour but still heaps of tension.



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LETTERS ☒☒☒

Kia ora Rakiura/Stewart Island community



Cherie Hemsley and daughter Betty

I'm Cherie, I came here in 2008 to work for Te Papa Atawhai/Department of Conservation and have never left. I immediately fell in love with how beautiful Rakiura is, and how open, inclusive and supportive the community is here. For me, this is the perfect place to raise my daughter Betty.

I've decided to add to my already hectic life and study!! Over the last four years I've discovered a topic that continues to interest me so I thought I'd take it to the next level and study it. Since March 2017 I've been studying via distance learning through the University of Canturbury at the Aotahi School of Māori and Indigenous Studies; a Master of Māori and Indigenous Leadership course. This applied professional programme aims to equip the next generation of leaders across a wide variety of sectors with the skills, knowledge and attributes necessary to advance the aspirations of Iwi Māori and other indigenous peoples, whether it be in a social, cultural, environmental, political or commercial context.

There is a 30-point component to this study that is a professional and Communtiy Engagement Internship. I have decided on a community project called Rakiura Mātauranga Māori which is about discovering the Rakiura/Stewart Island knowledge, understanding and skill of the Māori culture, with a focus on creating more visability on the island for the culture. I would like to capture the whole community feel, both positive and negative for this whakāro/idea and will start this process with an anonymous online survey. I understand that a survey may not reach a lot of people and am open to any other suggestions for gaining a general "whole community" feel for this project. I will post a link to this survey on the internet and have hardcopies available when it is ready. I will also be available to visit community members for a korero/talk on this topic if that would be a more approachable way to gain your feedback. I will periodically share the information that I find out with the community. I'm not quite sure how yet, but will keep the community informed through SIN as a starting point. Thanks heaps for reading this, I really appreciate it. I am looking forward to finding out more about our community.

Mā te wā

Cherie Hemsley 027 545 2109

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Hi it is so good to be back home again. I would like to say thank you all for helping Mona through the first two or three days as it was a bad time in her life. As for me, well all I can say is cheers to you all for being close to us at a time when one of us is sick.

From Lorry Edwards, God bless you and thanks.

9.15m Alloy fish boat + trailer asking \$165,000

- Seamaster 915. Built Seamaster Marine approx 2000.
- Yanmar 6LP-STZE 296hp at 2800rpm. 1,680 hrs (since new).
- Mercruiser Bravo stern leg.
- Cruise 18/20 knots at 2,800 rpm. 30 knots at 3,600 rpm max.
- Bow thruster. Fuel cap 310 litres.
- Hydraulic windlass.
- 240 volt inverter.
- Top flight electronic package.
- Triple axle trailer.
- Vessel has been in survey.
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Oban Presbyterian Church Chatter

By Jo Riksem

It is sometimes interesting to look at photographs only a few years old to see how changes have happened. Taken only seven years ago we see the old Sunday School hall, once the bunkhouse at the Whalers Base, which has now become a delightful home. The Church Hill Restaurant that now has new accommodation. Changes can be good for many reasons and sometimes we feel change is a negative thing. It is good to remember that while we might feel negative toward change there is always positive that comes from it. While others saw the negatives in people our good Lord always saw the positives and helped people become better because of his vision. May our vision be looking for the good in people around us and in turn making a healthy happy community. Come join our visiting speakers to replenish the goodness in others as well as ourselves.

Speakers for August 2017:

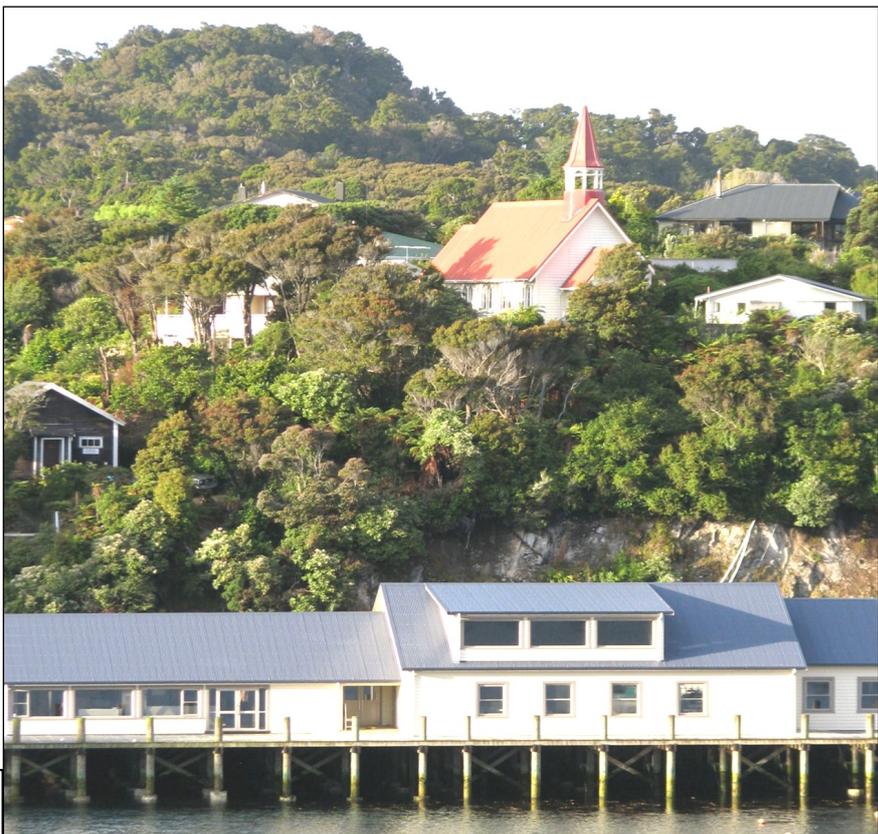
6 August – Rev. Tony Dawson, our new interim moderator, minister at Richmond Grove Presbyterian Church and editor of New Zealand Bay Fisher Magazine joins us for a pot luck lunch and AGM. All welcome.

13 August – Possibly one of the locals.

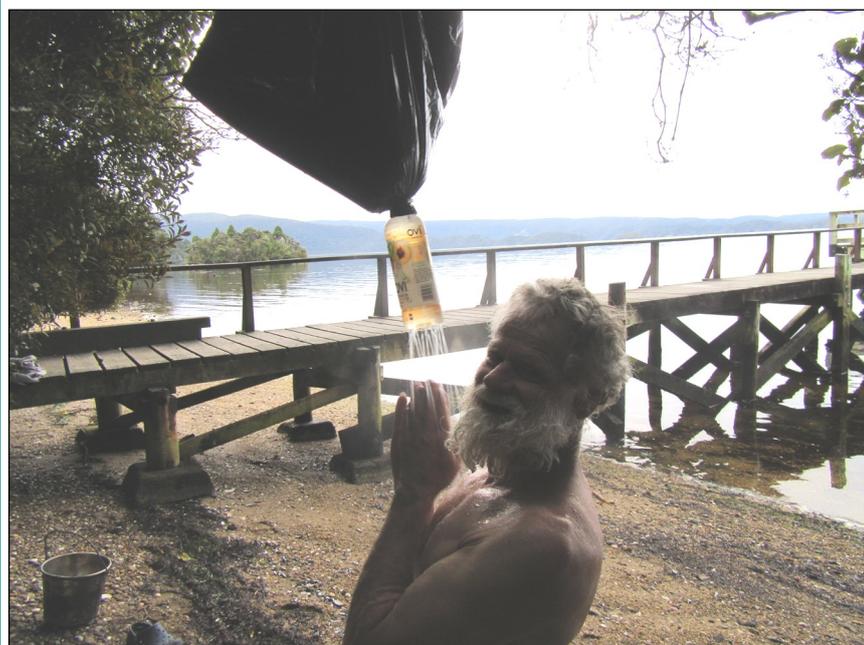
20 August – Linda Beebe, surgical nurse at Kew and a link with the Leask family makes for an interesting person who is warm and friendly and always with words of wisdom.

27 August – Combined service at 10:30 am at St Andrew's Anglican Church with Rev Richard Johnson. Richard is a regular to the island who originally came out from what is now Zimbabwe and is now vicar at All Saints in Invercargill.

Services every Sunday 11 am except when combined with St Andrews which is 10:30 am.



Oban Presbyterian Church 2010



What a dilemma! 9 days in the bush without a shower - no way! What to do?

Off to the 'Ship to Shore Four Square' to see what we could find. We just love that shop!

There we met Jules who had this great idea. This is what she suggested:

Take a plastic bottle, punch holes in the bottom and attach to corner of 2 large plastic bags, (one inside the other to give it strength), then hang under a tree.

Fantastic shower! Worked a treat.

Thanks Jules!

By Chris and Jeff Salmon

Left: Chris with improvised shower hung in a convenient kamahi tree at Fred's Camp

What's up, DOC?

From Jennifer Ross



Draft Threatened Species Strategy consultation

Have your say on the draft Threatened Species Strategy.

Submissions close 31 July 2017.

Purpose of the strategy
The draft Threatened Species Strategy sets out the New Zealand government's plan to halt the decline in our threatened species and restore them to healthy

populations. Building on existing commitments and programmes, the draft strategy identifies further steps we need to take not only to restore those species already at risk of extinction, but also to prevent other from becoming threatened.

The draft strategy is based on five themes to progress threatened species conservation:

- Uniting against invaders on a landscape scale
- Managing ecosystems at scale to protect species
- Building our science and knowledge base
- Focusing beyond public conservation land
- Working together in partnerships.

The draft strategy has four goals:

- Manage 500 species for protection by 2025 – a 40% increase on today – and 600 species for protection by 2030
- Enhance the populations of 150 prioritised threatened and at risk species by 2025
- Integrate Te Ao Māori (the Māori world view) and mātauranga Māori (Māori knowledge) into species recovery programmes by 2025
- Support research, particularly through the National Science Challenges, that helps us to better understand data deficient species.

You can access the draft online at <http://www.doc.govt.nz/pagefiles/169845/threatened-species-strategy-draft.pdf> or you can get the hardcopy at the Rakiura National Park Visitor Centre.

Make a submission

Fill out the online submission form: <http://www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/have-your-say/all-consultations/2017/draft-threatened-species-strategy-consultation/online-form/> or Come into the DOC office to pick up the submission form, scan it and: email to threatenedspeciesstrategy@doc.govt.nz, or post to:

Threatened Species Strategy
Department of Conservation

PO Box 10420
Wellington 6143

Submissions close 5 pm, Monday 31 July 2017.

Contact—If you have any questions or requests, email threatenedspeciesstrategy@doc.govt.nz.

Bravo Island gorse

Rangers Cherie Hemsley and George Nicholas have been working to control gorse at Bravo Island and the adjacent land at Bravo Spit. They took a dinghy to Bravo with a 100 litre barberry pump and sprayed the gorse on Department of Conservation land there.

Rural fire training for Rakiura DOC staff

Eight staff attended rural fire training in the beginning of Pipiri/June on Rakiura. This included setting up pumps and relays, practicing communication systems, and testing the Rakiura equipment.



Above: DOC Rakiura rural firefighting training exercise
Photo by George Nicholas DOC

Below: Bravo Island with large area of gorse sprayed (red).
Photo by Cherie Hemsley DOC



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Spotted in Karen Bowman's car recently—a sign reading: Elderly Driver—Please be patient. She's taking her new retirement seriously!

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Field Daze

Scene: Ship-To-Shore 5 p.m. Sunday, 11 June

Customer No. 1 (worldly-wise): I'm off to the Hamilton Field Days.

Shopkeeper (ditto): Oh, you lucky thing! Have you seen the article in today's Sunday Times? A local brothel owner up there is complaining that he can't get enough hookers for the weekend!

Customer No. 2 (naïve as): Really? You're not kidding?

Shopkeeper (grinning widely) No, I'm not kidding! Maybe you (Customer No. 1) could strike it lucky and get a job!

Customer No. 1 (ditto) Yeah, right!

Customer No. 2 (gobsmacked) I haven't lived! I hope they take off their gumboots!

Customer No. 1 I hope they don't!

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