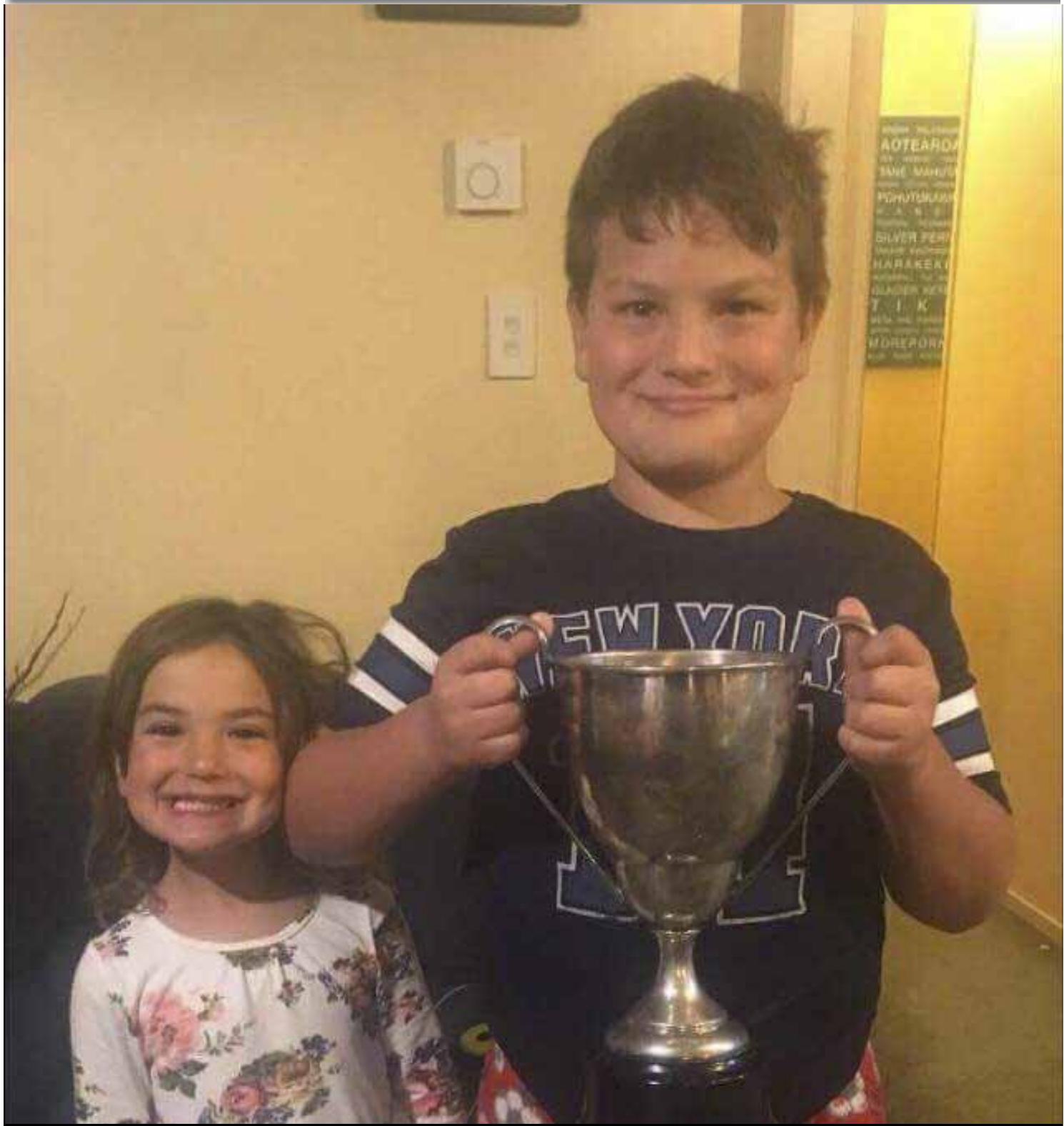


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Local News and Views



Congratulations Brody Taylor for winning the Talent of the Year award. More festival news and photos on page 4.

On the farm

PGG Wrightson

Cash for Communities raises \$482,000

PGG Wrightson and Ballance Agri-Nutrients would like to thank the farming community for taking part in the Cash for Communities programme. Eight programmes over the past seven years have raised \$482,000 for schools and community organisations around New Zealand. That's a great effort!

The programme enjoyed strong support during the 2017 spring season with over 500 farmers taking part. Any farmer who purchased participating Ballance fertiliser on their PGG Wrightson account between 1 September and 30 November 2017 could earn \$1 per tonne for their local school, Rescue Helicopter or other listed community organisation.

PGG Wrightson and Ballance Agri-Nutrients are now distributing donations to nominated recipients nationwide.*

In conjunction with the Cash for Communities programme we ran an iPad promotion where the school with the highest number of nominations in the North Island and South Island receive three Apple iPad Pros each and the school with the second highest number of nominations in the North Island and South

Island receive two Apple iPad Pros each.

Congratulations to the four schools who received the highest number of nominations: North Island – Goodwood School and Lake Rerewhakaaitu School, South Island – Fairlie Primary School and Amuri Area School.

*See full terms and conditions at www.pggwrightson.co.nz/promotions/cash-for-communities



From the editor

Greetings from a very autumnal Christchurch already. Leaf blowers out in full force although I can't see the point – you may get rid of them off your property but they end up in the gutters – heavy rain and you have a flood.

We've had such an awesome summer here — mainly because we haven't had nearly as many cool Easterly winds as usual. Plenty of sun so not so sad about the cooler weather arriving.

Thanks as always for everyone's contributions. The deadline for the May issue is 30 April — looking forward to hearing from you.

Cheers

Rosemary

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Te Pou Atawhai O Rekohu/Wharekauri



Conservation Board hosts Hawke's Bay

The Chatham Islands Conservation Board recently hosted members of the East Coast Hawke's Bay Conservation Board. The visit gave both Boards an opportunity to share and compare notes on local visions and challenges stemming from regional differences in the conservation estates of each Board and to discuss particular approaches and strategies while essentially working toward the same National conservation goals and outcomes. As part of the program the group visited the Albatross Colony and Sweetwater where they were able to see at first hand enduring results from all the hard work put in by the Taiko Trust. Many thanks to Bruce, Liz, Mike and the team for making this happen.

On Monday (12/03/2018) evening up at Kopinga marae, the group listened to a unique program of taonga puoro led by visiting artist James Webster and colleagues that are part of an Otago University research project on Moriori and Māori traditional music, and also a selection of original old Moriori songs sung and played by local artist Ajay Peni. During the evening the chair Amanda Seymour presented the Chatham Islands Annual Conservation Award to the children of Pitt Island school. On the way to winning the award the school had impressed the Board with their ability to research, learn and understand what makes bush settings healthy and by their practical efforts to create a nature wellness environment in their adopted school bush, "Ngahere Te Kura." Keep up the great work kids!

On Thursday (15/03/2018) morning, the Chatham Island Conservation Board had a visit to both Hapupu and Rotorua. These field trips are beneficial to the Board as it is always great to have the opportunity to see and understand the great work that is being done. Following this the Board intended meeting at Taia but due to weather that meeting was held at the Kaingaroa club. The Board is currently engaged in the arduous process of reviewing and updating the Chatham Island Conservation Management Strategy in draft form and eventually this undertaking will provide for community participation and input.

Conservation board meetings are open to the public and include a public forum in which conservation matters can be raised with the Board. Public attendance is greatly welcomed. For more information please contact Jilleen Seymour on jchandler@doc.govt.nz or ph:-3050 098.

Caught in the act!

These photos show a feral cat and a possum at Chatham Island Oyster Catcher nests this season. The team at DOC work hard trapping and monitoring the birds from October until February every year to try and help the population grow. Despite our efforts, sometimes the predators get to the nests before they encounter a trap.

DOC is offering free cat de-sexing to anyone on Chathams and Pitt to try to decrease the number of feral and unwanted cats out there. The vet will be on island in May. Please contact



A feral cat (top) and a possum at Chatham Islander Oyster Catcher nests.

the office on 3050 098 if you would like to take advantage of this. We also welcome people dropping off cage traps that have been borrowed in the past. If you have a live capture that needs to be taken care of, we can help with that too.

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Chatham Islands (Tuuta) Airport newsletter

Tuuta Airport – enabling and adding value to the Chatham Islands social wellbeing and economic development.

What's going on?

Lots! Both what you will see as you use the airport and that which you won't as it's behind the scenes. Things will look and operate differently as we make things safer and ensure we comply with all the necessary legislation so we are able to continue to operate. But even more work is going on with the project to enable Tuuta to continue to operate for another 50 years. We need the help of everyone to work through these changes, give us ideas on what you'd like improved, and continue to support or lobbying to get our extension project funded by Government.

Tuuta longer and stronger

With the support of our community we are putting a lot of resources into this project, identifying how long and strong our airport needs to be to support the aircraft of the next 50 years. We are working through all of the technical information that has been commissioned by the organisation and have developed an approach which could enable

us to have a new runway operational by 2020. However this will require substantial financial investment and the assistance of Government. So we've communicated with a range of Ministers and with the guidance of Paul Eagle, our MP, we will be seeking their support in the coming months to get this project underway. We have more work to do on the technical aspects of the upgrade, with things like navigation, security and airport design so the coming weeks will see us develop a comprehensive approach that is compelling for our new Government.

In parallel we will continue to change how we work at the airport. In the next few months, with the support of the Enterprise Trust, new lighting will be installed on the runway and, for the first time, on the approach to help the pilots get us and our visitors safely on the ground. This combined with our other operational improvements and working closely with our great partners at Air Chathams demonstrates to Government that our

community really is putting skin in the game towards the bigger project and not simply relying on a hand out.

Drone owners

It looks like Santa brought a few of us drones for Christmas and there are a few budding Air Chathams pilots out there. Just one thing from your friendly airport company:

CAA Regulations PROHIBIT UAV (Drones) operations within 4 KM of all airports.

Anyone wishing to operate a Drone within 4 KM of the Chatham Islands Airport boundary must have approval from the Airport Company before flying.

How do I get that?

- Approval to fly must be sought from the Airport Officer (Toni Gregory – Hunt) on 03 3050 066.
- 48 hours' notice is required to process applications.
- To obtain approval the operator must comply with CAA Rule 101 Rule Part 101 - UAV Operations
- Applicants not complying with Rule 101 will not be approved.

Drone Operations – General

The public must be aware that the operation of Drones, model aircraft and balloons, regardless of location, is controlled by the NZ Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) through a CAA Rule – Part 101. There are a range of requirements operators must meet, and there are restrictions on when, where and how high drones can be operated. 10 key points from CAA:

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3. Obtain permission from property owners - Make sure you are granted permission from any property owners before you fly over their property – that includes public land – DoC and Council.
4. Always fly safely, don't fly dangerously - Always fly safely because you are the person who is solely responsible for the safe conduct of each flight.
5. Always keep your drone in sight - Keeping safe is the first priority when flying a drone, so always keep your drone in sight while it is in the air.
6. Stay clear of airports, airfields and helipads - Rules in New Zealand *Continued page 9*

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Mon and Fri	Chathams	Wellington	Chathams
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Tues	Chathams	Christchurch	Chathams
	dep 10.15	arr 12.00 dep 13.00	arr 16.00

Thurs	Chathams	Auckland	Chathams
	dep 09.30	arr 11.30 dep 13.00	arr 16.15

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Celebrating 10 years of the Chatham Islands Festival

In the huge loss of Dakota my heartfelt sympathies to Gutty, Annelies, Shanell, Crystal, Harry and all our whanau here on the Island and those all over the world grieving his passing. How privileged and lucky are those who got to know and love Dakota in his too short time in the living world.

Dakota was one of ours and we as an Island loved him and will now miss him always.

Five months of putting this together and Dakota you were truly taking up all my mind space with everything I did as I fulfilled my obligation to the Chatham Community Focus Trust and carried on with the 10th annual Chatham Islands Festival.

With Air Chathams having to fly on the actual day we didn't have the stage and band set up until near on six in the evening but with a little bit of Weka ingenuity, our MC Floyd rigged up some speakers and a microphone in front of the Den facing out into the very large crowd. Once it was set up and ready to go Floyd invited George Day to open with a Mihi Whakatau (welcome) followed by the Karakia Whakatuwhera (opening prayer) and the Whakapai nga Kai (blessing of the food) by Aunty Raana Tuuta. His Worship the Mayor Mr Alfred Preece said some words and declared the festival open.

The Te Kohanga Reo whanau performed first lead by Whaea Ririana then the three primary schools Te One, Kaingaroa and Pitt also entertaining with some amazing waiata lead by our fantastic Mr Dunn. You were all beautiful and your effort was amazing.

Luckily, we had some visiting talented people on Island as with the band Cover Story there but their band gear on the freight plane coming from Wellington, some new entertainment had to be sourced and quickly.

So, with our very own Chatham Islands muso Ajay Peni playing the guitar and singing, the visiting Taongo Puoro group performing and Craig Smith aka the Wonky Donkey man we had one of the best entertainment set ups that have played at the Festival yet. Cheers you guys for keeping it going.

Lots of action and interest was had in the Kidz Korner and I am sure Sheree will already be planning what to do next year. Thanks for running the children's

events on the day Sheree it sure takes a load off me.

Was great to have home Ruth de Reus (Miller) our born and raised Chatham Islands author with her books for signing and she also generously donated lots of books for our colouring in competition, it was great to host you Ruth.

The Festival relies on so many people to ensure it happens and is successful, but the main stars of the day of course are the Stall holders and those who come along and support it, without you it wouldn't happen so big ups to you all. The charity auction this year was to help support the Norman Kirk Committee in their development of the children's playground area. 100% of our funds raised at the Festival stay on Island and that is something we pride ourselves in. Martie did another outstanding job as the auctioneer and we raised \$. Thanks to you Martie for stepping up again and to all those who bought and donated to the cause. Excellent entertainment from the Talent Quest entries this year. I am always in awe of the kids who are so brave and get up there and sing with out showing any nerves and this year the talent was out there. Thanks to Ants and Rena for sponsoring the prize. Cheers to the judges who I know have a terrible job choosing. 3rd equal was Shyne Day-Preece and Hayley Childs \$20 each, 2nd

was Charlotte Tuuta-Kyle \$60 and the winner of the Miriam Thomas memorial cup and \$100 dollars was Brody Fraser with his incredible rendition of Buy me a boat by Chris Janson. The cake competition was hard to judge but both entries were impressive. First place was Theresa Harris's blue cod cake and second place was Natasha Croons Chatham Islands cake.

The Honey competition is growing and its lovely to see this Islands interest in bees and honey only get stronger. Congratulations to Judeen Whaitiri who took out both first and second place and Eileen Cameron with a 3rd. The homemade bread was popular again with Aunty Lou winning and Delta Preece and Peace Lanauze coming 2nd and Natasha Croon 3rd. Keep up the good baking people. And Aunty Lou took out the Bannocks/Doughnuts competition too, well done Aunty Lou.

The voting on the day by the people in attendance saw Dish of the Day won by Henga Harvest with their raw fish dish. Most popular Non-food Stall being won by the Chatham Islands Art Exhibition. Best Presentation won by Candy Girls and best food won by Kizzie Kai. Congratulations to you all for the effort you put in, some year after year.

The new introduced *Continued page 8*



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carving in memory of Eddie Fraser was chosen and presented to the stall who was embracing the new initiative and change towards minimizing waste at the Festival ... this year it was won by Chatham Food Co. Keep up the green image guys.

To Susan Thorpe and the Hokotehi Moriori Trust for sponsoring all the compostable food containers, cutlery and cups your involvement ad support for the Festival is outstanding.

Tarshie you never complain about all the orders I place on you and this year the pressure was so much more intense, but you just carried on without a word, thanks sista.

Mama Sanson the best gate keeper and ticket seller out, thank you. To the Maori Wardens your presence is appreciated, and you looked smart as usual.

Brenda thankyou again for having the grounds neat and tidy and to Monique for her ongoing support again this year.

Thanks to all those awesome people who helped in the three days leading up to the Festival. You volunteered your help with taking everything down to the grounds and then helping in setting up the marquees was so very much appreciated. You all made my job easier as it's the one thing for the past six years of me organising the Festival that I find the hardest... packing and carting the huge number of things required to run this day. Then there is the pulling down and putting away of everything. Can't name you all but thanks a million. Therese my thanks and appreciation always. Brother Bernard two years in a row you have come over early from Pitt to help and this year chartering the Pitt plane shows your dedication, thanks bro you always make my day brighter.

Erin Tuanui

Chatham's Challenge at Kidz Corner

To help celebrate 10 years of the CI Festival the Kidz Corner paid tribute to this wonderful Island with the Chatham's Challenge.

The Challenge was broken up into four different events throughout the day and children had to draw for teams. The teams had to help one another to climb, jump, balance and dig for keys in the obstacle course. Then in the fear factor style eating challenge some team members had to step in and take one for their team when one really couldn't stomach what they thought they were eating.

Next up was the brains challenge where teams had to work together to figure out where that photo was or where on the map that place was. Unfortunately, we ran out of time to complete that and the creative challenge. All the points were added up and the winners were announced. Prizes were vouchers to spend at the stall of their choice keeping the money local within the festival. Although the Kidz Korner tent was the base for the challenge it was also a chill out zone for the kids to just hang out and play games or colour in. None of the above could not have been possible with out help, so I would like to give a massive Thank you to my husband Ross, Dad Steve, all the people that gave keys, rope and tyres. To Saffron and my number 1 helper Jilleen thank you so much.

Sheree Gay, Event Coordinator, CCFT

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Chatham Islands (Tuuta) Airport

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Emergency evacuation drill at the airport

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7. Keep clear of any aircraft - As well as staying clear of airports, make sure you keep clear of any aircraft.

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10. Don't fly higher than 400 ft above ground level – planes are restricted to above 500 ft – this allows separation

Want to fly a Drone? Visit this web site: <http://www.caa.govt.nz/rpas>, make sure you read Part 101 of the Civil Aviation Rules then give Toni a call before you fly.

Airport operational changes

This is really where we need you to help us. We know things have been a certain way for a long time but we have to do things differently if we are going to continue to operate or have any chance of having the airport upgraded.

Public safety

There have been a number of incidents recently where individuals and unaccompanied children have entered onto the airport apron area. The community is reminded that our airport is a fully Civil Aviation Certified Airport and as such has legal responsibilities. In addition we are concerned with your, and your children's safety.

All Operational Areas at the Airport are signposted, those areas behind the fence, the auto gate and beyond the terminal airside door, are restricted areas. No access is allowed unless the person is under the direct control of:

- An airline or airport staff member; or
- The Police or St John Ambulance staff when attending a medical emergency flight.

In order to improve this situation, the public viewing area outside of the terminal is now CLOSED and anyone accessing the areas beyond the terminal airside doors or the gates and fences will be asked to leave the airport property. Prosecutions are a possibility. Remember when you arrive by air you must

move directly into to the terminal. Please do not wander about the apron or enter the airport operational area – it is a hazardous area.

Please Note: Any accident or incident resulting from unauthorised public access may result in the Civil Aviation Authority withdrawing our certification — that would be a serious issue for the Islands. Please ensure you, your children and your visitors understand the seriousness of a breach.

Road speeds

The area from the cattle stop into and out of the airport is a speed restricted area. In order to slow vehicles down - there have been a number of complaints received regarding speeding drivers – judder bars are being fitted to the access road. This is a serious safety concern. So please slow down to 20 Kph maximum.

Car parking

There are a number of cars and utes that appear to have been abandoned at the airport. We understand that there are occasions when you are off island for extended periods however if parking is required beyond one calendar month please contact Toni Gregory-Hunt so your vehicle can be identified.

Vehicle access to the apron

The only vehicles authorised to access the apron are:

- Air Chatham's vehicles
- Airport staff vehicles
- NZ Police vehicles
- St John Ambulance and Chatham Island's Hospital vehicles attending a medical evacuation flight.

Should you require freight to be brought onto the airport, any access must be supervised by Air Chatham's Staff.

Thanks for your cooperation and support as we continue to improve our community's primary link to the rest of the world.

Iain Torrance

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Pitt Island Newsletter

Kia ora folk and it is hoorah for the end of daylight saving or bugger to the start of shorter, cooler days for the next six months. We are still having very warm days for this time of year after all it is April now and autumn. I am presently on that bigger island which we on Pitt refer to as 'the main island'. Just flew over and returning to Pitt tomorrow with pilot Stefan who I feel very confident in his flying ability.

As I went to the airstrip by 4xwheeler this morning it is very noticeable that our no. 1 highway has had a big upgrade recently. It could almost be called a motorway and is almost four lanes wide. I don't recall our road having so much work done and big improvements with time and effort put in for many years. Many thanks to the workers, great job boys. Bridges and culverts replaced, drain ways cleared and metal spread etc should keep all folk happy and steady and safe driving ahead.

Down on the farm the grass has been growing so feed looking good mostly and lots of nicely shorn sheep around. It is good to see tidily shorn sheep and I noticed lots on this side also. Shearing is a busy time for all both the shed workers and the cooks, so it's always more relaxing when that job's done. Rams are out on our

patch doing their ramly thing. Cattle on Pitt are also looking good and lots of calves soon to be marked. Lots of heavy hooves everywhere to make more mess especially when the wet weather happens which it will eventually. The one good cattle beast on Rauseby of course is Mollie who I am share milking with Patch the calf.

I hear you had a wharf opening over here recently with a bundle of dignitaries flying in from NZ. A couple of my favourite men were there and I didn't even get to see them – Winston (Peters) and Chris (Finlayson). As it happened I was on the Pitt Island airstrip waiting to come over to a Conservation meeting when the Hercules flew over with those 'top brass' dignitaries inside. As I do when I see a plane fly over Pitt I wave enthusiastically as I did on this occasion. However I have since been told there are not windows in this sort of plane so Winston and Chris etc may not have even seen my fantastic waving.

As for the Conservation Bd meeting it was as always interesting, enjoyable with different people, different conversation. We had 3 members of the Gisborne Con Board join us in return for our trip out there last year. Well folk I think we are about a whisker away from translocating some parea (pigeons) back to Pitt and I'm almost confident enough to say by the time this article comes out we will be into parea gear. It has been a while in the pipeline over three years in fact so very exciting folk. Bring on the parea. As you know our predators are cats, not rats, no possums, no hedgehogs on Pitt and yes cats eat birds,

but we are very fortunate to have very few nasties on Pitt and long may it last. We should all be responsible in looking after our place, our land our future we have so much potential for other conservation opportunities on Pitt.

Cray fishing is on hold presently and will restart again in May so some folk will be into codding while they wait. In the down time the holidays, water jetting, pots maintenance and all the busyness that goes with the fishing industry. Over Easter or just pre the holiday break Pitt had a nice visit from aa Catholic priest Father John Joliffe. Easter time is very significant to Catholics all Christians so it was very opportune that Father came over and we had four opportunities to attend Mass. Some things that have been part of one's life over time in the case one's faith are very important and meaningful so to have the chance with Father's visit was very satisfying especially at this time of year.

Well folk my thoughts and aroha to all who really struggle with daily life, its losses, sickness both physical and mental and general hurdles along the way. Take care of your neighbours, who are all those we meet on life's journey. Enjoy your friends and family we are all going to be the same when dead no hierach in death folk.

Just a bit of news and views from my main island chair.

Dianne

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Makara fire



DOC firefighter Mike Hoverd on the fire ground at the Makara fire.



Environment Canterbury News

Rodents

As the weather continues to cool you may start to see evidence of rodents around your home. Do you know what you are going to use to control them ie traps or poison?

If you are needing any help with information on either gives us a call we will help in any way possible.

Please remember Pitt Island is "Rat Free" take this into consideration when sending freight over, try not to leave items in sheds boats etc, especially if it contains perishables. Check freight before you load it for the plane or boat for any sign.

Freight

When importing goods to the island what do we need to remember? Is there potential for this to contain something harmful or damaging to the island, will it need cleaning. The best advice I could give is to ring us the last thing you want is for it to get to this end and it needs to be removed from the island.

What can you not bring to the island. Any plant on the "Total Control"

list, Banana Passionfruit, Gunnera, Sycamore, Oldmans Beard, Cotoneaster, Glyceria maxima, and Broom.

When ordering plants ask the retailer to soak the plant in water until saturated, if there happens to be any insects in there hopefully they will be drowned.

Compost, topsoil ring us, there are many places that have been approved but this is only for certain hitchhikes pest in and around their yards, it doesn't mean that all the products they sell are able to come to the island. Topsoil is a no, under no circumstances is this to come to the island everyone will be treated the same.

The science that has been done over the years proves that this product is far too risky to allow over here. We will not undertake sampling so that a product can remain on the island, this process takes months and if there were to be eggs of an unwanted pest by the time these are complete these could have hatched and escaped.

It is much better if you ring to make sure first. Feel free to give us a call Kerri and Robin 3050013

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Unmarked Pots

A recent Navy/Fisheries patrol around the Chatham Islands found a large number of crayfish pots & holding pots that did not have the surface floats clearly, permanently, and legibly marked.

This did result in pots being seized and others GPS marked for further follow up.

A friendly reminder that during this closed season it is a good time to have these obligations met by correctly marking surface floats on all pots.

A person who commits an offence against a regulation is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$20,000.

Legislation below:

Regulation 56 -

Fisheries (Commercial Fishing) Regulations 2001

(1) Commercial fishers must not use for fishing, or have on board a fishing vessel, pots (including holding pots) without their own surface buoys or floats.

(2) Each pot and surface buoy or float must be clearly, permanently, and legibly marked with the registration number of the vessel from which it is set or transported.

For any queries or questions regarding the above or other fisheries related matters feel free to contact your local Fishery Officer Kyall Boonen on (03) 3050 004 or Kyall.Boonen@mpi.govt.nz

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Please don't import:

- Bulk soil or items with untreated soil (bagged potting mix is ok)
- Aggregate from an unapproved quarry (ideally use Fulton Hogan, Timaru)
- Plants that could become a serious weed eg: ornamental broom

Even if you have imported these sorts of things in the past, please contact the Chatham Islands Biosecurity Officers for a quick and easy check before you order.
Phone: 03 305 0013, or email: Kerri.Moir@ecan.govt.nz

Touch Rugby

Another successful season done and dusted and thank-you to all players, supporters, sponsors, organisers/parents of kids' touch, our referees and committee members. This year was the first year that we had kids touch which was really successful and it is great to see our next lot of champions moving through into playing alongside mum and dads.

Chatham Islands Touch Prize giving Results 2017/18

Best Dressed Team: Kaingaroa
Best Team Attitude: Owenga
Up & Coming Player: Preston Horler
Runner Up: Harry Luger
Most Improved Female: Samantha Lee
Runner Up: Pepe Gregory-Hunt
Most Improved Male: Andre Day
Runner Up: Joseph Kingi
Most Consistent Female: Jacqui Nielsen
Runner Up: Martha-Lee Tuhiwai
Most Consistent Male: Ryan Holmes

Runner Up: Sean Chisolm
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4th Placed Team: Owenga
3rd Placed Team: Kuzzies
2nd Placed Team: Hornets
CI Touch Champs 2018: Kaingaroa

Finally a big thank you again to our sponsors who make our prize giving special: Air Chathams, Chatham Islands Council, Chatham Community Focus, Chatham Islands Enterprise Trust, Department of Conservation, Dough n Go, Hotel Chatham's, Maori Community Services, Norman Kirk Reserve Committee, Sk2 Diving Co and Waitangi Hardware.

NZCT grant awarded

New Zealand Community Trust (NZCT) awarded the following grant in the Chatham Islands in February.

Organisation	Amount approved	Purpose
Chatham Community Focus Trust	\$7,598.52	Towards airfares, band equipment air freight and fee for Musical Performer for music band at the 2018 Chatham Islands Festival

Our gaming venue that contributed to this grant is Hotel Chathams.

Free health resources

A wide range of health resources, such as stickers, pamphlets, posters etc. are available free of charge from Canterbury DHB's Community and Public Health team. You can order them online at: www.cph.co.nz/Resources/