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# Chatham Islander

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**Welcome to the new HMT CEO Tony Blackett and his wife Justine.  
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# Health centre news

Thank you for looking after your mates, sharing your couch, arranging sober drivers, laying off the sauce and knowing when you have had enough!

Sadly, not everyone listened and we still had alcohol-related vehicle accidents over the holiday period. Remember to arrange the sober drivers before you invite your mates over – it's your responsibility to keep them safe. If your mates have had a few too many don't let them drink and drive; show them the couch.

Tu roroa, ārahi i te mua – Stand tall young leaders

Being strong is about caring for yourself and your whānau. Everyone has a role to play in reducing alcohol and drug abuse and family violence in our community. We've made huge steps forward in caring for our mates and reducing alcohol-related harm – but we still have a long way to go! Don't ignore what you see, do something, speak up and make our community safer for everyone, especially our mokopuna.

If you want to talk to someone in confidence you can contact Paul Reet at paul.mhchathams@gmail.com or call on 03 489 3728 or 027 233 3597.

Share this free confidential hotline number:

0800 920 928. It's 24/7 for anyone that needs to talk. Let's look after our whānau and our community. Remember it's everyone's responsibility to keep our community a safe place.

With a number of measles outbreaks in New Zealand and around the world over the past year, it's a timely reminder to ensure your children's vaccinations are up to date. We currently have six children under the age of six that are overdue for their vaccinations. Keeping vaccinations current cares both for your child and the vulnerable young and old in our community.

Let's continue to Stop the Rot, remember to brush using fluoride toothpaste and the "Spit Don't Rinse" method. Brushing our teeth twice daily reduces the risk of tooth decay. Megan Fissenden, our WellChild Nurse will be on the Island 11-13 February, caring for our mokopuna. Please ring the health centre if you would like to make an appointment.

Slip Slop Slap and Wrap

Be safe, be SunSmart. Our sun can have high levels of ultraviolet (UV) radiation, which can cause skin and eye damage. To protect you and your whānau – slip on a shirt, slop on sunscreen, slap on a hat and wrap on sunglasses. Be especially mindful of our mokopuna, a bad sunburn now could be the start of skin cancers later in life.

Speak up, yell if you have to - but please help your mates stay safe; don't let them fry! If you are in the sun remember the SunSmart message, taking care of children first and reapplying sunscreen every two hours!

### The facts:

- Incidence of melanoma among Māori is increasing faster than in non-Māori - 14% increase in incidence per year in Māori men compared to only a 1.5% increase in incidence in non-Māori men from 1996 to 2010.
- One bad burn or blistering

in childhood doubles the risk factor for melanoma later in life - Melanoma is the deadliest form of skin cancer - cover your kids!

- More than 90% of skin cancer is caused by sun exposure – you can still get burnt through your car and house windows.
- Skin cancer accounts for more than 50% of all cancers combined.
- Men are twice as likely to develop skin cancer as women - in fact, it is more common than prostate cancer, lung cancer, and colon cancer in men over the age of 50.
- Over 4,000 people are diagnosed with either melanoma in situ or invasive melanoma in NZ every year– that's around 13 every day.

### Reminder

When you are booked for a Canterbury DHB medical appointment in Christchurch, the Ministry of Health contributes \$100 per night towards your accommodation costs. This is a generous contribution through the national travel assistance policy. Bookings are arranged through the Canterbury DHB Patient Travel Centre with support from your health centre. A big thank you to Dr Brent Maxwell for providing excellent service over the holiday period and a warm welcome back to Dr Martin London who is with us through to March. Thank you and farewell to Chelsea Chuck and her family who are returning to the mainland and welcome back to registered nurse Annie Bradshaw who is joining the team through to January 2021.

From Sally and the team at the Chatham Islands Health Centre

## From the editor

Happy New Year everyone. Hope you had a safe and relaxing time and some of you managed to have a holiday as well. I spent most of the break helping move my parents into a retirement home and it's great to see them finally settled in. I don't know how elderly people manage with all the paperwork, real estate agents, change of address, lawyers etc without someone to help them.

Take care everyone and enjoy the fine weather while it lasts.

Rosemary



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## Playground update NKMR

I'm sure people are wondering how we are getting on with the playground project so thought I would give you an update.

The cost of the original playground that we have planned is in the region of \$100,000 not including freight and safety matting. This is basically broken down between approx. \$50,000 for a large structure to replace the existing structure and approx. \$50,000 on extra equipment and single pieces. Playgrounds are not cheap!!!

We were very hopeful that we would be able to raise this money and have the new playground in this summer. We have \$30,000 of our own we have raised through events, food sales, donations and our Art Exhibition to date.

We have had a few setbacks including applying to RATA for \$50,000 which would have had us very near the line. They very generously gave us \$20,000 which is fantastic but still leaves us well short. Sadly, we cannot apply to RATA again for the same project so we are now looking at other ways of raising the shortfall. We applied to the CCF for the Charity Auction money from this year's festival but we are only one of many worthy causes in the community and we are sad we missed out but happy to see that money is going to our new and improved museum!

A decision has been made at this point to leave the current structure with a view to working with what we have got and replacing/improving/adding to it. We think we can create a fantastic structure for a LOT less money that will possibly provide more entertainment than the pre made ones we can buy. This means we will put all the money we have to date into the purchase of all other equipment, bark, safety matting and freight. This will leave us with about \$15,000 to raise before we can get started.

We sincerely thank the community for your patience, your help and your ongoing support. If anybody has any contacts or ideas or knowledge of other funding avenues we could investigate we would love to hear your thoughts and ideas.

In the meantime we will keep trucking on and putting away every spare cent we have!!

*Erin Tuanui*

## Weka with wings

Hola amigos! Welcome to the new decade and greetings from Tarifa, Spain, the most southern point on the continent of Europe. It's winter here and I'm basking in the sunshine soaking up as much vitamin D as I can. Looking out further south are the mountains of Morocco, about 9 miles across the Gibraltar straits in North Africa. A complete different world away yet only technically swimming distance for some. It's been almost a decade since I was last in this ancient Spanish seaside town as I watch the tourists load up the big catamaran ferry bound for the Moroccan city of Tangier. I recall rolling into town in an old white Fiat van covered in graffiti with 3 other vans in tow. Still hung-over sporting half a non-consensual mohawk with a travel gang of 15 strong, all Kiwis and Aussies bound for a quick weekly holiday within a holiday to Morocco. Nine years later I'm sitting in a cafe 20 metres round the corner with my young whanau and pregnant missus sipping coffee and planning on how to change a shitty nappy in a shoe box toilet. Those were the happiest days and yet I'm worlds more content now. Oh how times have changed. Whilst Morocco still beckons me silently, Tarifa is our home for the coming month and this place is steeped in history and culture. It's the kite surfing capital of Europe and is constructed of old defensive castles, white narrow cobblestone streets and surrounded by fortified walls of limestone that look like a scene out of Game of Thrones. In the main square stands a statue of the town hero, Guzman El Bueno who famously sacrificed his son to the invading nomadic Muslim tribes that held the city under siege some 724 years ago. What a great family man he was, safe to say I would not have been a hero back then. Winter in this part of Spain is similar to a chilly summer in New Zealand. Here the coffee is cheap, the bread is fresh and seafood paella is worth writing home about. I have since lost all my Spanish language skills and am back at square 1 but that can be half the fun when travelling. I can count to 3 and say thank you fluently - watch this space. A pigeon shat on my brand new t-shirt today from a great height and not even that was enough to dampen my spirits, there's something magic about being in a completely different culture that makes you feel alive. Tomorrow we drive up to Marbella where I'm due to get a root canal and tooth ripped out. I was too hard up to pay dutch dental prices so I cleaned my rotting cavity with clove oil and salt water and patched up the pothole with some warm bees wax. Island styles. I put up with some pain here and there but saved myself 60% by holding out for Spain. Life hacks 101. Might consider being a dentist when I come back home next, follow in my Aunty Wendy's footsteps. Stay tuned till next month and remember 'To not travel is like living in a library and not reading the books'. Give Marcel a ring.

Ciao!

*Robbie Lanauze*



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# Council Update

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## Conserve Water

A reminder to residents to conserve water at this time of year as during summer, extra usage puts pressure on our water supply.

Ways you can conserve water:

- Please don't wash your cars and boats.
- Please do not use tap water for washing cray pots.
- Please don't refill your swimming pool.
- Please ensure all taps are turned off thoroughly to avoid any dripping.
- Please limit watering lawns and gardens.
- Please put a plug in the sink when washing your dishes and vegetables.
- Please run your washing machine and dishwasher when it is fully loaded.
- Please turn off the tap when brushing your teeth or shaving.
- All commercial users are requested to minimise usage.



## Recognition of Long Service

At the end of 2019 Mayor Monique Croon presented recipients Nigel Ryan and Alfred Preece with long service awards.

Nigel Ryan was first elected to the Council in 1992, completing 27 years of unbroken service in 2019. During his time with the Council Nigel often provided a voice for the Owenga community, and acted as the Civil Defence area warden for that area. Maritime Safety Oil Spill and Harbourmaster activities often required Nigel's time and expertise.

Alfred Preece was first elected to Council in 1998, taking on the role of Mayor in January 2010. Alfred served 21 years on the Council,



*Pictured from left Lou & Nigel Ryan, Alfred & Robyn Preece.*

nine as Mayor. Alfred had an excellent relationship with the powers in Wellington, leading the relationship which secured funding for the Waitangi Port development.

## Building Inspectors on Island

Wellington City Council Building Inspectors will be on the island 27-31 January 2020 to undergo current building site inspections. If you would like to book an appointment to discuss your building project please phone the Chatham Islands Council office.

A guide to 'Building in the Chatham Islands' is available at reception and outlines all you need to know about getting a building consent, inspections and completing your project with a code compliance certificate.



## STAFF PROFILE RANA SOLOMON

### What's your role at the Council?

I am the Emergency Manager and Controller for the Chatham Islands Council.

### What's the best thing about your job?

Meeting people.

### What's the most challenging part of your job?

Ensuring that our community is prepared for any emergency, as best we can be.

### What's one thing on your bucket list?

Complete my garden/Art project at home.

### If you had access to a time machine, where and when would you visit?

The day my son was born, ok, maybe the next day!

### What is something that you've done in your life that you are really proud of?

Getting Emergency Management and the Emergency Operation Centre to a standard that can handle emergency events, and working towards where it can be.

*'What the New Year brings to you will depend a great deal on what you bring to the new year.'*

*Vern McLellan*

**Parting thought**

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## RATES REMINDER

The 2nd instalment of rates is due before 15th February 2020

Late payments will incur a 10% penalty



## Hear from the Mayor *Monique Croon*

We moved from 2019 with the hottest December on record since 1878 and the highest average temperature increase throughout NZ. Climate change is real and it is happening so fast with some extreme effects on different places in the world. The CI Cup race day was held on first day of 2020, the sun and light was a very unusual colour and of course this was the effect of the deadly Australian Fires.

I had a question from a member of the public about how is Council funded? We are the smallest council and the most isolated; the amount collected from rates and county dues is about \$700k per year. It costs about \$4 million to operate Council and all its activities. We have a funding agreement with Department of Internal Affairs and receive Crown Appropriation to ensure that the Chathams Islands Council is able to meet its statutory obligation and maintain essential services.

Road funding is received from NZTA. This is called the Financial Assistance Rate. We get 88% from NZTA and the balance is funded by Council from County Dues. The maintenance cost of roading per year is about \$4 million.

The funding support has remained the same level since 2015. This needs to increase, not only to meet our statutory obligations and maintain operations, but to upgrade water schemes, improve waste services, build a new administration building that will include the Chatham Island's museum and many other activities. Our relationship with Government Agencies and Government Ministers is key not only for Council but for the wellbeing of our whole Islands. Our key focus for 2020 is to secure this essential funding.

## Hon Eugenie Sage visits



**On 23 January the Hon Eugenie Sage met with Council where discussion took place around environmental and conservation issues. At the back are Cr Jason Seymour, CEO Owen Pickles, Cr Graeme Hoare, Cr Oscar Nilsson, Cr Greg Horler, Mayor Monique Croon, Operations Manager Cindy Butt and Brent Swanson (Acting Operations Manager, DOC). At the front are Cr Steve Joyce, Cr Celine Gregory-Hunt, Hon Eugenie Sage, Biosecurity Officer Kerri Moir and Moki.**

# Mental Health Matters: Resolutions, choices and decisions *by Paul Reet*

I don't know about you but I find making New Year resolutions do not usually work. In fact research has shown that over 85% of resolutions people do make do not work out and some only last a few days or weeks. In some ways there is no problem making such commitments towards oneself but the danger is they can be unobtainable and we can be 'hard on ourselves' for not following them through. If we know we are going to break them well why bother?

However, it is clear choices and decisions we make to help make life better or worse. We all make choices every day about our lives. These choices affect us in small and large ways. Some choices we make, however can affect our lives for some time to come and can affect others; our families and work mates too. We cannot act in a vacuum- all our life choices will effect someone or something within us eventually. Often when we are young we do not always consider these things. Equally some of us continue making life choices that are detrimental to our lives, our health and others who are close to us. Many of us get into patterns of being which means we always make the same mistakes.

How do we get out of this? Often we need a resolve to change, the support of others or even professional help. The choices that can affect us both health wise and with our families and friends include:

- Eating too much of the foods that can be bad for us
- Drinking too much alcohol
- Taking drugs to enhance our mood or cover up our difficult feelings
- Reacting in anger and violence
- Talking negatively about others and holding grudges against others.

I have worked with people who struggle with many of these issues and I have found that people who make real changes are those who stop, realise what they are doing and make a decision to change and seek the right kind of help and support. No-one else can make us change, unless we decide to hear from people we know we can trust.

## 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 on line at: [www.cph.co.nz/Resources/](http://www.cph.co.nz/Resources/)*

A useful exercise to try is to 'take stock of your life,' where it has gone and going. We sometimes need to ask ourselves questions like:

- Am I making choices today that will be harmful to me and others I care about in the future?
- Are there choices I could make that will be positive for the future of my life and those I love and care about and my community?
- Do I always have to drink and take drugs to make myself feel better?
- Do I have to drink and amount of alcohol I drink? What else might I spend the money on?
- Are there things I am doing which are beginning to affect my life and health and that of the people I care about? What can I do to change these things?

We can only change ourselves but we may need help. Our actions have an effect on others; there is a ripple effect on the people we care about. We see it every day in the world in which we live. Cause and effect is a reality. This new year why not decide to make some choices that will benefit your life, that of your family and friends and the community in which we live.

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# Pitt Island Newsletter

Kia ora and welcome everyone to 2020 may you all have a healthy, enjoyable year with very few hiccups along the way. The thing is with life you often don't know what is going to happen until it is already upon you and that can happen to anyone at any time so hopefully make the most of every day. Now at 77 I feel very blessed to still be healthy (as far as I know) but my older neighbour did tell me recently that we (she and I) have gone over our allotted life span and sounded quite ready for the call up. Myself on the other hand was thinking, OK for you mate, but I am hoping for a good few more laps before I'm ready. We really don't know do we?

Bernard (son and flatmate) and I were very kindly invited into Bunt and Nadine (Lanauze's) for Christmas where we were joined by all the Lanauze clan and others for a beautiful spread of magnificent food of all sorts and had a great day and didn't even need to bring anything, fantastic. Much appreciated their kind hospitality. Christmas Eve day we had a celebration service at our lovely little chapel and 20 odd people including some children

came to remember Christmas is also about the birth of Jesus. Boxing Day was a community barbeque/picnic at our lovely Waipaua camp site and the majority of the community joined and more lovely food was enjoyed. The children went swimming and playing with some adults down at the Waipaua creek/bridge/sea area. Nice to have everyone gather together and enjoy each other's company. Christmas can also be a hard and difficult time for some with the absence of loved ones and relationship difficulties and other things that can cause anxiety and tension for various reasons. So while some of us are enjoying things others find this time of year fraught with various difficulties. I have empathy for those as I used to find Christmas very uncomfortable due to the alcohol consumption by some of my family and now you add drugs and oh boy problem enlarged.

The beautiful rautini is in flower presently and what a lovely sight those bright yellow/gold flowers bring joy to the eye. Also the lovely pohutukawa trees have also just flowered and that wonderful bright red is a joy to behold.

The tui are busy around here getting nectar from the fuschia and other plants and singing and diving about as are the cute tom tits and lately lots of fantails and sometimes in the distance parakeets. The tom tits are actually not diving and singing of course but do love eating the grubs when the wood is cut on the wood heap. I am still trying to catch a glimpse of a shining cuckoo which I hear occasionally but not yet sighted. Nature is everywhere here and I feel very fortunate to live somewhere quiet and low key (very) to notice all those natural things that our patch provides. Just one thing would be useful now and again and that would be a nice rain, but dare I complain when you see what is happening in Australia, what devastation and sadness. Who says climate change isn't happening and we humans have a part to play in that area without a doubt. The new/temporary manager for the Department of Conservation was over on Pitt recently and it was good to meet him with our lovely couple Andrea & Craig. He is Brent Swanson I think I have the name right. Thank you for coming our way Brent and will see you again I'm sure. We have the Conservation Minister Eugenic Sage, husband and others visiting Pitt in a few days although presently I'm looking out at fog, so we'll wait and see, the weather rules as always. During the school holidays I have been helping my mate (Bernard) to mow the school lawns and 'she's a big job mate'. Bernard and I share a ride on and he is the driver which is ok because he's used to it. Di on the other hand uses a push mower (we take ours in) and I get to do the orchard at the school and all the hard parts where the ride on can't go. While I'm puffing and sweating pushing the mower my mate is doing the flat lawn and the easier more accessible lawn areas. Bernard has not the understanding (mentally) that Di is damn near 42 years older, he does not have that comprehension so it is pointless even mentioning that. I always liken Bernard's brain as a jigsaw puzzle with a couple of pieces not fitting snugly, so for those who don't know him well, it can sometimes be confusing. However he is a good house mate (messy) and has a nice nature and pretty easy to live with, very rarely gets annoyed. The baby plane has been quite busy lately flying back and forth from the main island and that is probably helpful for those moving about, and for the Flower Pot lodge owners Bernie and Brent for their visitors. Have noticed the No 1 highway is rather rough/bumpy and really hard lately and could probably do with a good scraping/grading sometime. We have recently got the weaning done so some sad ewes and lambs baaing/bleating for a few days, but seem to have settled now. Some folk are shearing presently I hear and of course we will have that job coming up at some stage also.

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Tena kotou. We trust that 2020 has started well for everyone. It is certainly a big year for Moriori with the signing of our historic deed of settlement with the Crown at Kopinga Marae on 14 February. In the following months, a Bill will be introduced into Parliament to give effect to the settlement and become law. The Bill will include an official historical account that will help to lay to rest the myths and mis-information that have swirled around Moriori for the past 200 years.

There is an open invitation to all Chatham Islanders to attend the event but please let the Marae know (ph 450) for planning purposes if you are coming.

Another piece of good news is that HMT has appointed a new CEO, Tony Blackett, who will be joining our team on 10 February, with his wife Justine. Tony comes from a diverse background spanning human rights, disability, cultural and community development and environmental advocacy. He has held leadership roles in New Zealand and internationally with organisations including Greenpeace International, Deaf Aotearoa, Amnesty International and the New Zealand Red Cross. He brings an entrepreneurial skill set and a clear focus on values to his work.

“I am looking forward to bringing all of my experience to this role and contributing to the renaissance of Moriori culture and te re Moriori through my work,” Tony said. “Nunuku’s covenant speaks to me. I think the Moriori story of holding to the covenant of peace under extreme provocation is now becoming a global beacon of power of the principles of peace. It is a privilege to earn the opportunity to make a contribution.”

Tony will focus on managing the business interests of Hokotehi Moriori Trust as a central contribution towards Moriori. Maui Solomon will continue in his role as Executive Chair assisting through the transition period for the remainder of the year.

HMT are also currently looking to appoint a new farm manager and nursery manager. Our previous farm manager, Cheryl Carr, resigned at the end of last year to pursue other opportunities on the Island and we wish her well for the future.

January 2020 at Kopinga Marae has started with a carving wananga led by James Webster and Danny Shortland, two carving experts from Aotearoa. The emphasis is to learn the ways in which the karapuna (ancestors) may have engraved their unique images on Kopi trees on Rekohu and Rangihaute. The techniques are quite different from Maori carving style and will take possibly, years to analysis, trial and hopefully – one day - replicate. It is likely that they used some form of bruising method on the tree to create the indented grooves on the tree bark and possibly

also rubbed ash and/or oil into the scar tissue to highlight and embed the markings. Many of the ancient images represent ancestor figures and other are of birds, fish, seals and other marine life.

Over the next few years, HMT will be committing a lot of time and resources to reviving re Moriori (Moriori language) which share some similarities with te reo Maori but is a distinct and unique language developed over 800 years on Rekohu and Rangihaute. Although the last fluent speaker of te re Moriori, Hirawanu Tapu, died in 1900, there are fortunately many written sources that we can draw on. Starting with this issue, we will be including a few Moriori words and phrases to highlight the unique character of re Moriori.



**Rakau Momori ancestral figure at Kaingaroa.**

Hakapiri – Moriori name for ake ake tree (*oleria traversii*), meaning “to cling tenaciously to the earth”.

Kopa kopa – Moriori name Chatham Island forget-me-not.

Hopo – Moriori name for albatross.

Me rongo,  
 Maui Solomon



## Casual Health Care Assistant – Chatham Islands

- Background within a health setting/customer service experience is preferred but not essential
- Must have flexibility to work at short notice, including weekends and nights

### In this role, you will be responsible for:

- Supporting people to stay well in their homes, assisting with cleaning and personal cares such as showering
- Assisting the nursing team to ensure the smooth running of the health centre,
- Ensuring that patients at the health centre and in the community have the best experience possible.

### Your skills will include:

- Fantastic organisation skills & an ability to learn quickly
- You will have a kind and caring nature
- Ability to communicate and build relationships with people from all walks of life
- A strong work ethic is an integral part of this role. The work can be challenging in a busy work environment so your ability to multi task and use your initiative will be key.

### Applications close 21 February 2020.

#### You can apply or get additional information from:

- Sally Lanauze – Nurse Manager at the Health Centre;
- Email— [recruitment@cdhb.health.nz](mailto:recruitment@cdhb.health.nz) ;
- Web— <https://cdhb.carecentre.net.nz/Job/Casual-Health-Care-Assistant-Chatham-Islands-Health-Centre/Chatham-Islands/16578>

# Managing tourism for the islands by the islands

Tourism Chatham Islands has been set up as a new formal entity to manage the development of tourism on the Island. It replaces the informal Chatham Islands Visitor Industry Group formed over a decade ago. The catalyst was the strategic plan prepared earlier in 2019 that identified the industry was at a pivotal point of development and sustainability.



Members of Tourism Chatham Islands participate in a branding and messaging session led by Lyn Cheyne, Air Chathams Sales and Marketing Manager.

There has been significant growth in accommodation. Up to 10 new businesses have started or expanded and more product is being developed. Toilet infrastructure is needed at several key sites. Preservation of heritage features and assets is required to ensure they are not lost. Overall visitor management is also required to realise the tourism potential and growth without damaging the island way of life and natural resources. All this is on top of the much-needed airport expansion and increased plane capacity. The vision is based on Chatham Islanders controlling tourism in a sustainable way for the benefit of the community. Now is considered an ideal time to be proactive, actively manage tourism and ensure this happens.

Chaired by Duane Emeny, the governance structure has representatives of Hokotehi

Mori Trust, Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Iwi Trust, the Chatham Islands Enterprise Trust, Chatham Islands Council, DOC, Air Chathams and the islands' large and small operators. The 33 financial members comprise virtually all operators on the island and mainland.

The first projects have included establishment of an interim tourism manager role and securing funding to get the highest priority projects underway. These include an application to the Provincial Growth Fund for a dedicated tourism manager role; assisting with the successful application to the government's Tourism Infrastructure Fund for six new toilets to be installed at attractions around the island; working with the Fishing Forum to ensure management of fish take by visitors; preparing information for visitors of the island protocols; commissioning a welcome/farewell artwork; developing a marketing plan, upgrading the brochure, website and image library and taking over the Facebook page, Chatham Islands, New Zealand.

The organisation has also set up a Voluntary Visitor Levy of \$25 per visitor with the companies that bring visitors to the island and promotion of donations to Chatham Island projects Tourism Chatham Islands, The Taiko Trust and the new Museum.

While still in its infancy, Tourism Chatham Islands has been very active and feedback can be directed to the interim tourism manager Jackie Gurden at [manager@chathamislands.co.nz](mailto:manager@chathamislands.co.nz). 0274200491 or 03 768 5444.



## Schedule

<b>Mon, Wed and Fri</b>	<b>Chathams</b>	<b>Wellington</b>	<b>Chathams</b>
	dep 10.15	arr 11.45 dep 13.00	arr 15.45
<b>Tues</b>	<b>Chathams</b>	<b>Christchurch</b>	<b>Chathams</b>
	dep 10.00	arr 11.45 dep 13.00	arr 16.00
<b>Thurs &amp; Sat</b>	<b>Chathams</b>	<b>Auckland</b>	<b>Chathams</b>
	dep 09.30	arr 11.30 dep 14.00	arr 17.15

(check-in closes 45 minutes prior to departure)

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Did anyone do New Year resolutions this 2020. I seem to say the same ones each year eat less, walk more but they either never get off the thought idea or peter our very quickly and then I make excuses like too old, too lazy, can't be bothered. Am still working my way through New Zealand History by Michael King, that is a day time read occasionally and my night time (bed one) book presently is the No 1 bestseller of Schapelle Corby My Story which a lovely young girl gave me, so should be an interesting read. I always found that case very fascinating and it will be great to read her version. Have just finished reading Over the Wide and Trackless Sea about pioneering women in New Zealand.

Well folk that's me for now and apologies to those who find my life boring. My life is just like most people's, you marry have children etc only difference is mine is on an island. Take care and aroha and prayers to all and be nice to each other. Ka kite ano.

Dianne

Alone, we can do so little; together we can do so much – Helen Keller