

# ISLAND LIFE

## SAFE KEEPING

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When Geeveston resident Cassy Faux packed up her Toyota Yaris when she was fleeing the January bushfires the first thing she grabbed was her jam pan. "I know it sounds weird," says Cassy, who runs Harvest in Light in Geeveston, a photography gallery, picklery and coffee shop. "But I was thinking if the house burns down, then the jam pan is a luxury item that I probably won't get to replace for ages."

Her partner Ernie threw in his recently purchased whipper snipper, and the couple's two dogs Angus and Fletcher.

Then Cassy picked up a jar of pickled beans. She'd only just sealed the bottles and was eager to try them.

She opened the jar for a shared feast at her brother's Roches Beach place on their first night away from home and, along with other evacuees, washed them down with a Willie Smith's cider.

That's when her chef friend told her he'd packed his cherry pitter because he couldn't bear the thought of it burning.

Since returning home Cassy has been asking others what they took with them, because she's planning a special photography exhibit.

Someone packed a miserable looking reindeer their child had made them, another a cheap but lucky fishing lure and someone else threw in a new packet of ear buds.

But what really surprised Cassy were the coat hangers a man had saved.

"You do sort of get a little bit panicky when you finally decide to leave and that creates an added urgency," she says.

"But apparently they are really good coat hangers that he didn't think he'd ever find again."

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Yacht Designer Jock Muir, with son John Muir, aboard Lady Nelson, 1967

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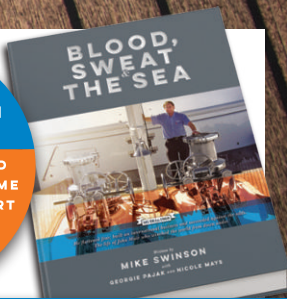
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