

SHACKLETON SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Press Release

The Shackleton Scholarship Fund Quality of Life Awards provide funding to people whose visits to the Falkland Islands, or from the Falkland Islands to other parts of the world, benefit the region and enhance the quality of life of the Islanders. These have included top class sports coaches in swimming, golf, fly fishing, shooting and horsemanship; musicians and artists. The Fund benefits both the scholars and the Falkland Islands by creating wider knowledge and promoting new skills and activities. The SSF are pleased to announce the following three Quality of Life Awards in 2010.

Doug Lambie, a shearing instructor with over 30 years experience, will be in the Falklands for approximately 4 weeks in October/November. During that time Mr Lambie will visit Goose Green, the North Camp and West Falkland to provide instruction to beginner, novice and advanced shearers and farmers alike. The Committee saw the potential benefit of this visit to a key Falklands industry which provides an essential service, employment and overseas ambassadors.

The second award went to artist Bruce Pearson to assist in his project Troubled Waters : Art and Conservation In a Creative Partnership. Mr Pearson's work produces visual art forms which explore species, habitats and broader conservation issues with an aim to raising environmental awareness. This particular part of the project will concentrate on seabirds, particularly albatross and the dangers they face within the fishing industry. In return for his funding Mr Pearson agreed to donate two pieces of artwork or display and subsequent auction with the proceeds being donated to relevant charities in the Falklands and South Georgia.

Thirdly, the Committee were delighted to provide funding to Falkland Islander Adam Howe for a photographic project on South Georgia entitled Familiarity in a Foreign Landscape. Adam is currently doing a BA Honours in Photography at Southampton Solent University. With this project he aims to explore the association of all areas of the South Atlantic and produce conceptual images which could be used widely in marketing many industries. Mr Howe will hold an exhibition of his finished work and have pieces available for purchase.

A fourth QoL award was not taken up, so the SSF were also pleased to be able to provide funding to returning Academic Award winner Dr. Claire Goodwin, a sponge taxonomist, who will be working with the Shallow Marine Survey Group to enhance their Darwin Initiative Project funded survey of the northern coast of South Georgia in November/December.

The above awards are in addition to the four Academic Awards announced in May.

Sally Ellis
Honorary Secretary
Shackleton Scholarship Fund
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