



KAIPUPU
WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

PICTON - MARLBOROUGH - NZ

2016/17 ANNUAL REPORT

OUR MISSION

To enrich the community through the restoration and guardianship of an indigenous Marlborough Sounds wildlife sanctuary, in which the natural ecosystems, native flora and fauna flourish in a predator free environment that can be appreciated by all.

BIODIVERSITY

To develop a self-sustaining ecosystem by removing pests, recreating natural habitats, reintroducing appropriate species and allowing the natural regeneration of a coastal forest ecosystem, representative of the one there prior to human arrival.

EDUCATION

To involve the whole community (preschool to adult) in a hands-on ever improving conservation experience. This will increase community understanding of conservation, within a framework of science and research. Kaipupu Sanctuary will enhance with nature and lift the competency of the public's conservation skills.

MAINTENANCE & DEVELOPMENT

To ensure Kaipupu Sanctuary continues to develop and function in a controlled, ecologically sound, safe manner, maximising the visitor experience.

MARKETING & PROMOTION

To ensure Kaipupu Sanctuary captures the hearts and minds of the local community while gaining the financial and volunteer assistance required to meet its ecological and educational aims.



FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

To ensure Kaipupu Sanctuary is managed effectively and efficiently, that enquiries are promptly dealt with, that our finances are well managed and are compliant with statutory requirements. All records, minutes, agreements and database should be well maintained and accessible.

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CHAIRMAN'S COMMENT

I would like to recognise the efforts of all previous volunteers that provided the foundation on which the current year's results are based. Since the Kaipupu Point Mainland Island Society was incorporated in 2006 we have had four chairpersons and I would like to remind you of who they were; Juliet Gibbons, Alan Izard, Barry Maister and Peter Hamill. Without their leadership, we would not have achieved as much of our self-imposed mission as we have.

Let us also remember that without funding, results are hard to achieve. Passion is one thing but reality is another, and in our world, both are required. To our long term supporters, I would like to thank you and say we could not have achieved what we have in 2016 without your assistance.

Our three Rimu sponsors; Bluebridge Cook Strait Ferry, New Zealand King Salmon and Mud House make huge contributions to the Society through their sponsorship. As do our

two Kohekohe sponsors, Wilderness Guides and the Marlborough Gold Honey. Grant funding and donations have also helped us to achieve many of our goals this past year, a special thanks goes to Pub Charity, Rata Foundation, Marlborough District Council, The Thorburn Trust, The Veronica Trust, Port Marlborough and the WWF Habitat Restoration Fund. What this list fails to do is indicate the in-kind support received from Beachcomber, New Zealand King Salmon, Mud House and Picton Freshchoice which all help to make our social and fund-raising events so successful.

The Kaipupu Point Mainland Island Society has a very effective committee and for that I would like to thank the committee members for their positivity, team spirit, and willingness to be involved in making gains on our stated mission. Although I have been a replacement for only three months I appreciate the dedication of the committee members and being part of an

excellent team.

Kaipupu is very fortunate to have the skills of our coordinators Trudy and Rachel to help achieve its objectives. Not only do they have the skills to aid the committee in its decision making but they are able to put together funding applications which have been very successful.

Kaipupu Point Mainland Island Society aims to enrich the community through the restoration and guardianship of an indigenous wildlife sanctuary in which the natural flora and fauna flourish in a predator free environment that can be appreciated by all. We must admit we have not created a pest free environment yet, but we have made significant gains by reducing pest numbers to a level that we have had introductions of both Rowi Kiwi and South Island Robin. For me this is great as not only have numerous locals been able to visit Kaipupu, which once was a track free wilderness close to Picton, to a situation where



local boat operators take international cruise ship passengers to visit and learn a small bit of the New Zealand story. In the last 12 months, over 1800 people have visited the Sanctuary on official guided tours or educational visits and it seems that next year there is every likelihood of a large increase.

It must be remembered that Kaipupu Wildlife Sanctuary is free to visit, as anybody can in open conservation land in New Zealand, but of course you will need a watercraft as the only public access is by boat. Guided tours provide the Sanctuary with an income that will help to ensure that tracks are well maintained and our pest control work is continued.

The Kaipupu Point Mainland Island Society is part of the conservation movement in the inner Marlborough Sounds. It not only maintains a largely pest free peninsula but it also works with other like-minded groups to improve the local environment. The work being undertaken by Picton Dawn Chorus to reduce the number of pests in the Picton environs will have a direct benefit by reducing the number of pests that are able to breach the Sanctuary's defences. Our pest control programme provides a location for conservation groups to witness the benefits of predator control and undertake some direct conservation activity. Finally, I would like to thank all our volunteers,

members, sponsors, local community, visitors and donors for your continued support of our project. With your help, the whole community continues to benefit. I would also like to thank the landowners of Kaipupu Point, our mission would also be impossible without your support, thank you Port Marlborough and the Department of Conservation.

Robin Cox



HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2016/17

Awards & Recognition

Kaipupu Wildlife Sanctuary was the 2016 regional runner up in the Heritage and Conservation category of the Trust Power Community Awards this year.

Little Blue Penguin nesting on the Sanctuary

The secrets of Kaipupu Wildlife Sanctuary by night have been revealed this year with the placement of trail cameras. Little Blue Penguins have been discovered making the steep climb up the bush clad hills to find nesting sites. They are also nesting in the purpose built penguin boxes on the main walking track which is a delight for visitors.

South Island Robin translocation

In March 2017, the Sanctuary became home to an additional 27 South Island robin. These birds were translocated from Long Island with support of Bill Cash and the Department of Conservation.

Rowi kiwi creche

Our 2016 resident kiwi chicks were successfully transferred back to Okarito in early 2017 and six new chicks are now learning to live in the wild on the Sanctuary. We are incredibly proud of our kaitiaki role.

OUR COMMITTEE

The Kaipupu Point Mainland Island Society management committee is made up of volunteers who are elected at the AGM. Each committee member has a role based on their area of expertise. The committee also includes a representative from each of the landowners, Port Marlborough and Department of Conservation.



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PEST CONTROL



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PEST CONTROL



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BIODIVERSITY/CHAIRMAN
(JULY - DECEMBER)



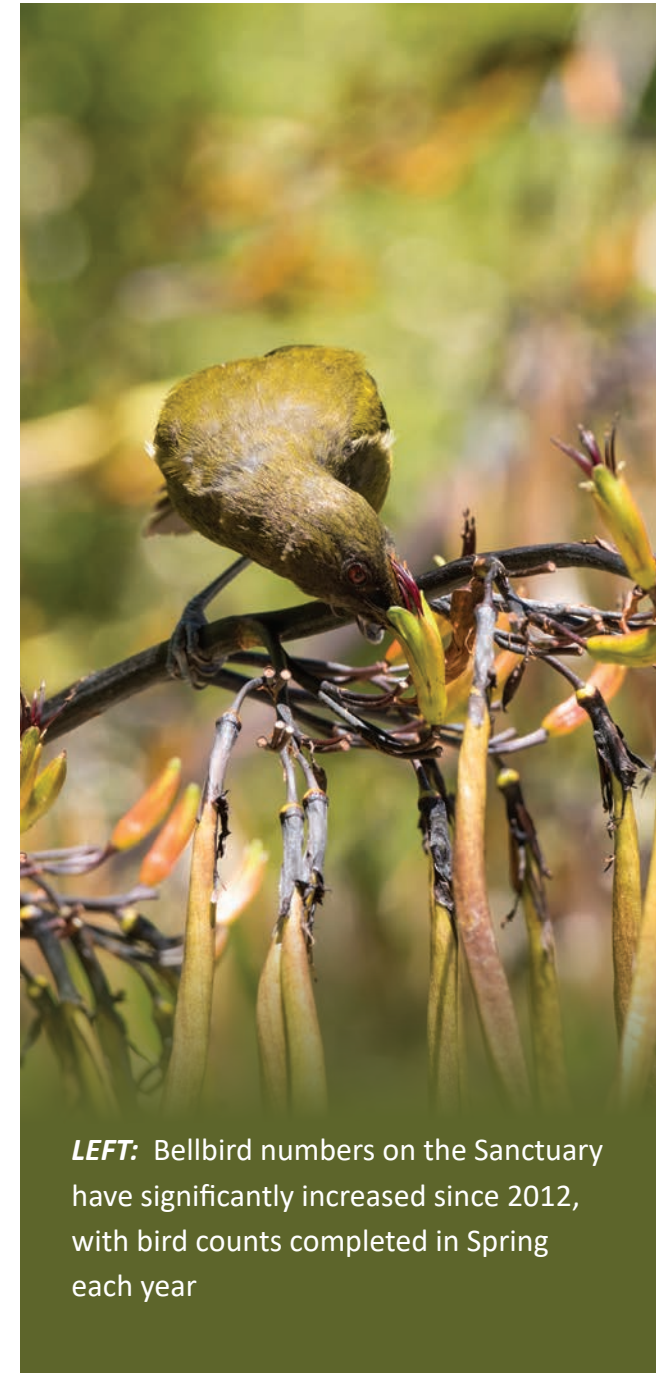
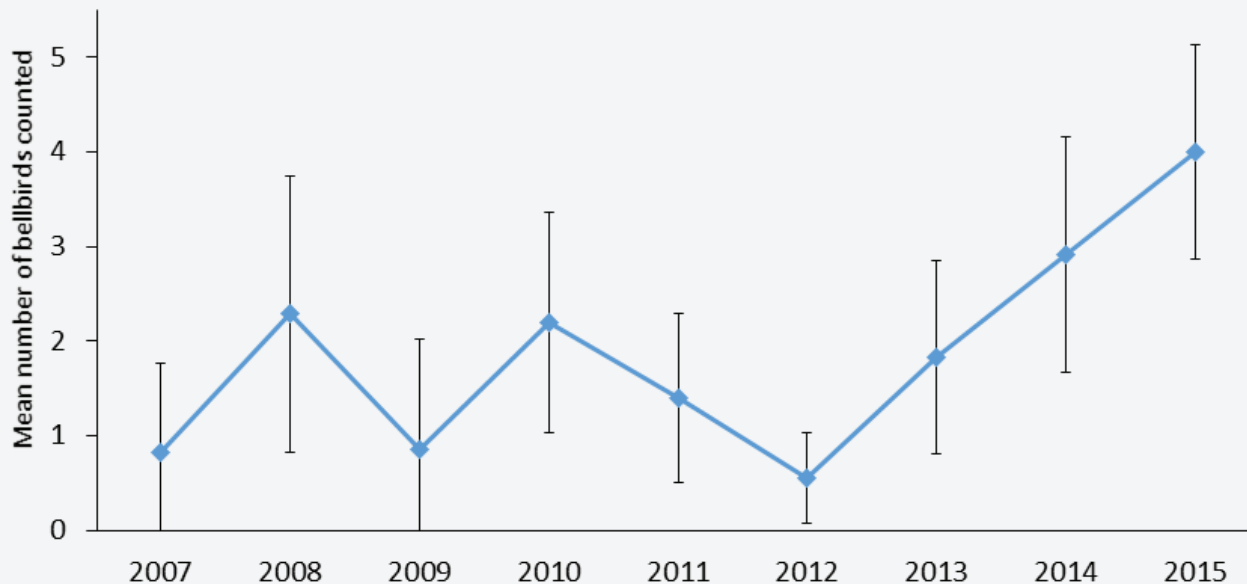
ROSE PRENDEVILLE
PORT MARLBOROUGH
REPRESENTATIVE

The Kaipupu Point Mainland Island Society was established in 2006 . This volunteer based committee works in collaboration with Port Marlborough and the Department of Conservation , with two committee members representing these organisations. The role of the Society is to oversee the management of the Sanctuary including biodiversity, education, maintenance, marketing, finance and administration. This is achieved through our two part time contractors.

BIODIVERSITY

The re-establishment of bird populations via translocation is not always a guaranteed outcome. Unfortunately sometimes the birds simply do not know what is best for them! Or perhaps we as good intentioned humans still don't fully understand what makes a habitat suitable for the establishment of a population. The Kaipupu Point Wildlife Sanctuary discovered this after the first relocation of South Island Robin to the sanctuary in 2016. Unfortunately after a

relatively short period of time after the relocation sign of robin became few and far between. With the data that we had from our trapping team we were confident that the loss was not a result of predation but simply they had flown away and find a new place to call home. This was confirmed with the regular sighting of one of the birds outside the protection of the predator fence on the "Wedge" a couple of kilometres away from Kaipupu (What was it thinking!).



LEFT: Bellbird numbers on the Sanctuary have significantly increased since 2012, with bird counts completed in Spring each year

With a lot of anticipation (and quite a bit of finger crossing) a second translocation of Robins took place in early 2017. The good news is that this time they seem to have stayed put and are enjoying the lifestyle that the Kaipupu Wildlife Sanctuary is providing for them. Applications for the release of additional species are proposed for the future. An application for the release of South Island Saddleback was declined in early 2017 due to the ongoing threat of reinvasion of rats from outside the sanctuary. Hopefully the great work of the Picton Dawn Chorus team will mean that in years to come this threat will be reduced to the level that will allow for another application for the release of South Island Saddleback.

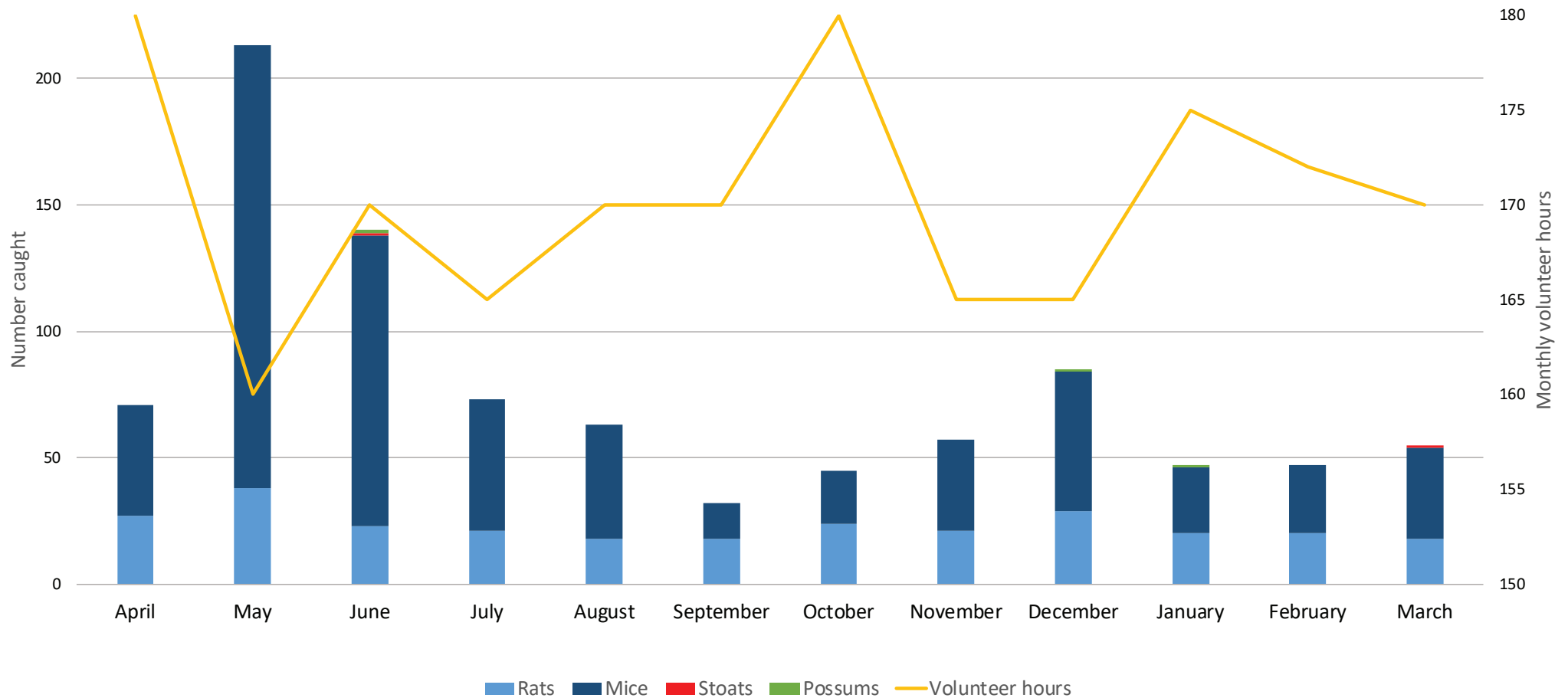


2017/18 WORKPLAN

- Investigate future translocation eg. weta, flax weevil, gecko/skink
- Place additional weta boxes on Sanctuary
- Develop robin monitoring plan and report / continue 5 min bird counts
- Ensure effective wasp control programme
- Investigate partnership with Lochmara, Ecoworld Aquarium, and DOC re bird breeding programme, and release on Kaipupu
- Finalise agreement with Kiwi Recovery Team and maintain a good working relationship

PEST MANAGEMENT

Pest monitoring has continued unabated through the year, with good numbers of volunteers making themselves available and all trap lines working well. The seasonal variation in pest numbers is shown below, with catch rates of rats and mice increasing in autumn coinciding with cooler temperatures and lower food supplies.



Over the year the last of the circumference tracks were completed, allowing some of the worst of the vertical trap lines to be retired. The four horizontal tracks mean that a broader range of volunteers can now access most of the tracks.

Also in the past year, Goodnature self-resetting traps have been deployed. A24 rat traps are interspersed amongst the existing traps on some tracks and, as well, there are now A24 traps around the peninsular coast line that only require servicing every 6 months. The A24 traps have caught a significant number of rats. The Port Company have supported our efforts by placing A24 and A12 traps along their side of the fence, to reduce the pressure on it.

Over the year the registered kills include 303 rats, 724 mice, 4 possums, and 1 weasel and 1 stoat, caught in traps near the eastern end of the fence and near the jetty. No evidence of any other mustelid ingress has been indicated or seen.

The rat and mice kills worked out as a percentage of traps gives an indication of the remaining infestation. The average weekly rat kill is 0.14% and mouse 0.27%. These are satisfactorily low, but constant work is going in to reducing the numbers. It is presently unknown whether rats are breeding within the reserve or swimming in from the port and other surrounding peninsulars. Further investigation is required.

In total there are now 80 DOC200 traps, 59 A24 traps, 8 A12 traps and 472 mouse traps set and checked weekly, within the reserve.

Our 90 volunteers are ably organised and motivated by Trudy Nicholas, who in turn works with an active focus group. The focus group allows thoughts and suggestions to filter back to Trudy and to the Committee.

It is estimated that, in the past year, 2750 hours have been put in by volunteers in maintaining Kaipupu's virtual predator free status.



2017/18 WORKPLAN

- Finish benching and making main monitoring tracks safe for volunteers
- Maintain monitoring tracks, 20% (2 tracks) per year
- Maintain and upgrade DOC200s, 20% per year
- Maintain mouse trapping (includes bait station maintenance)
- Minimise, brand and single colour code monitoring track signs
- Maximise efficient use of traps and lures (including Goodnatures)
- Maintain efficient monitoring
- Continue volunteer education and gatherings

MAINTENANCE & DEVELOPMENT

Our small maintenance team has continued to work hard over the last twelve months, supported on occasion by volunteer groups and working bees.

Special areas of focus have included the restoration zone behind the volunteer shed where schools and other groups have continued to plant native trees. These areas have been cleared of gorse and broom, with sections of the canopy opened up to allow light into the new plants.

Our March working bee was well attended

and thanks to support from Clayton at TST Contracting, the maintenance team cleared large areas of rock and debris from the volunteer entrance walk way. The sand stations were also replenished during the working bee, with footprints now much more evident.

Regular track maintenance has kept the team busy over the last year, with some tree falls and slips caused by heavy rain and wind. The view at the Northern Lookout was transformed with a trim of the tallest trees, you can now see our closest neighbour Mabel Island clearly.

Weeds across the Sanctuary will be a focus for 2017/18 and a grant from the WWF Habitat Restoration Fund will see much of the island under some form of weed control. Our volunteers will be heavily involved with this and training will help to provide the necessary skills to rid the Sanctuary of any invasive species. As with most activities at the Sanctuary, our volunteers have played a vital role and we would like to extend a huge thank you to those people who have attended working bees, tidied walking tracks or trimmed trees.





2017/18 WORKPLAN

- Re-oil woodwork on all seats and tables.
- Ongoing weed control. Main track, fence line, Dolphin Bay area and access track.
- Weed control on the remainder of KP with professional help.
- Shingle on main track when necessary.
- Improve/restore views of the Sounds from main track.
- Construction of kayak ramp beside jetty.
- Investigate desirability of a lookout area towards the top of KP and develop the track to the desired spot.
- Continue the cutting back of large gorse along main track beside the mowed grass.
- Continue grass mowing.



EDUCATION

We are guardians of Kaipupu Wildlife Sanctuary but we are also educators. To ensure the long term success of this project and other similar projects we have a responsibility to educate our community and the next generation of guardians about their role in helping to protect our native flora and fauna. Our education programme is run by experienced educator Andrew John with the help of volunteers. It provides a hands on conservation experience for school children and youth groups. This year, around 400 children visited the Sanctuary to see our pest control programme in action and to help with the restoration process by planting native trees.

Our bi-monthly newsletter provides an opportunity to engage with our members, volunteers, sponsors and local community. The newsletters contain updates about events, interesting articles and tell our story visually through images.

Guided tours of the Sanctuary have increased in popularity this year, with many international cruise ship passengers becoming regular visitors. The interpretative signage, installed in July 2016, now provides self-guided visitors with information about pest control, restoration and our native flora and fauna.

2017/18 WORKPLAN

Continue to develop restoration planting area, make it more accessible for children

Promote Good Neighbours Halo and work with PDC to encourage trapping in areas surrounding the Sanctuary

Work cooperatively with other environmental education providers to provide an integrated programme

Work with 'Totara's for Totaranui' project, to contribute to weed control in those areas

New educational displays including mounted birds



MARKETING & PROMOTION

“Doing business without advertising is like winking at a girl in the dark. You know what you’re doing but nobody else does”

Stuart H. Britt

At Kaipupu Wildlife Sanctuary we are proud of all that we have we have achieved. We want everyone to know who we are and what we are doing and so we use a variety of different tools to market the Sanctuary.

Annually we hold a variety of events, many of which are also fundraisers. The aim of these events is to engage with our community and to encourage them to spread the Kaipupu story.

Over the last year, we have held two highly successful plant sales, a movie night fundraiser and a quiz night. Trips to the Sanctuary have also been popular and they are a great way to promote our work to the local community and beyond. Combined the Sounds, Salmon and Songbirds tours in July, August and September and the Garden Marlborough tours in November were attended by over 250 people. Our stall at the Garden Marlborough fete raised the profile of the Sanctuary to the wider Marlborough community and many promotional tshirts were sold.

This year, social media sites Facebook, Twitter and Trip Advisor, have enabled us to connect with a wider audience. Through regular posts, vibrant photos and engaging videos our numbers on Facebook continued to grow with over 800 people now following us. In 2016/17, we installed new interpretative signage at the Sanctuary, produced new promotional brochures and a range of merchandise including tshirts featuring South Island Robin and Rowi kiwi, limited edition prints and tote bags.



2017/18 WORKPLAN

- Develop 2017 fundraising, and events calendar
- Enhance information centre appeal
- Ensure all events contain a membership drive
- Develop a 'Kaipupu Kids ' club
- Explore the idea of twilight or dawn tours
- Organise at least 2 famil trips
- Maximise our concession status
- Gain two new sponsors
- Further develop our social media presence
- Review/disperse brochure stock, donation boxes
- Improve relationships with sponsors, businesses, transport operators, members and increase our Picton profile
- Review, develop saleable merchandise offering (eg. Tshirts)



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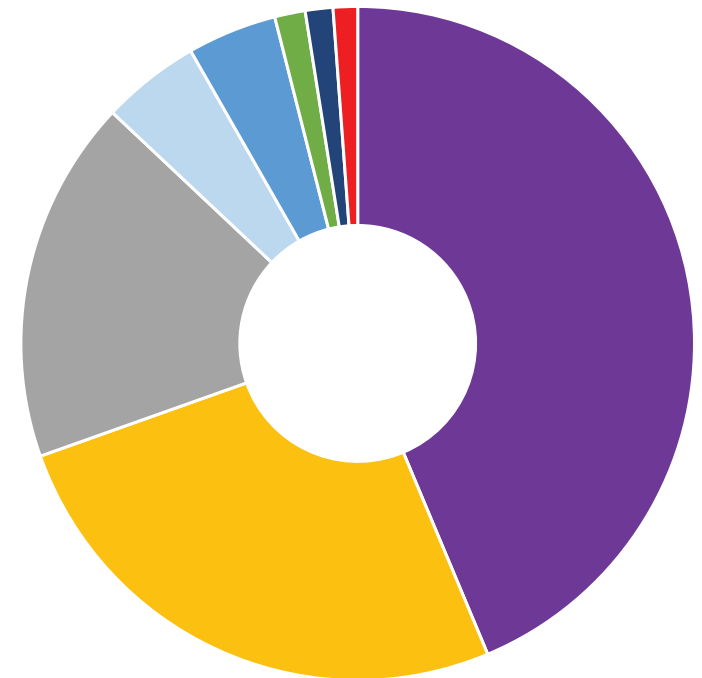
- Ensure compliance with approved concession process (guide training and induction process, safety plan compliance) and seek to maximise concession opportunities
- Establish relationships with grant organisations, plan for ongoing grant applications, and improve grant paperwork.
- Clear donation boxes in the community
- Create annual 'work calendar' for the committee
- Continue to maintain storage of key documents, policy coordination
- Produce and distribute 6 newsletters through the year
- Maximise Xero to improve banking and receipting process
- Maximise new Vega database
- Maintain minimum \$100K in the bank at all times
- Maintain knowledgeable and dedicated staff
- Develop an income/expenditure budget for 2017/18

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

Kaipupu Point Mainland Island Society closely monitors expenditure, and has an experienced committee member who manages the finances. The accounts are handled by Peter Doig Accountants and are audited externally.

Our information shop in Mariners Mall continues to be a central hub for our volunteers and members as well as visitors to the region. With newly developed tshirts that feature the South Island Robin and Rowi kiwi, merchandise sales continue to strengthen.

Our administration processes have been refined this year and policy reviews carried out ensure that our policies are relevant and appropriate.



- Grants
- Donations
- Sponsorship
- Subscriptions
- Sale of Merchandise
- Fundraisers
- Concession
- Other

RELATIONSHIPS & PARTNERSHIPS

As the Sanctuary continues to evolve, and with new government initiatives like Predator Free 2050, our network of supporters, members and volunteers will also develop and change. The strength of these partnerships is vital to the success of the Sanctuary.

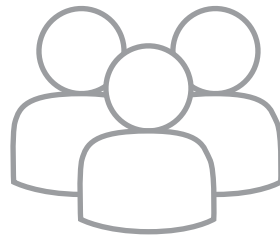
Support from our foundation partners, Port Marlborough and the Department of Conservation has helped us continue our work to eradicate pests across the Sanctuary but also to develop new projects like the proposed kayak ramp. This year, with a bigger picture in mind, we worked closely with landowners across Picton and Waikawa to develop a programme to eradicate wasps. This programme will be

implemented in 2018 thanks to financial support from Port Marlborough and the Veronica Trust.

Collaboration with the PowerHouse Reserve nursery has continued this year with two highly successful plant sales that promote our 'Good Neighbours' halo project and also raise money for the Sanctuary. The sale of traps for Picton Dawn Chorus at the Kaipupu shop also supports their aim of ridding Picton of pests like possum, rats and stoats.



Our three Rimu sponsors, Bluebridge Cook Strait Ferry, Mud House and New Zealand King Salmon continued their support this year and we welcomed one returning and one new sponsor to the Kaipupu family. Wilderness Guides and Marlborough Gold Honey joined us as Kohekohe sponsors.



Our membership has remained steady in 2016/17, with over 240 individual members and 97 life members.



Volunteers at Kaipupu Wildlife Sanctuary spend on average 200 hours per month trapping pests, maintaining tracks, educating visitors, financial management as well as marketing and promotion. Annually this is equivalent to \$72,000 in operational costs.



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THANK YOU TO ALL OUR SUPPORTERS

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Mud House
New Zealand King Salmon

DONATIONS (> \$1K)

Port Marlborough
The Veronica Trust
PowerHouse Reserve Herb and
Native Tree Nursery

GRANTING AGENCIES

MDC Community Fund
Pub Charity
Rata Foundation

KOHEKOHE SPONSORS

Marlborough Gold Honey
Wilderness Guides

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A VERY SPECIAL MENTION TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS & MEMBERS