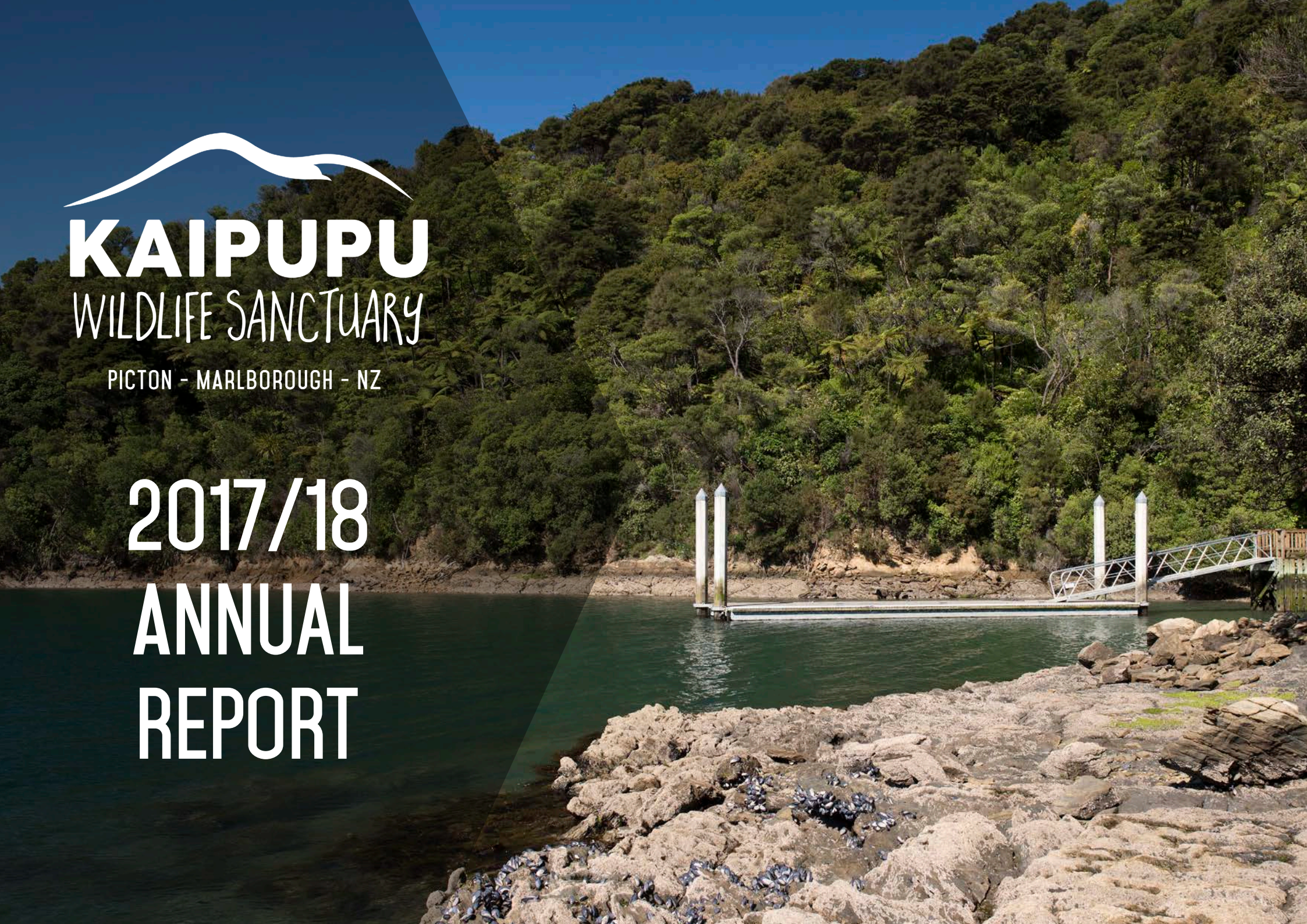




KAIPUPU
WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

PICTON - MARLBOROUGH - NZ

2017/18
ANNUAL
REPORT



**OUR MISSION IS TO ENRICH THE
COMMUNITY THROUGH THE
RESTORATION AND GUARDIANSHIP OF
KAIPUPU WILDLIFE SANCTUARY, WHERE
NATIVE FLORA AND FAUNA THRIVE IN A
PEST FREE ENVIRONMENT, THAT CAN BE
APPRECIATED BY ALL.**

BIODIVERSITY

To develop a self-sustaining ecosystem through the removal of pest species, reintroduction of appropriate species, native plantings and allowing natural regeneration to create a coastal forest ecosystem that is representative of one prior to human arrival

ENGAGING EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES

To engage and inspire the whole community (preschool to adult) through a hands-on conservation experience. To increase conservation knowledge within a framework of science and research, encourage a connection with nature and promote application of ecological knowledge

EFFECTIVE PROCESSES & SUSTAINABILITY

To ensure efficient and effective management of Kaipupu Wildlife Sanctuary through well managed finances, effective administration processes and by maintaining a safe environment for volunteers and visitors. .

PRODUCTIVE PARTNERSHIPS

To create productive and supportive relationships with our sponsors, volunteers, local community, iwi and other conservation groups.

Students from Waikawa Bay School watch on as EcoWorld Aquarium manager Regan Russell releases rehabilitated Little Blue Penguins at Kaipupu Wildlife Sanctuary



"BLESSED ARE THE CURIOUS FOR
THEY SHALL HAVE ADVENTURES"



CHAIRMAN'S COMMENT

As chairman I am in the fortunate position to see first hand all parts that work together to form our very successful Kaipupu Point Mainland Island Society. Funding an operation like Kaipupu is one of the major tasks that we have to carry out and at times it can seem all consuming, fortunately for us Rachel, our Project Coordinator shoulders this responsibility amazingly well.

As more and more organisations compete for ever decreasing pool of money our regular sponsors and supporters become more important to the running of the organisation, without your continuing generosity Kaipupu Point Mainland Island Society would struggle to carry on.

Our three rimu sponsors, Bluebridge Ferry, New Zealand King Salmon and

Mud House Wines make very generous contributions to the society along with our kohekohe sponsors, Wilderness Guides and Marlborough Gold Honey.

When a new project is proposed at the Sanctuary our first call is to apply for a grant to fund the project. In the last year a range of projects have been supported by WWF, Rata Foundation, Pub Charity, DOC, Weedbusters, MDC, Picton Lions Club, Lion Foundation, Freshchoice Picton and Veronica Trust. I would like to mention a few of our other supporters namely Christina Jordan, Nozz and Ali Fletcher, the Thorburn Family Trust, The Paper Rain Project and Port Marlborough. Also two unexpected generous donations from the estate of Wendy Thorburn and from the

son and daughter in law of a local family Jennie and Trev Easton, Edward and Emily who live in the USA and wanted to support a community based conservation project. These donations are always very humbling and leave you with "warm fuzzy feelings" that people appreciate all the hard work that goes into running of Kaipupu Wildlife Sanctuary.

Another category of supporter are those that support us in kind namely local businesses TST Contracting, Tory Channel Contracting, Jonathan Duffy, Gary Kenny, Black's Fasteners, the owners of Mariners Mall and Beachcomber Cruises - your continuing support is greatly appreciated. This last year for Kaipupu Mainland Island Society has been one of quiet consolidation

LEFT: KPMIS Chairperson, Gerald Harper shows a taxidermied Little Blue Penguin to visitors at the Sanctuary

in all facets of the Society as we strive to achieve better outcomes as the following examples show. The new kayak ramp is operational thanks to the leadership of Paul Mann. The Main track and facilities have been maintained to their usual high standard by Alan Izard and his helpers. Our pest trapping programme marches quietly on and as a result of a review a new trap layout has been initiated by Trudy, our Predator Control Coordinator to make sure we maintain "best practice". Andrew John spearheads our education programme, the envy of many. Mel Kellie administers our finances to a very high standard. Our shop and administration of the Society goes from strength to strength thanks to Rachel, our Project Coordinator. Tourism visits on Kaipupu Wildlife Sanctuary continue to grow with cruise ship visits and local operators now including the Sanctuary as a stop on their regular trips. It is appropriate here to mention and acknowledge the members of the committee who contribute so much to all

the outcomes that are achieved by the Kaipupu Point Mainland Island Society. Each member brings a different set of skills to the table but everything gels harmoniously together and it is a pleasure to be part of such a group. Sitting along side the committee are our two co-coordinators Rachel and Trudy who offer lots of advice and guidance in their fields. We are truly lucky to have two such talented and dedicated people to help Kaipupu Wildlife Sanctuary achieve so many of its goals. I would like to mention two people at this point firstly Robin Cox who has been on the committee from the beginning initially as our DOC representative then for a short period as chairman and now as an elected representative, your contribution and wise council is appreciated. The other is Alan Izard who is very quick to tell us he is not officially on the committee that being so he still gives an amazing amount of time and energy and hardly a week goes by without a trip out to Kaipupu Wildlife

Sanctuary. Thank-you both for your ongoing contributions.

Now we come to our members and volunteers the unsung heroes of our operation. Whether it be paying your sub on time or doing your monitoring line wet or fine we salute you. Without you we would definitely not exist. Many, many thanks to you all for your many and various contributions.

This may be the shortest chairman's comments in the last few years but do not take that as a lack of sincerity when I say to one and all who contribute to making Kaipupu Point Mainland Island Society so successful a very heart felt thank-you. Thank-you.



Chairperson
Kaipupu Point Mainland Island Society



HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2017/18

TOYOTA KIWI GUARDIANS

In August 2017, Kaipupu Wildlife Sanctuary became a Toyota Kiwi Guardians site. This programme encourages children and their families to get out in their local environment.

WEED CONTROL

Thanks to funding from WWF Habitat Restoration Fund, we were able to hire a contractor to complete weed control at the Sanctuary. This work has seen a large number of weeds removed. A grant from Weedbusters now means that our weed team will have the necessary equipment to continue this work.

KAIPUPU KIDS BOOK

The completion of “A Kids Guide to Kaipupu Wildlife Sanctuary & the Marlborough Sounds” was long-awaited and it is now in use for school groups visiting the Sanctuary.

KAYAK RAMP

The completion of the kayak ramp was a definite highlight this year. Many volunteers were involved with the design and build. It was also well supported by local businesses through in kind and financial donations.

TWILIGHT AND DAWN TOURS

Over the last year we held our first twilight and dawn tours. Both provided a different way to experience the Sanctuary.

OUR COMMITTEE

Kaipupu Point Mainland Island Society was established in 2006 and is a registered charitable entity. The role of the Society is to oversee management of Kaipupu Wildlife Sanctuary. Comprised solely of volunteers the management committee works with Kaipupu Point landowners, Port Marlborough and the Department of Conservation. A representative from each organisation sits on the management committee. The Society contracts two coordinators to complete biodiversity, education, maintenance, marketing, finance and administration tasks.



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SECRETARY



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PREDATOR CONTROL



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CHAIRPERSON



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ROBIN COX



ROSE PRENDEVILLE
PORT MARLBOROUGH
REPRESENTATIVE



WENDY SULLIVAN
DOC REPRESENTATIVE

BIODIVERSITY

Our biodiversity focus for 2017/18 has been on predator and weed control. Through a review of the predator control programme changes to the layout and design of traps were implemented and we hope to see a reduction in mice and rat numbers at the Sanctuary over time.

Weed control was completed by contractor Ben Minehan from Weed Solutions and this work saw a large number of weed species treated. We are now working to find funding for next year.

We are currently reviewing and updating our biodiversity plan with some exciting projects planned in the near future. Our goal of celebrating the diverse wildlife already present at Kaipupu Wildlife Sanctuary will lead us to surveys and long term monitoring. Data gathered will also provide insight into the success of our predator and weed control programmes. Bird counts at Kaipupu Wildlife Sanctuary continued in 2017 and we are now seeing significant increases in both bellbird and tui

numbers. Unfortunately the South Island robin transferred to the Sanctuary do not appear to have established. We are now investigating possible reasons for why this may have occurred.

Little Blue Penguins are now a common sight at the Sanctuary with new pairs discovered in boxes along the main track. Rehabilitated penguins from EcoWorld Aquarium are also adding to the population with releases of these birds occurring throughout the year.

TO DEVELOP A SELF-SUSTAINING ECOSYSTEM THROUGH THE REMOVAL OF PEST SPECIES, REINTRODUCTION OF APPROPRIATE SPECIES, NATIVE PLANTINGS AND ALLOWING NATURAL REGENERATION TO CREATE A COASTAL FOREST ECOSYSTEM THAT IS REPRESENTATIVE OF ONE PRIOR TO HUMAN ARRIVAL

BIODIVERSITY OBJECTIVES

PESTS

Eradicate rats and reduce mice numbers within five years and maintain it through effective pest monitoring and trapping based on best scientific practice.

Eradicate wilding pine and sycamore from Kaipupu Wildlife Sanctuary while controlling other weed species to low densities.

VEGETATION

Ensure that Kaipupu Wildlife Sanctuary has a healthy forest ecosystem with the necessary diversity to support a range of fauna.

AVIFAUNA

To celebrate the diverse wildlife already present at Kaipupu Wildlife Sanctuary with an aim of increasing the abundance and diversity of native bird species.

Where necessary we will improve biodiversity through successful reintroductions of appropriate species.

INVERTEBRATES

Investigate the species richness of invertebrates at Kaipupu Wildlife Sanctuary.

Investigate the distribution and abundance of weta at Kaipupu Wildlife Sanctuary

Improve the diversity and abundance of invertebrates through pest control and habitat restoration

LIZARDS

Determine which lizards are present at Kaipupu Wildlife Sanctuary and use this information as a baseline for long term monitoring.

To educate visitors and the local community about the importance of native lizard conservation, and to teach our volunteers practical lizard surveying skills.

PEST MANAGEMENT

The 2017-2018 year has been a very busy one for the pest team and predator control in general on Kaipupu Point.

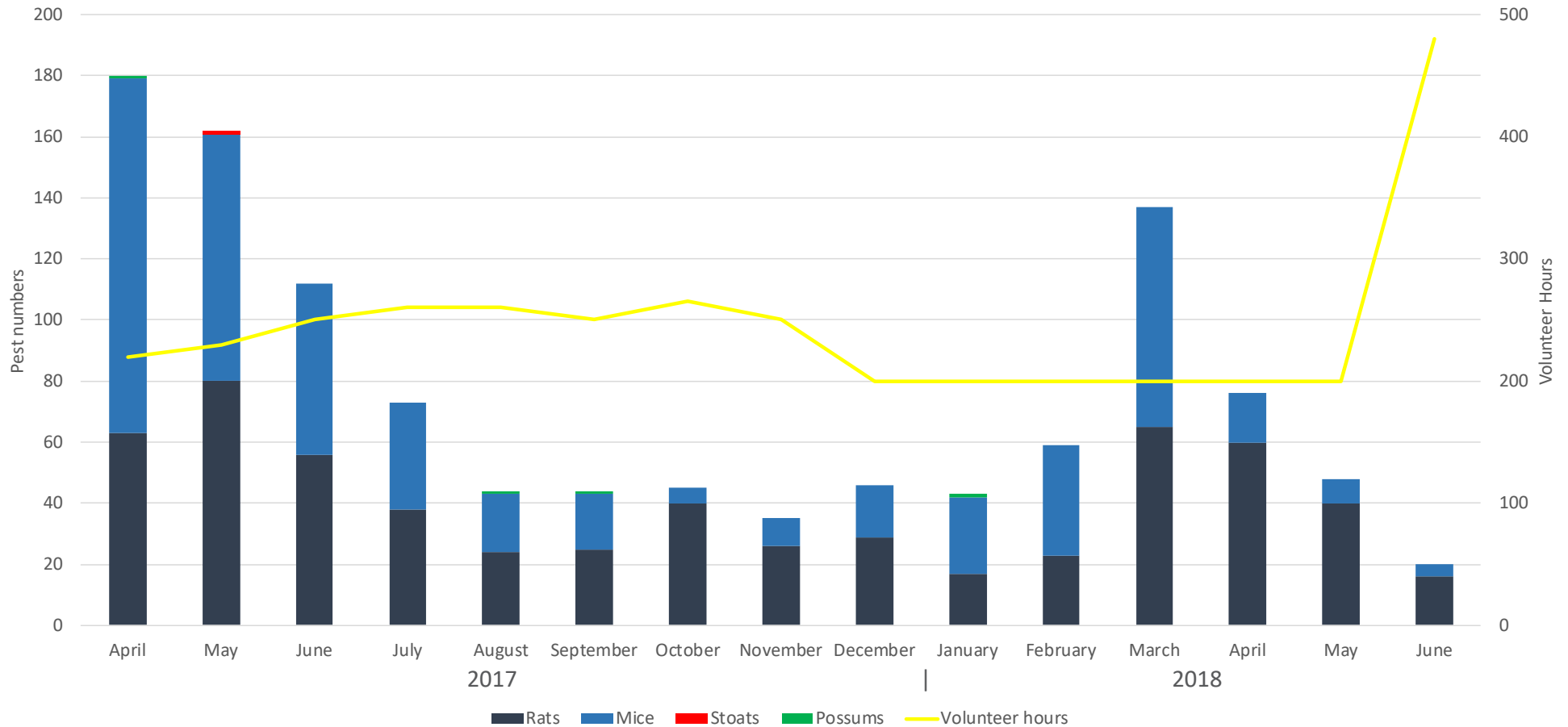
Over the last two years, data from our catch result programme Catch IT, has shown even though we have kept on top of any incursions of possums, cats and mustelids, and kept the

mice numbers down to very low levels, there has been a consistent small increase in rat numbers.

Due to this, the committee commissioned a review of the predator control on Kaipupu Wildlife Sanctuary at the beginning of 2018. It said a lot of positive things about our structure

in general, but it also said we could do some more practical things to make sure our rats, in particular, were under control.

Over the winter months we have been holding regular working bees to restructure the positioning of the traps, including adding more of them, shifting some, and creating a better



Some of the trapping team taking a well earned break after moving and adding traps.



trap box for the mouse traps. The work that has been put into these changes has been phenomenal and has seen an increase in volunteer hours for June and July alone of at least 500 hours, with more to come. In the spring we will conduct more lure trials to ensure we are using and rotating the best lures and hopefully by this time next year non-toxin control will have the rat numbers decreasing too, with elimination of them entirely being our ultimate goal. Over the year the registered kills have

included 361 rats and 210 mice. Four possums and one mustelid have been caught in traps near the western end of the fence and near the jetty.

In total there will be, after the restructure is finalised, 112 DOC200 and DOC200 run through traps, 88 A24 traps, 8 A12 traps, 5 Timms traps and 500 mouse traps, set and checked weekly, within the reserve.

It is also estimated that, in the past year, 3195 hours have been put in by pest team volunteers and it can't be emphasized

enough, our greatest appreciation of them, and what they are achieving on the sanctuary.

2018/19 WORK PLAN

- Continue implementing review recommendations
- Continue to refine volunteer systems
- Implement and stay concurrent with new proven technologies in predator control

EDUCATION

This has been a good year for environmental education with local teachers showing increasing interest in teaching children about our native environment and conservation. We have had contact in some form with kindergarten (Picton and Seymour), primary (Picton, Waikawa and Witherlea), secondary year 9 (MGC) to NCEA classes (MGC and QCC). We hosted about 240 children making a trip to Kaipupu, and met with about 390

children in their classroom learning about the Sanctuary and the wider environment. QCC year 7 students learned about planting and wetland ecology at Para Swamp. Picton's Room 1 class continued with regular Tuesday afternoon Kaipupu studies, these covered topics related to Kaipupu such as bird recovery projects to predator control to invasive weeds. Their "Say No to Agapanthus, Say Yes to Rengarenga"

project involved growing rengarenga plants and displaying them at the library free for people to take and plant in their gardens. The removal of agapanthus in the school required a huge effort! A big asset we gained this year is the children's guide to Kaipupu created by Rachel Russell. This is proving valuable for teachers both during field trips and in the classroom.



Students from Picton School remove Agapanthus from their school grounds

MARKETING & PROMOTION

A BEAUTIFUL AND IMPORTANT SANCTUARY

"It took us around 90 minutes to walk round the well signed and informed trail in Kaipupu Point Sanctuary. We spotted a number of rare birds including the ridiculously large NZ Wood Pigeon - what a treat! The work being done to protect these endangered species from stoats and rats cannot be over valued - well done Kaipupu!" Bill - Aberdeen

Events such as the Earth Day Party, Garden Marlborough Fete and the Matariki Festival have been incredibly useful for fundraising as well as promoting the Sanctuary to the wider community this year.

Online we have grown our audience on Facebook to over 1000 followers, with some posts reaching over 6000 people. This reach is improved through connections with Southproud.co.nz and Destination Marlborough.

Guided tours of the Sanctuary have proven very popular with locals and visitors alike. Tripadvisor now rates the Sanctuary at 20 out of 58 attractions in Picton, with some great reviews promoting the Sanctuary and our wonderful guides. The introduction of the twilight tour in summer and the dawn tour over winter provided a new way to experience the Sanctuary.

We continue to look for new ways to promote Kaipupu Wildlife Sanctuary.

RELATIONSHIPS & PARTNERSHIPS

The Sanctuary is a project surrounded, supported and underpinned by our Community in so many ways. Our volunteers collectively devote hours of their time working in ways which develop, enhance and secure the future of our restoration area. Our key Rimu sponsors remain enthusiastic supporters providing funding and practical assistance. Mud House and Bluebridge Cook Strait Ferry have confirmed ongoing Rimu sponsorship while New Zealand King Salmon have doubled their financial commitment. Pest incursions from the port area are being tackled by our foundation partner Port Marlborough in conjunction with Picton Dawn Chorus, and the Department of Conservation continues to work closely with us as part of its' focus on environmental education and pest eradication. Other numerous sponsors provide assistance through funding or in kind and to them we offer our particular thanks. The Rata Foundation is playing an ever increasing part in our success through funds to support our specialist project managers. And an

approach has been made to Te Atiawa seeking active involvement from members of the Iwi and we look forward to strengthening this relationship in the coming year. The kayak ramp has been completed with the financial help of Wilderness Guides as well as funders Pub Charity and is providing access to many more visitors. Other visitors come via local commercial operators such as Beachcomber Cruises, Eko tours and Cougarline. Our education programme has fostered relationships with local kindergartens, primary and secondary schools. Although wasp numbers remain high in some of the bays of Queen Charlotte Sound again this year their numbers have not been high enough in Picton and Waikawa to allow the eradication programme to proceed. The project remains on hold at this stage with its partners' funding secured. The Powerhouse Reserve has again housed a plant nursery devoted to the production of native species to enhance the Good Neighbours' Halo Project the sale of which has benefited all of our organisations.



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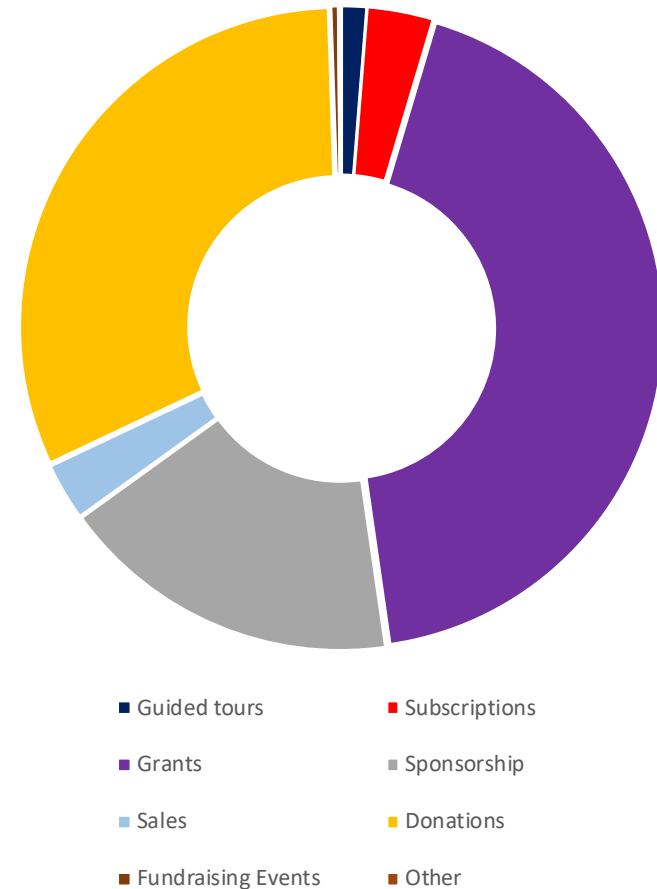


KPMIS has 238 members, 103 of which are life members. Volunteers at Kaipupu Wildlife Sanctuary spend on average 250 hours per month trapping pests, maintaining tracks, educating visitors, financial management as well as marketing and promotion. For our trapping team this has increased over the winter months to an average of 400 hours/month. Annually this is equivalent to \$90,000 in operational costs.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

Kaipupu Point Mainland Island Society continues to closely monitor expenditure. This year to reduce costs KPMIS made the decision for treasurer Melissa Kellie to produce the accounts in-house. The accounts were then reviewed externally by Mr Hugh Robbie who made the suggestion to move the AGM giving a more reasonable time frame for the review. KPMIS continues to meet all reporting conditions of the Charities Commission.

Our main funding sources in 2017/18 were grants, donations and sponsorship, followed by sales and subscriptions. Our information shop in Mariners Mall continues to be a central hub for our volunteers and members as well as visitors to the area. With updated displays and a range of merchandise sales continue to increase.



THANK YOU TO ALL OUR SUPPORTERS

FOUNDATION PARTNERS

Port Marlborough
Department of Conservation

GRANTING AGENCIES

Rata Foundation
Pub Charity
MDC Community Fund
WWF Habitat Protection Fund
Weedbusters
Lion Foundation
DOC - Predator Free 2050
Freshchoice Community Fund

RIMU SPONSORS

Bluebridge Cook Strait Ferry
Mud House
New Zealand King Salmon

DONATIONS (> \$1K)

Picton Lions Club
Port Marlborough
The Veronica Trust
PowerHouse Reserve Herb and
Native Tree Nursery
Marlborough District Council
Edward and Emily Easton
Wendy Thorburn
Thorburn Family Trust

KOHEKOHE SPONSORS

Marlborough Gold Honey
Wilderness Guides

HONORARY SPONSORS

Beachcomber Cruises
Blacks Fasteners
Crafar Crouch Construction
Gregory Engineering
Le Cafe
Marl. Computer Solutions
Norski
Sounds Net
TST Contracting

OTHER SUPPORTERS

Jordan Family Trust
Te Atiawa
Outward Bound
Woodbourne Airforce Recruits
Kenny Barging
Picton ITM
Nigel Hutchinson
Robyn Spence
Marlborough Helicopters
Fulton Hogan
Tory Channel Contracting
Babel Scribe
Scenic Group
The Paper Rain Project
Jonathan Duffy

A VERY SPECIAL MENTION TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS & MEMBERS