



KAIPUPU WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

ANNUAL REPORT
2019/20



Welcome to the Kaipupu Point Mainland Island Society (KPMIS) Annual Report 2019/20

This report highlights the work we have completed under our five new strategic values:

- Engage – Whanaungatanga
- Inspire – Whakahihiketanga
- Protect – Kaitiakitanga
- Sustain – Whakauka
- Collaborate – Mahi tahi

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Values

Engage – Whanaungatanga

Through shared experiences and working together people achieve a sense of belonging and connection

Inspire – Whakahihikotanga

Visitors of all ages value Kaipupu Wildlife Sanctuary and through this connection with nature are inspired to take action for the environment

Protect – Kaitiakitanga

Biodiversity is protected through removal of introduced pest species and enhanced by native plantings, natural regeneration and reintroduction of appropriate species

Sustain – Whakauka

Thoughtful planning and diversification creates a successful, resilient future

Collaborate – Mahi tahi

Success is achieved through collaboration

Chairman's Comment

As I sit down to write these comments you tend to forget what a busy organisation Kaipupu is. This is because it runs so smoothly with a large team who all execute their individual areas of responsibilities with a high level of competence and dedication.

Looking at the page of figures in the annual report you get a feeling for how vibrant a place the sanctuary is, but this is only half the story. The 6149 visitors step on to Kaipupu to find everything is in great order thanks to Alan and his dedicated team who keep the main track and facilities in first class order. 122 volunteers who carry out 28,750 trap checks and give 2,530 hours to keep on top of our pests. The 1254 students are all organised by Andrew who was awarded the QSM in the New Year Honours as recognition for the amazing job he does in this area. The five-minute bird counts are organised by Dianne and her band of helpers who carry out the counts on Kaipupu as well as the Picton area.

Then working in the background are our two paid contractors Rachel and Trudy. Trudy organises the trapping program juggling availability of volunteers, matching them to different grades of traplines, collating results all to keep our trapping program up to best practice. Then over the top of all our activities Rachel works away making sure we have the resources to carry them out and to attend to the organisation's endless administration requirements. Kaipupu is very fortunate to employ two such delightful and competent contractors as Rachel and Trudy.

Then into this vibrant organisation strode Covid-19, halting our trapping and maintenance programmes and drying up many of our normal funding sources. I am sure Kaipupu will survive this major upheaval for we are very fortunate to have long term funding support from Rata and the DOC community fund, for this support we are very grateful.

Lastly a big thank-you to all our members, volunteers, funders and supporters without you we would not survive.
Thank-you.



Gerald Harper
Chairman, Kaipupu Point Mainland Island Society

A word from our patron

Having been recently engaged in the strategic planning process of our committee, I left the discussions with a strong sense of pride in what we have achieved. The Kaipupu journey has been an outstanding community success story by any measure, and the ongoing commitment by so many volunteers in all parts of the operation makes it worthy of the several community awards achieved over the past 15 years of concerted effort. We surely are a conservation exemplar, and along with many like minded groups, have contributed to changing NZers attitude to, and understanding of the need to conserve, restore, and regenerate what we have lost. But there is no organisation of any type today, which can avoid the need to actively reflect, explore and engage in the 'new and emerging norms' of todays volatile world. Sustainability in this turmoil is not just a buzz word. It is in fact the key to any organisation wishing to thrive and make a difference. So I reflect on what Kaipupu will need to remain sustainable:

1. We will need to keep fully abreast of the ever evolving technologies available...both to trap pests, and to manage the organisation efficiently. Gathering data effectively, and using the data to help make decisions will be an essential sustainability requirement and we must be actively engaged with it.
2. We will need to achieve financial certainty for our viability. We are doing well at the moment but the way ahead will be harder. We will need to find sustainable income sources which do NOT compromise the core activities of the sanctuary. Tourism today has an exciting allure, and we need to accommodate it, but strictly on our terms.
3. We will need to develop a recruitment strategy to attract volunteers in the future, who can put in the effort of today's cohort. This will not be easy. It may require some incentives, it may require some new strategic partnerships. It will not be achieved without competent paid coordinators, as now, remaining as essential elements of our sustainability.
4. We will need to enhance the Kaipupu 'visitor experience.' Increasingly people are demanding this and supporting those places and organisations who provide it. I'm not suggesting Kaipupu becomes a 'circus act' but meaningful conservation messages and insights, and greater visitor interactions with plants and animals in their natural environment must be explored further. Access for schools and locals must become easier and free (or very cheap!).
5. We will need to maintain and further develop strategic partners who have the resource and capability of adding value to our work, and who are committed to doing so. Obviously we owe a great deal to our founding partners DOC and Port Marlborough, but our sustainability will require finding community groups, iwi, PDC, MDC, local businesses etc which will see themselves as contributing partners and not just funding sources.
6. We will need to be seen to have positively influenced the next generation of 'conservation soldiers', prepared to sustain our efforts in the future. This will require the creation of an education team, rather than our current reliance on Andrew's excellent work, while ensuring our education resources remain closely aligned with the school curriculum, our tour guides are educated and knowledgeable, and access to the sanctuary does not preclude anyone on an educational pursuit.

I very much like the current Kaipupu strategic plan overview which promotes the ideas of engaging, inspiring, protecting, sustaining, and collaborating. I believe these will be the blueprint of sustainability into the future, to allow us to achieve our timeless mission statement of "Working together to enrich the community through restoration and guardianship of Kaipupu Wildlife sanctuary where native flora and fauna flourish."

Barry Maister

Patron of Kaipupu Wildlife Sanctuary

Our Committee



GERALD HARPER
CHAIRPERSON



MELISSA KELLIE
TREASURER



NICKY JENKINS
SECRETARY



ANDREW JOHN
EDUCATION

Kaipupu Point Mainland Island Society was established in 2006 and is an incorporated society and 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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BIODIVERSITY



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PREDATOR CONTROL



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FLORA & WEED CONTROL



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PROJECT COORDINATOR



TRUDY NICHOLAS
PREDATOR CONTROL COORDINATOR



WENDY SULLIVAN
DOC REPRESENTATIVE



ROSE PRENDEVILLE
PMNZ REPRESENTATIVE

Patron of Kaipupu Wildlife Sanctuary, Barry Maister, talks to guests on the 2019 Cruise for Conservation



Engage – Whanaungatanga

Kaipupu Wildlife Sanctuary is a community project – for the community, by the community. The support of our volunteers, members, sponsors and local community is the reason for our success to date. This year our volunteer numbers have continued to grow and so have the number of projects they are involved with. Our inaugural Cruise for Conservation was introduced in March 2019 with support from our newest rimu sponsor, Marlborough Tour Company. This event was one of our major fundraisers for the year, raising \$3,400 through ticket sales and a silent auction but it also provided a great opportunity to catch up with many of our local supporters and sponsors. Barry Maister, our patron, offered insight into the future of Kaipupu Wildlife Sanctuary ahead of a three course meal highlighting local seafood including New Zealand King Salmon, mussels and clams. As always, the support of our sponsors played a significant part in the success of this event.

Like all volunteer organisations, we have an amazing team of people who are committed to achieving our goal of creating a wildlife sanctuary for all to enjoy and from time to time we see members of our team leave. We don't always get the opportunity to acknowledge their work but would like to make special mention of three such volunteers. Passionate, practical and team orientated, long time volunteers Rob and Lee McPhail have been an integral part of our pest team. They are often the first to put up their hands to help on almost any project and they know Kaipupu like the back of their hands. Secondly, we would like to acknowledge Robin Cox who has been around since the inception of the Sanctuary, initially as the DOC representative on the KPMIS committee but later as a committee member in his own right. Robin's well versed history of the Sanctuary is a great addition on our guided tours which he regularly leads. Thank you Rob, Lee and Robin for your contributions to Kaipupu.

Inspire – Whakahihikotanga

Kaipupu Point Mainland Island Society has experienced significant success using educational visits, guided tours, events, social media, newsletters and talks to connect people with nature this year. Each of these tools allows us to connect with diverse groups of people, locally, nationally and internationally. Through greater understanding and knowledge of our natural world we hope to inspire others to protect their local environment. In 2019, our education programme received recognition as the category winner for the Community Innovation section of the Cawthron Marlborough Environment Awards.



Cawthron Marlborough Environment Awards

Judges feedback

The judges were impressed by:

- Kaipupu's ability to flourish thanks to the knowledge, skills and commitment of the volunteers who maintain tracks, guide visitors, manage traps and plant natives; and the paid, part-time staff
- There is significant technical innovation and use of recycled materials such as weta hotels and Onduline lizard houses that are transferable to other conservation areas
- Collaborative approach is evident in work with:
 - Other groups dealing with issues such as wilding pines, wasps and Picton Dawn Chorus creating a halo round Kaipupu. Kaipupu is also working jointly with Picton Dawn Chorus to complete a lizard survey of Kaipupu Wildlife Sanctuary, Victoria Domain and the Wedge.
 - Engagement with central and local government to leverage scarce resources
 - Local sponsors
- Inter-generational learning commitment evident in programmes delivered into schools as well as welcoming schools, parents and children on site and the development of a wide range of
 - integrated resources also available at their shop and open to visitors in Picton
- A robust, long-running programme that has kept performing despite the inevitable uncertainties around funding and policy settings due to:
 - Well-articulated vision and active strategic and operational planning building on previous achievements
 - Dedication to providing great casual as well as guided visitor experiences
 - A programme with breadth and depth on the ground and with the community
 - Passion, commitment, knowledge and skills of co-ordinators, the relationship with sponsors and their public acknowledgement of those sponsors
- Quality of the work undertaken and the ongoing maintenance
- The ability to mobilise such a large and committed volunteer network

This year we continued to see excellent engagement with local schools which resulted in many more Marlborough students visiting the Sanctuary. Our educator Andrew John, who provides hundreds of hours annually to environmental education in Marlborough, was recognised for his commitment receiving a Queen Services Medal in the New Year's honours. Our goal for the next few years is to develop our education programme to include new and interesting educational opportunities and expand our team of educators.

Community events have diversified our reach this year; our work at the Sanctuary was promoted at the annual Garden Marlborough fete, Earth Day and Sounds, Salmon & Songbirds events. The national Tuia 250 commemorations provided a unique occasion to connect with a wider audience. Early European and mātauranga Māori activities allowed us to convey our conservation message to young and old, locals and visitors alike. Our Easter treasure hunt was very popular with families and our summer photography workshop provided keen photographers with small group sizes and a knowledgeable expert to guide them. Speaking engagements for a variety of groups, including Whenua Iti Manaa Taipo students, Blenheim Lions Club, Untouched World Charitable Trust participants and Eldercare, were met with great appreciation for the work we are undertaking.

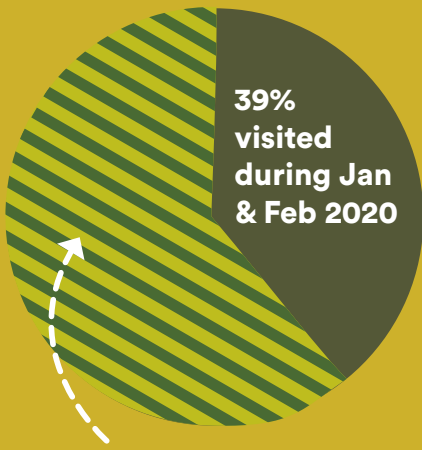
Our online presence expanded this year with the addition of an Instagram page which in conjunction with our Facebook page continue to be extremely popular. Videos of highlights from the Sanctuary are the overwhelming favourites with our followers. Shared content from our sponsors and supporters also strengthen these relationships.

Summer 2019/20 was particularly busy for our guiding team, averaging 15 guided tours a month from October through to mid-March. Our small team of guides provided tours for Marlborough Tour Company and Cougarline and ranged from one to two hours depending on the tour. Participants on these tours were primarily international tourists, many of whom arrived in Picton on board cruise ships. We also led a couple of our own independent guided tours this year with local water taxi Beachcomber Cruises providing transport. Due to the outbreak of COVID-19 visitors from China dropped off in mid-February which led to the cancellation of all Marlborough Tour Company's Jing Cai tours and all international visitors stopped in March 2020. This had a significant effect on all tourism operations.

Every two months our newsletter strengthens our connection with members, supporters and volunteers. It provides updates on projects and informative articles as well as up to date pest control information. These newsletters are sent out to 390 people across New Zealand as well as some international supporters.

A group of visitors on Marlborough Tour Company's Jing Cai Cruise
PHOTO: Nicky Jenkins





6149

VISITORS
SINCE MAY 2019

1835 VISITORS
ON GUIDED
TOURS



“ Andrew was an absolute treasure, he handled everyone and everything beautifully. He was full of wonderful information and it was delivered in a way that kept young and old interested ”

AIMEE - BLENHEIM NATURAL LEARNERS CO-OP

28,750
TRAP CHECKS
WERE COMPLETED
IN 2019

This equates to:

2,530
VOLUNTEER HOURS

and

520 rats,
289 MICE,
FOUR MUSTELIDS
and 1 possum

removed from the Sanctuary



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counted during
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bird counts

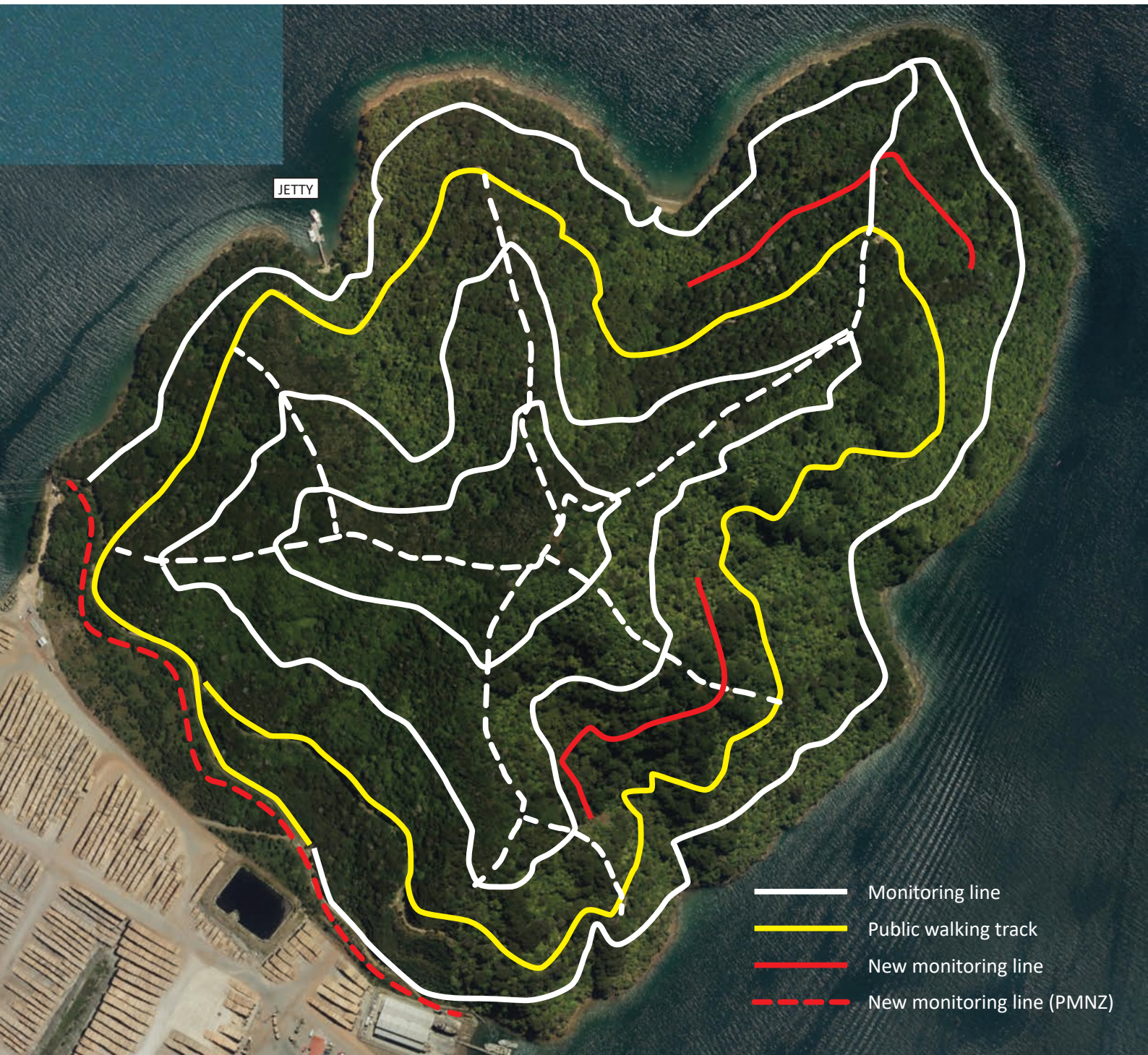
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STUDENTS

from **12** MARLBOROUGH
SCHOOLS/GROUPS

Protect – Kaitiakitanga

We continued to refine our trapping programme at the Sanctuary this year. Major trap restructures and new tracks were the result of recommendations from the Island Advisory Eradication Group (IAEG) who we met with in June 2019. These changes ensure we have a robust trapping network that is ready to support any other pest eradication tools that are implemented. Our work was further enhanced this year by the development of a new trap line outside the fence, a joint effort between Picton Dawn Chorus and Port Marlborough. Weekly checks on this line have proven it to be highly effective

and have in turn significantly reduced the pest pressure on our fence. This year we re-established our tracking tunnel monitoring and with four rounds completed we are gathering useful information about the rodent population on Kaipupu Wildlife Sanctuary. There is a significant amount of “off track” work to get this data collected so we are hugely grateful to the team that helped with this. The tracking tunnel indices will be helpful when planning translocations of species and our goal is to reach a rate at which we can start looking at reintroduction of new species in the next one to two years.



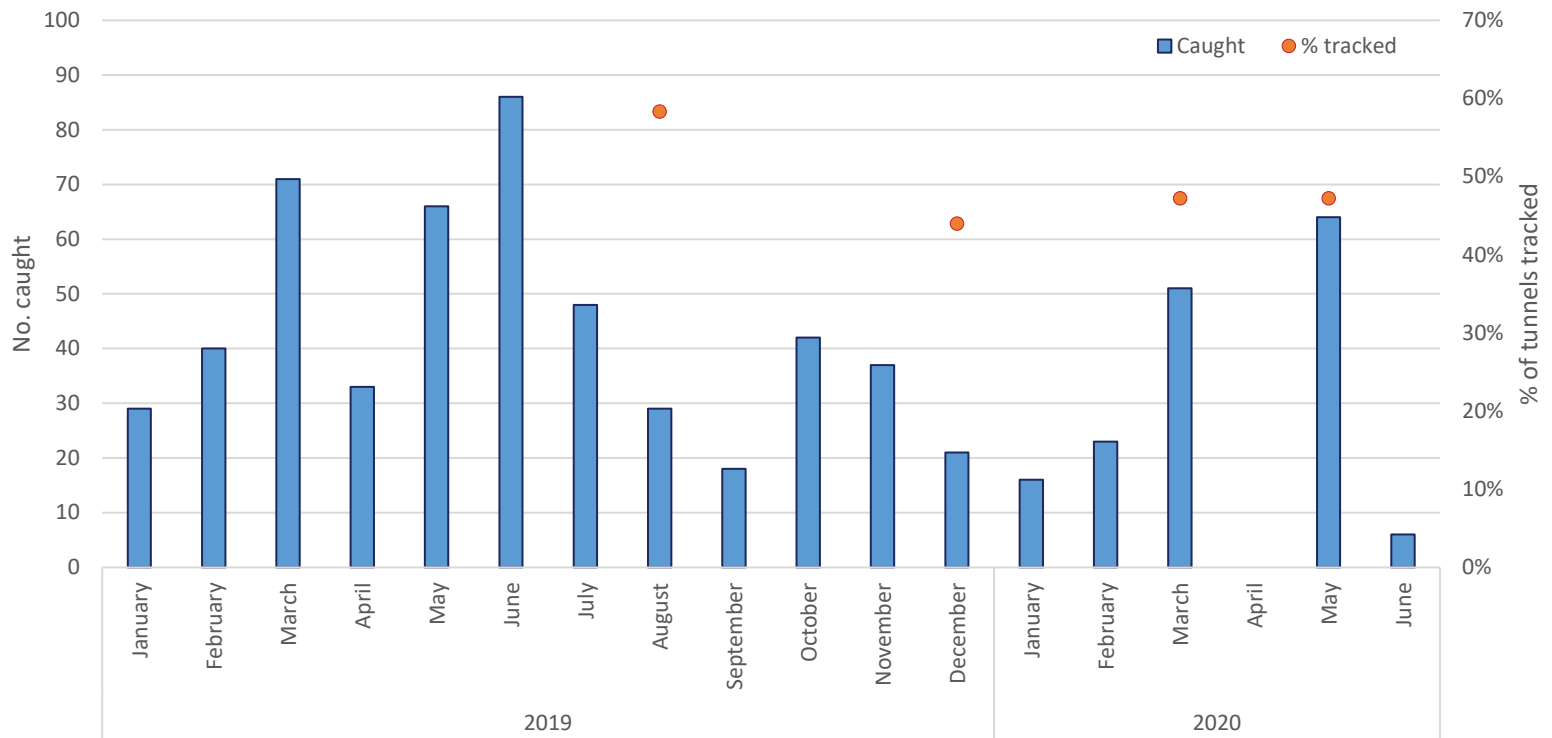


FIGURE 1: The usual seasonal peaks and troughs are evident in the rat catch numbers over 2019 and early 2020. In late March/April 2020, due to COVID-19 there was a six week period where no trapping occurred, but with traps set the Sanctuary was not left completely unprotected. Our tracking tunnel rates (red dots) have remained stable since December 2019 and with a goal to get this under 5% and maintain it we are looking at new pest control tools to achieve this.

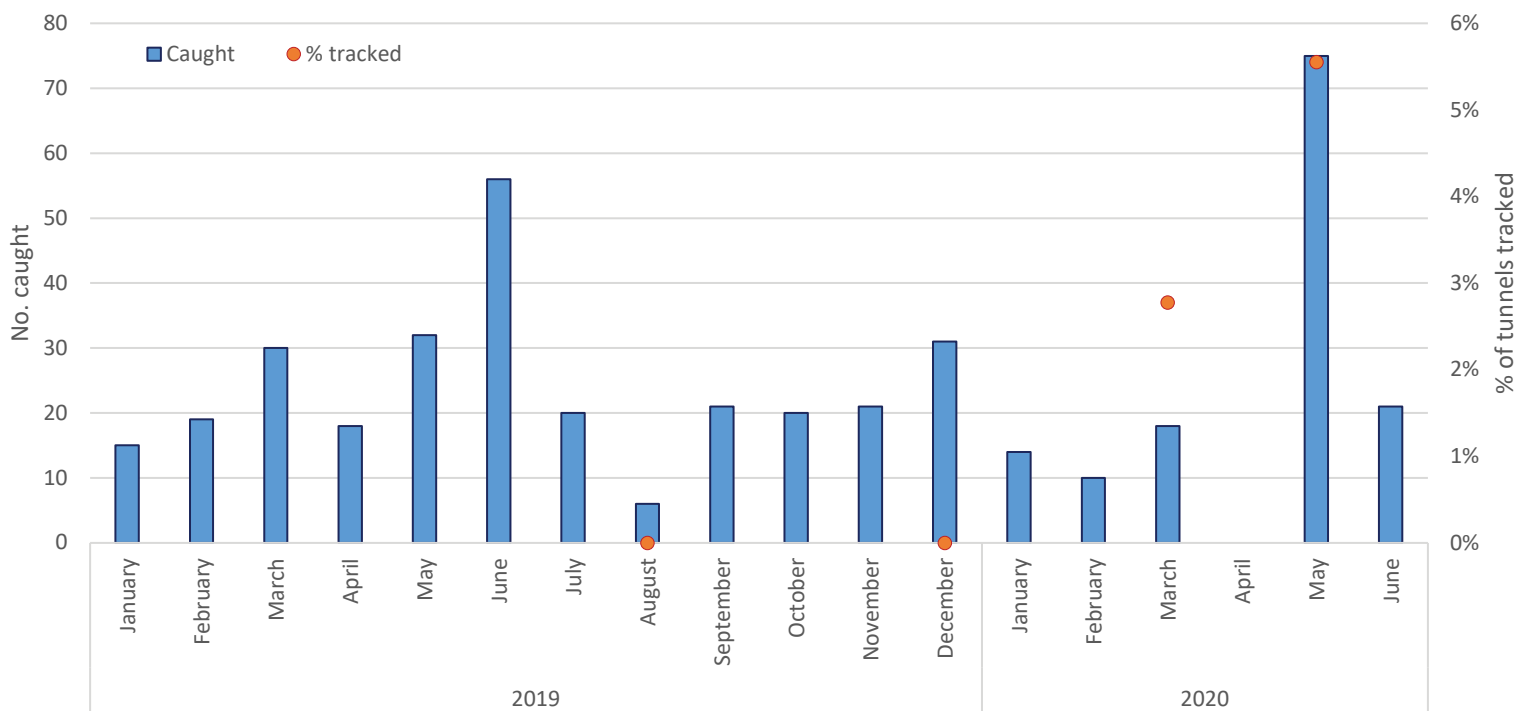
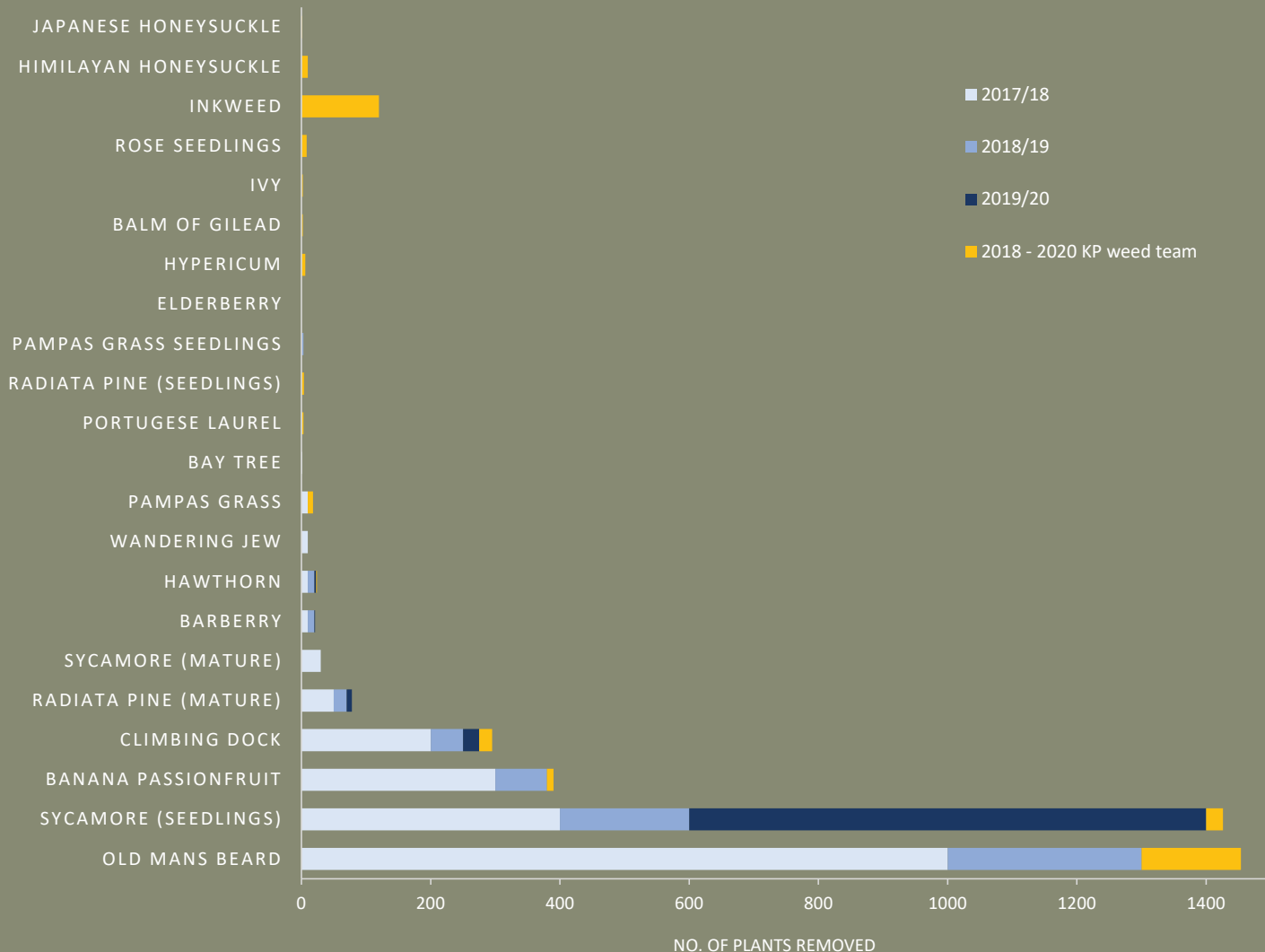


FIGURE 2: Like the rats, mice follow similar seasonal trends in catch numbers at the Sanctuary. This year after the COVID 19 lockdown we saw a spike in catch numbers due to the “catch up” clearing of traps in May. There was also a climb in tunnels tracked by mice during this time, which may be the result of increased mouse movement in preparation for winter.



STRATEGIC OUTCOME:

Kaipupu Wildlife Sanctuary is free from all introduced pest species

Our established weed control programme led by Judith Manning and supported by a small team of others is making substantial progress. The work on the main monitoring tracks by our weed team is supported by Ben Minehan from Weed Solutions who was engaged again in 2019/20 to complete targeted weed control in hard to access areas across the Sanctuary. Over four days, the Weed Solutions team controlled 800 sycamore trees, eight radiata pine trees, about 800 old man’s beard plants, one European barberry, three hawthorn and a small amount of Climbing Dock. Our goal is to eradicate wilding pine and sycamore by 2024, with other weed species controlled to low levels.

The impact of wasps at the Sanctuary is most felt in summer each year; they compete with our native species for resources and are generally highly unpleasant for our visitors and volunteers. This year just prior to the nationwide COVID-19 lockdown, all requirements for the use of Vespex bait were met and a programme of control was completed at the Sanctuary. The results of which were relatively unseen but will undoubtedly benefit the tūī, bellbirds and other nectar feeding species at the Sanctuary. As always, our team of volunteers were quick to put their hands up to help and we would like to thank Mark Anderson, Don McDonald, Rob McPhail, Rob McCaw and Jean Payne for their help with this work.

PHOTO POINT VEGETATION SURVEY

This annual vegetation survey helps to track changes in the structure and composition of sixteen sites along the main walking track at Kaipupu Wildlife Sanctuary. Images of the canopy, sub canopy and forest floor provide a visual record of regeneration over time, pictured below are the main track images from four of the sixteen sites.

SUMMER 2013

WINTER 2020

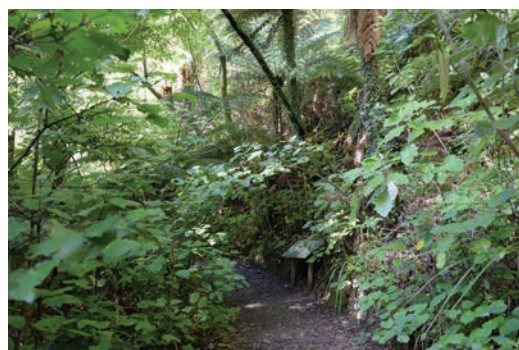
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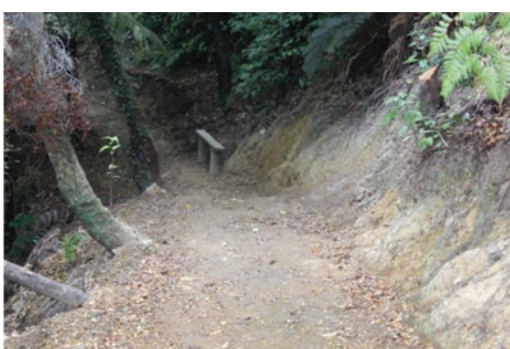
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STRATEGIC OUTCOME:

Native flora and fauna already present at Kaipupu Wildlife Sanctuary are enhanced and celebrated

Five-minute bird counts have been used at Kaipupu Wildlife Sanctuary since 2007 as a tool to measure the results of our restoration work. Initially starting with six bird count stations this has now increased to twelve stations across the Sanctuary, with counts repeated over three subsequent weeks each Spring. Trends often take several years to appear and individual years can have highs and lows depending on reproductive success but we are now starting to see some trends emerge. The most obvious changes have been in bellbird numbers which have significantly increased since 2012 and fantails which have significantly increased between 2016

and 2020. Other bird species are showing ups and downs, but none are statistically significant.

We are also continuing to better understand the species already present at the Sanctuary and later this year thanks to funding from Yealands Wines Marlborough Sustainability Initiative we will undertake a kororā survey of the Picton/Waikawa area including Kaipupu Wildlife Sanctuary. Our goal is to use the information gathered from this survey to initiate a monitoring programme as well as use it to help inform decisions regarding the protection of kororā in the Picton/Waikawa area.



PLANT LIST FROM KAIPUPU WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

This summary table is a list created from a survey completed in 1984 by Geoff Walls, one completed in 2019/2020 by volunteer Judith Manning as well as sightings from i-naturalist (^{√4}). Some of these species were planted (^{√3}) at the Sanctuary.

Species	Common name	Maori name	2019/20	1984
<i>Alectryon excelsus</i>	New Zealand Ash	Titoki	✓	✓
<i>Aristolelia serrata</i>	Wineberry	Makomako	✓	✓
<i>Arthropodium cirratum</i>	Renga lily	Rengarenga	✓	
<i>Asplenium oblongifolium</i>	Tawa	Huruhuruwhenua	✓ ⁴	
<i>Belshmieda tawa</i>			✓	✓
<i>Brachyglottis repanda</i>	Bushmans friend	Rangiora/Pukapuka	✓	✓
<i>Carpodetus serratus</i>	Marbleleaf	Putaputaweta	✓	✓
<i>Cordylone australis</i>	Cabbage tree	Ti kouka	✓ ³	-
<i>Cordylone banksii</i>	Cabbage tree	Ti ngahere	✓	✓
<i>Coprosma grandifolia</i>	Large leaved coprosma	Kanono	✓	✓
<i>Coprosma lucida</i>		Shiny karamu	✓	✓
<i>Coprosma robusta</i>		Glossy karamu	✓	✓
<i>Cariaria arborea</i>		Tutu	✓	-
<i>Cyathaea dealbata</i>	Silver fern	ponga	✓	✓
<i>Cyathaea medullaris</i>	Black tree fern	mamaku	✓	✓
<i>Dianella nigra</i>	NZ blueberry; ink berry	Turutu	✓	
<i>Leucopogon fasciculatus</i>		Soft mingimingi	✓	✓
<i>Leptocarpophylla juniperina</i>		Prickly mingimingi	✓	✓
<i>Dacrydium cupressinum</i>	Red pine	Rimu	✓ ³	
<i>Dodonaea viscosa</i>		Akeake	✓	✓
<i>Dicksonia fibrosa</i>	Golden tree fern	Wheki-ponga	?	-
<i>Dicksonia squarrosa</i>	Rough tree fern	Wheki	?	-
<i>Elaeocharis dentatus</i>		Hinau	?	✓
<i>Freycinetia banksii</i>		Kiekie	✓	-
<i>Fuchsia extortica</i>	Tree fuchsia	Kotukutuku	✓	-
<i>Fuscopora solandri</i>	Black beech		✓	✓
<i>Fuscopora truncata</i>	Hard beech		✓	✓
<i>Gastrodia cunninghamii</i>	Black orchid		✓ ⁴	

Species	Common name	Maori name	2019/20	1984
<i>Geniostoma ligustrifolium</i>		Hangehange	✓	-
<i>Gahnia pauciflora</i>	Cutting sedge		✓	✓
<i>Gahnia setifolia</i>		Mapere	✓	✓
<i>Hebe stricta/Veronica stricta</i>		Korimiko	✓	✓
<i>Hedycarya arborea</i>	Pigeonwood	Porokaiwhiri	✓	✓
<i>Knightia excelsa</i>	NZ honeysuckle	Rewarewa	✓	-
<i>Kunzea ericoides</i>		Kānuka	✓	✓
<i>Laurelia novae-zelandiae</i>		Pukatea	?	-
<i>Leptopteris hymenophylloides</i>	Crepe fern	Heruheru	✓	
<i>Leptospermum scoparium</i>		Mānuka	✓	✓
<i>Macropiper excelsum</i>	Peppertree	Kawakawa	✓	✓
<i>Meliclytus ramiflorus</i>	Whitey wood	Mahoe	✓	✓
<i>Metrosideros diffusa</i>	White rata		✓	✓
<i>Metrosideros fulgens</i>	Climbing rata		✓ ⁴	
<i>Metrosideros perforata</i>		Akatea	✓	✓
<i>Myoporium laetum</i>		Ngaio	✓	✓
<i>Myrsine australis</i>	Red maple	Red matipo	✓	✓
<i>Myrsine salicifolia (salicina?)</i>	Long leaved mapau	Toro	✓	-
<i>Muehlenbeckia australis</i>	Large leaved muehlenbeckia	Pohuehue	✓	✓
<i>Olearia rani</i>		Heketara	✓	✓
<i>Olearia paniculata</i>		Akiraho	✓	✓
<i>Parsonsia heterophylla</i>	New Zealand Jasmine		✓	-
<i>Pennantia corymbosa</i>		Kaikomako	✓	✓
<i>Phormium cookianum</i>	Mountain flax	Wharariki	✓	-
<i>Phormium tenax</i>	Flax	Harakeke	✓	-
<i>Pittosporum eugenioides</i>	Lemonwood	Tarata	✓ ³	-
<i>Pittosporum tenuifolium</i>	Black matipo	Kohuhu	✓	✓
<i>Pseudopanax arboreus</i>	Five finger	Whauwhaupoko	✓	✓
<i>Podocarpus totara</i>		Totara	✓ ³	-
<i>Pectinopitys ferruginea</i>	Brown pine	Miro	✓	✓
<i>Pterostylis alobula</i>	Greenhood orchid		✓	
<i>Ripogonum scandens</i>	Supplejack	Karaeo	✓	✓
<i>Rubus australis</i>	Bush lawyer	Tataramoa	✓	✓
<i>Schefflera digitata</i>	Seven finger	Pate	✓	-
<i>Solanum aviculare</i>		Poroporo	✓	✓
<i>Weinmannia racemosa</i>		Kamahi	✓	✓



A raukawa gecko found at Kaipupu Wildlife Sanctuary during the lizard survey. Photo: Trent Bell.

MOKOMOKO O KAIPUPU

Prior to the establishment of the Sanctuary, a survey completed in the early 1980s was the only baseline data available for flora and fauna. However, more recently the Society has initiated annual five-minute bird counts and through citizen science apps like I-naturalist more information about species present is being discovered. In 2018, the decision was made to investigate the lizard fauna at Kaipupu Wildlife Sanctuary to gain a better understanding of the species present and the potential for future translocations.

Within the Marlborough Sounds ecological district there are several recorded species of gecko and skink (including the introduced plague skink); many of these species are threatened and some are only found on predator free offshore islands. Prior to the onset of the lizard survey at the Sanctuary there were reported sightings of unknown skink species and a single gecko was photographed by volunteers. Consultants from EcoGecko arrived in October 2018 to set up the surveying equipment on the Sanctuary; pitfall traps (205 traps), Onduline artificial covers (195 covers) and closed cell foam covers (190 covers) were placed approximately ten metres apart along ten transects (100 – 200m in length). Checks of this equipment took place in February 2019 alongside spotlighting.

During the lizard survey two species were detected, the Waiharakeke grass skink (34 observations) and Raukawa gecko (three individuals).

The Raukawa gecko were found exclusively under closed cell foam covers (none were sighted during spotlighting) which suggests the population present may have relatively low numbers. In the future, these two species will be used as indicator species for monitoring which will be a useful addition to the monitoring tools already in place at the Sanctuary. The survey report concludes that Kaipupu Wildlife Sanctuary has potential for reintroduction of several lizard species including forest gecko, Marlborough green gecko, northern spotted skink and Duvaucel's gecko. The vegetation at the Sanctuary, a mix of hard and black beech, mixed broadleaf and areas of regenerating mānuka and kānuka, would be able to support a diverse community of lizards at high densities. However, rodent control will be vital to the success of these translocations particularly for northern spotted skink and Duvaucel's gecko which require rats to be completely eradicated before translocations occur. In the future, the Society hopes to use the information gathered by this survey to track populations changes over time especially in response to predator control.

We would like to thank Pub Charity and the JS Watson Trust for funding to undertake this survey, Bluebridge Ferry for helping with transport, the team at EcoGecko Consultants and our incredible volunteers for their hard work.



Sustain – Whakauka

To ensure the ongoing success of the Sanctuary our strategic plan was reviewed and updated this year. Our revised values reflect who we are and what we want to achieve in 2020 and beyond. One of our major strategic goals is to balance growing our tourism potential with protection of the natural environment at the Sanctuary. The installation of a track counter is therefore timely as it gathers information about the number of visitors to the Sanctuary each year. It will also help to inform management decisions regarding track maintenance and infrastructure requirements. The next step in this is to develop a visitor strategy.

Long term funding from Rata Foundation and the DOC Community Fund has provided financial stability, especially during the unexpected COVID-19 pandemic. With the core business of the Sanctuary funded, other projects are more likely to be achieved through self-generated revenue like guided tours and merchandise sales, as well as sponsorship funding. Our ongoing goal is to diversify our revenue streams and grow our self-generated income each year so that our reliance on grant funding is reduced.

Our ongoing commitment to providing a safe environment for our volunteers and visitors is supported by robust policies and procedures. Health and safety is a priority at every committee meeting and our policies and procedures are reviewed annually to ensure they represent best practice. This year we have included a new fire emergency response plan and reimbursement of expenses procedure as well as updating our volunteer policy.



After rehabilitation and care at EcoWorld Aquarium these three kororā were released back onto Kaipupu in October 2019.

Collaborate – Mahi tahi

A community effort is required to ensure the success of the Sanctuary, through collaboration with supporters and other organisations we aim to be part of a wider landscape scale level of ecosystem protection. This starts locally with our joint premises at 14 Auckland Street. As a result of support from Port Marlborough we are now working alongside Picton Dawn Chorus and Envirohub Marlborough in our office/retail shop, reducing our individual costs while promoting a wider message of conservation. This has also led to joint projects like the Trapping Workshop, held in September

2019, with Picton Dawn Chorus and the Department of Conservation as partners. Kaipupu Wildlife Sanctuary is also a founding member of the Marlborough Biodiversity Forum. The kaupapa “working together as a community to enhance the mauri of Marlborough’s indigenous biodiversity” aligns well with our own goals and each forum has provided excellent learning and networking opportunities. Equally, the Community Educators Workshop facilitated by the Department of Conservation provides similar connection and learning opportunities.



Coordinators from Kaipupu Wildlife Sanctuary, Picton Dawn Chorus and Envirohub Marlborough outside their new shared premises.

KAIPUPU POINT MAINLAND ISLAND SOCIETY INC

Statement of Financial Performance

As at 31st March 2020

INCOME	31 March 2020	31 March 2019	
	\$	\$	
Carpark Income	4,800	4,800	NC
Donations - General	4,338	3,168	↑ 31%
Donations - KPP Island Box	1,761	1,225	↑ 36%
Donations - Other	6,750	13,033	↓ 64%
Fundraiser Event Proceeds	-	4,856	↓ 200%
Grants	100,674	64,302	↑ 44%
Guided tours	24,630	1,535	↑ 177%
Interest Income	142	125	↑ 13%
KPP Island Concessions	-	510	↓ 200%
Other Income	1,000	612	↑ 48%
Sale of Merchandise	3,836	1,676	↑ 78%
Sponsorship	38,950	27,417	↑ 35%
Subscriptions Income	2,016	2,435	↓ 19%
Total Income	188,895	125,695	
LESS OPERATING EXPENSES			
Accounting & Audit Fees	795	1,670	↓ 71%
Bank Fees	40	40	NC
Biodiversity	360	8,144	↓ 183%
Catering (Meetings)	262	617	↓ 81%
Computer Expenses	1,124	1,102	↑ 2%
Donations	35	-	↑ 200%
Education Expenses	-	3,310	↓ 200%
Fundraiser Costs	-	157	↓ 200%
General/Office Expenses	363	318	↑ 13%
Guide Costs	960	250	↑ 117%
Insurance	1,280	1,280	NC
Licences/Registrations & Compliance	468	860	↓ 59%
Light, Power, Heating	-	658	↓ 200%
Marketing & Communications	1,680	2,358	↓ 34%
Merchandise	1,965	536	↑ 114%
Pest Management Co-ordinator	33,840	27,350	↑ 21%
Pest/Plant Management	35,558	22,750	↑ 44%
Printing, Postage & Stationery	696	187	↑ 115%
Project Coordinator	41,124	35,925	↑ 13%
Repairs and Maintenance	3,381	2,672	↑ 23%
Shop – Expenses	248	414	↓ 50%
Shop – Rent	17,000	5,667	↑ 100%
Telephone & Internet	730	734	↓ 1%
Total Operating Expenses	141,910	117,000	
NET PROFIT (Cash)	46,985	8,695	
Depreciation	24,628	23,608	
NET PROFIT AFTER DEPRECIATION	22,358	(14,913)	↑ 1001%

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