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PICTON - MARLBOROUGH - NZ

2021/22 ANNUAL REPORT



Welcome to the Kaipupu Point Mainland Island Society (KPMIS) Annual Report 2021/22

This report highlights the work we have completed under our five 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 – Whakahihiketanga

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

It was with pleasure and trepidation that I stepped into the role of Chairperson last November, to attempt to fill the large workboots left behind by Gerald Harper. With his calm approach, Gerald did an incredible job of steering the Kaipupu waka over the previous four years.

The past 12 months has been challenging for us and indeed all not-for-profit organisations. Ongoing uncertainty around Covid and now a looming recession has cast a long shadow over families and businesses. I therefore want to make a special point of thanking our major sponsors NZ King Salmon, Bluebridge Cook Strait Ferries, Mudhouse Wines and Marlborough Tour Company for their ongoing loyalty and financial support during this time. Special thanks also to Port Marlborough for their sponsorship of our offices at Picton Environment Centre and the "Steadfast Education Programme". Support is not limited to these larger sponsors, so please take the time to read about our smaller donors at the end of this report; we appreciate you all!

I need to farewell three long standing committee members who have stood down this year. Nicky Jenkins, Secretary for 9 years, Mel Kellie, Treasurer for 9 years, and Andrew John, Educator for more years than we can remember! Luckily Andrew is only standing down from the committee but will continue to play an important role in education. I'd like to formally welcome our new Secretary Sam Vincent, and acknowledge the hard

work of our other committee members Judith Manning, Gerald Harper and Ross McGerty. Our committee meetings are lively, frank and fearless, but I'm proud of our strategic thinking and problem solving. Out in the field we have many volunteers, beavering away on trap, tracks and weeds. Everyone of you is a valued member of our Kaipupu whanau. I'd also like to thank our valuable staff Anna and Hazel, the Sanctuary is in able hands.

With challenges comes opportunities. The management committee has spent considerable time interrogating our "Why": A persons or organisations "Why" is a statement of purpose that describes why you do the work you do and why you live the lifestyle you do. It is a calling, a conviction, a mission statement. Why is Kaipupu important to the Marlborough community? What do we have to offer? What is our niche?

Interestingly, we found that while the sanctuary offers a tangible opportunity to take action for conservation, our Why went much deeper: To showcase that by collectively pooling our efforts and passion, we can inspire hope and inspiration that species loss and habitat degradation can be reversed. Remembering our Why ensures we stay on track, stick to our values, and continue to be motivated when times are hard.

This exercise has also reminded us that Kaipupu is a place of Sanctuary – its

patchwork of regenerating and old-growth forest is without doubt a sanctuary to the wildlife, but let's not forget, it's a sanctuary for the hundreds of human visitors, a place to leave behind any worries or pressures and just enjoy the intricacies of nature. Both science and experience tells us that being in nature is critical to our health and wellbeing. Therefore to better reflect our core purpose, we have decided to rename the project

Kaipupu Sanctuary.

I look forward to the next 12 months as the Chair of Marlborough's oldest conservation group.

Wendy Sullivan
Chairperson



A word from our patron

Oh the times, they are a-changin’

Today, all organisations have to self reflect and position themselves in the best possible way to meet a multitude of challenges.

In that regard I suggest there are three key elements that need to feature large in such reflections.

1. Core values and beliefs

2. Sustainability

3. Partnership /Cooperation

What does this mean for our Kaipupu sanctuary?

1. Core values and beliefs.

These feature strongly in much Kaipupu literature and strategic planning, through words such as community, restoration, eradication, biodiversity, education and volunteer. While values should always be re-examined in the light of the prevailing external environment, it would seem to me that the above list of words are still as relevant today as when the sanctuary was created. At times when the functioning, organisation or future of our sanctuary is being challenged, it is good to remind ourselves of why we exist, and hopefully be encouraged and motivated to work for a fundamentally enduring and good cause.

2. Sustainability

If we want to stay in the game, we have

to ensure we are futureproofing Kaipupu by envisaging future domestic or global challenges which are likely to confront us. We need to be confident that where we are focussing our efforts, will help us to survive and thrive going forward. One word that comes to mind in this regard is research. Research and education can perhaps be points of difference for us among other similar organisations. A well confined and relatively small sanctuary such as ours should allow us to innovate, and do things that are not possible in larger or more remote locations. Forestry, and aquaculture are important examples of existing and ongoing research in the Sounds, so our ecological research efforts could compliment and add value to that, and help secure our ongoing relevance to the region.

Financial sustainability is also a crucial consideration. Is our current fundraising model sustainable? Will it ensure we can continue to employ highly qualified staff and maintain our facilities and equipment?

3. Partnership/Cooperation

To maximise the work we do, Kaipupu must work with, share with, learn from, and fully cooperate with like minded organisations doing similar work to ours. Going it entirely alone is unlikely to be sustainable, nor does it maximise the incredible volunteer effort which we have always put in. We must never take our eye off the bigger objective for the region and the country to retain or restore our countries biodiversity, and pest

eradication. Picton has become a significant contributor to that wider objective which can only be successful if we collaborate unreservedly with others doing similar work.

I take the opportunity to thank again our incredible volunteer base, who continue to make a difference. We should all take considerable pride in what we have collectively achieved to date, and what we can achieve moving forward, being ever

mindful of the above three issues.

Barry Maister

Patron of Kaipupu Wildlife Sanctuary



Our committee 2021-22

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 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 work, education, maintenance, marketing, finance, and other administration tasks.



Wendy Sullivan
Chairperson



Melissa Kellie
Treasurer



Sam Vincent
Secretary



Andrew John
Educator



Gerald Harper
Maintenance



Ross McGerty
Maintenance



Rose Prendeville
PMNZ Rep



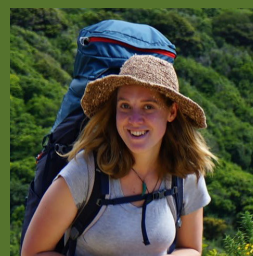
Judith Manning
Flora & Weed



Miranda van der Linde
DOC Representative



Anna Polson
Kaipupu Point
Manager



Hazel Ross
Biodiversity Manager

Thank you to all

Engage – Whanaungatanga

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

Kaipupu's strength comes from its community - incredible, everyday people, from right across Marlborough, who donate their time and knowledge to help restore this paradise. Our environment is the foundation of human existence, seeing Kaipupu Sanctuary flourish is a living example of what is possible when the community works together to achieve a common purpose.

We have volunteers from all backgrounds and skillsets and they support us with expertise from pest trapping and bird surveys through to marketing and sales.

While Covid-19 has continued to be a challenge, our volunteers have continued to work away through it all - improving tracks, setting up new monitoring tools, building structures, and many other things to ensure the paradise that is Kaipupu continues to improve.

This year we have had many working bees with our volunteers and groups such as ROVE

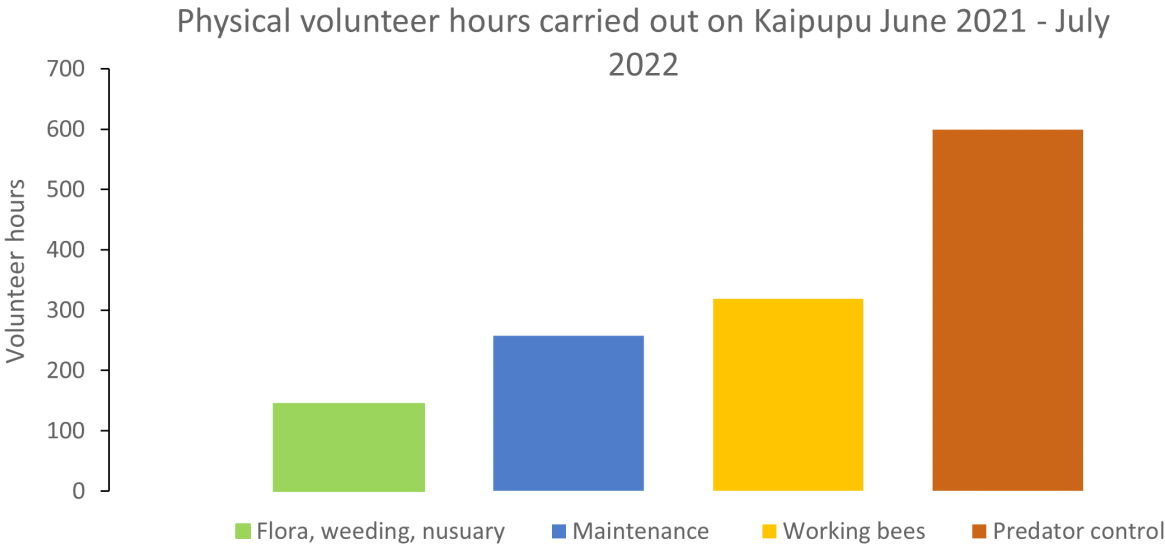
NZ, Marlborough Youth Trust and the Royal New Zealand Air Force. These groups mean so much to us, allowing us to tackle large areas of weeds, install new tracking tunnel boxes and pruning our extensive track line network.



Figure 1: Maintenance volunteers. From left - Don Quick, Stephen Brown, Ross McGerty, Alan Izard



Figure 2: Royal NZ Airforce cadets and recruits tackling a large slip



Volunteers of the Month

2021

August

Gerald Harper – received the Volunteer of the Year Award and Honorary Life Membership.

October

Richard Chirnside – quiet achiever behind scenes, responsibility for lawn mowing.

Nov

Judith Manning – for her extraordinary work to control weeds and ID plants, her professional approach, and the development of the weed control plan.

2022

January

Helen Ainsworth – for her continued dedication, Helen has volunteered for 20 pest trapping weekends during 2021 and is such a reliable member of the Pest trapping team.

February

Nicky Jenkins – for all her contributions to the committee.

March

Jan Clayton Green and Martin Clapham – for huge efforts in the area of weed control.
April 2022

April

Melissa Kellie – to acknowledge all her work over the past 9 years as Treasurer.

May

Ross McGerty – for all his work on carpark, gate & nursery!

June

Lyn Talbot - for trapping and working in Picton Environment Centre shop

July

Renee Sturch – for efforts and hard work with trapping

2022 Honorary Volunteer of the year (life member) Andrew John

Inspire – Whakahihikotanga

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

Kaipupu Point Mainland Island Society aims to connect people with nature using educational visits, guided tours, events, social media, speaking events and newsletters. Through greater understanding and knowledge of our natural world we hope to inspire others to protect their local environment.

2021-22 was another challenging year for Kaipupu Sanctuary due to the impacts of Covid- 19 on numbers of visitors and events. The number of school visits was relatively unaffected, with our educator Andrew John still managed to seek excellent engagement with some local schools delivering inspiring and engaging conservation events both in the classroom and out at Kaipupu Sanctuary.

11 local primary schools took part in the ‘Turf to Surf’ school trip through funds provided by Port Marlborough Sounds Discovery Fund. This involved a trip on the yacht Steadfast – a 58’ traditionally built gaff cutter, to visit Kaipupu Sanctuary. On this full day trip, the students engaged in marine activities such as sailing the large cutter and taking turns to navigate their way down the Sound. Students also collected water samples and took part in other water-based activities to learn about the sealife underwater.

On Kaipupu they wandered through the various types of vegetation, learning about the history of Kaipupu and of the pest trapping programmes currently in effect to eradicate the introduced pests to bring back

the native biodiversity. The aim of the day was to make a connection between land and sea and how all these ecosystems are interconnected.

Approximately 700 students from 13 different schools from across Marlborough visited or learnt about Kaipupu Sanctuary over the last year. The majority of these students had a classroom visit with Andrew John featuring our taxidermied animals, and the Kaitiaki group at Picton School enjoyed weekly classroom visits as part of their ongoing connection with the Sanctuary. These events connect local students to papatuanuku and our local environment.

2021-22 Education	Number of schools/groups	Number of students involved
Turf to Surf	10	267
Visits to or about Kaipupu	7	443
TOTAL	17	710

There were no guided walks over the summer of 2021-22. This is likely to change in the coming year with the cruise ships starting to return in October and the country opening up to overseas visitors. We are developing a Guided Walk programme to ensure we are ready to receive visitors and can make the most of the opportunities these visitors bring.

Our regular newsletter continues to strengthen our connection with members, supporters, and volunteers. It provides updates on projects and informative articles as well as up to date pest control results and information. These newsletters are sent

out to approximately 450 people across New Zealand as well as some international supporters. We also held a 'Merry Christmas and thank you function' to all Kaipupu members and volunteers at the end of 2021 to show our appreciation to our supporters.

Garden Marlborough Fete Day and Picton Maritime Festival were both cancelled in 2021 but are on track to return this year. We plan to have a presence at both events this coming year.

Moving forward our goals are to:

- Offer 'The Kaipupu Experience' to all local schools. This is an education programme based on conservation and ecological principles using Kaipupu as the outdoor classroom.
- Host all Marlborough school students out to Kaipupu at least once during their primary years.
- Diversify our topics and link in with school curriculum and learning/unit standards.
- Increase our connection with Waitohi/ Picton schools – especially the Picton School Kaitiaki group.
- Promote school visits to Kaipupu through the funding source provided by Port Marlborough
- Continue with developing the nursery and

replanting programme

- Develop a guided tour programme that is engaging and profitable for the Sanctuary. Full training will be provided to staff to ensure a quality experience for visitors.
 - Improve the visitor experience by developing a Signage plan so self-guided tourists can learn more about Kaipupu and therefore help contribute support for its continued existence
 - Create a self-guided booklet for the same reason
 - Develop our website and messaging to focus more on all aspects of the Sanctuary as opposed to just the Wildlife aspect which sometimes fails to reach visitor expectations.
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Protect – Kaitiakitanga

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

This year our pest control program has kept Kaipupu virtually pest free. This incredible achievement follows our rat bait-station operation at the end of 2020, since then we have been dedicated to maintaining a pest free Kaipupu by keeping rat numbers down with the use of trapping and monitoring. This success is monitored by our 0% rat tracking results since March 2020, well below the 5% tracking target.

We now have over 650 traps, of these there are 420 mice traps and over 225 rat and

stoat traps spread over the 17 trapping lines. These traps are checked fortnightly by our experienced volunteers to create a grid of protection across the sanctuary.

While we have been successful at keeping rat populations down, Kaipupu will always have a threat of new pest arrivals which highlights how vital ongoing monitoring and trapping is for our future. This year 18 rats have been caught on Kaipupu, of these 78% were caught within the first 100m from the coastline. We have increased our surveillance with additional tracking tunnels and monitoring cameras set up to quickly identify predators that arrive on Kaipupu.

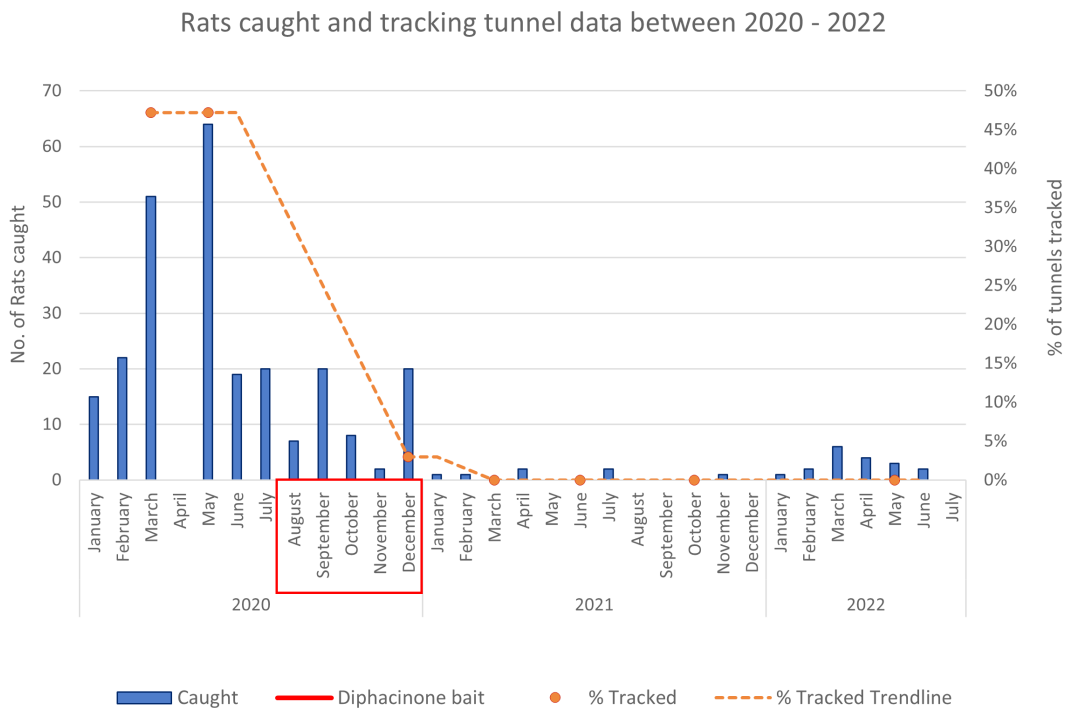


Figure 3: Rats have stayed low throughout 2021 and 2022, our tracking tunnel results show 0% tracking since March 2020. This is a truly incredible result and shows how dedicated all our volunteers are at both identifying new arrivals and also catching any rats before they have an opportunity to breed.

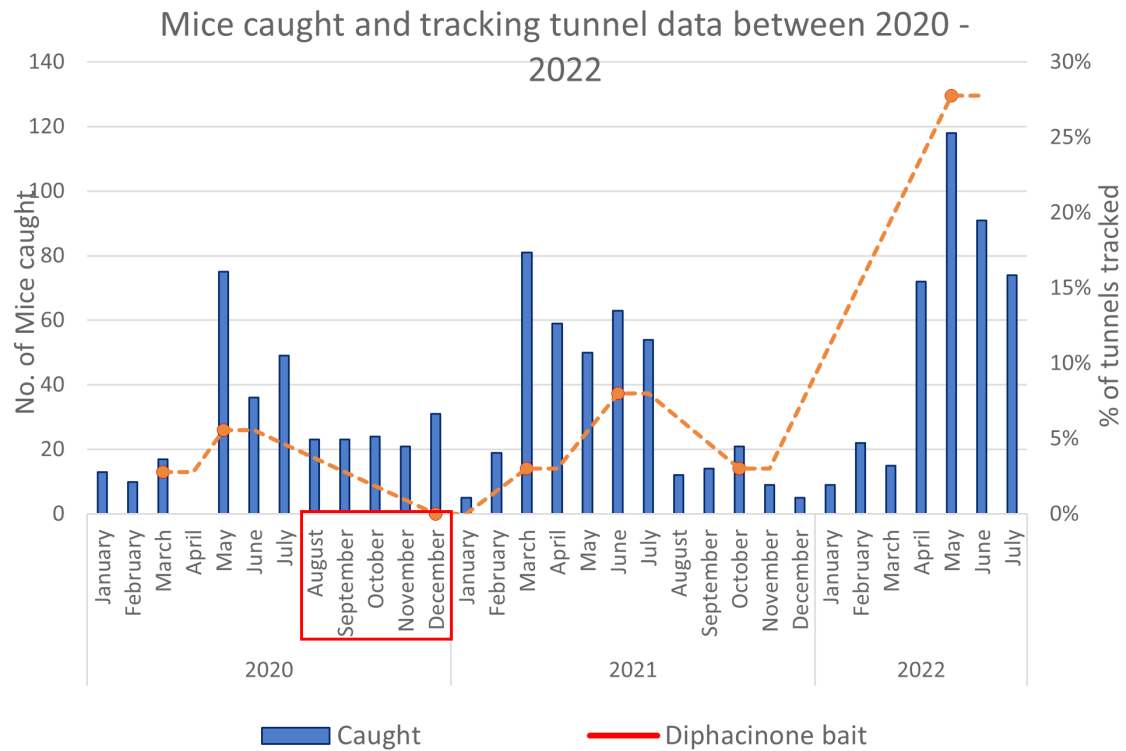


Figure 4: Following the absence of rats the mice population has risen as their population grows to fill the niche previously occupied by rats. We have kept on top of this with over 420 mice traps spread every 25m along our 17 trapping lines. These mice numbers peak in autumn and then drop during winter due to col and reduced food supply.

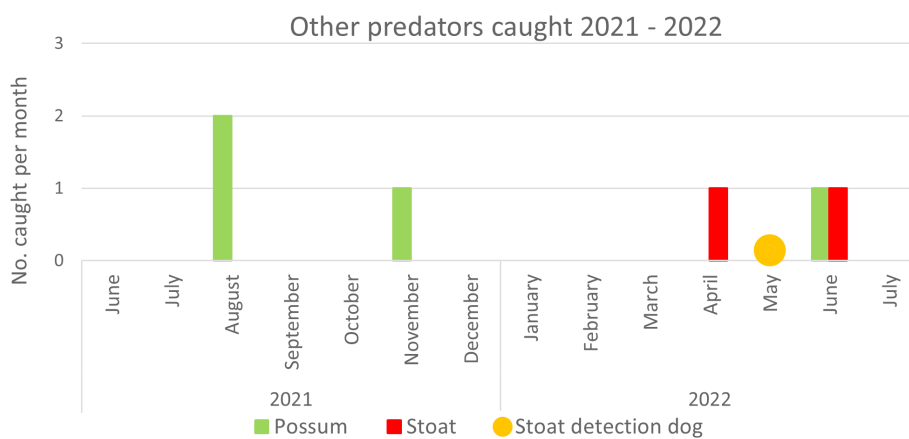
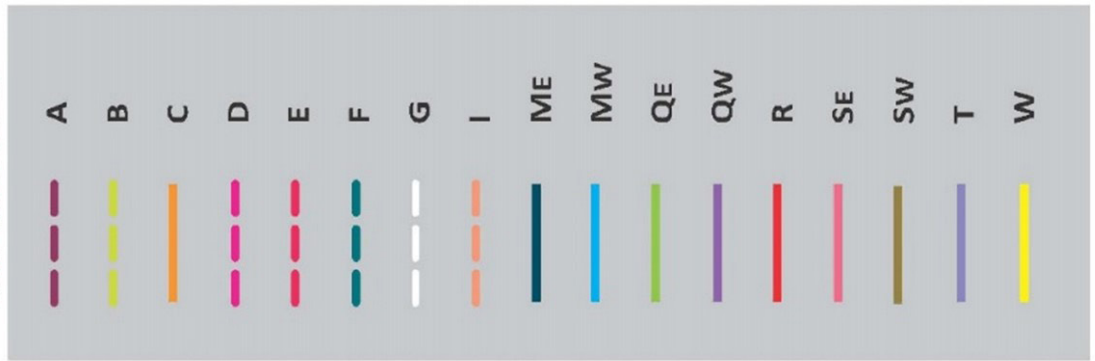


Figure 5: We have also caught two stoats on Kaipupu, the first was caught at the start of April 2022, following this DOC provided a 'Stoat detection dog' which surveyed Kaipupu 8 weeks later to ensure there was no new traces of any stoats on Kaipupu. We caught a second stoat on the 10th of June only two weeks after the stoat survey had shown no stoats detected. This highlights again effective our traps are at catching new arrivals when they reach Kaipupu, it also shows how vigilant we need to be and the importance of the pest control program.

Figure 6 (next page): Trap lines across Kaipupu, these 17 trap lines are checked fortnightly by our pest trapping volunteers creating strong protecting across Kaipupu.



Flora and Weed Report

Native Tree Nursery

The most exciting news for this year is that the Native Plant Nursery Project is underway.

A suitable site was offered by the MDC at the Picton Powerhouse, and work has begun. This includes tidying up and sorting out benches, trays, pots, seed raising and potting mixes. Thanks go to all involved.

DOC has provided valuable advice and permission for eco-sourcing seeds. These seeds will be grown for planting out on Kaipupu and will also be a fantastic source for providing native species for public purchase.

This nursery will be a source for rare and valuable species to be grown and planted back onto Kaipupu restoring the original environment on the sanctuary. This will help to increase good food sources and provide habitat protection for our native fauna.

Our nursery team has already started seed collecting and sowing and germination has begun, we are looking forward to seeing this increase as spring approaches.

Weed control on Kaipupu

Weed work continued throughout the year. Old Man’s Beard is still the biggest infestation problem. The members of the Weed Team are great at recognising both mature and seedling plants, so it is possible to reduce the seed source within the Sanctuary.

It is noticeable that more weeds are found on

the Western/Southern side of the peninsula where the bush is younger or there has been disturbance of the ground. This applies to all weeds found on Kaipupu and suggests that seed comes in from that SW direction from outside the fence. Wind borne or bird deposited seeds will no doubt be an ongoing occurrence.

We have continued our focus on suppressing key problem weeds with both the support of contractors and our amazing Weeds Team.

Contractors removed weeds from hard to access locations removing seed sources and preventing future spread. Our volunteer weed team have carried out another remarkable year removing well over 1,800 weeds from across Kaipupu in the last year.

Thanks to all our great volunteers who work on this.

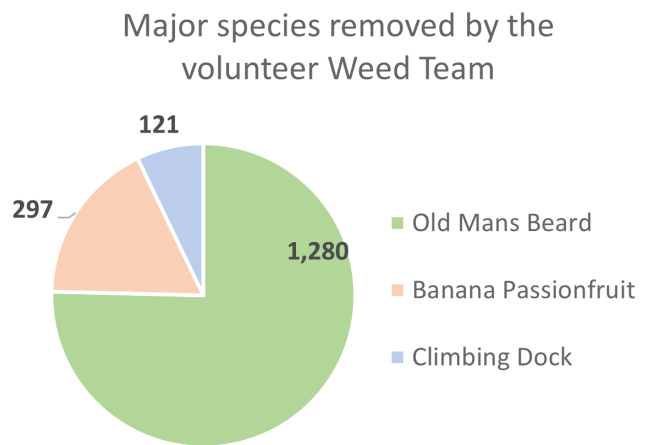


Figure 7: Number of key focus species removed by volunteers over the last 12 months.



Above: Nursery team superstars. Shelley Ruhen, Anna Polson, Judith Manning, Rebekah Lowe

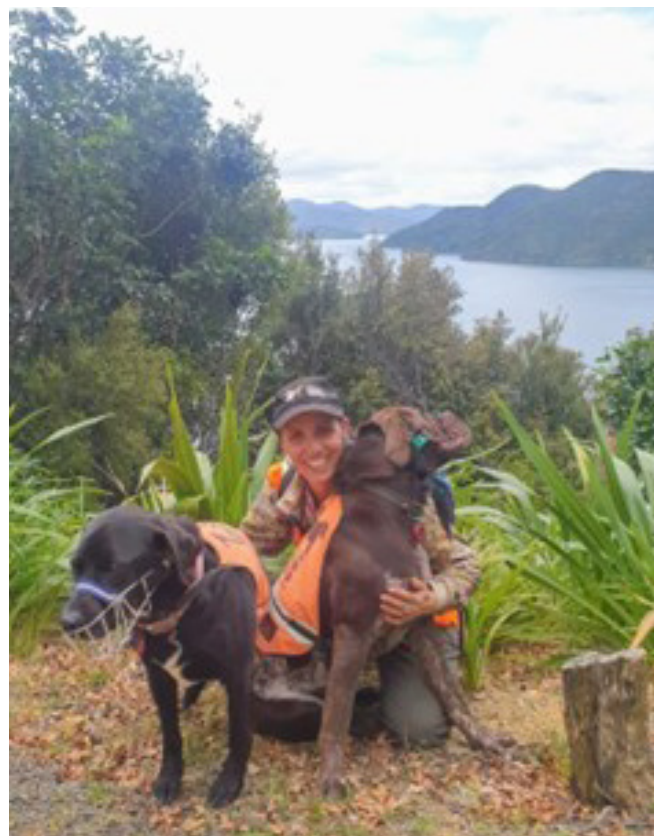


Kororā/Bird Count

Our program to protect and monitor Kororā (Little Blue Penguin) has continued this year. Port Marlborough has been vital by supporting this work, sponsoring a follow up survey in the 2021 breeding. This survey was carried out by Joanne Sims and her incredible species dogs Rua and Miro, they identified 12 active nest sites across the sanctuary. These nest sites were concentrated along the coast in accessible valleys.

As a result of this survey, we have been able to identify preferred locations for kororā habitat and have relocated 12 additional nesting boxes along the coast for penguins to utilise. Each year our knowledge of the kororā population increases allowing us to better protect this at-risk species.

Above: Kororā in a natural nest, guarding its chicks at Kaipupu Point 2021.
Right: Joanne Sims and her dogs Rua and Miro.



Sustain – Whakauka

Thoughtful planning and diversification creates a successful, resilient future.

Long term funding from Rata Foundation and the DOC Community Fund continues to provide financial stability, especially after the effects of Covid and the continued reduction of income due to loss of guided tour income over the last 2 years. The DOC funding will run out at the end of this year, so we are currently looking at options to replace this.

Continued sponsorship from NZ King Salmon, Bluebridge Ferries, Mud House Wines, Core Advice, and Wilderness Guides help provide ongoing financial stability, with other projects being more likely to be achieved through other self-generated revenue like retail sales, membership subscriptions and grant 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.

We continue to promote the Sanctuary online

via our website and social media, with our Facebook page now being followed by over 1900 people.

The plant nursery has started to operate at the previous nursery site in the Powerhouse which is now Council managed and is giving us a base to work from without having to build a nursery ourselves. A small group of volunteers has commenced collecting and sowing seed so we aim to have native plants to sell to the general public for bird attraction purposes, thereby creating another form of income.

After feedback from visitors over the years and delving into 'Our Why' we have changed our name slightly to Kaipupu Sanctuary to make sure we are positioning ourselves in the most positive and realistic way. We have plans to create new signs and promotional material and will endeavour to create consistency in our messaging to all our visitors.



Collaborate - Mahi tahi

Success is achieved through collaboration.

The Picton Environment Centre continues to be a great asset to Picton and to the 3 organisations that share the premises at 14 Auckland St. Staff from Kaipupu Point, Picton Dawn Chorus and Envirohub Marlborough are based at the centre from 9-3 each weekday, and we now also have a group of volunteers who work in the shop to make sure the centre is consistently open.

We collaborate at events such as Earth Day and have an upcoming event at Garden Marlborough where the 3 groups will share resources and a site at the annual Fete Day.

As financial constraints and limited personnel

are a common issue for all Community organisations, we will continue to seek ways to collaborate with like-minded organisations to improve productivity and efficiencies.

Projects this year include a joint funding application for Picton Environment Centre Manger wages, a combined 'Thank you to Volunteer Function' held during National Volunteer Week and combined social functions for all groups occur on a regular basis to encourage greater collaboration and shared knowledge.

Closer ties with Picton Dawn Chorus continue as we find more ways to improve efficiencies and output, and work together to reach common goals.

Kaipupu Point Mainland Island Society Inc.

Statement of Financial Performance for the year ended 31st March 2022

INCOME	31 March 2022	31 March 2021
	\$	\$
Carpark Income	4,400	4,200
Donations - General	2,093	2,317
Donations - KPP Island Box	550	882
Donations - Other	9,156	5,054
Field Trips Income	-	400
Grants - GST Exclusive	52,514	40,790
Grants - GST Inclusive	48,298	45,374
Guided tours	-	895
Interest Income	108	92
Sale of Merchandise	5,995	6,579
Sponsorship	37,400	38,750
Subscriptions Income	1,728	2,278
Total Income	162,242	147,610
Gross Profit	162,242	147,610
LESS OPERATING EXPENSES		
Accounting & Audit Fees	(800)	795
Bank Fees	47	45
Catering & Expenses (Meetings)	383	579
Computer Expenses	1,907	4,770
Depreciation	8,214	10,765
Donations Paid	70	-
Education Expenses	5,130	4,523
Fundraiser Costs	-	330
General/Office Expenses	758	2,859
Insurance	1,280	1,280
Licences/Registrations & Compliance	580	464
Marketing & Communications	2,111	2,234
Merchandise	4,362	4,131
Pest Management Co-ordinator	36,750	29,790
Pest/Plant Management	9,171	29,594
Printing, Postage & Stationery	75	853
Project Coordinator	39,385	30,160
Project Co-ordinator Expenses	655	-
Repairs and Maintenance	11,193	3,831
Shop - Expenses	2,340	338
Shop - Rent	17,000	17,000
Telephone & Internet	1,146	739
Total Operating Expenses	141,757	145,079
NET PROFIT AFTER DEPRICATION	20,485	2,530

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Marlborough Youth Trust

*And of course, a very special mention to all
our volunteers and members*



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