



KAIPUPU
WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

PICTON - MARLBOROUGH - NZ

2020/21 ANNUAL REPORT



Welcome to the Kaipupu Point Mainland Island Society (KPMIS) Annual Report 2020/21

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

Firstly thank-you all for making the effort to attend our AGM and I would like to extend a warm welcome to you all on behalf of the Kaipupu committee.

It is hard to believe that a year has gone by already since our last AGM - as they say how time flies when you are having fun, with the value of hindsight things do not look too bad now.

During the year both our paid contractors Rachel and Trudy resigned, Rachel to take a job with Marlborough District Council and Trudy and her family went to live in Westport. To replace both these stalwarts of our organisation at once seemed a daunting task. At this point I would like to acknowledge the huge extra workload that the committee had to handle, with writing job descriptions, carrying out interviews, getting contracts in place etc. No one ever threw their hands in the air and said this is too much, they all got on with the task in hand until we achieved our goal. For all your contributions so willingly given I am truly grateful.

Now to the very successful outcomes of all our deliberations. Anna Polson was appointed our new Kaipupu Point Manger and Hazel Ross to a new position of Biodiversity Manager. I am sure Anna and Hazel will take Kaipupu to another level, already the synergies they bring to the Kaipupu organisation is signaling exciting times ahead.

With what was involved in appointing our two new contractors it would be very easy to forget everything else that has been going

on in the background without any fuss which makes Kaipupu the great organisation it is.

Committee-wise we welcome Miranda van der Linde on to the committee as our new DOC representative. Andrew still spearheads our education program with new input and help from Anna.

Mel makes sure our finances remain in A1 condition which is really important as our tourist income stream has totally dried up in these Covid times.

Maggie and Nicky have been busy with rewriting job descriptions and contracts plus updating parts of our Health and Safety policy.

Out on the Sanctuary Judith and her team are starting to make a real difference to the weed population.

Alan and his team have built a new shed plus keeping everything in pristine condition for our visitors.

Trudy and Dan organised a Pindone operation to mop up a population of trap shy rats. This required the help of a dedicated group of volunteers. A lot of extra work on top of the normal trapping operations but to date a very successful operation, well done and thank-you to all involved.

It would be remiss of me if I didn't mention Hazel here. Even though she is just new to the job she has certainly hit the ground running and her enthusiasm and the new ideas she is bringing to this new role is exciting.

Now it's time to acknowledge and thank all the people and organisations that enable Kaipupu to keep running. I will not mention everyone here due to time constraints but refer you to the list at the back of the Annual Report, me not mentioning you doesn't mean we don't value your contribution - quite the opposite is true.

To all our local supporters like the Thorburn Family Trust, Christina Jordan, Rob McCaw, the Rimu and Kohekohe sponsors – thank you for your generosity and continued support - it is truly appreciated.

To DOC and Rata who provide us with long term funding so vital to organisations like ours.

To all local businesses that support us in kind. This form of support is always gratifying, a case in point is local firm Crafer Crouch who did a job for us recently. The invoice duly arrived detailing all the work done and in the dollar column a zero for the amount owing – there is nothing I can add to that except to say thank-you. Worth noting here that the council has waved their dump fees for us as a community organisation. Not a huge amount in the scheme of things, but it all adds up to helping make difference to the running of Kaipupu.

I would like to acknowledge 3 local organisations again this year which sounds like an exact repeat of last year, but I feel it is important. Namely Picton Dawn Chorus as they tighten and expand the halo round Kaipupu which will lead to greater options for us going forward. The other two are our foundation partners, DOC thank you for your

advice and support throughout the year and Port Marlborough your generous support for sponsoring the shop at 14 Auckland Street, and the enduring support we receive from Rose Prendeville, the Port Co. representative on our committee, thank-you.

Now to all our wonderful members and volunteers your contributions to Kaipupu whether wet or fine is nothing short of amazing --- a most sincere thank-you. We could not survive without your efforts and contributions.

Now on a personal note, I am standing down as chairman at our next committee meeting. This is my 4th AGM and I feel it is time for new eyes, ears and ideas to take Kaipupu forward. With Anna and Hazel in place it will definitely be full steam ahead.

It has been a real privilege to head such a wonderful community organisation such as Kaipupu.

Thank you all so much for your wonderful support.

Thank you

Gerald Harper
Chairperson

A word from our patron

Fifteen successful years in the life of any fledgling volunteer organisation is surely enough of a reason to pause, reflect, celebrate, and take stock of what has been achieved and where the organisation is headed.

The life cycle of any young organisation usually starts with a period of exciting initiative, creativity, and sheer hard work. The first 5 years of Kaipupu certainly reflected that with the fence, tracks and jetty infrastructure being developed, as well as creating a community commitment to trapping and eliminating pests on a grand scale.

The next 5 years were spent consolidating - developing a clear sense of strategic direction, better utilising available trapping technology and associated pest data collection, consolidating infrastructure, planning species introductions, raising community profile and growing membership.

The last 5 years have been focussed on understanding the opportunities and possibilities for the future. How to partner effectively with PDC; How to enhance the Kaipupu 'visitor experience'; How to cater for an increased 'tourist demand' without detracting from the core purpose of biodiversity protection and enhancement; How to deal with potential trapping volunteer fatigue with decreasing 'reward' from reduced pest catches.

The recent arrival of two new competent and enthusiastic contract workers is a timely catalyst for review and refocus. We are

again fortunate to be able to attract such quality people to work for us, and to lead us forward.

The 15-year story of Kaipupu is an incredibly successful story. The progress on infrastructure, biodiversity enhancement, and trapping effectiveness is a great story in itself. Effective community partnership has ensured community support and recognition for what has been achieved, and the collaboration with Picton Dawn Chorus is fundamental to achieving our collective goals.

It is pleasing to see that our committee has recognised this point in time by planning a celebration in October of what has been achieved, and special recognition for the 'pioneers'.... the now ageing group of workers who had the original vision and took the early initiatives to ensure Kaipupu sanctuary is what it has become. A celebration of their efforts is well deserved and hopefully will serve as a motivation for those now leading the organisation forward.

Barry Maister

Patron of Kaipupu Wildlife Sanctuary

Our committee

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.



Gerald Harper
Chairperson



Melissa Kellie
Treasurer



Nicky Jenkins
Secretary



Andrew John
Education



Rose Prendeville
PMNZ
Representative



Judith Manning
Flora & Weed
Control



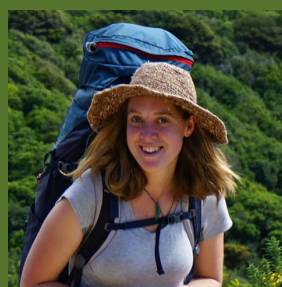
Miranda van der Linde
DOC Representative



Maggie Gill
Human Resources



Anna Polson
Kaipupu Point
Manager



Hazel Ross
Biodiversity Manager



Wendy Sullivan
Advisor

Recent committee members

These committee members resigned during the Year



Dan Palmer



James Wilson



Alan Izard



Robin Cox



Rachel Russell



Trudy Nichols

Thank you to all

Engage – Whanaungatanga

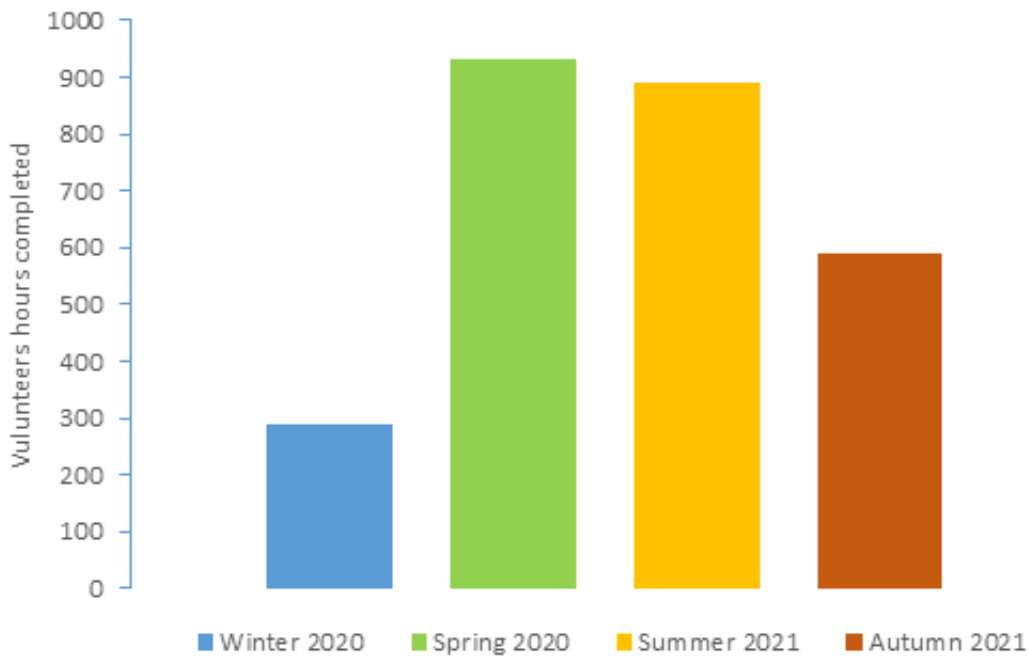
Kaipupu Point has an incredible group of volunteers that lead the work in regenerating the Sanctuary back to original glory.

2020 has been a challenging year for everyone with the restrictions that Covid-19 brought. It has changed how we engage with others, and it even kept us home in April when we all pulled together to stop the virus. This distancing has shown us again how important it is to engage with each other, whether online or from a safe distance. 2020

has shown us the importance of connection with our community and connection with nature.

Here at Kaipupu we have an incredible community through our volunteers. They have delivered over 2,698 hours of voluntary work on Kaipupu in the last year. This includes our dedicated pest trapping team, our maintenance and weed teams and our incredible education volunteers.

Kaipupu Volunteer hours 2020 to 2021





Volunteers

The Volunteer of the Month scheme was proposed in September 2020 and volunteers of the month since then are:

November	Helen Ainsworth
December	Karen Stevens
February	Brad Patrick
March	Diane John
April	Heather Smithers
May	Shed Building Team - Alan Izard, Ross McGerty, Richard Chirnside, Paul Mann
June	Alan Izard
July	Steve and Sue Dawson

Rob and Lee McPhail did a huge amount of volunteer hours on a range of projects but left Picton in September. They deserve a special mention. (They did get a special voucher and recognition at the time.)

Inspire – Whakahihikotanga

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.

2020-21 was a challenging year for Kaipupu Point with the reduction in visitor numbers due to the impacts of Covid 19. The number of school visits was also impacted by this, but 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.

Approximately 500 students from 9 different schools from across Marlborough learnt about Kaipupu Wildlife Sanctuary with Andrew John over the last year. The majority of these students had a classroom visit featuring our taxidermied animals, and the senior class 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.

Another 96 students visited Picton in March this year for a classroom session in the Environment Centre with Andrew, then enjoyed a visit to Kaipupu Point with Anna. This model seems to be working well to share the education role and to achieve our goal of every Marlborough primary student getting a chance to visit Kaipupu Point.

We continue to be a part of the Community

Educators group who met annually to upskill and discuss our various education programmes.

Guided walks over the summer of 2020-21 were quiet compared to previous years with no guided trips due to lack of visitors.

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 information. These newsletters are sent out to approximately 390 people across New Zealand as well as some international supporters.

Kaipupu Point shared a tent at Garden Marlborough Fete Day in November 2020 with MDC where Rachel took along some information panels and some retail products to sell.

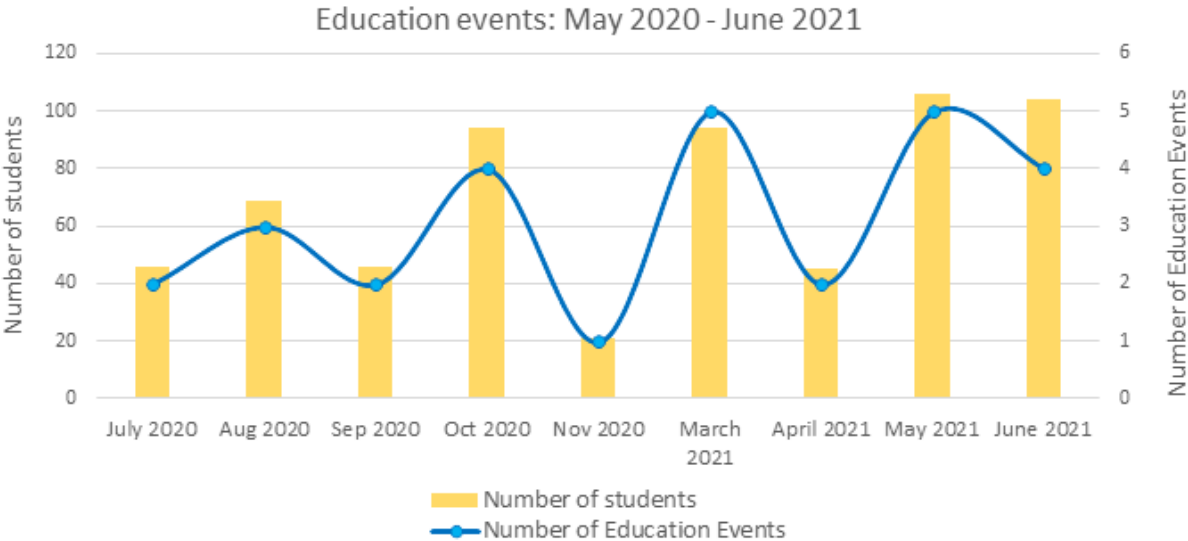
Moving Forward we aim to:

- Continue to engage with more Marlborough Schools by including new and interesting educational opportunities and expand our programmes to all Marlborough schools.
- Diversify our topics and link in with school curriculum and learning/unit standards.
- Improve our connection with all the local schools – especially the Picton School Kaitiaki group
- Develop a programme to allow more schools to visit the Sanctuary through a funding source provided by Port

Marlborough

- Investigate and progress the idea of developing a nursery and replanting programme

- Expand our education programme to include Shakespeare Bay
- Develop guided tours when tourism recovers that are engaging and profitable for the Sanctuary





Protect – Kaitiakitanga

We have an extensive trap network covering Kaipupu. This includes over 225 rat traps, 400 mouse traps, distributed over the 40ha. This remarkable network means traps are a maximum of 100m apart, and many of the mouse traps are only 25m apart. This is an incredible resource in protecting our native fauna.

Unfortunately, even with this extensive trap network running at full capacity the rodent numbers in the Sanctuary remained stubbornly high at around 40% tracking – suggesting that we had a population of trap shy rats.

A decision was made to carry out a toxin operation with an aim to reduce the rodent numbers to below 5%. Volunteers undertook a huge effort to install 150 bait stations around the Sanctuary.

A consent to lay toxin was granted by DOC in August 2020, then over the following few months the bait stations were filled and checked by volunteers with the rodent pesticide diphacinone.

When the bait take had ceased, tracking tunnel were run and showed an incredible success of 3.6% rodent tracking.

Following this accomplishment all the remaining bait was removed in December 2020.

Following the operation finishing, the traps have caught 3 rats between January 2021 and June 2021.

The last two tracking tunnel indexes for March and June have been 0% Rats tracked, which is well below our 5% target.

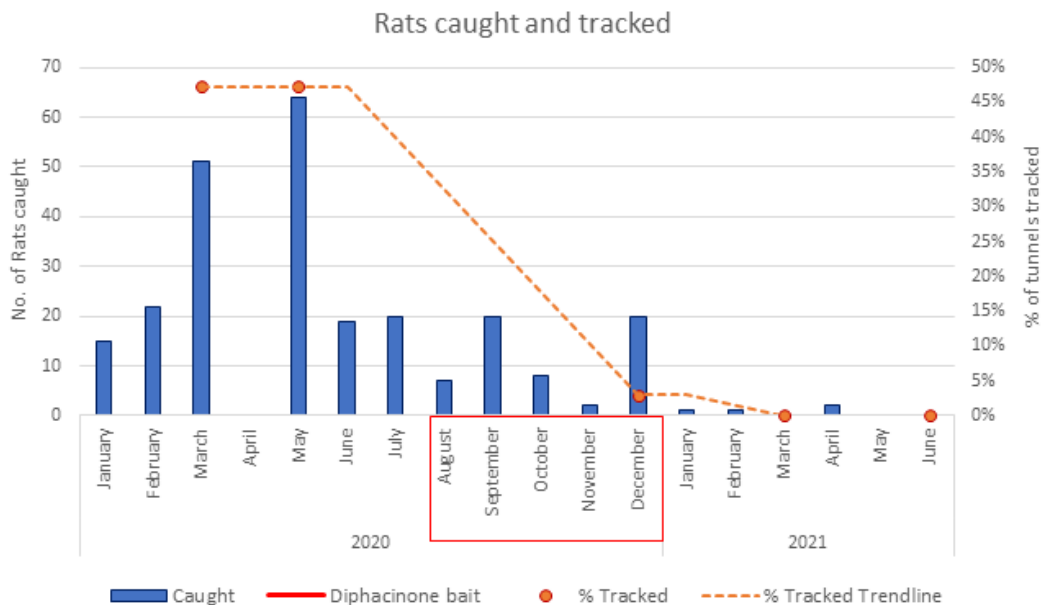


Figure 1: Rat catch numbers followed the usual trends in the first half of 2020. In April there was 6 weeks when we were unable to check traps due to Covid-19, but traps were still active over this time. In August 2020 the bait diphacinone was placed in bait dispensers to target trap shy rats. This was very successful and lowered the population of tracked rats from around 40% to below 5% by December 2020 when the bait was removed.

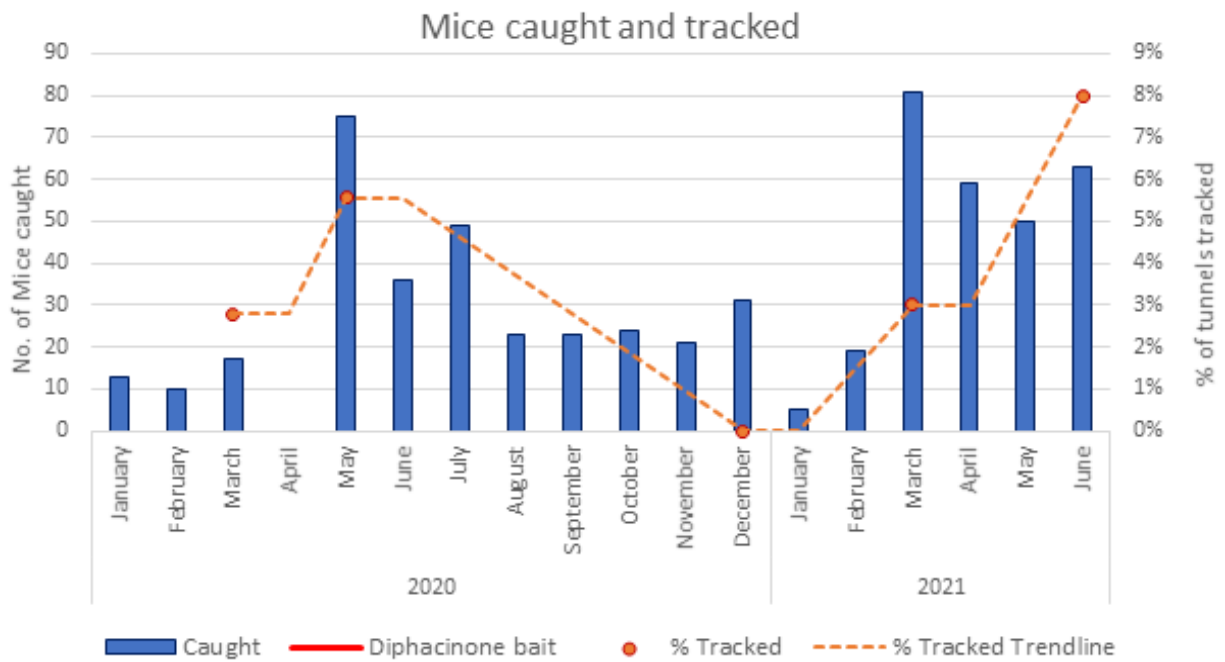
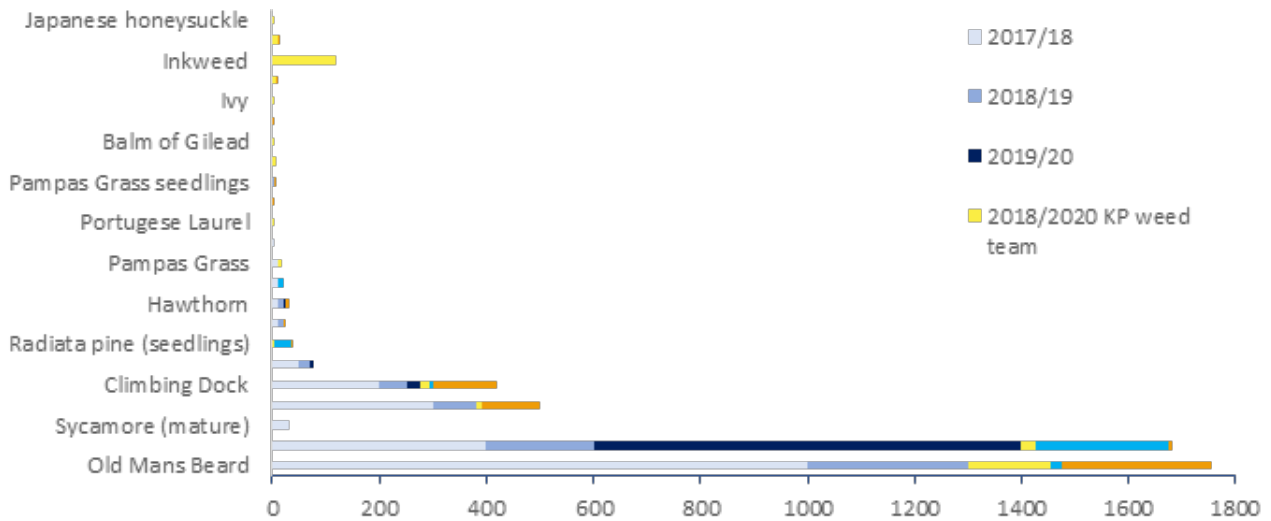
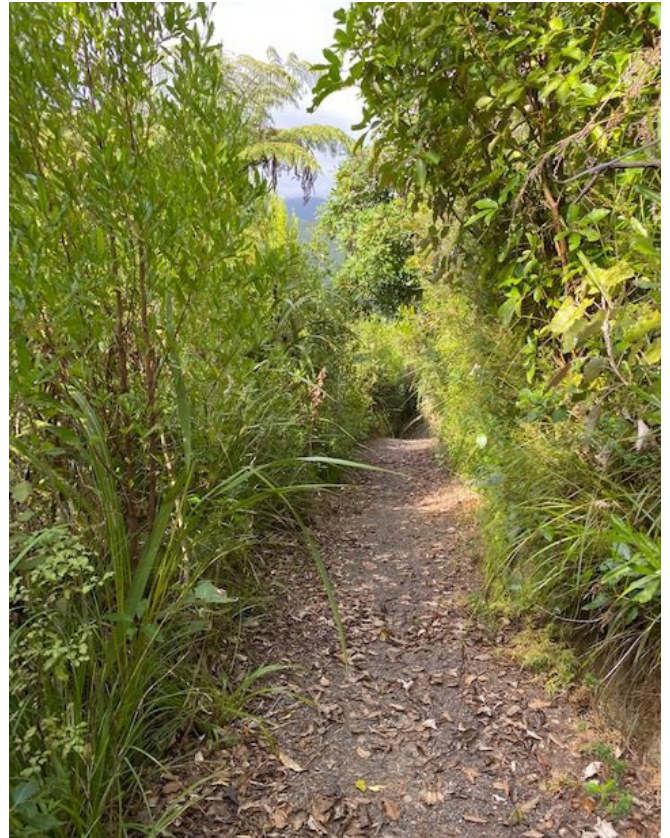


Figure 2: Mice followed a similar trend to the rats until December 2020. Following the removal of the rats the mouse catch and tracking numbers increased. This was expected as rats have some limit on mouse population through competition and predation. Once the rat numbers were low the mice increased their range moving into areas previously occupied by rats and becoming more active. To manage the mouse population and to keep it stable we have over 400 mouse traps that are checked fortnightly.

Weed Report

This year we have had over 540 weed species removed by our small but determined team of volunteers and over 300 weeds removed by contractors. They both do an incredible job which is very noticeable as you walk through Kaipupu now and see the native bush regenerating.

Removing smothering vines helps the bush to recover and regenerate. There is still a target on, Old Mans Beard, Banana Passionfruit and Climbing dock due to their smothering nature and how easily they spread. All of these continue to re-occur due to seeds being transferred from neighbouring areas travelling into Kaipupu. Because of this it is important that seedlings are found and removed regularly.





Kororā survey 2020

Kororā (Little Blue Penguin) have been recorded nesting on Kaipupu and have frequently been seen in the purpose-built nest boxes along the public track. In October 2020 a survey was conducted on Kaipupu and surrounding areas in Picton by Alastair Judkins from Kaikōura Ocean Research Institute (KORI), using a specialized penguin detection dog, named Mena.

Within Kaipupu Sanctuary, 13 sites were identified, including eight chicks of various ages. In total 48 sites were detected by Alastair and the dog throughout Kaipupu and the Picton area.

Most of the kororā sites on Kaipupu were burrows in the coastal forest mostly on the northern and western side where the coastline is more accessible, often under the base of trees. The highest site detected was a natural burrow approximately 78 meters above sea level.

Work has also started to provide additional kororā boxes lower down on the eastern side of Kaipupu Sanctuary. The report showed that access to potential breeding sites were limited due to steep coastal banks along some sections of the coast, work is now underway to identify gullies that are more

accessible for kororā boxes.

This report provides a valuable baseline survey of the Kaipupu population, which is useful for future monitoring which will be carried out in spring each year to track population changes now that we have very low predator numbers.

We would like to thank the team from KORI for all their expertise in this survey, Port Marlborough and our incredible volunteers for all their hard work.

NB. A full copy of the survey is available on request from admin@kaipupupoint.co.nz.



Above: Alastair Judkins and penguin detection dog, Mena. Right: Penguin sites detected in October 2020.



Sustain – Whakauka

Long term funding from Rata Foundation and the DOC Community Fund continues to provide financial stability, especially after the effects of Covid and the subsequent loss of guided tour income which was \$25,000 the previous year.

Continued sponsorship from NZ King Salmon, Bluebridge, Marlborough Tour Company, Core Advice, Wilderness Guides and Eco World Aquarium help provide ongoing financial stability.

With the core business of the Sanctuary currently funded, other projects are more likely to be achieved through other self-generated revenue like retail sales, membership subscriptions and 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.

We are now tracking visitor numbers using a track counter installed in May 2019. This

information will provide valuable insight.

We continue to monitor and assess the safety of our volunteers and visitors at the Sanctuary. Ropes and tracks continue to be upgraded and we have been updating our Lone Worker Policy to ensure the safety of volunteers who work alone. The purchase of 6 Personal Locator Beacons which are to be carried by all lone workers will give some peace of mind when workers are out there alone. Policies are updated on a continual basis.

We continue to promote the Sanctuary online via our website and social media, with our Facebook page now being followed by over 1800 people. TripAdvisor also provides an opportunity for visitors to review us.

Plans are underway to establish a plant nursery so we can collect local seed and use to grow our own plants. We also aim sell the balance to Picton residents thereby creating another form of income.



Two New Zealand Kaitiaki birds are perched on a tree branch. The bird on the left is facing left, and the bird on the right is facing right. They have iridescent green heads, reddish-brown wings, and white bodies. The background is a soft-focus green forest.

Collaborate - Mahi tahi

The Picton Environment Centre is proving to be a great asset to Picton and to the 3 organisations that share the premises at 14 Auckland St. Kaipupu Point, Picton Dawn Corus and Envirohub Marlborough manage the centre from 9-3 each weekday and now also have a group of volunteers who work there 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 2 of the groups will share resources and stalls 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.

Kaipupu Point Mainland Island Society Inc.

Statement of Financial Performance for the year ended 31st March 2021

INCOME	31 March 2021	31 March 2020
	\$	\$
Carpark Income	4,200	4,800
Donations - General	2,317	4,338
Donations - KPP Island Box	882	1,761
Donations - Other	5,054	6,750
Field Trip Income	400	-
Grants	86,164	100,674
Guided tours	895	24,630
Interest Income	92	142
KPP Island Concessions	-	-
Other Income	-	1,000
Sale of Merchandies	6,579	3,836
Sponsorship	38,750	38,950
Subscriptions Income	2,277	2,016
Total Income	147,610	188,895
LESS OPERATING EXPENSES		
Accounting & Audit Fees	795	795
Bank Fees	45	40
Biodiversity	-	360
Catering (Meetings)	579	262
Computer Expenses	7,770	1,124
Donations	-	35
Education Expenses	4,523	-
Fundraiser Costs	330	-
General/Office Expenses	2,859	363
Guide Costs	-	960
Insurance	1,280	1,280
Licences/REGistrations & Compliance	464	468
Light, Power, Heating	-	-
Marketing & Communications	2,234	1,680
Merchandise	4,131	1,965
Pest Management Co-ordinator	29,790	33,840
Pest/Plant Management	29,594	35,558
Printing, Postage & Stationery	853	696
Project Coordinator	30,160	41,124
Repairs and Maintenance	3,831	3,831
Shop - Expenses	338	248
Shop - Rent	17,000	17,000
Telephone & Internet	739	730
Total Operating Expenses	134,315	141,910
NET PROFIT (Cash)	13,295	46,985
Depreciation	10,765	24,628
NET PROFIT AFTER DEPRICATION	2,530	22,358

Thank you to all our supporters

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



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