

# KAIPUPU WILDLIFE SANCTUARY NEWSLETTER

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

## CHAIRMAN'S COMMENT

A quick update on some house keeping matters. Firstly thank you to all those who attended the AGM which was held in the new library for the first time, this proved to be an excellent venue.

As a result of the AGM our committee remains the same namely Nicky Jenkins, Melissa Kellie, Robin Cox, Andrew John, James Wilson, Gerald Harper, Dan Palmer, Judith Manning and Rose Prendeville Port Marlborough Representative and Wendy Sullivan our DOC Representative. We still have room for another general committee member so if you are interested please contact

any member of the committee, we would love to hear from you. Now that spring has arrived working bees on Kaipupu have moved in to top gear. There is a lot going on at the moment and we need as many volunteers as possible even the smallest contribution will be greatly received. See the list below for where you may be able to contribute. Look forward to seeing you on Kaipupu in the next few weeks as we get ready for our Summer season.


**Gerald Harper**  
*Chairperson*


## OCTOBER 2018


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## HELP REQUIRED...

### LIZARD SURVEY

**Monday 8th – Friday 24th October (approx.)**

Help set up the lizard survey equipment. For more information please come along to a meeting on **Wednesday 3rd of October, 5.30pm at Picton Library.**

### PEST CONTROL WORKING BEE

**Sunday 7th & 14th October**

If you are keen to help with these working bees please contact Trudy [kaipupupestmonitoring@gmail.com](mailto:kaipupupestmonitoring@gmail.com).

### MAINTENANCE WORKING BEE

**Date to be confirmed**

Help is required distributing shingle around the tracks at the Sanctuary. We will have more information about this later in the month.

  
**KAIPUPU**  
WILDLIFE SANCTUARY  
PICTON - MARLBOROUGH - NZ

RIGHT: A yellow-crowned  
kākāriki at EcoWorld Aquarium  
Image: Rachel Russell



## SMALL & GREEN

*Kākāriki were once widespread across New Zealand but now they are rare on the mainland.*

The distinctive 'ki-ki-ki' of kākāriki is hard to miss in areas where they are present and with a historical range that covers the whole of New Zealand including Antipodes and some Sub-Antarctic islands it is not hard to imagine how much their song added to the forest environment. In New Zealand there are five species of kākāriki, or small green parrot in māori. Red-crowned kākāriki were once common on the mainland, in fact in the 1800's they were considered a pest by farmers and orchardists when they flocked fruit trees and fields of grain. Many

thousands were culled during this time. Yellow-crowned kākāriki are rare but they are found across the North, South and Stewart Islands as well as the Sub-Antarctic Islands. The Yellow- and Red-Crowned kākāriki are the only native birds in New Zealand that are allowed to be held and bred in captivity. Locally, EcoWorld Aquarium, Lochmara Lodge and Tui Nature Reserve are all part of the Yellow-crowned Kākāriki breeding programme. Orange fronted kākāriki were thought to be a colour variation of yellow-crowned kākāriki but

are now confirmed as a distinct species. They are the rarest of all the species, with only 100 - 300 found in the alpine forests of Canterbury. A translocation of this species occurred on Blumine Island in the Marlborough Sounds. Forbes' parakeets looks similar to a yellow-crowned parakeet but are only found on Mangere island in the Chatham Islands. The Antipodes Island species is slightly different to the other species in that it has an entirely green head.

## Hector's & Māui dolphin kōrero

Presentation on our local dolphins  
by Gemma McGrath

Q & A, discussion to follow

7 pm ♥ Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October

Waikawa Boating Club,  
Waikawa Marina, Beach Road

Picton



Image: Rob Pine



# LIZARD SURVEY AT KAIPUPU WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

*LEFT: Trent placing a foam cell cover. Image: EcoGecko*

The lizard survey at Kaipupu Wildlife Sanctuary is now moving forward thanks to funding from the James Sharon Watson Conservation Trust and Pub Charity. We also have to say a huge thank you to our sponsors Bluebridge for getting the EcoGecko team across the Strait for us. This week sees the arrival of Trent Bell from EcoGecko to scope out survey sites at the Sanctuary followed by the rest of the team the following week. Our survey will take place in conjunction with a similar survey by Picton Dawn Chorus on Victoria Domain and the Wedge. We are looking forward to comparing species found at the various sites.

Kaipupu Wildlife Sanctuary and Picton Dawn Chorus are now looking for volunteers to help with lizard survey setup at the Sanctuary, on Victoria Domain and the Wedge. Below is a list of dates and the likely activities for those days.

## **Monday 8th – Friday 12th October**

2 - 4 volunteers required each day. Work will include carrying foam covers and onduline through the bush. This work will suit adults only.

## **Sunday 14th – Wednesday 24th October**

3 – 6 volunteers required each day. Work will include digging holes for pitfall traps. This work will suit adults and older school aged kids.

We will be holding a meeting on **Wednesday 3rd of October, 5.30pm at Picton Library** if you would like to hear more about the project and volunteering requirements. If you can't make this time please feel free to contact Rachel or Siobain.

## **Accommodation needed**

We are also looking for accommodation for the team of experts coming across from Wellington from the 5th October – 24th October (approx. end date). If you have a room or two that might work please let us know.

If you can help please contact Rachel 027 692 3488 or Siobain 021 285 1858.

## AGM UPDATE

The Kaipupu AGM had a good turnout in the new location of Picton Library. The current committee remains unchanged. Guest speakers, Asha and Trent from EcoGecko provided an interesting talk about Marlborough lizards ahead of the planned survey which will take place at Kaipupu Wildlife Sanctuary later this year.





## THE GREAT KERERU COUNT

Known as the gardeners of the sky, kererū play an important role in New Zealand ecosystems; they are one of the only birds that is large enough to eat and disperse native tree seeds from tawa, puriri and matai. These beautiful birds are often not seen until the sound of their wings alerts you to their presence. However, Spring and the flowering kowhai in gardens around New Zealand often bring these

large birds to urban areas. It is this time of year when New Zealand's largest citizen science project, the Great Kererū Count aims to collect abundance and distribution data from all over New Zealand. In 2017, 15,459 kererū were counted, up nearly 3,500 on the previous year. To find out more about this project visit: [www.greatkererucount.nz](http://www.greatkererucount.nz)



### THE LATEST FASHION

It time to get yourself decked out in the newest fashion accessory - you will stand out in a crowd, on the roads and in the bush. Our custom high vis vests have arrived - if you haven't got one then please pop into the Kaipupu shop to pick one up. It is important that these vests are worn when you are in the port area but you can also wear them while you are at the Sanctuary. For info contact Trudy or Rachel.

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THIS IMAGE: A stack of nearly completed trap housings sits alongside Stephen as he nails another box.



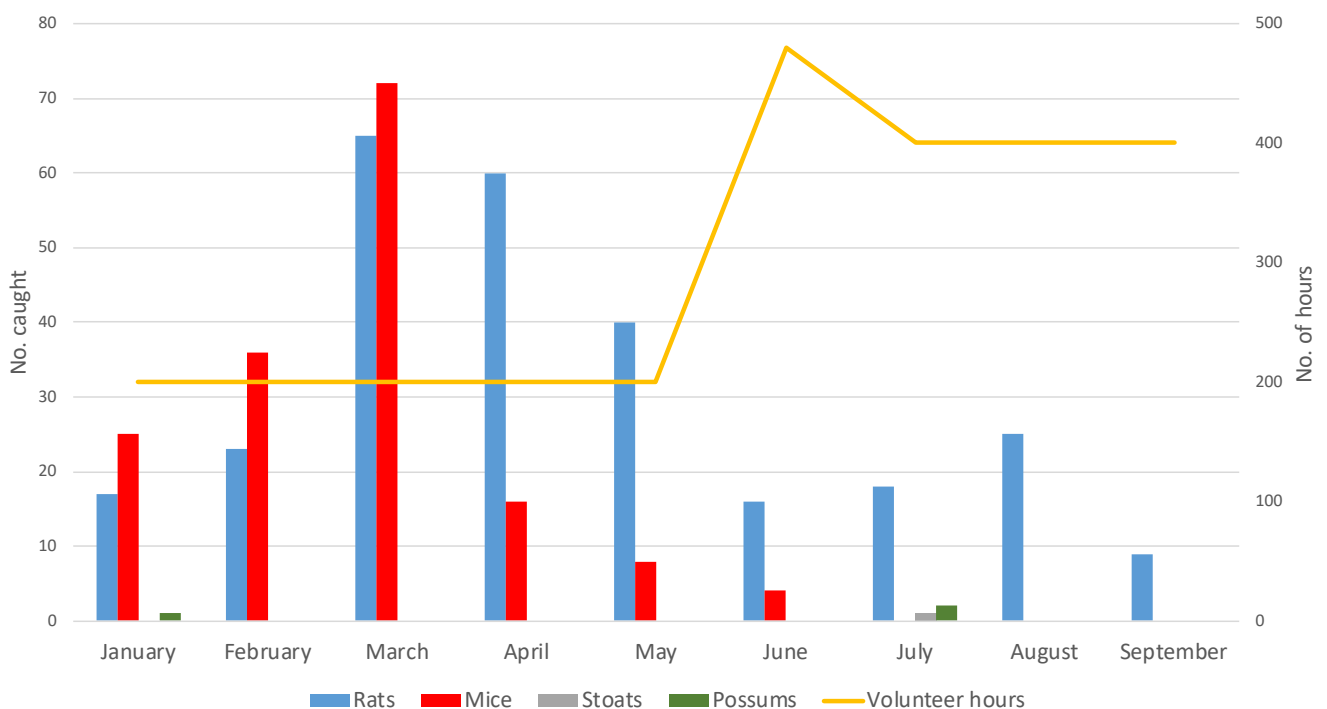
## THOSE PESKY PESTS

The last two months have continued to be busy for our volunteers. Gerald Harper and Stephen Hildrith have completed close to 500 wooden housings for mouse traps and these have been distributed across the Sanctuary with help from our volunteers and a group from Woodbourne Airforce. They are now awaiting their final placement which will happen during working bees in the next few weeks. A small group of volunteers from Marlborough Girls College helped regular volunteer, Rob McPhail clean the mouse snap traps in preparation for their reinstallation.

This month, the tough decision was made to remove the kiwi present on the Sanctuary early due to the detection of a feral cat within the fence. To minimise the impact

on Kaipupu's native wildlife the response was very rapid and led to the fast capture of the cat. It is unclear how the cat got into the Sanctuary but it is possible low tides allowed it to enter around the end of the fence. We hope to see new kiwi chicks arrive at the end of summer 2019.

Over the winter we have had a few slips due to heavy rain and wind so we were pleased to have the support of Port Marlborough and Crafar Crouch who have cleared one of the largest slips near the volunteer entrance in the last month. We are now looking to tidy up the main walking track with assistance from Clayton at TST Contracting and planned maintenance working bees.



**FIGURE 1:** Reconfiguration of the traps at Kaipupu Wildlife Sanctuary means that volunteer hours are still nearly double that of this time last year.



## SOUNDS, SALMON & SONGBIRDS

Enjoy a fantastic family cruise in the Sounds visiting NZ King Salmon's Ruakaka salmon farm and Kaipupu Wildlife Sanctuary.

WHEN: Sun 7th or Sun 14th October,  
2pm - 5pm

TO BOOK OR FOR MORE INFO VISIT:  
[www.marlboughtourcompany.co.nz](http://www.marlboughtourcompany.co.nz)

## KAIPUPU SHOP

The Sanctuary shop is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9am - 3pm. We have a great range of t-shirts, postcards, gift cards, art and soft toys, with 100% of the profits going back to the Sanctuary.



**Unique postcards & greeting cards**  
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Adults tees \$35 ea

Childrens tees \$25 ea

Infant tees \$20 ea

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

Visit Kaipupu Wildlife Sanctuary these school holidays with Beachcomber Cruises. Don't forget to download your Toyota Kiwi Guardians map before you head out.

WHEN: Saturday 6th Oct - 11.30am, 1.15pm  
Sunday 7th Oct - 11.30, 1.15pm

TO BOOK: Beachcomber Cruises 03 573 6175





## A QUICK SNAPSHOT OF KAIPUPU



### KEEP UP TO DATE

Make sure that we have your email address so you can keep up to date with all the exciting things happening at the Sanctuary. If you haven't heard from us in a while then let us know.

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**TOP LEFT :** Rachel, our project coordinator, talking to a group of school caretakers about the Sanctuary.

**TOP RIGHT:** Rob with a group of keen volunteers from Marlborough Girls College at the lookout

**BOTTOM:** The team from Woodbourne Airforce

### VISITING THE SANCTUARY

Access is by boat only. You can take your own boat out there or travel with one of the local water taxi companies. These trips range in price from \$20 - \$69 return. You can also access the Sanctuary by kayak. It is free to visit but your donation is greatly appreciated!

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SANCTUARY?

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