



KAIPUPU WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

PICTON - MARLBOROUGH - NZ

We are very happy to welcome Hazel Ross to the Kaipupu Point team as the new Sanctuary Manager. She will oversee all activities on the sanctuary and will be the main point of contact for all the predator control volunteers and other people working on the ground out there.

Hazel has been working with the Department of Conservation in Franz Josef for the last few years, where she did a little bit of everything from keeping kea from scrounging food scraps, to running school education events. Her passion for conservation started as a volunteer introducing Cooks and Grey Faced Petrel to the mainland fenced reserve in the Hawkes Bay.

She loves exploring and is always looking for new recommendations for hikes around Marlborough. Contact her on kaipupupestmonitoring@gmail.com if you want to give her some local hiking advice or find out about anything that goes on out on the Sanctuary.



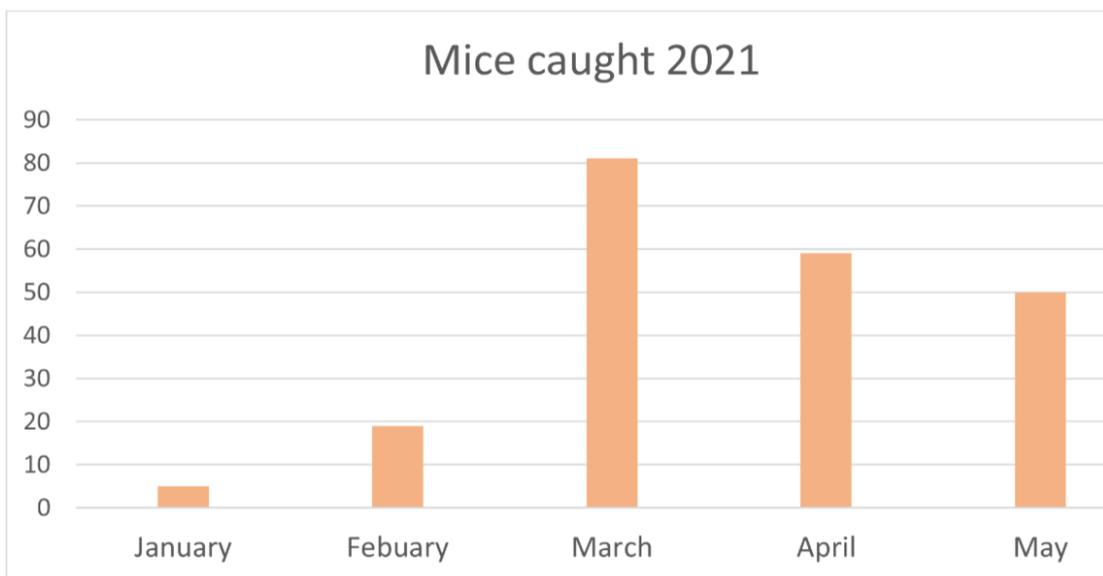
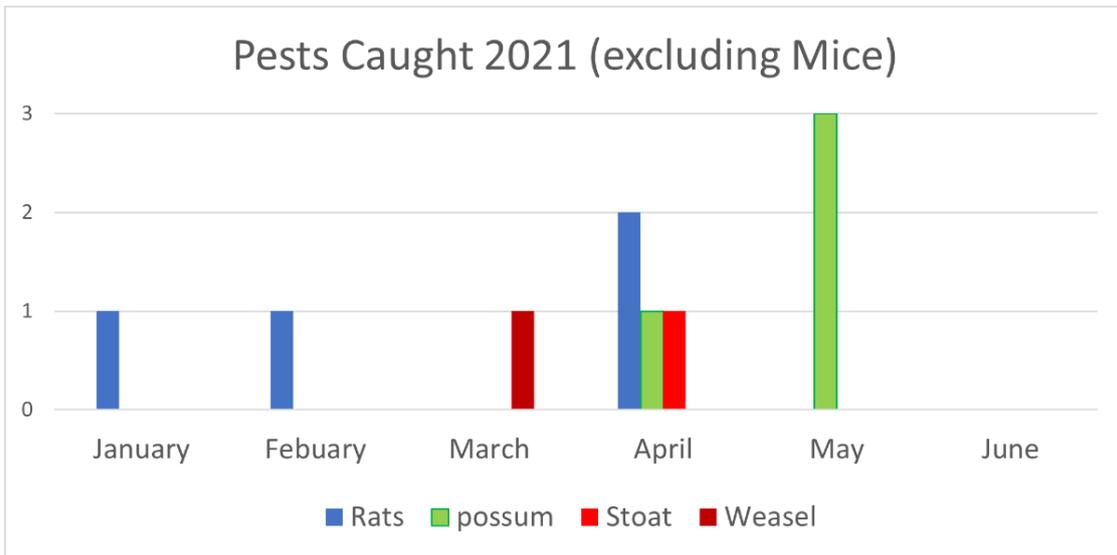
If you would like an opportunity to meet Hazel, farewell Trudy, and catch up with other volunteers, we are inviting all the predator control team and other volunteers to join us for a social evening where you will get the chance to do all of the above.

When: 6pm, Friday 16th July

Where: Le Café. 12-14 London Quay, Picton 7220

Please **RSVP** by Monday 5th July so we can confirm catering with Le Café.

RSVP to kaipupupestmonitoring@gmail.com



Kaipupu Pest Report - June

We are also celebrating that we have achieved 0 detected rats in the last two months and only mice have been caught in June! This is an incredible achievement and could not have been done without all our volunteers. We want to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone involved and to Trudy for all the work she has led here.

As there is always the chance that new rats will reach Kaipupu we need to keep up with our trapping and increase our monitoring to make sure there are no rats still hiding. We have such an incredible group of volunteers, we would not be able to achieve this accomplishment without them all. Now we have our pest numbers down it is more important than ever that we maintain our monitoring and can quickly detect any new pests as they arrive on Kaipupu.

Looking forward to future projects

Relocating kororā (little blue penguin) boxes

We are working with Wildlife Management International to relocate some of our existing unused kororā nest boxes to new sites on the point where they will be more attractive to our kororā. We will be having a working bee in July – August to relocate some of these boxes. The task will involve carrying the boxes to their new site and benching them into the ground. If you are available to help with this task please email Hazel.

The Picton Environment Centre and shop

We have a fantastic space in Picton that we share with Picton Dawn Chorus and Envirohub Marlborough. We are very grateful to [Port Marlborough](#) who generously provide this space for us to use, as it is a lovely, friendly place to spend time in and all the products are locally sourced and sustainable. It is also a great location for locals and visitors to pop in and find out more about the three organisations and a great place to support education and share our stories.

We are looking for volunteers who can help cover the front counter during the week. **Our opening hours are 9am – 3pm Monday to Friday.**

Located at The Picton Environment Centre, 14 Auckland Street Picton.

We have a facebook page for the centre if you want to keep up to date with what the three organisations are up to: [Picton Environment Centre](#)

Other volunteer opportunities.

We have many volunteer opportunities both ongoing work and one-off projects. If you are interested in getting involved give Hazel a quick email and she will keep you updated with our projects. Ongoing projects include, Pest Trapping, Pest Monitoring, Maintenance around the Sanctuary, Weed Monitoring and working in the Picton Environment Centre. kaipupupestmonitoring@gmail.com.

Volunteers of the Month

Our Volunteers of the Month for May were the 5 blokes who built the fantastic new shed. Alan Izard, Ross McGurtie, Paul Mann, Richard Chirnside, and Don Quick. It is a fantastic new space and we are so grateful for their hard work and workmanship.

Did you know? We had over 1,179 volunteer hours on site at Kaipupu Point over the last 4 months. To put this in perspective it is the same as someone working a 9-hour, day seven days a week for 4 months.

This week just happens to be [National Volunteer Week](#) so many organisations are making an extra effort to say thank you to our amazing volunteers. So once again - Thank You to you all!



Feisty, melodious tui is a welcome garden visitor

We love our tui. Maybe its their feisty, humorous territorial antics. Or maybe it's the melodious calls interspersed with those ridiculous 'snorts'. Did you know that early settlers also kept pet tui, as did Māori, and there are several accounts of tui that had been taught to talk and sing? We have noticed the tui starting to show up to stake their claim to the flaxes and kowhai that will be in flower before we know it.

[Read more here](#)



Fight for the wild

If you haven't seen this show yet you really should take the time to watch it. It's a great insight into the state of the NZ native bird populations and the battles that are being undertaken to protect them. Watch it [online here](#) or on TVNZ On Demand.

It will inspire you to do even more than you are already doing, and is a call to action for all New Zealanders. It tells how each of us holds a piece of a jigsaw, and how, if we all play our part, we might just see a wilderness saved and our wild returned.





What's been found growing on Kaipupu?

Did you know there are 130 species of native orchid in New Zealand? Approximately 2 dozen species can be found hiding on the forest floor. These two native little beauties were recently seen on Kaipupu by our fantastic weed monitoring team.

Rat Season is upon us

Winter is the time of year when the food supplies for rats and mice are getting low, so they will be searching for new sources and seeking warmer places to live (such as your house!). Now is the time to make sure you:

- don't leave bird or pet food out overnight where rats can access it
- seal any gaps or holes into buildings and keep the surrounding areas clear
- trim any trees near your house as rats are great climbers

Rebait and reset your trap regularly - buy one from the Picton Environment Centre at 14 Auckland Street if you don't have one.

[Learn More About Kaipupu Point](#)