

# 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.*



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## CHAIRMAN'S COMMENT

It is with some degree of trepidation that I sit down to write my first chairman's comment for the newsletter. I have a hard act to follow having watched Alan, Barry, Peter and Robin all carry out their duties with a degree of aplomb. Never thinking I would one day have to try and follow suit.

On committee matters, I would like to thank Robin Cox for his commitment to Kaipupu, he has stood down as chairman but is remaining on the committee. Chrissy Powlesland has resigned from the committee due to pressure of other work. She will be a big loss to us as she has done a great job with marketing and organising our commercial sponsors.


We welcome two new members Judith Manning and Dan Palmer, Dan is going to look after our biodiversity role.


A BIG thank you to all our monitoring and maintenance volunteers who have had a considerable increase in their workload due to the wet winter conditions. The storms have caused large amounts of windfall that has had to be cleared and the rain has turned some of the trap lines into very slippery obstacle courses. Your efforts are appreciated and vital to our ongoing success.


Rachel, our project coordinator, organised a very successful Toyota Kiwi Guardians day on Kaipupu with a 100 people turning up. It was great to see so many children enjoying the Kaipupu experience. Thank you to everyone who helped make the day such a success and to Beachcomber Cruises for the transport.


**Gerald Harper**  
**Chairperson**

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# ADVENTURE AWAITS AT KAIPUPU

*Kaipupu Wildlife Sanctuary became one of the newest Toyota Kiwi Guardian sites this July and celebrated with Marlborough families.*

Like any good childhood adventure, Toyota Kiwi Guardians is all about getting children and their families exploring the world around them, starting in their own backyard. And what better place to do this than Kaipupu Wildlife Sanctuary where visitors can watch fur seals lazing in the winter sun, listen to the chorus of tui, bellbird and grey warbler or discover sleepy weta in their purpose built 'hotels'. In July, over 90 local Marlborough children and their families visited the Sanctuary to celebrate the creation of our Toyota Kiwi Guardians site. Long time supporter and honorary sponsor Beachcomber Cruises provided transport to the Sanctuary, where swimming fur

seals welcomed us. After exploring the rocky shore, families made their way to the northern lookout where the Guardian Post is located. The post was provided by Port Marlborough where it began life over 50 years ago as a wharf post and staff at the Picton DOC workshop then tidied it up, shaped the post and placed it at the Sanctuary ready for the big day. We think we might just have the best looking Guardian Post in New Zealand! Located on the post is a plaque featuring a codeword which is used to earn an adventure medal (by visiting the kiwi guardians website [www.kiwiguardians.co.nz](http://www.kiwiguardians.co.nz)). For those planning a visit to the

Sanctuary, you can download the adventure map from the kiwi guardians website (or see the next page of the newsletter). The Sanctuary is open to the public, with access via the jetty in Dolphin Bay. You can take your own boat or use a water taxi company. Beachcomber Cruises offer an on demand water taxi service to the Sanctuary, pop in and have a chat for more information. It is free to visit the Sanctuary, but we have a donation box if you want to help us continue our work. For more photos of the celebration at Kaipupu Wildlife Sanctuary please visit our Facebook page.



## TELL US ABOUT YOUR VISIT

We want to hear all about your visit to Kaipupu Wildlife Sanctuary. Visit our [tripadvisor listing](https://www.tripadvisor.co.nz) and let everyone know about us too. Visit [www.tripadvisor.co.nz](http://www.tripadvisor.co.nz) and search Kaipupu Wildlife Sanctuary.



# KAIPUPU WILDLIFE SANCTUARY – PARADISE IN PICTON

1. You might hear them before you see them. Who could they be? The New Zealand Fur Seal! They love lazing in the winter sun on the jetty. Don't go too near to them!

2. We're at the water pond... How many Tui, Bellbird, Grey Warbler and Silvereye can you see? Did you see a South Island Robin? Look closely for the coloured leg bands.

3. SNAP! We use lots of different types of traps to catch pests like rats, mice, stoats and possums. How many different types of traps can you see?

4. Anyone hungry? Take a break and enjoy a picnic lunch at the lookout. Listen quietly, what birds can you hear? Practice your bird calls, are they talking back?

5. Time to be a detective! Ready? Use your skills to figure out what has been walking through the sand stations. Is that a kiwi footprint?

6. Sshhhhhh... Little Blue Penguins use the nesting boxes along the main track. Lift the lid quietly ... anyone home? Remember to look but not touch.

7. Need a sweet treat? Look for droplets of honeydew on the beech trees. What insects or birds can you see enjoying the honeydew?

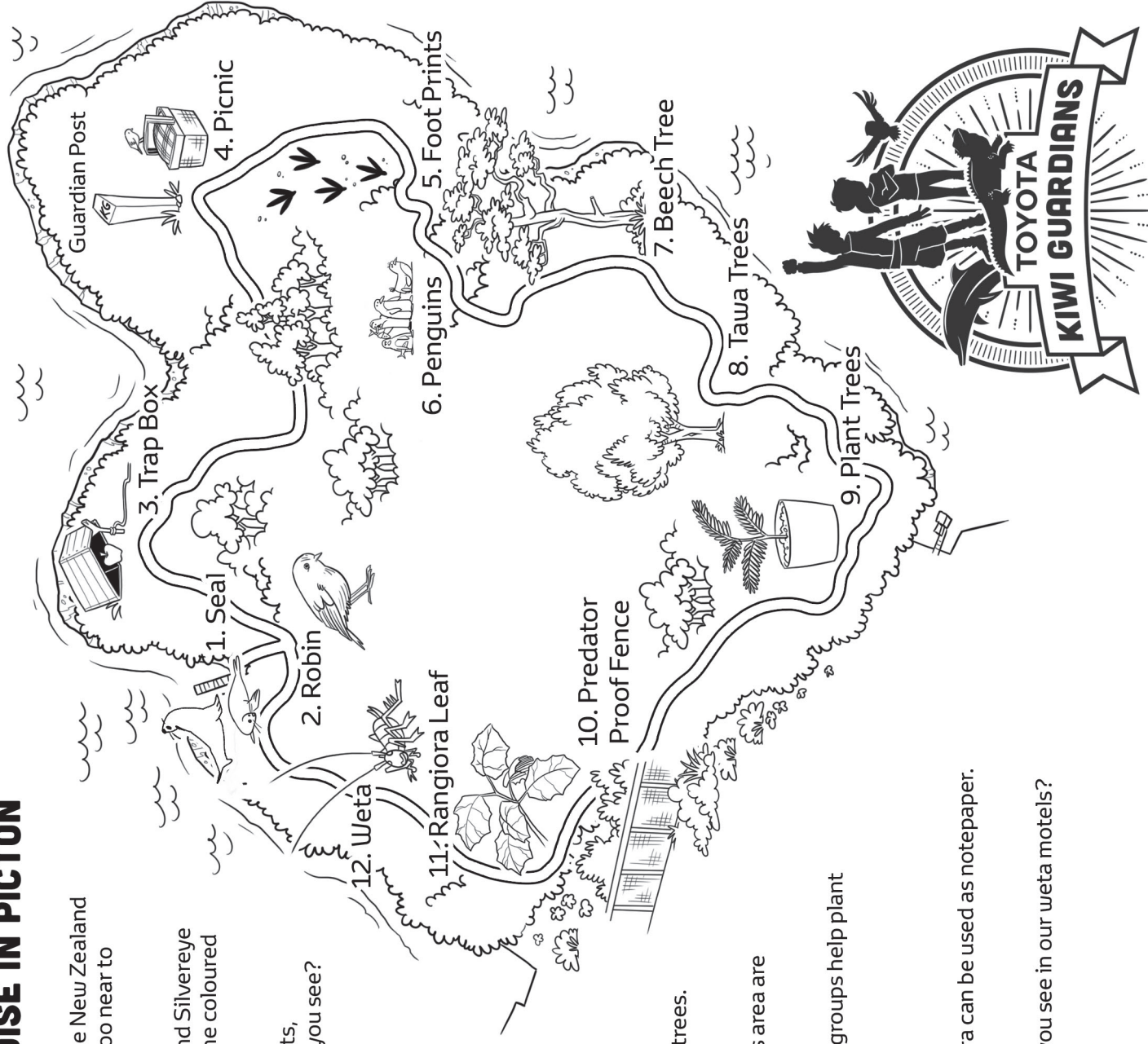
8. Ready to meet an ancient giant!? The Tawa and Beech trees in this area are hundreds of years old. What bird might eat the Tawa berries?

9. Welcome to the restoration zone. This is where schools and other groups help plant trees. How many types of plants can you see here?

10. Why the fence? Can you see how it keeps the pests out?

11. Feeling creative? Sometimes known as 'bushman's friend', rangiora can be used as notepaper. Write a poem about the Sanctuary on the back of a rangiora leaf.

12. Let's visit the dinosaurs of the insect world. How many weta can you see in our weta motels?







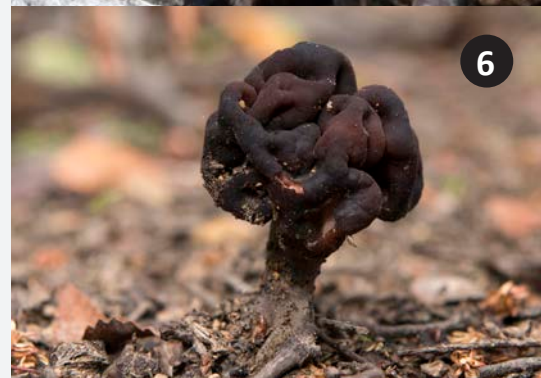
# THE HIDDEN FOREST

Belonging to a kingdom of their own, fungi are not quite plants, who produce their own food via photosynthesis and not quite animals, although they are made of chitin - the same material as an insect's exoskeleton. Fungi are decomposers, and are essential to ecosystems where they break down and digest leaves, wood, plant roots and soil nutrients. Some form beneficial or mycorrhizal relationships with plants, where the fungus grows on the roots of a plant and the spreading hyphae of the fungus helps the plant absorb nutrients and water. In return the fungus absorbs nutrients from the plant. Some scientists believe that this relationship was what allowed plants to first colonize the land.

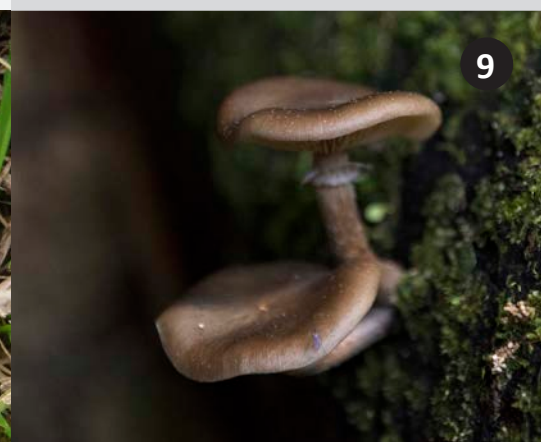
Most fungi are undetectable until they send up fruiting bodies like mushrooms or puffballs. In New Zealand, there are around 22,000 species of fungi, one-third of these are exotic, introduced by humans over the last 200 years. Of the 7,500 known species, half are endemic to New Zealand and 900 are found in beech forests. Black sooty mould fungi are one example, which grows on the trunks of beech trees, feeding on the sugary excretions of the beech scale insect. This fungi in turn is a source of food for a range of animals. Forty-nine fungi species have been identified as endangered in New Zealand, however due to their inconspicuous nature many more are 'data deficient' according to DOC threatened species information.

Kaipupu volunteer and keen photographer, Dianne John has photographed a variety of fungi at Kaipupu Wildlife Sanctuary. These range from mushrooms to bracket fungus, pouch fungus to earth stars and coral fungus. See how many you can spot when you next visit Kaipupu Wildlife Sanctuary. For more information about fungi and how to identify the different species visit the Landcare Research website:

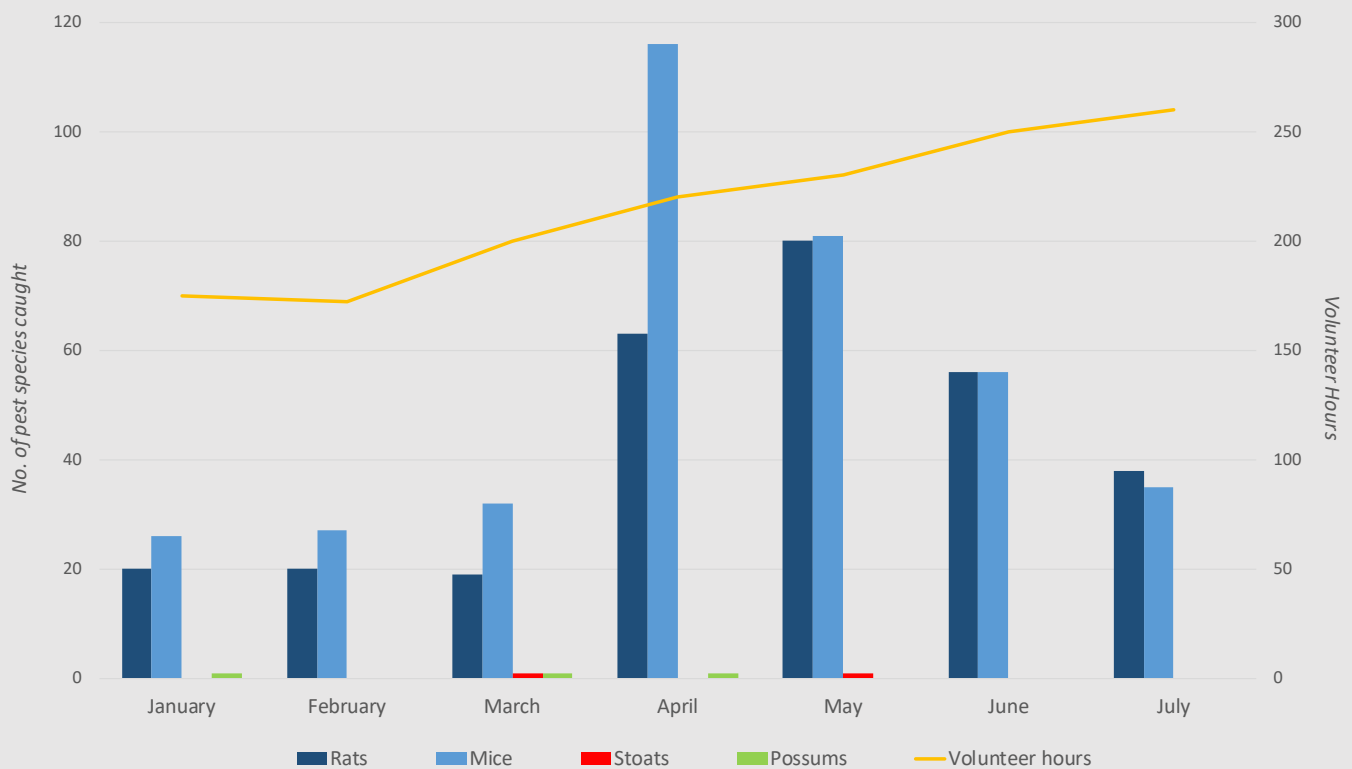
[www.landcareresearch.co.nz/resources/identification/fungi](http://www.landcareresearch.co.nz/resources/identification/fungi)



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|---------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Wine Glass fungus      | 6. False Morel         |
| 2. Scarlet Pouch          | 7. <i>Entoloma</i> sp. |
| 3. <i>Ramariopsis</i> sp. | 8. Puffball            |
| 4. Earthstar              | 9. Honey Fungus        |
| 5. Orange gill fungus     |                        |







## THOSE PESKY PESTS

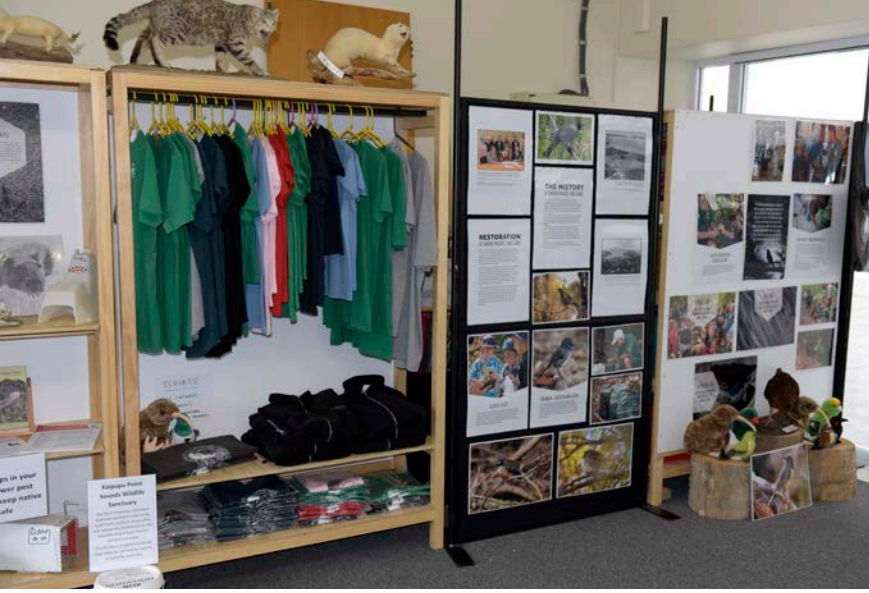
As the winter temperatures drop, so do the catch numbers of rats and mice at the Sanctuary. However, we do still have the odd surprise, in July we picked up footage of a pig on one of our trail cameras. Perhaps disturbed from the Wedge by the blasting work of the Link Pathway crew, it is a short swim. This was quickly investigated by a DOC hunter who scoured the island, unfortunately not finding the pig. At this stage we are keeping an eye out for fresh signs.

We also have a very wily possum (right) who has managed to evade all our traps so far but loves the camera. Thank you to all our volunteers who have continued to clear traps, maintain walking tracks and more over the winter months.



## KAIPUPU SHOP

The shop is open four days a week (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday) from 9am until 3pm. There is a great range of products that help support the Sanctuary as well as informative displays. Find us in Mariners Mall.



# WHAT'S COMING UP?

## MOVIE NIGHT

Come along to the premiere of An Inconvenient Sequel: Truth to Power. Ticket price includes nibbles from New Zealand King Salmon. Tickets available from the Sanctuary Shop in Mariners Mall.

COST: \$20 (KP members), \$25 (non-members)

WHERE: Picton Cinemas

WHEN: 31st August, 7pm

## QUIZ NIGHT

Back for 2017, our quiz night will ask the tough questions (hopefully not as tough as last year!). Get your team together and start studying.

WHEN: November (date to be confirmed)

*Keep up to date with all our events on our Facebook page or on our website*  
[www.kaipupupoint.co.nz](http://www.kaipupupoint.co.nz)

## NEW SHOP DISPLAYS

If you have visited the Sanctuary shop in Mariners Mall lately you may have noticed some changes. Thanks to a great deal from Bunnings, we now have some amazing new shelving built by Paul Mann. We have re-purposed sheets of perspex, previously stored in the shop, to provide a surface which will have interpretative panels attached. Paul has also created a unit that has a t-shirt rack for displaying our custom t-shirts. We hope that the new displays will encourage more visitors to the shop. **Thanks Paul and Bunnings!**



## SANCTUARY SHOP VOLUNTEERS WANTED

As we head into summer, we want to make sure that everyone can visit the Sanctuary shop, if you can help by staffing the shop for a few hours please get in touch. The following gives an indication of the proposed days:  
 October - December: Saturdays  
 Late December - late January: Mon - Sat  
 (Especially cruise ship days)





# VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

If you can help with any of the following, please contact us via email [info@kaipupupoint.co.nz](mailto:info@kaipupupoint.co.nz) or pop into the Sanctuary shop in Mariners Mall.

Help get rid of **weedy pests** on the Sanctuary. We are looking for volunteers to help remove or control weeds. Training will be provided.  
**Time commitment:** 2 hours +

We are looking for **ideas to raise money** for the Sanctuary and we also need help implementing these ideas. If you are keen to help with fundraising events, idea creation and more.  
**Time commitment:** variable

The Picton PowerHouse Trust **nursery** is the main provider of plants for our biennial sales. Nozz is looking for help (ph. 5737226). If anyone can give an hour or so of their time - any time - but particularly Wednesday afternoons or Saturday mornings, that would be greatly appreciated.

Starting in October there will be over 40 cruise ships visiting Picton, we would like to have a stall at the **Picton Lions market** during these visits. This would involve being present at the stall during the cruise ship visit to sell a range of our products as well as providing information about visiting the Sanctuary.  
**Time commitment:** approx. 1 - 6 hours

Got good eyes? We are starting a **robin monitoring program** and we need volunteers to help achieve this. Some of the monitoring sites will be off the main walking track but most will be easily accessible. Training will be provided  
**Time commitment:** 2-4 hours

We have **school and group visits** to the Sanctuary regularly throughout the year. These visits often involve helping with new plantings or assisting Andrew John our educator with larger groups. We need volunteers to help with these educational events.  
**Time commitment:** 2-3 hours

## 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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## VISITING THE SANCTUARY

It is free to visit 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 - \$50 return. You can also access the Sanctuary by kayak.

# THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS

## FOUNDATION PARTNERS

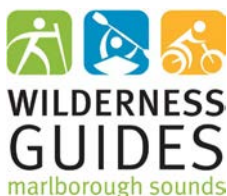


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SANCTUARY?

## GRANT FUNDING



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