

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

At this year's AGM I indicated that my personal circumstances had changed, and because of Cheryl's deteriorating condition, we would have to move back to Christchurch for additional family and medical support.

At the first meeting of your 2016-7 committee, I reluctantly confirmed this, but was delighted to support the election of our new Chairperson, Peter Hamill.

Peter was the Deputy Chair of our committee, having served on the committee for 3 years. He is currently an environmental scientist with the Marlborough District Council, and in that role he gets involved with some complex and often high profile conservation issues. For Kaipupu, he has led and directed our biodiversity plan, in which he has both expertise and passion. He led our South Island Robin, and kiwi translocations this year, and is working now on the planning for further translocations. I am delighted that Peter has accepted this responsibility and know he will lead the organisation with skill and insight.

For my part, I can say that my time with Kaipupu (which will never really end) has been one of the most enjoyable roles I have ever taken on. Competent and passionate people on the committee, a thoroughly committed trapping and monitoring volunteer

team that other groups would die for, solid foundation partners and backers in the form of DoC, Port Marlborough, and with fantastic support from our three Rimu sponsors... Bluebridge Cook Strait Ferry, NZ King Salmon and Mud House wines. This project has always been by and for the community and local support has always been forthcoming when needed. My time as chair was really set up by previous chairpersons, Juliet Gibbons, and Alan Izard. Their ongoing support, and in Alan's case, ongoing hard physical work, have been inspirational for me. I have been hugely supported by our contracted workers, Jenny Keene, Rachel Russell and Trudy Nicholas...what a competent threesome! Imagine where we be without them! I leave the committee with much reluctance, but with every confidence that the good work will continue unabated.

We are keeping our house in Waikawa and a trip to the Sanctuary will be a first port of call whenever we are here. The next ten years of this project promise to be as exciting as the first ten, and I can only urge all involved to stay with it, encourage others to join it, work for it and vigorously celebrate its every success.

Barry Maister
Chairman

JULY 2016

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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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NEW INTERPRETATIVE SIGNAGE

Designed to tell the story of the Sanctuary, with information about the flora and fauna, pest monitoring and the restoration process, our new interpretative signage is now in place across the Sanctuary.

At this year's AGM we asked those present what they thought would improve their visits to the Sanctuary, interpretative signage was a common theme. The idea of installing signage which tells the Sanctuary's many stories has been a work in progress for at least two years. This year thanks to a grant from Pub Charity we have been able to complete this project. Designed in-house by our Project Coordinator and using predominantly images of plants and animals from the Sanctuary, these signs are truly unique. Over the period of a couple of days in late July, Signs Now with a little volunteer help installed the signs across the Sanctuary. Next time you visit, make sure to take your time, check out the signage and let us know what you think.



Above: The Sanctuary is still busy even in the middle of winter, this image was taken during the July school holidays.

SANCTUARY WORKING BEE

Calling all keen outdoor enthusiasts!! We have a great opportunity to help at the Sanctuary this September.

We are looking for volunteers to help with our maintenance working bee and with a variety of jobs including track maintenance, shrub clearance and pruning there is a job for everyone. You will also be rewarded for your hard work, with a BBQ

lunch at the Sanctuary.

We will also be looking for help with some planned school visits to the Sanctuary later this year. These trips will include native tree planting. Date to be confirmed. If you are interested or for more information please contact Rachel, admin@kaipupupoint.co.nz or 027 692 3488.



THIRSTY WORK TV VISITS THE SANCTUARY

The Mud House team were very proud to take the crew of Thirsty Work TV on a visit to Kaipupu Point, when they filmed a story about the winery recently. Wine writer and reviewer, Yvonne Lorkin hosts the show and loved the scenery and the views from the Northern Lookout along with being very interested in the pest monitoring.

"We're naturally always happy to talk about our sponsorship of the Sanctuary and we often take international visitors there as part of our hosting in Marlborough", says Chrissy Powlesland, Brand Manager at Mud House (and Kaipupu Point Committee volunteer).

On the show Chrissy talks about how important Kaipupu Point is to Picton

“It's such a special place that the community is really getting behind, and to be part of that community in a small town is really cool”

Jack Glover, Sales & Marketing Director for Mud House explains that the original founders of Mud House sailed right past Kaipupu Point over 20 years ago "It's great synergy for Mud House; that sense of

adventure that brought the original founders here lives on with our team and our approach to producing premium wines". The new series will be airing on TV 3 later this year.



SANCTUARY MEMBER DISCOUNT

Thanks to our Rimu sponsor, Mud House Wine, we have a fantastic wine deal for our members. Visit www.mudhouse.co.nz, choose your wine and at the checkout use coupon code **KAIPUPUFRIEND**



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EVENING SPEAKER SERIES

Our August talk 'Hihi's to Black Robin's' presented by Dianne John will include images from Dianne's visit to two of New Zealand's special nature reserves, Little Barrier Island and Mangere Island.

WHEN: Wedn August 17th, 7pm

WHERE: Port Marlborough Pavilion, Endeavour Park



SOUNDS, SALMON & SONGBIRDS

Onboard Marlborough Tour Company's MV Odyssey launch, head out from Picton to the Kaipupu Point Sounds Wildlife Sanctuary. Sample delicious local Regal salmon from New Zealand King Salmon's Marlborough salmon farms, accompanied by a Mud House Wine tasting.

There's something for everyone, with lots of spot prizes to be won along the way.

The next tour date is Saturday 13th August, departing at 1.30pm.

For more information visit: marlboroughtourcompany.co.nz

GARDEN MARLBOROUGH TOUR

Breathtaking views and birdsong are a background to this boat tour of the Queen Charlotte Sound. On this tour you have the opportunity to experience the natural world of abundant wildlife while enjoying the charm of remote New Zealand.

For more information visit www.gardenmarlborough.co.nz



FIRST STEPS FOR OUR VOLUNTEER GUIDES

Thanks to a grant from Pub Charity Limited we are on our way to creating a team of fully trained guides who will be able to provide informative guided tours of the Sanctuary. During July, a group of our volunteers attended an eight hour First Aid Course with Triple One Care. This course is a necessary part of training for our guides. This was then followed up by the official induction process (the paperwork!). Thanks to all our volunteers who have been a part of this process so far, and if you are keen to become a guide please contact us for more information.

NEW ZEALAND FUR SEAL

If you have visited the Sanctuary recently then you would have met this month's species. There to greet every boat, with a distinct grunt and smell, is the New Zealand Fur Seal or Kekenō.

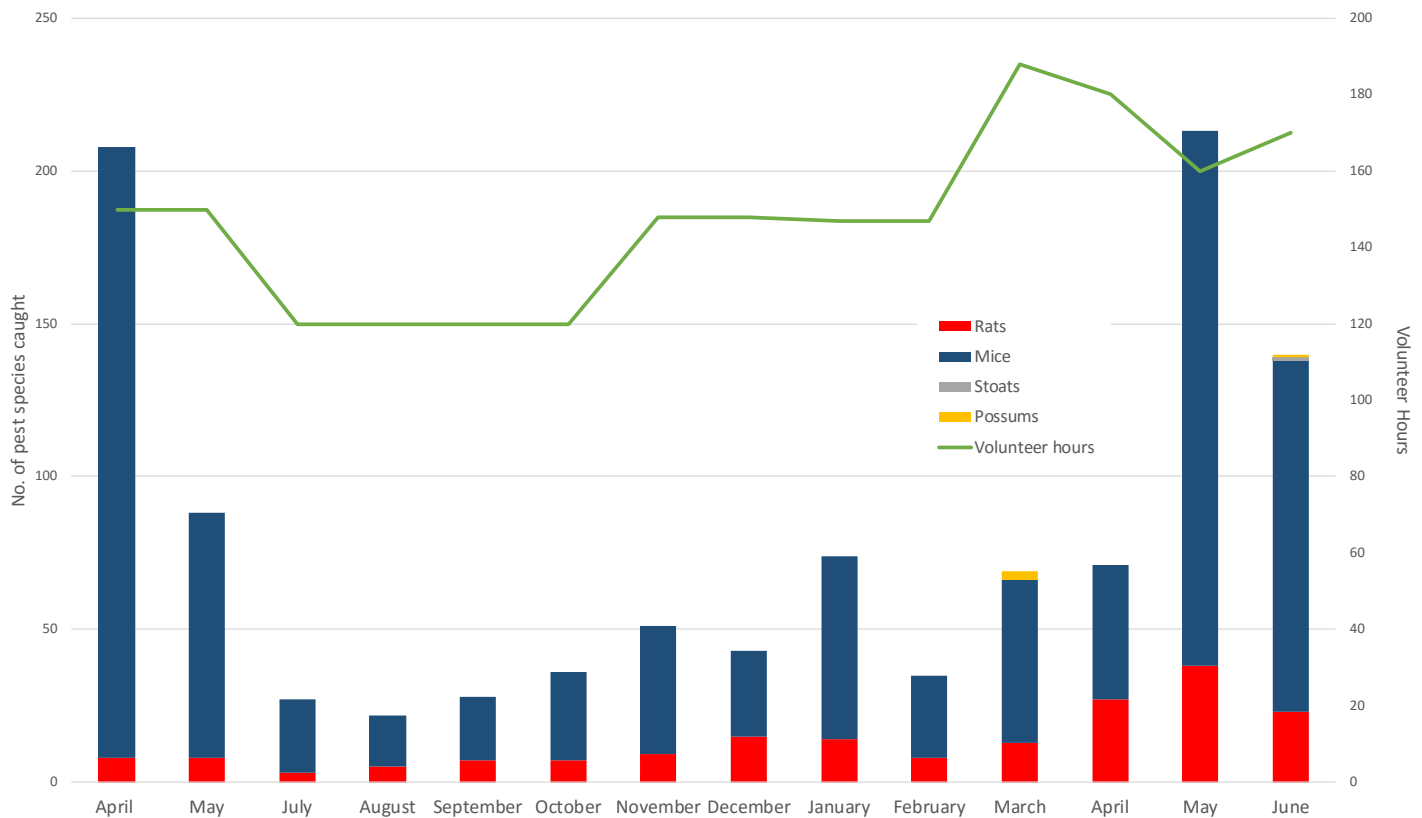
Found on rocky shores throughout mainland New Zealand, Kekenō or New Zealand Fur Seal are very good swimmers and dive deeper and longer than any other fur seal. During the 1700's and 1800's New Zealand fur seal were hunted for meat and pelts, almost to the brink of extinction. Now they have a threat status of least concern, with a increasing population trend. When you visit the Sanctuary be sure to watch the fur seal from a distance.

Information from www.doc.govt.nz



PEST MONITORING UPDATE

The cooler winter temperatures have coincided with a drop in the number of pest species caught in June and this trend seems to be continuing for July. An extra layer of protection will also help with the placement of Goodnature traps outside the fence by Port Marlborough.



KIWI CONSERVATION CLUB VISIT THE SANCTUARY

Marlborough Kiwi Conservation Club visited KP on 3rd July 2016. They had a great time finding out what hides under rocks near the jetty and planted about 50 trees in a new area on the southern side of main track. The adults also enjoyed using our rowi scanning device.





ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thanks to everyone who attended this year's AGM, which included updates from all aspects of the Sanctuary as well as an informative talk presented by Brian Plaisier from Tui Nature Reserve.

At the AGM, we asked for your feedback when we proposed two questions and we received some very useful feedback which will be discussed further at our next committee meeting, below is a summary of the feedback we received.

Question 1: Visitor experience, how can a visit to the Sanctuary be enhanced?

Transport to the Sanctuary attracted most comment....unsurprisingly!. there were calls for us to better coordinate and promote and inform re opportunities and ways to get out there cheaper. Among the suggestions were for us to tender our own water taxis, coordinate better with the commercial operators, and scheduling a cheaper trip at a fixed time each month

Guiding was mentioned with the need for guides to be knowledgeable and competent. Evening tours for glow worms and kiwi were suggested.

Wildlife mentions suggested birdcalls, improved signage (you should be delighted with what has just been achieved), bird feeding stations and weta enclosures.

Facilities comments included building a shelter and toilet at the top.

Promotion comments included tapping into the cruise ship market, better utilisation of the Picton I-site, a top of the South brochure, and kiwi signage.

Question 2: Fundraising ideas, What fundraising ideas would you support ?

Ideas included ...second donation box, coincide events with maximum bird life, night tours, kiwi

nights, adopt a bird, revive the Festival, quiz/housie nights, Picton's got talent show, sausage sizzle at Endeavour Park during kids sport, charity lunch auction repeat, stall on foreshore during cruise ships, art auction, approach national corporates for sponsorship, business memberships, restore working bees, reduce expenditure, seek admin/contractors wages support from Port Marlborough.

Your feedback is welcomed and highly valued.

Your committee will work through these ideas at their next meeting, and provide a considered response to members in due course.

We are always looking for new ways to connect with our community. We want to hear what you have to say so we have created a survey that gives you an opportunity to let us know what is important to you, why the Sanctuary is important to our community and how we can improve it. We really appreciate your feedback, and look forward to hearing what you think.

Please follow the link below to fill out our survey:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/56Q52B6





PREDATOR TRAPPING WORKSHOP

DOC and Picton Dawn Chorus are excited to host a trapping workshop, for community groups and individuals. Some fantastic speakers and opportunities to network.

Theme:

Seeking improvement - how can we be more effective at trapping predators

- Monitoring
- Data mapping
- Trap types, maintenance, frequency, location and lures/baits
- Volunteer systems
- Vespex wasp control

FREE Morning/afternoon tea provided; BYO lunch.
Please RSVP to Wendy wsullivan@doc.govt.nz by Wednesday 31st August.

WHEN: Sunday 4th September, 8.30am - 3pm

WHERE: Port Marlborough Pavilion, Endeavour Park



WHAT'S COMING UP?

AUGUST

Saturday 13th August

Sounds, Salmon and Songbirds tour

Wednesday 17th August

Evening Speaker Series, 'Hihi's to Black Robins' presented by Dianne John

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 21st September

Evening Speaker Series presented by Steve Austin talking about butterflies

Saturday 24th September

Sounds, Salmon and Songbirds tour

OCTOBER

Friday 14th & Saturday 15th October

Spring plant sale (both days), Garage Sale (Saturday only)

Wednesday 19th October

Evening Speaker Series presented by Debs Martin talking about long-tailed bats

NOVEMBER

Wednesday 16th November

Evening Speaker Series presented by David Melville talking about long migratory birds and Asia

Friday 4th November

Garden Marlborough , Queen Charlotte Sound Experience. For more information visit www.gardenmarlborough.co.nz

Saturday 5th November

Garden Marlborough , Queen Charlotte Sound Experience. For more information visit www.gardenmarlborough.co.nz

Sunday 6th November

Come visit our stall at the Garden Marlborough fete in Blenheim.

Keep up to date with all our events on our Facebook page!

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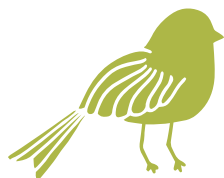


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