

# 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

It is hard to believe it is December already. The year seems to have rushed past yet again and I am left wondering where it all went to. However, when I look back over the past year I am once again proud of the achievements of all those involved with Kaipupu Wildlife Sanctuary. This time last year we were still just contemplating the possibility of carrying out the robin translocation and dreaming about the idea of kiwi being on Kaipupu. Now South Island robins have been released, we have kiwi and we have little penguins breeding in some of the nest boxes that we have placed around the Sanctuary. These achievements are something that we all should take credit for and pat ourselves on the back and say good job.

There are many different activities that go on behind the scenes that all have to come together for great outcomes such

as the release of kiwi to come to fruition and every little bit helps. So it is a big thank you to all who have contributed to Kaipupu Wildlife Sanctuary, whether you are a volunteer who goes out in the wet and cold to check the traps, or you are one of the committee members who has to go over the accounts and health and safety policies, or you simply pay your annual membership, without your input we wouldn't be at the amazing position we are at today.

Once again thank you for your involvement with Kaipupu Wildlife Sanctuary and I wish you a safe and relaxing summer period.

Peter Hamill  
*Chairman*

**ABOVE:** Picton School students helping with planting on Kaipupu Point.


## DECEMBER 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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## ST MARYS SCHOOL VISIT

On Wednesday 9 November Rooms 4 and 7 went to Kaipupu Point. It is only accessible by boat and takes 15 minutes. Andrew John was our guide for the day. "Without all of the volunteers", he said, "Kaipupu Point would not be pest free".

Keep reading and I will tell you all about our journey at Kaipupu Point

We got off the ship at Dolphin Bay Jetty on Kaipupu Point. I was very excited. There was a little briefing explaining what to do and what not to, like: don't put your hands or fingers in the traps, don't rush down the paths, and about who was in charge. Volunteers Rachel and Linda were with us for the hike. As we got started I saw many sorts of trees including Lemon Wood, Tutu, which is highly poisonous, Manuka and Kanuka. If you want to know how to tell whether a tree is Lemon Wood or not this is what you do. If it has a sort of crinkly leaf, rip it in half and give one half to your friend. Then screw it up after you've done that, sniff it and if it smells sort of tangy or lemon it is a Lemon Wood tree.

Further along the hike we learnt how to tell Manuka and Kanuka apart. Manuka is spiky and hurts but Kanuka is soft and not prickly. Mean starts with 'm' and so does Manuka and kind starts with 'k' and so does Kanuka. Kind for Kanuka and mean for Manuka.

One reason Kaipupu Point is pest free is because of a special two metre tall fence. It has really small holes in the fence so that animals can't climb it, but if they do manage to, there is sort of upside-down guttering so they cannot cling to it. The fence also curves into the ground so that pests can't dig underneath. The fence is too high for cats

to jump and because rats and things can swim, the fence goes into the water. It was very cool!

Along the way we saw heaps of traps and ways to tell what animals are there. One way was with sandpits that we were not allowed to walk in and little black tunnels with stamp sheets inside or with orange cards with beeswax on them. For some reason rats, ferrets, stoats, possums and the rest of them like it!

About a kilometre down the track everyone suddenly hushed. I asked what was happening and there was a little blue penguin with an egg in one of the nesting boxes!! It was so cute!!

Nearly 60 metres further up the track there was a Kiwi, in fact there were two!! It was the first time I had ever seen a Kiwi but it had taken my breath away.

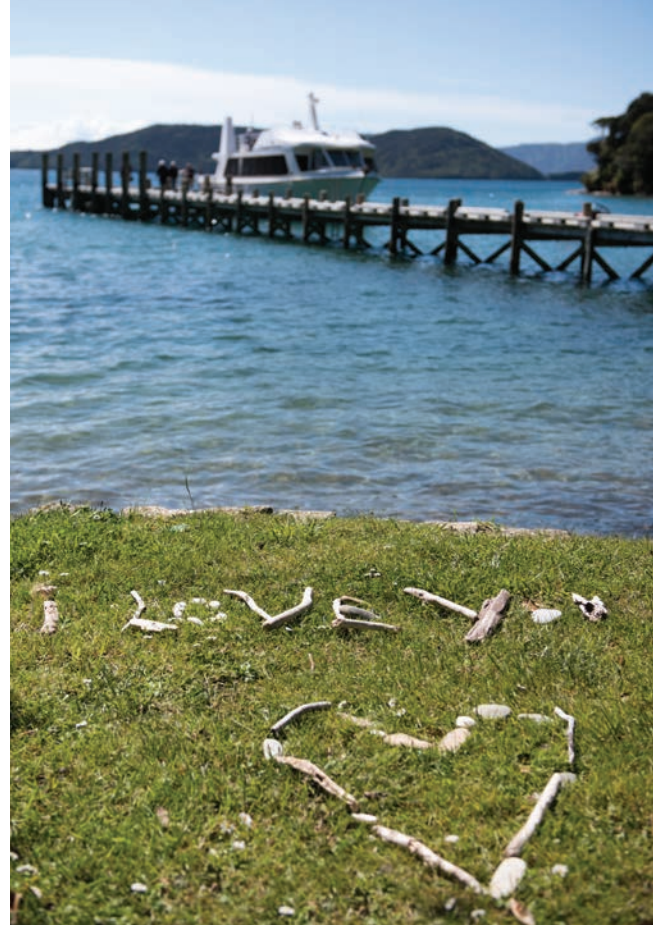
As we reached the end of the 2.7 kilometre walk around the island we all said thank you to Andrew and to Linda and Rachel and hopped aboard the boat. I had had a fantastic day and I would love to go to Kaipupu Point again. It truly was incredible.

**By Alex**

**Room 7, St Mary's School**







## KAIPUPU OUT & ABOUT

Sunny spring skies greeted guests travelling with Cougarline for Garden Marlborough's Queen Charlotte Tour in early November. Guests aboard these sold out tours visited historic Ship Cove, dined at Punga Cove and visited Mistletoe Bay and Kaipupu Wildlife Sanctuary. Combined with a stall at the ever popular Garden Marlborough fete, these events raised close to \$1,200. The following week, our fun and challenging quiz night was held at the Port Marlborough Pavilion at Endeavour Park. Led by quizmaster, Phil this entertaining evening was attended by about 70 people, all battling it out to be named supreme quiz champions. Thanks to our sponsors we had some amazing prizes and raised just under \$1,000. Thank you to everyone who visited the Sanctuary on a Garben Marlborough tour, visited our stall at the fete, or competed at our quiz night. We also want to say a huge thank you to our sponsors for all of your support this year.



**TOP (left):** A table top display at the Garden Marlborough Fete

**TOP (right):** View of the Ship Cove jetty

**MIDDLE:** Quiz teams getting ready

**BOTTOM:** Kaipupu chairperson, Pete Hamill at Garden Marlborough fete



# GREAT KIWI CHRISTMAS GIFTS

**Unique t-shirts** for all members of the family, featuring rowi kiwi and South Island robin.

**Adult** \$35 (\$30 members)

**Children** \$25 (\$20 members).



Our range of **soft toys** will be a hit with the kids, new stock has just arrived.

**Prices start from \$20.**



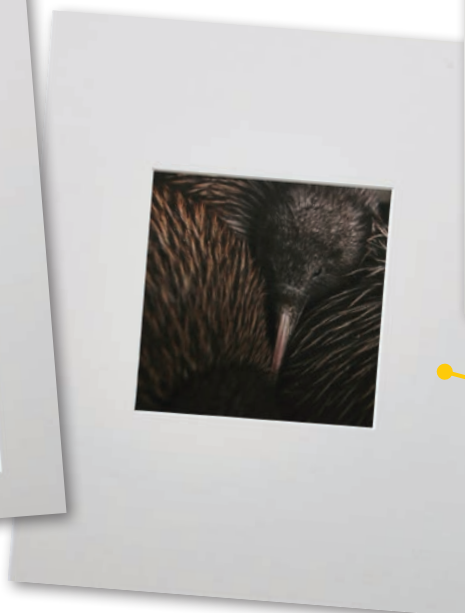
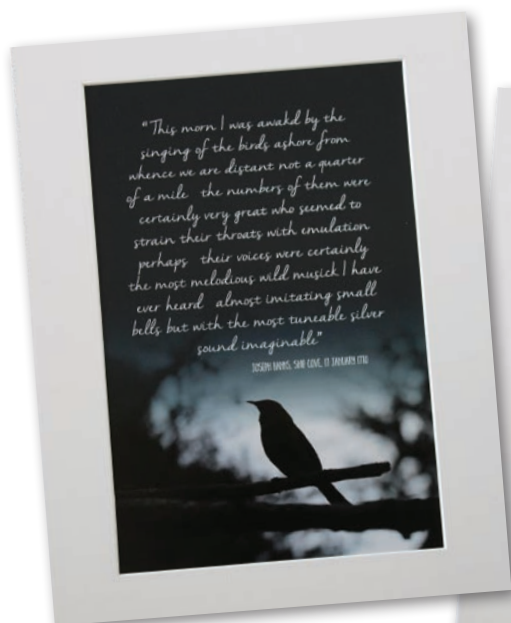
Ditch the plastic and grab one of our **rowi kiwi tote bags**. **Only \$25.**

**Whiskers the Kiwi Chick**, illustrated by local artist Caroline della Porta.

**\$25 each.**

Stunning limited edition prints also available.

**\$180 each, with \$50 from each print donated back to the Sanctuary**



**Kaipupu Images**, 11x14" mounted prints, ready to be hung or framed. Featuring wildlife from Kaipupu Wildlife Sanctuary. **\$50 each**

# CLOSING THE DOOR ON PREDATORS

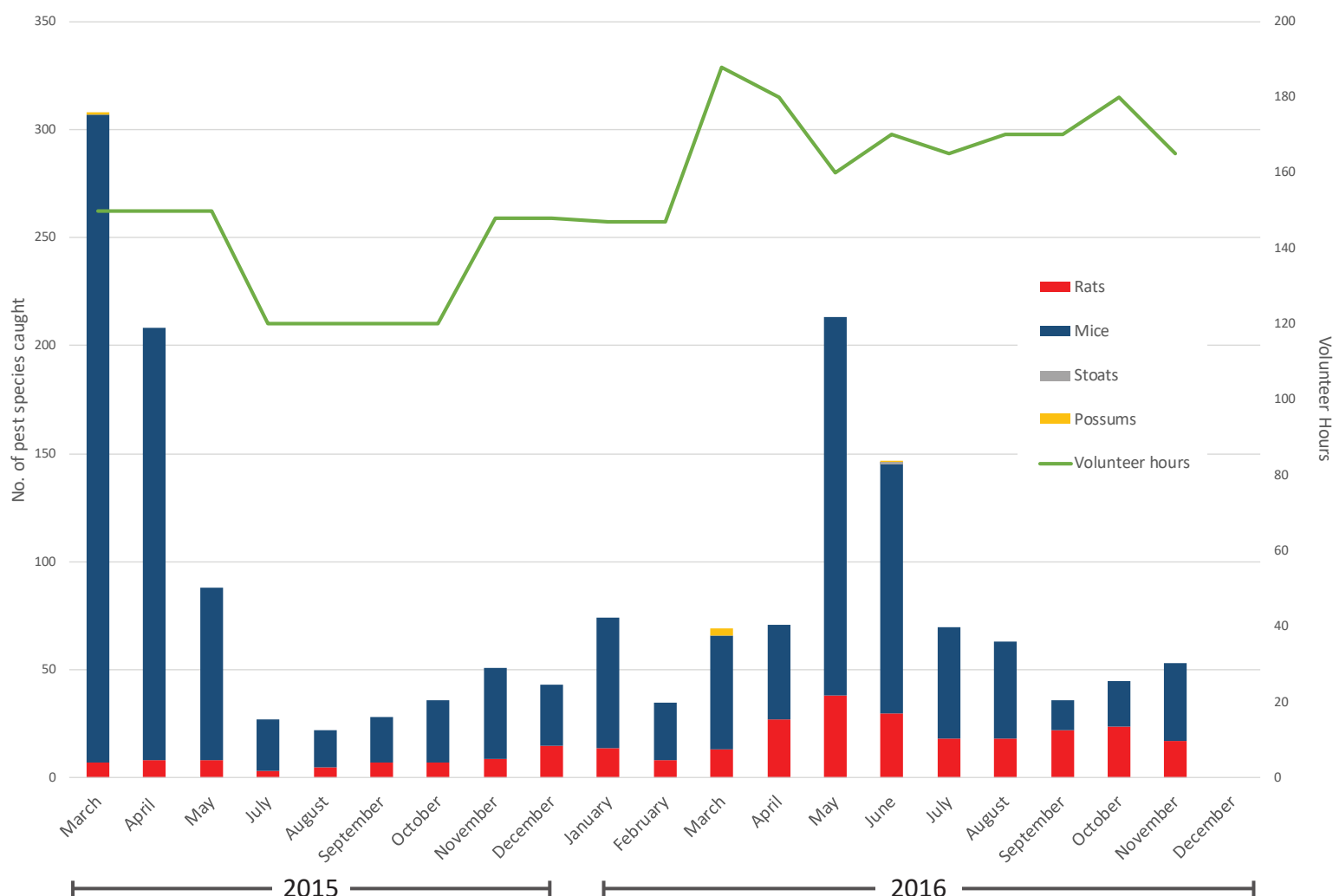
Recent developments around Kaipupu have built up the resistance to predator invasions, further securing the well-being of our endemic inhabitants. Photographic evidence showing constant predator pressure on the fence from the port side Port Marlborough. Whilst the fence itself is impregnable, predators, particularly at low tide, can easily swim and at times walk around the ends. To overcome this Port Marlborough have placed a dense line of traps along their side of the fence.

More recently, volunteers have placed traps along the coastline of Kaipupu. Gerald Harper provided and captained his Naiad boat while his two helpers, James Wilson and Scott Henry, scrambled ashore, clambered up the cliffs, often using the ropes left there from the early days of baiting and trapping the same area by boat, to secure the traps to trees well above the water line.

In both instances the traps used were the Goodnature self-resetting traps with the new and revolutionary automatic lure dispensers, meaning the traps only have to be replenished once every 6 months. Most of traps have a digital counter attached to allow trap efficacy to be measured.

Not every visiting predator will call on the traps surrounding the Sanctuary, but the perimeter of Goodnature traps will greatly alleviate the predator pressure. And with over 500 traps, of varying types, covering the interior, to catch those that make it through the first line of defence, the predators days are numbered.

*Contributed by James Wilson*



**ABOVE:** Over the last month a new line of Goodnature traps have been placed around the high tide mark on the Sanctuary, the impact of these traps will be seen over the next couple of months.





What a busy year it has been, from the introduction of South Island Robin to the creation of a creche for Rowi Kiwi, 2016 has certainly flown by! Enjoy this small selection of images that celebrate some of our favourite moments.

**TOP:** Rowi kiwi cuddles

**RIGHT:** Releasing South Island Robin in March

**BOTTOM (left):** Rowi kiwi blessing at Waikawa Marae

**BOTTOM (right):** Little Blue Penguin captured on video outside their nest







## FUNDING SUCCESS

There is a saying, it takes a village to raise a child well the same can be applied to Kaipupu Wildlife Sanctuary. Our volunteer led project has a whole community behind it, helping it to grow and succeed. This week, another pair of helping hands joined the team. Local funder, Rata Foundation approved a \$25,000 grant which will be used to pay for the vital pest coordinator role at the Sanctuary. Tasked with maintaining an effective pest trapping programme, this role is also about coordinating the volunteers that work hard to achieve a pest free status. Thank you to Rata Foundation for your continued support of Kaipupu Wildlife Sanctuary.

This year we have completed other projects across the Sanctuary thanks to grants from Pub Charity. These include new interpretative signage, first aid training for our volunteers, native plants for our school planting programme, a new line of defence with the addition of 20 Goodnature traps, new brochures and most recently funding to create a kayak ramp next to the current jetty. This funding totals nearly \$19,000 this year.



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## WHAT'S COMING UP?

### DECEMBER

Christmas is coming and we have some great gift ideas at the shop. Our new kiwi t-shirts will be a hit with every member of the family. We also have signed copies of 'Whisker the kiwi chick' illustrated by local artist Caroline della Porta.

### JANUARY

#### Summer Explorer Series

Travel with Beachcomber to Kaipupu Wildlife Sanctuary and experience this special place right on the doorstep of Picton.

**When:** 28th January 2017  
5th March 2017

#### Cost:

KP Members \$20 per person,  
Non-members \$30 per person

**To make a booking contact Rachel**  
[admin@kaipupupoint.co.nz](mailto:admin@kaipupupoint.co.nz)  
**027 692 3488**

#### Visit Kaipupu Wildlife 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.

**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)

## KAIPUPU SHOP HOURS

Currently the Kaipupu Shop is open from 9am to 3pm every weekday except Wednesday's. Over the summer the shop will be open 9am to 3pm most Fridays and cruise ship days. We would love to have the shop open for extra days, so if you can help please let us know.



# THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS

## FOUNDATION PARTNERS

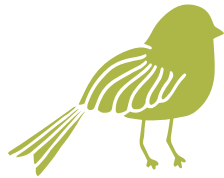


Department of  
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*Te Papa Atawhai*

RIMU (from \$5,000/year)



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IN SUPPORTING KAIPUPU WILDLIFE  
SANCTUARY?

## GRANT FUNDING



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