

## Newsletter October 2014

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**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.

### Monitoring Invertebrates and Lizards



Artificial retreats are being used on the Sanctuary to monitor lizards. Artificial retreats are objects that are deliberately placed within a species' habitat to attract that particular species. They come in a range of shapes, sizes and materials limited only by one's imagination, and are particularly sought out by lizards because they offer shelter, protection from predators and/or thermoregulatory advantages (they help them stay at the temperature they want to be).

These retreats are a good way of finding out what lizards we have on the Sanctuary, as lizards are

very reclusive and hard to detect otherwise. After putting the retreats in different habitats in the field they will be left undisturbed for some time before being checked. A placement period of several months may be needed to ensure consistent use by lizards. Then they can be checked, and the type of lizards found underneath them can be documented. Using onduline artificial retreats as monitoring stations has been successful in other bush areas and now they are on Kaipupu Point. Onduline is corrugated, compressed cardboard impregnated with tar-type preservative. There are two layers (350 x 350 mm) separated with 12mm spacers. This space allows both invertebrates and lizards to enter and set up home without predation by mice & rats. A stone is put on top to stop them being blown away.



Volunteers Dianne and Andrew John have set up a number of these in different habitats on Kaipupu Point and will be monitoring them over the next months. We will keep you posted about what is found and how this project develops.



**THANK YOU!**

This is becoming a wonderfully frequent occurrence, as we say thank you again to Pub Charity for their support. \$20,000 was awarded to the Sanctuary in September to help with pivotal operational needs. Every step of the journey Kaipupu Point is taking needs support, and Pub Charity has been behind us again and again as the Sanctuary has been developed. We would not be here with you – Thank you again!

## Friends of Kaipupu Point Evening

From Nicky Jenkins

Our guest speaker in October was Ian Shapcott, known to all as 'Shappy', who is involved with resource management for the Te Atiawa Trust. An Australian by birth Shappy has 40 years of experience in and around the Marlborough Sounds since coming to Anakiwa as an Outward Bound Instructor in 1975. Chance meetings with the people of Te Atiawa at that time led to close involvement which continued while he worked as a local government planner in Marlborough. Four years ago he accepted a formal role with the Trust.

Shappy took the group on an interesting historical journey – from when Te Atiawa had arrived in the area in 1828, became established in Picton and then relocated to Waikawa. Settlement with the Crown under the Treaty of Waitangi was reached in 2012 and signed off in August 2014 has established on-going rights to ensure environmental integrity in the use of resources within the rohe. Te Atiawa is particularly interested in supporting those who respect the environment and acknowledge the indigenous people, and have welcomed the work being done at the Sanctuary to control pests and plans to reintroduce native flora and fauna.

A full house enjoyed an entertaining evening and we are appreciative of the time taken by Shappy on behalf of Te Atiawa to come and speak to the group. The evening concluded with the chance to sample delicious wines from Kaipupu Point's newest sponsor Mud House. Mud House have generously donated a variety of wine to support a range of events undertaken by the Sanctuary.



## Stairway to Heaven..? For Sure!

Volunteers using the special-access-only gate to the Sanctuary were thrilled to see the development on the steep bank leading up to the main track. Rob McPhail has done a stellar job and created complete ease of access where before was a slippery dangerous slope whenever it rained. It's a long way up when every step is skating!

We are all grateful to Rob for this work – it makes a huge difference especially for all the pest monitoring volunteers going in to do their rounds to know that the first and last bits of the job are safe!





## A Big THANK YOU to Fresh Choice Picton

Fresh Choice has given Kaipupu Point a big helping hand recently with the donation of \$500 of grocery vouchers. These vouchers are to support the work of the pest team, and will be used both for refreshments for this huge hard working team, and to put together an enticing raffle that will raise money for team equipment. The work of the Pest Team underpins everything else on the Sanctuary as these volunteers ensure that pests and predators cannot become established on the Sanctuary. They need our full support and this donation from Fresh Choice is fantastic.

Have you been into Fresh Choice lately? Look up and see the banners supporting a number of community groups. Fresh Choice it is wonderful to have your continued support!

## Want Robins on the Sanctuary? Become a 'South Island Robin Supporter'



Kaipupu Point Sounds Wildlife Sanctuary in Picton is about to embark on a new and exciting phase in the journey to create a wildlife sanctuary to protect our native species. As you know volunteers have been working for almost 2 years to ensure the Sanctuary has working strategies in place maintain the Kaipupu Point as predator-free, and now we are about to embark on the translocation of species which would have previously been found there. The first species proposed for translocation is the South Island Robin.

In order to start this process the Kaipupu Point Translocation Team must first prepare a comprehensive application for the Department of Conservation which covers what they propose to do and why they want to do it, how long it will take, who it will involve (and their expertise), all the legislation involved, information about the source population (where the birds will be captured from) and information about the release site (Kaipupu Point).

The proposal will be for a "wild to wild" type of translocation – where the birds will be captured from a healthy wild population, and released in a wild situation onto Kaipupu Point. Because robins would have been found at on the Point in the past, the exercise is a "re-introduction", rather than an "introduction". It is important that the preparation for the translocation is comprehensive and that the proposal to DOC shows that all details have been thought through and documented. For example, the team needs to know the effect that removing the transfer group of robins is expected to have on the source population, the likely factors that caused the species to die out on Kaipupu Point originally, and why the Sanctuary is now thought to be suitable for the species. It's important that it is clear how the release site on the Sanctuary meets the ecological requirements of the robins. Kaipupu Point is 40 hectares, and can support only a limited number of birds. And all threats that could cause the translocation to fail must be evaluated, as well as what ongoing long-term management is required.

Monitoring the source and release populations must be undertaken and a monitoring programme designed that covers what will be monitored, how it will be monitored, how frequently and for how long.

This new phase is an exciting one for the volunteers who have worked so hard to keep the headland predator-free. "Spring has really heralded a flush of new plant growth", says Barry Maister, Kaipupu Point Chair. "Bellbirds, tuis and fantails have become more numerous and audible. The addition of South Island Robins hopping along the track encircling the Sanctuary will be an added delight for visitors. To make this happen we're reaching out to the local community and businesses for their financial support for this project".



Now here's where **you** can help: The Translocation Team is inviting the whole community to be a part of this new phase in Kaipupu Point's future and become a special **South Island Robin Supporter**. Financial donations are crucial to translocations going ahead, and with the community behind them, Sanctuary volunteers are well placed for success.

If you would like to contribute financially to this first translocation and become a 'South Island Robin Supporter' please contact the Kaipupu Point Sounds Wildlife Sanctuary Translocation Team at [info@kaipupupoint.co.nz](mailto:info@kaipupupoint.co.nz).

**"Friday was barrel loads of shingle fun, along with a few blisters!"**



Just received shovels, spades and rakes and heading onto the track. From left to right Adrian Ferris, Louise Pope, Sigrun Steinhagen, Michelle Thompson, Jo Barnett, Nicole Logan, Neil MacMillan, Roie MacMillan, Karim Valencia, Jeanette MacMillan, Sara Fenwick, James van Asch, Geoff van Asch, Thomas van Asch, Rachael van Asch, Natalie Timms

On Friday TVA accounting staff and family swapped keyboards for shovels, rakes and wheelbarrows to gravel the beautiful northern end lookout and parts of 2.8km track that leads around our picturesque Sanctuary. After several hours of labour, on the way back to the end of the track they were rewarded with the stunning sight of a flock of wood pigeons taking off.

TVA director Louise Pope says "Kaipupu Point Sounds Wildlife Sanctuary was a great place to spend Friday afternoon. The Sanctuary is so completely removed from what we do on a daily basis, a piece of paradise at our backdoor. It's so close to the port, but you wouldn't know it's there."

Director Geoff van Asch adds "the team had a great time. Kaipupu Point is a wonderful place, keep it up."



## Kaipupu Point Mainland Island Society Application for Concession

Kaipupu Point Mainland Island Society is in the process of doing something new and different which we hope will be of huge benefit to ensuring ongoing financial support for the Sanctuary.

Any business or organisation that wants to use public conservation land for their activities (e.g. a guided walk) needs to get permission from DOC in the form of a concession. We are in the process of preparing an application to be submitted to the Department of Conservation so the Society would hold the concession for Kaipupu Point. A concession would give us the legal right to carry out commercial activities on the Sanctuary, and the authority to approve other activities to be carried out on the Sanctuary. It creates a formal relationship between ourselves and DOC so that both parties are aware of obligations to protect the environment while encouraging visitors.

Concessions are an important way of protecting New Zealand's natural and historic heritage, which is DOC's primary purpose. But we also want people to visit and enjoy our beautiful Sanctuary while protecting the conservation resources they are coming to see. As concession holder for Kaipupu Point the Society would ensure that the environment is protected and the quality of the recreational experience is maintained, that clients leave no trace of their visit, that guides offer a safe and interpretative visitor experience of the outdoors which helps visitors to enjoy, understand, love and protect conservation values, and this experience does not impinge on other visitors. And of course the fees that the Society could charge other guiding organizations (as we would be the primary concession-holder) would go towards the future protection and management of the Sanctuary. We will keep you up to date with how this is progressing.

**Can you spare an hour or 2 on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> or Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November?**

**Yes? How about helping out at the Sanctuary stand at the A and P Show?**

**It's busy and a lot of fun telling the Kaipupu Point story.**

**The Show is held in the A and P Showgrounds on Maxwell Rd Blenheim**

**Either email us or phone Jenny on 572-7288 and we'll put you on the roster.**



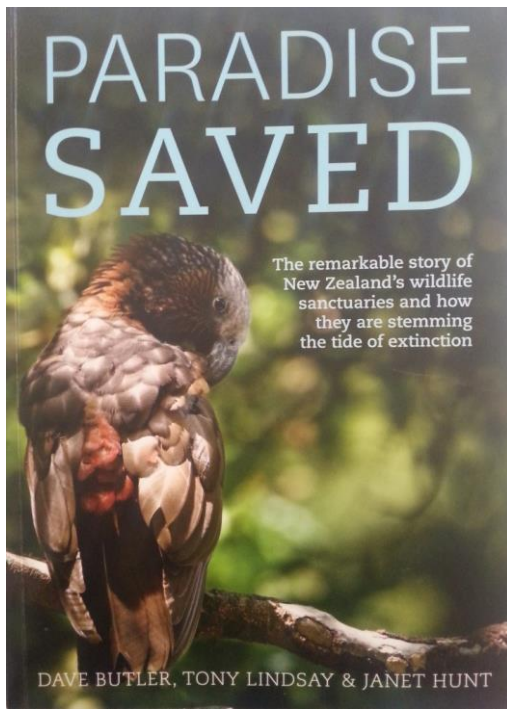
## Memberships to Kaipupu Point Mainland Island Society

Contributed by Nicky Jenkins

There are changes afoot in the way Kaipupu Point memberships are being handled. After a number of years being responsible for the finances and databases Ronald Ragen has stepped down and new personnel and a new system is now in place. Mel Kellie is recording and reporting on the finances while Nicky Jenkins processes new memberships and renewals and manages a computerised database which contains all the information. The transition has gone smoothly for the most part, though inevitably but unfortunately there were a few glitches as data was brought up to date. The new system simplifies communication with members, automates renewals notices, and also acknowledges payments. In time a new website will also be introduced. New members can also join on line although at this stage payments must still be made either by cheque to P O Box 186 or by direct credit to BNZ account 02 0740 0008 833. If you have membership queries contact Nicky through [info@kaipupupoint.co.nz](mailto:info@kaipupupoint.co.nz).

**The Kaipupu Point Sounds Wildlife Sanctuary Information Site on High St Picton is open every Saturday from 11 am to 1 pm. As summer approaches we would like to have it open on other days as well, especially with all the cruise ships coming in. It's easy, and a chance to really help the Sanctuary. Give Jenny a call on 572-7288 or email [info@kaipupupoint.co.nz](mailto:info@kaipupupoint.co.nz) if you would like to help.**





## **We're Famous!**

### **Read all about it (and get a few copies for Xmas).**

This new book by Dave Butler, Tony Lindsay and Janet Hunt is described as 'the gripping, inspirational story of the New Zealand sanctuaries and conservationists turning back the tide of extinction'. It has a full profile of many of the community groups working to protect their local biodiversity around the country, including Kaipupu Point. The book is a source of both pride and hope for the future. It is also a fantastic resource in regard to the unique biodiversity we have and where to find it. Putting their money where their mouth is, Random House are kindly letting the sanctuaries profiled buy copies at a wholesale price. They've suggested we use this as a fundraiser selling the copies at the same price as they are in the shops, RRP\$55.00.

What a wonderful gift idea – especially with Christmas only a couple of months away. We're looking for a volunteer to help maximise this opportunity. If you would like to help make this possible then please contact [info@kaipupupoint.co.nz](mailto:info@kaipupupoint.co.nz).

## **Getting to know Gerald Harper: Kaipupu Point Committee member**

I was born in Canterbury and my wife Dido and I farmed on Banks Peninsula for 30 years where we raised three children David, Freda and Gordon, and we have four grandchildren. Our farm was in the remote but very scenic Southern Bays of Banks Peninsula and it was in this environment that a love for the outdoors grew into a real appreciation of our native flora and fauna. We hoped to stay there a lot longer but the issues of worn out hips and knee joints forced a change of plans. We moved to Picton 10 years ago where we enjoy a warmer climate, the community and really love the magnificent Marlborough Sounds and enjoy taking advantage of the many opportunities they offer.

Most of our 'spare' time is taken up with family and enjoying the grandchildren. With a group of other locals we go on a regular whitebaiting holiday to Patarau, which is great fun, but the whitebait haven't learnt to come to the party yet! I enjoy working on Kaipupu Point eliminating pests which is really just a continuation of what we had to do while farming, and the same principle applies on the sanctuary as it did to farming – passing the land on in a better condition for future generations. Kaipupu Point volunteers are a great group of like-minded people who have a respect for our environment and already in the short time that the Sanctuary has been going, we can see an improvement in the regrowth of the bush and an increase in bird life. The volunteers are amazing people and I never stop being astounded at how, when things are starting to get a bit bogged down, someone new steps up and we surge forward again.



The Pest Monitoring team is making great progress in controlling the pests on Kaipupu Point and is now setting their sights on reducing and controlling mouse numbers which other sanctuaries have found too difficult to undertake. Now we are being monitored to see if trapping mice will work! If there is anyone who would like to spend a couple of hours every so often in a great environment with a great group of people I can really recommend joining the Pest Monitoring team volunteers. It is great fun and at the same time doing good things for the environment.

**One quote I am often reminded of is: "The man that made time made plenty of it."**

*The quiz about native plants, native animals and Kaipupu Point held recently at RNZAF Base Woodbourne was a great success and the RNZAF Base Woodbourne Bulletin reported these results:*

*Winner: Sydney Sloper*

*Second place: Benjamin Murray*

*Third place: Lexi Timpson*

*Sydney, Benjamin and Lexi were awarded great prizes donated by the community, with the winning prize being a family trip out to Kaipupu Point generously donated by the Queen Charlotte Steamship Company. Thanks to Mark Atkinson for all his work in organizing this activity.*



## Te Atiawa Treaty Settlement

Contributed by Ian Shapcott, for Te Ātiawa o Te Waka-a-Māui i Trust



Te Atiawa iwi members are the manawhenua iwi who carry the traditional mana, or authority over and responsibility for the underlying sustainability of Queen Charlotte Sound, including Kaipupu Point Mainland Island Sanctuary.

Circumstances have recently changed for Te Atiawa Iwi (tribe) as a consequence of Treaty Settlement. Final Settlement occurred on 1 August 2014.

The Trust that took Te Atiawa to the point of settlement was: "Te Atiawa Manawhenua Ki Te Tau Ihi Trust. The post settlement Trust is: Te Ātiawa o Te Waka-a-Māui i Trust.

Signing the Deed of Settlement at the Waikawa Marae, 21 December 2012: L to R – Marlborough MP Colin King, Chair, Te Atiawa Trust, Glenice Paine and Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations Minister Chris Finlayson.

The Settlement law has significant local relevance. What follows is related information (heavily abridged) taken from the 'Settlement Summary':

**Te Atiawa o Te Waka-a-Māui Settlement Summary:** Te Ātiawa o Te Waka-a-Māui and the Crown signed a Deed of Settlement on 21 December 2012 at Waikawa Marae. This was an occasion celebrated by Te Atiawa, other Te Tauihu iwi, the community and the Crown delegation.

**Overview:** The Te Ātiawa Deed of Settlement is the full and final settlement of all historical Treaty of Waitangi claims of Te Ātiawa o Te Waka-a-Māui resulting from acts or omissions by the Crown prior to 21 September 1992, and is made up of a package that includes:

- an agreed historical account, Crown acknowledgments and apology to Te Ātiawa
- cultural redress

**Crown Acknowledgements and Apology:** The Deed of Settlement contains a series of acknowledgements by the Crown where its actions arising from interactions with Te Ātiawa have breached the Treaty of Waitangi and its principles. The Crown apologised to Te Ātiawa for its acts and omissions which have breached the Crown's obligations under the Treaty of Waitangi.

**Cultural redress:** This redress recognises the traditional, historical, cultural and spiritual association of Te Ātiawa with places and sites owned by the Crown within their rohe. This allows Te Ātiawa and the Crown to protect and enhance the conservation values associated with these sites. As an example, the settlement provides for the appointment of Te Ātiawa as statutory kaitiaki with the ability to provide advice in relation to the restoration of native flora and fauna on the islands within Queen Charlotte



Sound. The Crown also acknowledged the role of Te Ātiawa as kaitiaki over the coastal marine area and offered Statutory Acknowledgements and Deeds of Recognition over the entire Sound, including the islands. This culminates in Te Ātiawa holding a Coastal and Maritime Statutory Acknowledgement over the Te Tau Ihu coastal marine area.

**Q: What do we see on Kaipupu Point when pests are nowhere to be seen?**

**A: Our native Clematis.**



Views captured by a volunteer this month

### Looking for some Fun and Exercise?

Keep **Sunday November 16<sup>th</sup>** free for the **Amazing Eco Race**. DOC is running this event in conjunction with the Marlborough Orienteering Club and Sport Tasman.

This is a rogaine event, held at Meadowbank Farm (Taylor Dam) aimed at families or groups of friends, and designed to get people outdoors and active, while carrying out a range of environmental-based activities.

**Kaipupu Point will have a stand there – so do get in touch if you would like to help.**

More details: <https://www.facebook.com/amazingecoracemarlborough>



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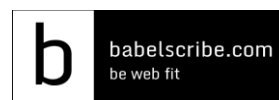
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