

NEWSLETTER August 2010

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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.”

WATER SUPPLY FOR KAIPUPU

Recently volunteers Dave Nicols, Paul Mann, Ivor Roser and Rob Parker took advantage of a fine day and visited Motuara Island in the outer Sounds to research water supplies for birds. Leaving Waikawa at 9, on a perfect day they were spoilt with clear warm skies, flat water and even dolphins.

They walked to the top of the island, noting the well constructed tracks that could be replicated at Kaipupu, and from the top were rewarded with a fantastic vista from Mana Island to snow covered Tapuaenuku.

DoC have installed clever watering devices out on Motuara that enable birds to access water in dry periods without the birds fouling the water. The watering system consists of a dummy roof from which water is collected, then the water is channeled into a header tank which feeds into a PVC pipe by automatic timer. This pipe is slit open to provide space big enough for birds to drink from, but not big enough for them to bathe in.



Robin Motuara, the resident water inspector

On the way back in to Waikawa a number of jetties were studied, and construction discussed. From the view at the top of Motuara, to the company of dolphins enroute, a great day out. "Working" for Kaipupu has wonderful rewards!

RECENT TRACK WORK



The huge amount of rain that has fallen this winter has given us extra work to do on the headland. Volunteers have been out regularly to clear debris away from the fence area.



The slopes on Kaipupu headland are steep, and the soils, like the entire Sounds area, are easily eroded. But willing hands make great progress!





AGM 2010

The 'Mercure' Picton Marlborough Sounds Hotel was the venue for another successful AGM on Sunday July 25th.

Alan Izard gave a comprehensive Chairman's report – an excerpt of which is included below. The full version can be found on the website:

The past year has been a busy one with consolidation in areas such as pest eradication, weed control, tracks maintenance and predator proof fence work. For this work we are extremely grateful to team leaders Vince Cowie, Dave Nichols, Paul Mann, Ivor Roser, John Carr and Peter Thorne-George. Preparatory work has been undertaken in the move to making a start on the access jetty and pontoon and landing area on the Shakespeare Bay side of the Peninsula.

During the year the Management Committee appointed a Project Co-ordinator, Jenny Keene. Her role is to promote the Project through regular updates and improvement of our website, production of our newsletters, static displays, production of saleable merchandise etc. She will also be responsible for sourcing funds for various specific activities and gathering in new Sponsors. Please make yourself known if you have any questions regarding any of her areas of responsibility

The Information Panel, so generously donated by NZ King Salmon Ltd., has been put in place at the Shakespeare Bay lookout with a great view towards Kaipupu Point Sanctuary.

One very important activity carried out has been in the field of Education under the excellent guidance and instigation of Andrew

John. This activity brings schools into contact with the Kaipupu Project and numerous visits have been organised to the Reserve to study plants and wildlife. What a pleasure to see the children involved.

There are a great number of businesses and services in Picton and Marlborough who give so much to the Kaipupu Project that if a list were to be made some would inevitably be left off. So to all who have given so much over this last year, a very big thank you. Kaipupu can only survive and move forward with this generosity

The year ahead should see the jetty, pontoon and landing area completed and hopefully, a start made on laying out the permanent track routes prior to a start on their construction. With the fence now 99% in place and trapping programmes continuing, the "Island" environment is certainly improving. Fund raising for these activities will be a big challenge but with similar support we have received in the past few years – we'll get there!

We all look forward to a successful year of achievement in construction, fund raising, increasing membership and new Sponsors. Maybe we can look forward to having the Reserve open to the public within two years!

A new Management Committee was elected – which is comprised of:

Alan Izard, Greg Thompson, Andrew John, Anne Hindmarsh, Johanna O'Connell, Rob Parker, Paul Leeds,

Project Timekeeper Reg Dawkins and Department of Conservation and Port Marlborough representatives Robin Cox and Rose Prendeville continue to assist the elected Committee.

Phil Bradfield gave a fascinating presentation about ecological restoration in New Zealand, with a focus on what we might accomplish on Kaipupu. The AGM concluded with a delicious afternoon tea, then a boat ride around the Kaipupu headland generously sponsored by Beachcomber Cruises.

VOLUNTEERS GET TOGETHER

Everyone who is keen to work on Kaipupu is invited to come along to EcoWorld Thursday 16th September from 5.00 – 6.30pm.

Our experienced volunteers will be there to have a chat, talk about our needs on Kaipupu, and how they can support you if you can volunteer to lend a hand in any way.

We have Team Leaders in the following areas, and we need willing hands to work with them, and also to form their own teams and become a regular out on the Point.

See if any of these activities take your fancy and come along on September 16th to Ecoworld:

Track maintenance – keeping tracks in good condition (Team Leaders Vince Cowie, Dave Nichols)

Construction - Fence, bird water stations (Team Leader Paul Mann)

Trapping – of pests inside the sanctuary (Team Leader Paul Leeds)

Restoration – Especially re-planting natives on the old Freezing Works land – (Team Leader Mike Underwood)

Education – Current focus is on local schools (Team Leader Andrew John)

Weed Control – Line trimming & spraying along fence of Old Mans Beard, gorse etc (Team Leader needed is this you??)

Volunteers are crucial to keep the project moving forward. Groups all help each other at different times, so you can learn all sorts of skills, while giving your time to further develop the Sanctuary and working with like-minded people on a great project.

Complementary drinks and nibbles will be provided – see you there!



And don't forget our greeting cards and postcards:

Greeting cards:

Cards (with envelope): \$1.50 each

**Mixed packet of 5 (with envelopes):
\$7.50/pkt**

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\$1.50 each

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