



# Kaipupu Point

Sounds Wildlife Sanctuary - Picton

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## Newsletter July 2011

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## Access to Kaipupu Funded!

### Great News Everyone!

The funds sought for the purchase and installation of the Kaipupu Point pontoon and linkspan have been confirmed! This will mean that safe access to the sanctuary should be constructed within the next few months! A \$76,500 grant awarded to Kaipupu from the Lotteries Commission has made this a reality and it's a really exciting development for us. We received the full amount we applied for, so now we know that we are able to construct the pontoon, the aluminium linkspan, and the associated anchoring system just as soon as the jetty is in place. This pontoon system will be attached to the end of the fixed wooden jetty, and will allow all sorts of vessels to safely access Kaipupu.

Along with the grant for the pontoon, we were awarded funds for co-ordinator wages for 12 months. This will help keep the project moving forward (our next step is finding funding for the Kaipupu Walkway, the track system around the sanctuary), and enable us to undertake activities we have not done before.

We are grateful to the Lotteries Commission for this grant which has been a huge boost, and will have great results over the next years.

Cheers!

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## A Huge Thankyou to Greg and Rob

**Greg Thompson** and **Rob Parker** are the 2 retiring Committee members this year. They have given countless hours of their own time, as well as boundless enthusiasm, as members of the Management Committee for Kaipupu Sanctuary in order to progress the sanctuary for Picton. We are extremely appreciative of their gift of time and expertise to us over the past years.

Without the active participation of people like Greg and Rob, we would not be achieving the successes we have so far. We know that for the community to support the development of the sanctuary, they need to **know** about the work we are doing, and both Greg and Rob have both made huge inroads into promoting the Sanctuary, through local contacts as well as those that are farther afield.

The various skills they brought to the Committee, and a willingness to work in together with other volunteers and do all manner of tasks have meant that as a Society we present to the community a professional and polished image. Their contribution has helped enormously as we have sought further sponsorship and funding for our development.

### Thankyou Again

(and we know we will be seeing you again and again as volunteers, so it's not goodbye)



## Successful AGM

On July 10<sup>th</sup> our AGM was held at the Picton Marlborough Sounds Mercure Hotel. We very much appreciate being able to use this venue, and it has been a very generous donation of the Mercure to have this venue available to us.



**Will Parsons** from Driftwood Ecotours ([www.driftwoodecotours.co.nz](http://www.driftwoodecotours.co.nz)) gave us a glimpse of his enduring passion for Marlborough through his talk and photos of his adventures. It is always wonderful to hear from like-minded people who love Marlborough, want to see our special places protected, as well as see people enjoy these same places. Great stuff Will!

**Andrew John**, our Committee member who is the education Team Leader, also showed us how the Kaipupu Education programme has developed in leaps and bounds over the last year, and the myriad of activities he is involving our young people in. It was

inspiring to see how much the students from Picton and Koromiko Schools have been achieving from activities centred on Kaipupu. And how much fun they have been having!



Pictures tell a thousand words, and Andrew had some great shots of kids having a ball - planting, weeding, setting up monitoring equipment, or measuring the native seedlings they are growing to eventually plant out.

Sometimes the kids got a little distracted and had to be carefully contained behind the predator-proof fence, but most times they behaved beautifully! (OK, not true at all - these happy kids were demonstrating the effectiveness of the double door gateway that is being used at the moment for temporary access to the south eastern side of the sanctuary)



**Elections at the AGM brought on board 2 new Committee members** – these new members are Ronald Ragen and John Reuhman. We warmly welcome Ronald and John, and look forward to a productive and eventful year ahead.

The Kaipupu Point Management Committee for 2011 is:

**Alan Izard** – Chairman; **Andrew John** – Education Team Leader; **Paul Leeds** – Pest Animal Control Team Leader; **Jo O’Connell** – Secretary and Promotions Team Co-Leader; **John Reuhman** - Promotions Team Co-Leader; **Ann Hindmarsh** – Secretary; **Ronald Ragen**; **Rose Prendeville** – Port Marlborough Representative; **Robin Cox** – Department of Conservation Representative; **Reg Dawkins**, Co-opted Committee member.



#### **Put a Face to a Name?**

Clockwise from the left: Ronald, Andrew, John, Paul, Robin, Alan, Dave Nicholls (invaluable Team Leader for Fieldwork, not a formal Committee member), Jo, and Reg, front centre.

Not pictured are Rose Prendeville and Ann Hindmarsh.



## Words from our Chairman

(The following is an excerpt from Chairman Alan Izard's Annual report. The full report will be posted on the website).

**Foundation Partners, Sponsors, Life Members, Members, Donors, Ladies and Gentlemen, welcome to this year's Annual General Meeting.**

The past year has, again, been a busy one. Work has continued in the areas of weed control, pest eradication, track maintenance, education, around the town projects and publicity programmes. For this work I am extremely grateful for the efforts put in by all the Team Leaders and their helpers. The Management Committee has been great to work with and I say a very big thank you. NZ King Salmon has become a major Sponsor this year and, together with Bluebridge Cook Strait Ferries, their generous contributions have been greatly appreciated. We don't forget, either, the contributions from our other Sponsors, Biosecurity Ltd., Wilderness Guides, Aldan Lodge and Marlborough Machinery Repairs Ltd.

As usual, we express our appreciation for the support we receive from our Foundation Partners and their staff - Port Marlborough and Department of Conservation. They continue to supply enormous amounts of service and advice. Jenny Keene, our Project Co-ordinator, has been at the forefront of raising funds for Kaipupu Point. She has developed programmes for public awareness of what is happening and where and what the Reserve will ultimately mean for Picton and Marlborough.

In the latter part of the year we have had the opportunity to occupy a shop in lower High Street and use it as a display centre. We are extremely grateful to Christina Jordan for this facility and it has been at no cost to Kaipupu Point. We look forward to a year of continuing activity with the construction of the jetty and pontoon getting under way. As many of you will know, Garry Kenny of KENNY barging has generously offered to construct (with our help) the jetty when he has a lull in his work load. To clear the way for this, the mooring in Dolphin Bay has been removed, thanks to McMannaway Barging and to Port Marlborough who have provided, at their cost, an alternative mooring for McMannaway's barge.

Our target remains to open Kaipupu Mainland Island to the public by Christmas 2012.

**We have a lot ahead of us in the next eighteen months. Nothing is impossible!**

➤ **Is your membership up to date?**

We have had some queries about people not receiving information from Kaipupu and found that the reason for this was that their membership was not up to date.

➤ **Want to phone us?**

A list of phone numbers will be available to members and the public shortly

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