



# Kaipupu Point

Sounds Wildlife Sanctuary - Picton

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## Newsletter September 2011

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**Keep a lookout for Kereru** in kowhai trees in your area. We profiled the Kereru in our February issue, and there are a lot about at the moment. The noisy beat of their wings is a very distinctive sound in our forests and right now this magnificent bird can be seen and heard in kowhai trees in our gardens too.

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## Pub Charity awards Kaipupu Sanctuary \$2930

The Sanctuary has been awarded another grant – this time to fund the removal of wilding pines from the sanctuary.



The most immediate impact of wilding pines is the visual intrusion on the landscape, and loss of associated landscape values, as wilding pines establish above the regenerating native forest canopy and, in many areas, are threatening to become the dominant forest species. There is an ongoing volunteer programme on Kaipupu Point to eradicate weeds of all types, including weed trees, but the wilding pine infestation could become severe and needs expert intervention or this problem will escalate even further over time.

As the pines that are established get bigger they are harder to eradicate, especially with the steep and rough terrain within the sanctuary, and they are spreading seed every year and increasing the infestation. This is why we have sought professional help with this issue, and we have been fortunate to have been awarded this grant. It will be a great step forward and relieve the burden of the volunteers who have been dealing with this.

As an incorporated society, there is a limited budget for promotion of our developing sanctuary, so “word-of-mouth” remains hugely important.

If you enjoy being associated with Kaipupu, and support the development of what will be a fantastic asset for Picton, the challenge is to tell 2 more people!

And contact us at:

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**Well now you can!**

**Our phone number is:**

**027-898-2517**

**You may not get an answer right away,  
but your call will be returned!**





## Fundraising film night at Picton Cinemas - a great night out

**As you can see, even the local Ecoworld tuatara had an outing for the evening!**

Close to a full house, Kaipupu members got together on a brisk evening last month for an update about the Sanctuary, some delicious refreshments, and to see the film "Mrs Carey's Concert".

We are grateful to Picton Cinemas and Ecoworld for sponsoring this successful fundraising event, and we plan to have a get together like this every few months, so keep reading your newsletters and bulletins to see the next date so you don't miss out. We are delighted that Moa Beer and NZ King Salmon generously provided the refreshments for this event – it was a superb start to the evening. These film nights are members only, so bring along a group of friends, sign them up on the spot, and enjoy the evening.



## New Honorary Sponsors!

We welcome **Blacks Fasteners** in Blenheim and **Marlborough Computer Solutions** in Picton as new Honorary Sponsors. We are thrilled to have you on board with us. It is sponsorship such as this that helps us advance towards our goals. Please support these businesses as they support us.

## Sanctuaries of NZ Get-Together

Last month several of our Committee members and our co-ordinator travelled to Wakefield for the annual Sanctuaries New Zealand workshop. Often this is in the North island, and is costly to get to, but being so close at hand was a wonderful opportunity to have a number of us attend and meet others involved in community sanctuary projects.

This was a stimulating 3 day information-packed time in which a number of sanctuaries from around the country, some similar to our own and some very different, got together to share successes, and help each other with problems. It was an opportunity to see what help is available, and how to work the most efficient way in sanctuary development, so we get the best “bang for our buck” when we are awarded grants, or are successful with securing sponsorship.

It was also a real eye-opener about potential problems that could be encountered along the way, and a really valuable 3 days as we plan the next sanctuary developments. Lots of notes were taken, and discussions over many cups of coffee, and we all came back brimming with ideas.



## Take a break in the Kaipupu Shop



Volunteers have been working hard in the Kaipupu shop in High St Picton, and it's looking sharp! Chris Thelin from Creative Landscapes has given us some attractive native plants to use while the shop is open, and these have helped create an inviting space to welcome visitors into.

Many volunteers have stepped up to operate the shop from Thursday through Sunday from 11:30 am to 3:30 pm. Follow the bird calls you can hear from the street outside, and pop in to put your name on the roster for a couple of hours of fun (or call 027-898-2517).

(now \$40), **Kaipupu woven shopping bags** (\$4 each or 3 for \$10), beautiful **cards and postcards**, and **Kaipupu pens**, we now have **special limited edition morepork magnets!** You've really got to have one of these!

Quirky and colourful, they encourage everyone to

**GIVE A HOOT !**





## Linkwater School has been busy!

The senior class at Linkwater school had a busy morning on 22 August when they planted around 130 trees, including flax, manuka, and akeake on Kaipupu. Volunteer Andrew John visited the school to talk about the sanctuary before the class took their plants and got them enthusiastically (and very carefully) in the ground. Thanks to their teacher Deb Leov and the parent helpers.

The education programme is growing all the time, and as it does further funds are required to reach as many students as we can. It's an exciting challenge for us all. Thank you so much Andrew for your inspiring and tireless leadership.



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**We invite further support from the community for this wonderful asset for Picton.**

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