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Join our Volunteers this Summer!



Vince Cowie (and weka) at work clearing a track



A recent Saturday saw Vince Cowie, John Jordan and Rob Parker out on Kaipupu, clearing tracks and identifying areas of wilding pines for John's team to target. To volunteer contact us at info@kaipupupoint.co.nz or ring Jenny at 572-7288

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Friends of Kaipupu Evening

You won't want to miss this - Wednesday November 17th at Ecoworld, Picton.



Guest speaker **Nicky Eade** from Marlborough District Council.

Nicky will be talking about the flora and fauna programmes the Council is promoting and supporting in Marlborough.

This is a chance to get together and enjoy an evening with other Friends of Kaipupu.

Mark this date! Wednesday November 17th

7 pm,

Light refreshments following.

Volunteers, Port Marlborough and Crafar and Crouch

Over the winter rain has caused a number of slips on bluffs along the lower access track. Our field volunteers worked hard to clear the slips, but the job was more suited to bigger machinery than shovels and wheelbarrows. Once again, Port Marlborough engineers and Crafer & Crouch came to the rescue, just at the right time and used their machinery to clear these slips. They also built a timber retaining wall to stabilize the base and prevent more dirt coming down.

With further bouts of heavy rain more loose material in a number of sites required further attention, and again Port Marlborough was quick to respond. These were also cleaned up thanks to Port Marlborough's engineering department, and particularly Jonathan, Rhys & Robin. Thank you!

New Zealand King Salmon now a major sponsor of the Sanctuary

Kaipupu Point Sounds Wildlife Sanctuary is thrilled to announce the latest sponsor to join us. New Zealand King Salmon recently signed on as a major sponsor, at the 'Rimu' level of sponsorship, joining Bluebridge Cook Strait Ferry, our inaugural 'Rimu' sponsor. Already a generous donation from New Zealand King Salmon has enabled the creation of the information panel at the Shakespeare Bay lookout, and now stepping in as a sponsor means they will have an ongoing interest and commitment to the sanctuary. Look for more news in the local papers about this development as we celebrate this generous support of Kaipupu.

Grant Funding

The Committee has been hard at work seeking grants to fund sanctuary progress. We have been fortunate to have received two grants in the last month. The materials for the jetty have been paid for from a grant from The Trusts Charitable Foundation, and the development and printing of a new Kaipupu brochure and bumper stickers have been paid for by a grant from Pub Charity.

Without these generous grants from these funders, our job developing the sanctuary would be that much harder. With these materials paid for, we can continue to make plans and progress. The next step towards the jetty is to gain resource consent from the Council. The labour to construct the jetty has been generously donated by Kenny Barging, along with help our teams of field volunteers.

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."

Education Events

Volunteer Andrew John is developing a range of hands on activities and experiences which bring to life and expand our local schools enviro-school curriculum. It's the perfect way to kindle enthusiasm, connect studies with the real world, provide motivation for future careers and have fun in the process.

Kaipupu Point Sanctuary provides the perfect project for involving children in their own local environment and relating it to more academic curriculum studies. They are not 'extra-curricular' activities. They help the schools achieve their education goals and standards.

In mid-September Andrew was at Koromiko school continuing his regular lessons. On this occasion the subject was invasive pest plants. The children all found out what these invasive plants are, as well as saw and touched samples of Old Man's Beard, Banana Passion Fruit and Tradescantia.

The students have already learnt which food each tree offers different birds in different seasons. In this lesson they all learned how invasive plants steal sunlight, food and space from native plants, and how this reduces the food available for our native animals that rely on native plants for food.



They also learned about alternative plants that would thrive and provide food and shelter for native species.

Their reactions to what they are learning go from disbelief to wonder, and the desire to restore ecosystems for native species wherever possible.

They see that it's vital that Kaipupu becomes a safe haven for all the native birds that have been driven out, or at the very least diminished over the last few hundred years. Removing pest plants is one way to help achieve this.

KAIPUPU MERCHANDISE AVAILABLE

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info@kaipupupoint.co.nz

Vests \$ 50.00



Woven Bags \$ 6.00



Very hard-wearing, these bags would make great Christmas presents for family and friends all over the country!



Greeting cards

Cards (with envelope):
\$ 1.50 each

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

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Mixed packet of 5: \$4.50/pkt

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