



The Trust was a finalist in the Mitre 10 Community of the Year category of the New Zealander of the Year. This meant that we were in the final 3 of in excess of 150 nominations. Carole Long and myself (along with my wife Juliet) represented the Trust at the gala dinner in Auckland. This was a real honour for the Trust and while we didn't win the category it was a real achievement to get as far as we did. A special thanks to Carole who submitted the application. Phil Wells



Photo: Matt Leamy Photography | Te Puna

Dr Garry Ball, Nigel Veal (holding Krumpet the Kiwi) and Dr Nicholas Sygrove.

Update on our Kiwi

The kiwi group have had a productive few months and the kiwi project has got some real momentum. Five adult kiwis have been moved from Southern Whirinaki over the last three months—two pairs and one adult male. At this time it appears that they have all settled into territories and we are hopeful that they will breed this year allowing us to use their eggs in our ONE work. This now means we have seven adult kiwi resident at Otanewainuku and this has allowed us to start to move some of our older juveniles from Warrenheip. Two of these, Te Hoe and Wyuna, were moved and released at Otanewainuku over Queens Birthday weekend.

We have a further five birds still at Warrenheip—these range in age from nine to 18 months. They will slowly move to Otanewainuku as they mature. We also have a further eight chicks at Kiwi Encounter awaiting reaching their target weights. These will be released into Warrenheip and hopefully another secure crèche that we are working on. This will enable all these chicks to be kept until they are at or near the age at which they become territorial.

The kiwi group have also been down to Northern Whirinaki helping DOC staff with kiwi listening and transmitter changes. The identified kiwis will become part of the ONE operation that we co-share with Ngati Whare. Hopefully we will also be able to identify some more adults for translocation.

There is a real sense of progress in this project but the workload is also increasing, as we lift the numbers of kiwi we have in our management. If anyone is wanting to join this group let us know.

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Krumpet the Kiwi was named by the team at VetCare Tauranga. Other naming rights kiwis are held by Highpoint Academy, DotKiwi, Wild Kiwi Clothing and Te Puke Forest and Bird.



Any group that wishes to name a kiwi contact Phil Wells chair@kiwitrust.org for details.

Annual Public Meeting

Wednesday 18 June Speaker: John McLennan

John will speak on the Cape Kidnappers Sanctuary project and on his vast experience in kiwi conservation. Hope to see you there.

Where: 7pm Tauranga Golf Club - 1295 Cameron Rd

All Welcome: Gold Coin Donation



Tauranga DOC News

We are excited about our new model of working with our partners and strengthening our relationship with the Otanewainuku Kiwi Trust.

This year we have looked at the following ideas:

Iwi Support Liaison Internship:

This idea from a meeting with Paul Warbrick, DOC's Kaititui Kaupapa (our Iwi Integrator). It is still in the early stages of conception, however, it now has a project leader and the first meeting to flesh out the parameters will be held in July.

Community Conservation

Partnership Fund: An exciting opportunity that knocked on our doors, but the timeframe for it meant that it was "all hands on the typewriter" for a hectic 10 days. With massive input from Phil, Nigel and Carole, along with Pete and Barb at DOC an application was put through for major funding for the next few years. The assessors are going through all of the applications received nationally and results will be available end June-early July. Good luck.

Permits for kiwi work: Brad (DOC) is assisting Nigel and Phil re permits for the Northern Enclosure at Maungatautari and Warrenheip.

Concession: We have been working with the Trust on options for some commercial activities to help with fund raising and opening up opportunities for people to enjoy the forest. There are some legal technicalities that we are working through. I am looking forward to being able to work through this.

This is an exciting time working with the OKT to figure out how we can work together. There are no fixed rules for community and DOC involvement and there are so many ways we can help with the development and growth of your Trust. I am excited about the way forward and look forward to meeting more of you in the near future.

Kind regards
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New Trustees

A warm welcome to our new Trustees, Hans Pendergrast, son of our founder and patron, Jim Pendergrast, and Sian Bent, who has a Masters in Zoology in Brown Kiwi. Look out for more about them in coming newsletters.

Photo: Jan Pendergrast



Hans Pendergrast



Photo: Supplied

Sian Bent

Volunteer

Notice Board

Stoat Trappers Refresher Training Day | 17 May

We had an excellent turn out to the refresher training course held at Otanewainuku for the Stoat Trappers. After a brief intro on why and what we trap, the group wandered off to the nearest Stoat Tunnel and went over the procedures for maintaining the traps and tunnels. A lively debate resulted in the correct way for handling traps to avoid squashed fingers!! The importance of not discarding old bait and eggs into the forest was also discussed: We don't want bait shy animals should they get a taste of salted rabbit. Dave Edwards kindly offered advice when asked. After much discussion, we returned to the shelter where Keith McLeod demonstrated how the third trigger wire is attached to a narrow Conibear trap.

We also had a demo model of the Goodnature A24 automatic trap which is powered by a CO₂ gas canister. This generated a lot of interest and we may look to these in the future.

Peter Crane kindly organised a wonderful lunch which was enjoyed by all. He also presented a cake with the outline of a Kiwi iced on the top! Very appropriate. Not only was the session an opportunity to glean useful information on maintaining traps and tunnels but an opportunity to catch up with one another.



Above: Tim Hedley, Scott Van Leuwen, Simon Page, Keith McLeod and Dave Edwards.

Feedback from the training session has been positive and a few trappers are already asking when the next session will be held. General consensus is that a training refresher course should be held at least every 12 to 18 months.

Warm regards, Jenny Black
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Mark and Esme Dean, Phil Wells, Jenny Black and Bruce Murray.

Volunteer Profile: Larissa Cherrie

My Dad (*Gavin Cherrie, also an OKT volunteer – Ed*) sparked my interest and passion for the natural environment. He had always been fascinated with New Zealand's amazing biodiversity and passionate about protecting it.

I have been volunteering for Otago Kiwi Trust for over four years. In 2013 I attended the Environment Youth Forum and was the leader of the Aquinas College Enviro-Challenge team. I realised I wanted to continue to work in the environmental field. In late 2013 I was awarded a Bayer Boost Scholarship. This gives secondary school students intending to study environmental sciences an opportunity to gain experience that will support their future careers. I was excited about receiving this scholarship, not only because would I get amazing work experience and receive \$5000 towards my study costs, but I also had the opportunity to contribute to the long-term success of the OKT work.

I worked with DOC where Brad Angus was my supervisor and my mentor. This meant I could volunteer with Kiwi Encounter in Rotorua. It consisted of mostly of me picking up kiwi poop, but it had its perks as well! I was privileged to see the tiny kiwi hatching.

After ten weeks of researching, stress, and at least a million phone calls, I presented my Bayer Boost Scholarship project. I compiled all OKT results and outcome-monitoring data and presented it in a report with recommendations for future monitoring needs for sharing within the Trust and similar volunteer organizations. (*You can view the report online on our reports page – Ed*)

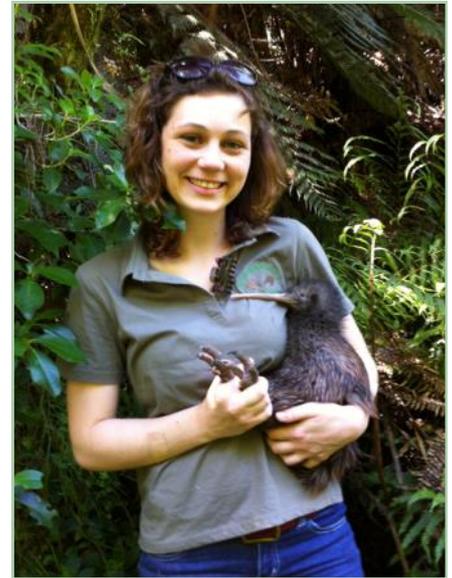


Photo Dave Edwards

Larissa Cherrie and Tottie

Chair's report

Our Trust is made up of many components. Nigel Veale manages the kiwi project and the real progress made in our kiwis is covered on page 1. Much of our work is behind the scenes and I want to highlight some of this work:

Finance

The Trust needs considerable amounts of money to run as successfully as it does. The Finance group lead by Yvonne Baldock applies for funding from a multitude of sources: charitable trusts, government agencies, local authorities, pub charities etc. There is a lot of form filling and budgeting-and at times a thick skin, as the applications are not always successful. This is always a bit disappointing as we all believe strongly in our cause. A list of who we have had funding from in the last year shows the breadth of our applications- **Kiwis for Kiwi, DOC, Bay Trust, TECT, Lotteries Commission, Community Environment Fund, WBOPDC.**

Stoat Lines

Jenny Black and Keith McLeod manage the stoat line group. The stoat lines underpin the kiwi work as stoats and ferrets are the main predators for juvenile and adult kiwis. With farmland boundaries we are always going to have re-invasion of mustelids so this is an ongoing project. The stoat line group are an interesting group in that they all do their lines in their own time and thus tend to manage themselves to an extent. However Jenny and Keith ensure that the overall project is operated consistently and that the catches are collated. Catch rates of stoats have been pretty consistent over the years and some extensions and enhancements in this network will be made during the next year. The new line down the North Whataroa Ridge demonstrates the value of these new lines-8 ferrets have been caught on this line this year. This is around what our annual ferret catch is in a normal year.

Line Clearance Work days

The bait station operation in the spring is designed to cut the rat and possum populations to low levels at the critical breeding season for birds. We have a contractor actually place the bait but this requires the bait lines to be cleared of light vegetation. Peter Crane operates this as a series of workdays during the winter-it is a case of many hands making light work and it is a great introduction to the work we do as people commit only to the days that they can attend and there is no need for an extended commitment. The days involve a few hours of walking followed by one of Peter and Nicky's famous sausage sizzles. However the work is critical to our pest control work that follows.

The work of the Trust is multi-faceted and all parts need to work for the Trust to work as well as it does. The Trust itself is undertaking a review of its operations and legal set-up. We view this as the equivalent of a warrant of fitness. This will ensure that we are "fit for purpose". Ultimately this will lead to a strategic plan and this will be circulated as a draft for comment once we have it written. This will give all of the volunteers and supporters the opportunity to guide us into the next few years. We are, after all, an amalgam of all the work done by our various volunteers and need to reflect your aims and ambitions.



Hong Kong Students visit-they are intermediate age students from a girls school that come to NZ each year. Interesting as most haven't been off a concrete path, ever.

Thank you for your Support

Donations for Kiwi work:

Thanks to the **Lottery Grants Board** for their donation of \$10 000. **Te Puke Forest and Bird** donated \$1 000. **Bay Trust** donated \$5000 and **TECT** have promised us \$10 000. Well done to our fundraising committee!

Wild Kiwi www.wildkiwiclothing.co.nz an online clothing store based in Tauriko have given us \$1 000. Do check them out as they will be donating a portion of their sales to the Trust.

www.kiwitrust.org | new website

WBOPDC have generously sponsored the building of our new website. It is full of information, reports, photos, news, archived newsletters, ways to fundraise and more. Do check it out. We now accept credit card donations and you can shop online for our blank greeting cards and caps.

DOC gave \$10 000 to animal pest control in Otanewainuku. We appreciate your ongoing support and partnership. **RPL Services (Oropi Quarry)** have paid their 2012/13 mitigation funding.

Our mystery fridge/freezer donors last year were **Mike and Paula Sidwell**. Thanks to them and **Keith McLeod** for transporting and installing it at the Dean's lock-up. More recently **Denis McFetridge** donated about 60m of No.8 galvanised wire neatly cut into 400mm lengths. These have been shaped into spikes for impaling the rabbit meat used in stoat tunnels. The original spikes were severely rusted probably due to the salt used to preserve the meat. Thanks to **Te Puke Veterinary Centre** for their ongoing support of the health of our kiwi in the Warrenheip Crèche.

Sponsor a Hectare, donations and membership: Thanks to all our donors, both long time and new supporters. The list is too long to mention you all here. Your on-going support makes a huge difference to our bush.

Thanks to the following businesses and organisations for sponsoring a hectare or making a donation: **Ngai Te Rangī, Forest and Bird** Tauranga branch and **Kiwi Corporate Tours** for your \$200 donation. Thanks to **Omanu Primary School, Omokoroa No 1 School, Fairhaven School, Kaka St Special School** and **WBOPDC Staff** for fundraising.

The Trust Board met and decided that the generous bequest made by the estate of William (Bill) Couper would be split, with \$20 000 going into the Acorn foundation and \$5 000 to translocating kiwi to Otanewainuku.

Comvita continues to sponsor our newsletter printing and postage. Staff at **Comvita** are supporting us by making a donation through their wages or salaries via Payroll link. There are many ways to donate to the OKT see www.kiwitrust.org

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