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June 2020 Update

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ŌTANEWAINUKU KIWI TRUST

Hi Bruce,

UPDATE ON OKT DURING COVID-19 TIMES

With the recent move to Alert Level 2, we were able to expand the work that DOC approved for us to carry out at Otanewainuku Forest. Sunday 24th May was our first workday since lockdown commenced and Operations Manager Peter Crane reports that the 12 experienced volunteers completed all the work required. We restricted this to people who had volunteered several times before so that we could reduce the risks. We have another workday planned for Sunday 14th June where we are extending the invitation to all volunteers. See below for further information.

We're heading into a very tight time frame for our annual pest control programme so we're going to need as many people as possible to help once we receive the approval from DOC to carry out our planned work. We're also advising Iwi and neighbours of our plans and hope to get their full backing for this important work to control pests and give kiwi, Kokako, and the other native species the best chances for survival.

Please help spread the word about the work of OKT and encourage your whanau and friends to register as volunteers. We post regularly on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) so, if you're a social media user, you might like to check us out there,

Bruce Fraser
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FOREST WORKDAY - SUNDAY 14th JUNE 2020

When - Sunday 14th June 2020

What time - 9.00am to whenever

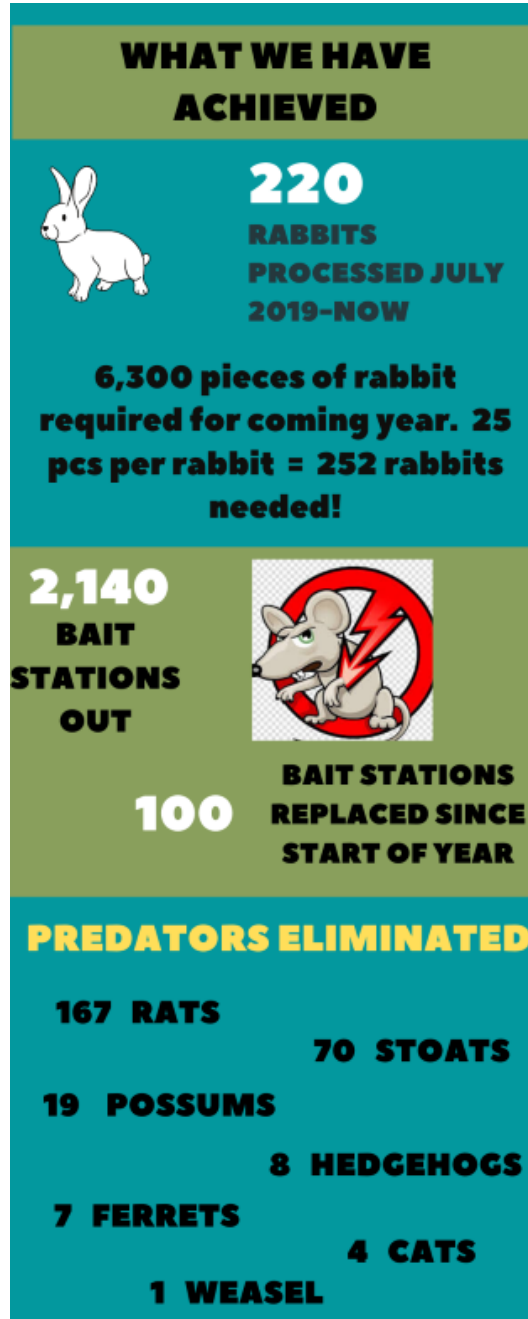
Where - Ōtanewainuku Shelter - Mountain road, Oropi

We need many volunteers to help on our workdays so please come and support us.

- We will start at 9 am. Please arrive a little earlier to ensure everyone is present at the briefing and H&S Induction.
- Sturdy walking shoes or boots will be required, as well as warm gear, raincoat, drink, and snacks if going out in the bush.

- Hi-Viz vest and personal first aid kit are recommended. Allergy medications need to be in first aid kit i.e. wasp sting.
- A reasonable level of fitness required.
- **If you have loppers, hammers or saws please bring them along otherwise we can provide the equipment required. All equipment provided by OKT will be cleaned accordingly.**

Please remember to check Facebook and email for cancellations.



SALTED RABBIT PROCESSING

A little bit of information from the team:

Taking into account all the whole, half, quarter, and bits of rabbit, John & Mac would estimate the team has processed over 220 rabbits from July 2019 until current.

Now!! Forecasting ahead for the coming year they will require 6,300 pcs of rabbit which working on retrieving 25 pcs per rabbit means they will require 252 rabbits to process!! *(Thanks John for the info!)*

If you can provide some more rabbits for them, preferably skinned and gutted (but they will take them as is), then please call Mac 027 474 6057, or John 0210564048.

Of course, if you would like to be a part of this team, then contact Mac or John and they will provide you with more details.

OPERATIONS TEAM

We currently have approximately 2140 bait stations in total in all the areas managed by the Trust. The bait stations are generally placed at a 75m by 75m grid over the area of bush being approximately 1300 ha.

Since the start of this year's bait station maintenance work, we have replaced approx 100 bait stations and renailed 50 to 60 bait stations to trees.

We seem to, each year, replace/renail roughly 10 % of the total number of bait stations. The damage to bait stations generally occurs from rats chewing holes in the bait stations and from pigs knocking bait stations off trees.

KOKAKO CENSUS UPDATE - NEW START DATE

Thank you to all those who have volunteered for the kokako census.

We have had a fantastic volunteer response and now have the census well covered.

However, with uncertainty in nearly everyone's time/ location/availability in the aftermath of Covid, I am still interested in adding to the list as backup volunteers. So If you're keen and have the time available then please contact me. roadsend1@gmail.com

As a result of the lock down the census schedule has been shifted. **New start date 31st August.**

We now plan to run 5 survey teams in the forest every day and weather permitting, we should see it all done in 9 working days.

Hans Pendergrast

FOR THE KIDS



Hey kids!

We hope you are all keeping safe and well!

Do you know what trees are in Ōtanewainuku and what they look like? Here's a little quiz for you! (and we are guessing some adults too!) Answers at the bottom of this update.

- (1) I am often the dominant canopy species and my name means 'tree' in Maori. **Who am I?**
- (2) I am a very tall tree and an evergreen coniferous tree native to the forests of New Zealand. I used to be

called 'Red Pine'. **What is my name?**

(3) I am the tallest tree in NZ, and my trunk can be at least 1 metre in diameter! I love growing in riverine and swamps. **Do you know who I am?**

(4) I develop large plank buttresses to support my growth in swamp or shallow-soil areas. I have toothed leaves and produce small, star-shaped flowers. **What's my name?**

(5) I am a species of the conifer family, can produce red 'fruit' but am usually smaller than my relative, the true Totara. **Who am I?**



OKT & SOCIAL MEDIA

Check us out on Facebook and Instagram and, if you take any photos at Ōtanewainuku that you're happy to share, please tag us in. We love seeing people enjoying the great walks there.

<https://www.facebook.com/otanewainuku/>

<https://www.instagram.com/otanewainukukiwitrust/>

The Ōtanewainuku Kiwi Trust (OKT) Handbook

This handbook gives an insight into the background of the trust, it's purpose and vision and how you as a volunteer can help achieve that vision. This is not only for those working actively in the forest but also to those helping behind the scenes.

If you would like a copy of the volunteer handbook emailed to you please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Gaylene Street volunteers@volbop.org.nz or on 07 571 3714.



Kids Quiz answers: (1) Tawa, (2) Rimu, (3) Kahikatea, (4) Pukatea, (5) Halls Totara

When the Forest Flourishes, the People Flourish.



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