

Keeping you informed about Ōtanewainuku Kiwi Trust. January
2020 Update

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ŌTANEWAINUKU KIWI TRUST

Hi Bruce,

Welcome to 2020!

Welcome to the start of a new year! We hope that you can join us for one of our many workdays throughout the year and get to enjoy the company of like-minded people.

As always, these updates are for you to see what is coming up, what has happened before and how you can be a part of this amazing team of volunteers and supporters.

If you want to share your experience or photos, and are happy for us to put it in the update then please email Gaylene volunteers@volbop.org.nz. We would love to be able to tell others about the great experiences you are having within the OKT family.

From our Chair of Ōtanewainuku Kiwi Trust:

I continue to be amazed at the amount of voluntary work that goes into protecting the forest at Ōtanewainuku. Towards the end of 2019, I was privileged to be able to see Steve Woolly and Dave Brown take Western BOPDC Mayor Gary Webber into the bush to lift some kiwi eggs, amazingly two of them in one burrow. Unfortunately, neither were viable but there is hope for some others.

In mid December we hosted a group of volunteers from the Whakatane Kiwi Group who were impressed with the quality of the unlogged native bush that we all work to care for. They have increased numbers of kiwi from just 4 a few years ago to over 350 now and have many challenges with neighbouring

farmland and urban areas.

We are talking with that group about possibly taking a group of volunteers from OKT down to Whakatane in March this year to see what they are doing.

Bruce Fraser

Photos below of the Mayor Webber visit





Photos below of the Whakatane Kiwi Group visit



BOX MAKING & FOREST WORKDAY - SUNDAY **12th JANUARY 2020**

When - Sunday 12th January 2020

What time - 9.00am to whenever

Where - Mountain Road

We are still continuing to work on the 'Integrated Pest Management Plan'. This involves the building and placement of new stoat traps in the bush.

As previously, you can choose how you want to be involved. We will need a team working on building and checking new stoat boxes at a shed on the edge of the bush, and then a team taking already completed traps out into the bush.

We will all meet at the shelter at the usual time of 9 am, and then those that want to build boxes can head off to the shed and those that want to carry traps into the bush can head out into the bush.

If you plan to head out into the bush, then if you have a large pack you can bring too that would be useful, as you will be carrying trap boxes. However, you only carry as much as you can and for as far as you can.

All other equipment will be provided and the usual BBQ and cuppa.

- 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.
- Basic equipment will be provided.

Please remember to check Facebook and email for cancellations.

FOREST WORKDAY - SUNDAY 26TH JANUARY

Heads up! There will be a workday on 26th January to remove the bait from the bush. More details to follow but mark it in your calendar!

SALTED RABBIT PROCESSING WORKDAY

There will be another processing day in January - Thursday 9th at 9.30am.

Can you give around 1 1/2 hours a month to help this team? Come on! This work is very important in the pest control programme for Ōtanewainuku.

If you can help please let Mac 027 474 6057 know and he will provide you with more details.

NEW TRAPPERS NEEDED!

We are after new trappers to take on the newly laid out DOC 200 stoat lines.

Anyone interested can contact Chris Pronk directly on 0204 116 2959 or pronky55@hotmail.com

KOKAKO CENSUS

Our kokako census is planned for the first 3 weeks of August 2020.

If you'd like to volunteer to join the kokako census team then pencil this time in your calendar.

We'll keep you up to date as we get closer to the time.

KIWI TEAM UPDATE

The adventures of Freckle and His Human Friends!

As soon as we posted the request for a helicopter for the missing Freckle the phone ran hot!

I contacted Shamus Howard from Adventure Helicopters on Monday and again on Tuesday, for a pre-flight meeting in preparation for a flight first thing on Wednesday. The "crew", Shamus, Dave Edwards and yours truly were ready to fly at 6:45 am.

Dave and I were in the back of the chopper with the tracking gear "looking" either side as we flew.

The area covered was Ottawa trig, to Ōtanewainuku , TCC water catchment to Pyes Pa Rd to TECT park, southeast to Kiwi stream back to Ōtanewainuku to Ottawa Trig and all major gullies in between.

Sods Law # 2: start at the end, not at the beginning - it's quicker!

Freckle was on the opposite side of Ottawa and we just missed him at the start, THAT was an hour plus flying time miss!!

Freckle was picked about 10km from his start point in Otanewainuku, 1 km on the seaward side of the trig. To his credit, he was no more than 5m off the walking track and yes, that was a walk-in and out and a car trip back home. A huge thank you to Shamus, Dave Edwards (for his knowledge, he pinged Freckle) Tracy and Brad DOC for advice and support, Gaylene, all those who phoned with helicopter contacts and Steve Woolly for the post-delivery

monitoring, a great team effort with a good result.

PS the way Freckle is behaving this may not be his last adventure, we hope it is, as it is deadly territory outside Ōtanewainuku.

Cheers Dave Brown

FOR THE KIDS



Hi Kids!

Do you want to read a really cool book?



Go to your local library and get out **'It's my egg (and you can't have it!)** by K.P. Warne. You may have to go on a waitlist as it looks like it's very popular!

The struggle of New Zealand's Kiwi to survive against predators is cleverly told in this picture book, including the difference we can make when we help.

VOLUNTEERING NZ WOULD LIKE YOUR HELP!

They are currently undertaking a Volunteer Survey to gain a better understanding of the current state of volunteering in New Zealand.

Link to survey: <https://volunteeringnz.typeform.com/to/qbk5Mz>

The State of Volunteering report will be published in 2020.

Thank you on behalf of Volunteering NZ!

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.



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