



KAIPUPU Sanctuary

Annual Report 2022- 2023

Values

Welcome to the Kaipupu Point Mainland Island Society (KPMIS) Annual Report 2022/23

This report highlights the work we have completed under our five strategic values.

Engage – Whanaungatanga

Through shared experiences and working together people achieve a sense of belonging and connection

Inspire – Whakahihiketanga

Visitors of all ages value Kaipupu Wildlife Sanctuary and through this connection with nature are inspired to take action for the environment

Protect – Kaitiakitanga

Biodiversity is protected through removal of introduced pest species and enhanced by native plantings, natural regeneration and reintroduction of appropriate species

Sustain – Whakauka

Thoughtful planning and diversification creates a successful, resilient future

Collaborate – Mahi tahi

Success is achieved through collaboration

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Comment from the Chair

What a year it has been!

At the 2022 AGM I announced the subtle change to our name Kaipupu Sanctuary. This was to better reflect the part we play in our community's wellbeing as well as being a safe haven for wildlife. Kaipupu is a sanctuary for the many locals and visitors that head out to experience a piece of wilderness.

Over summer, we extended that sanctuary to our global community, guiding many of the cruise ship passengers that stopped over in Picton. Yes, this was to make an income from this busy industry and help us become partially self-sufficient. But I also believe that we are playing an important role in raising awareness of community conservation, and hopefully inspiring our international visitors to volunteer and advocate for conservation back home. We may belong to different countries, but we all belong to one planet!

We celebrated our two-year anniversary of being rat-free after our poison operation in 2020. This was an exciting milestone as it means we can now progress translocation proposals with confidence. We also obtained from our bird monitoring statistical evidence that bird numbers have increased within the reserve. Measuring change in nature requires patience, we manage to destroy nature at a faster rate that we can rehabilitate it, so it is exciting to have data to validate our efforts. The birds will be responding not only to lack of predators, but to the flourishing forest ecosystem that

is slowly coming back into balance. This is tangible evidence that what our staff and volunteers are doing is working.

The biggest change to our organisation is of course the merger with Picton Dawn Chorus. Working through the process wasn't easy – logistically or emotionally, so I want to thank the Kaipupu management committee and all the volunteers and members who attended the meetings or stopped us in the supermarket to offer support (and advice!). It reiterates how important Kaipupu is to us all.

We strongly believe the merger will be good for Kaipupu. The merger will strengthen our foundation, it will increase our resilience, and grow our capacity to achieve more. It will allow wildlife to continue to flourish within the fence and enhance that sanctuary beyond the fence. I came away from our first merged Board meeting feeling excited for the future, and confident Waitohi-Picton will soon become the supercity of conservation destinations!

As the last Chair of Kaipupu Sanctuary, I want to acknowledge all those who have contributed to the making of an amazing project over the past 18 years. Whether you have gifted money, sweat (and the odd blister) or support-in-kind, you have been a critical part of Kaipupu's story. I look forward to creating the next chapter with you.

Wendy Sullivan
Chairperson

Chair's reflections from the beginning

We have asked our Chairs to share their memories, highlights and challenges. We hope you enjoy this wee travel through time!

Juliet Gibbons 2005 - 2009

In the beginning, there were many firsts for Kaipupu Point. It all began with a community meeting at the offices of Port Marlborough where then-CEO Sean Bolt offered forward the idea that a small peninsula of land comprising Port Company and Department of Conservation land could be suited to a mainland island. His question was – is there a will for this in the community? That question was answered with a resounding yes. The rest, as they say, is history.

What followed from that point over these formative years was an initial steering group, following by a formally incorporated society, the appointment of board members and the creation of the Kaipupu logo. Formal and enduring agreements were struck with the Port and with DOC and the first tranche of funding for the predator proof fence secured. The Kaipupu Point project was well underway.

Alan Izard 2009 - 2013

It was a great privilege to become Kaipupu Point Chairman following on from Juliet Gibbons, the first Chairperson of the new, fenced off peninsula now known as the Kaipupu Point Sounds Wildlife Sanctuary.

My greatest memories would have to be the

volunteers with strong friendships made and great works achieved often with fun picnics to follow, the establishment of our first Project Coordinator as part of a more efficient management system, the start of Environmental Education for Primary Schools (Andrew John), the surveying and construction of the Main Track (visitors) and establishment of the public landing area and jetty/pontoon, the opening of the Reserve to the Public and, finally, the successful funds raising from Family Trusts, individuals and our Major Sponsors together with the enormous contribution of services from local businesses.

What a wonderful time to be involved with the development of Kaipupu Point. There will be continuing challenges and changes in the future but one thing that must continue is the recognition of Kaipupu Point as the Jewel in the Crown of further conservation work in and around the Picton area.

Barry Maister 2013 – 2016

I took over as chair when all the essential Kaipupu infrastructure had been completed by Alan Izard and his team. This included building of the track, jetty, fence, and having a fantastic pest tracking and monitoring team in place.

In my time the focus changed to

biodiversity, education, promotions and fundraising.

Under biodiversity we developed a plan for enhancing habitats such as for invertebrates, introducing animal species, removing weed pests, upgrading trapping technology, and carrying out more species monitoring.

Under education we supported resource development aimed at children, under the astute leadership of Andrew John. Under promotion and fundraising, we improved our track signage and publication professionalism, raised our local profile, enhanced our reporting to, and links with DOC and Port Marlborough, increased our sponsors, and ran a couple of somewhat contentious but successful 'Pestivals' (pest eradication festivals).

All these achievements were made possible by the quality staff we employed over this period including Jenny Keene, Rachael Russell and Trudy Nicholas, who supplemented and coordinated our incredible 'volunteer army' which consisted of field workers plus members of the Board.

Other ongoing issues we battled with were affordable public access to the peninsula, securing sustainable funding for staff, and the continual invasion of pests from surrounding territory. These issues have not gone away and are still relevant today.

Pete Hamill 2016 - 2017

During my relatively short tenure as Chair of the Kaipupu Point Wildlife Sanctuary the most memorable occasions was the welcoming of the first of juvenile rowi kiwi to the sanctuary. The privilege of carrying the kiwi onto the Te Atiawa Marae and the subsequent release onto the sanctuary was something that I treasure. The development of the first Biodiversity Management Strategy for the Sanctuary is something that I am proud of and (I think) helped sculpt the future direction of the Sanctuary to foster a flourishing environment for native flora and fauna. Assisting with the attempted translocations of South Island Robin to the sanctuary was one of the highlights and also one of the disappointments. Everything was in their favour, but we just couldn't speak Robin and still do not know why the translocation did not succeed. I guess that is something that you must deal with when working with animals.

Gerald Harper 2017 - 2022

For me my greatest memories about Kaipupu must be the amazing people that have been and still are involved in the organisation. The incredible volunteers who are worthy of a book in their own right, the amazing people who have so generously given their time and expertise to serve on the committee and our dedicated paid staff.

I would like to acknowledge them individually namely Jenny Keene who was our first employee who got the whole show up and running. Followed by Trudy Nicholas and Rachel Russell. Trudy laid the foundation for our very good pest control results we have now. Rachel brought many great skills to her role and was instrumental in getting the shop at 14 Auckland St going.

Now Anna Polson and Hazel Ross are at the helm and what a wonderful job they are doing in taking Kaipupu forward, setting the organisation up for future generations to enjoy.

So now when I walk round Kaipupu no matter what you look at be it the flora and fauna, the track, the fence, the jetty, the sheds or the traps there is a great behind the scenes story of people, some paid but mostly volunteers who have given very generously to make Kaipupu the great area it is now and for future generations to enjoy.

It has certainly been a privilege to have been a very small part of the Kaipupu journey.

Wendy Sullivan 2021 – 2023

During the time I have been Chair, we have met two exciting milestones. The first was becoming officially rat-free – no rats were detected in our tracking tunnels for two years after our second toxin application in 2020. This two-year period is the benchmark

DOC uses when approving translocations – we have proven that we can remove them and Keep Them Out! Conservation is difficult. As conservationists we must be willing to employ scientific monitoring, interrogate our methodologies, research new technologies and ever-changing best practices, and never rest on our laurels!

The second milestone was that after 18 years of monitoring our bird numbers, our data shows a significant increase for most species inside the Sanctuary. This validates all the effort our team has put into the Sanctuary over the years, not only trapping but improving the habitat through weed control and planting.

It seems a fitting time then, that we now move our focus to outside the reserve, to join forces with Picton Dawn Chorus and grow beyond the fence.

Our management committee 2022-23

Kaipupu Point Mainland Island Society was established in 2006 and is an incorporated society and registered charitable entity. The role of the Society is to oversee management of Kaipupu Sanctuary.

Comprised solely of volunteers, the management committee works with Kaipupu Point landowners; Port

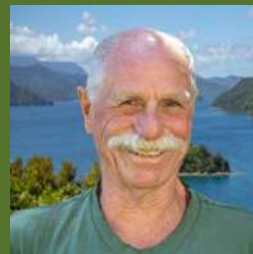
Marlborough and the Department of Conservation. A representative from each organisation sits on the management committee. The Society contracts two coordinators to complete biodiversity work, education, maintenance, marketing, finance, and other administration tasks.



Wendy Sullivan
Chairperson



Sam Vincent
Secretary



Ross McGerty
Maintenance



Gerald Harper
Maintenance



Rose Prendeville
PMNZ Rep



Judith Manning
Flora & Weed



Miranda van der Linde
DOC Representative



Anna Polson
Kaipupu Manager



Hazel Ross
Biodiversity Manager

A huge thank you to you all for your time and efforts.

Engage – Whanaungatanga

Through shared experiences and working together people achieve a sense of belonging and connection.

This year has been uplifting and full of amazing growth and connections with our volunteers and community, we are grateful for the opportunity to gather now that Covid restrictions have lifted.

Kaipupu is such an extraordinary sanctuary that has many different projects all working to enhance and restore the biodiversity within Kaipupu Sanctuary. We have many volunteer teams across Kaipupu which specialise in some incredible projects:

- Guiding and Education volunteers share their love of nature to inspire and connect with children and visitors.
- Our Flora team removes pest weeds from Kaipupu and gather for social catchups on Fridays, to propagate the next generation of forest giants.
- Pest trapping and monitoring volunteers carry-out fortnightly trapping across Kaipupu, servicing over 600 traps.
- Picton Environment Centre shop volunteers help on market days and cover the shop providing information on Kaipupu to the public.

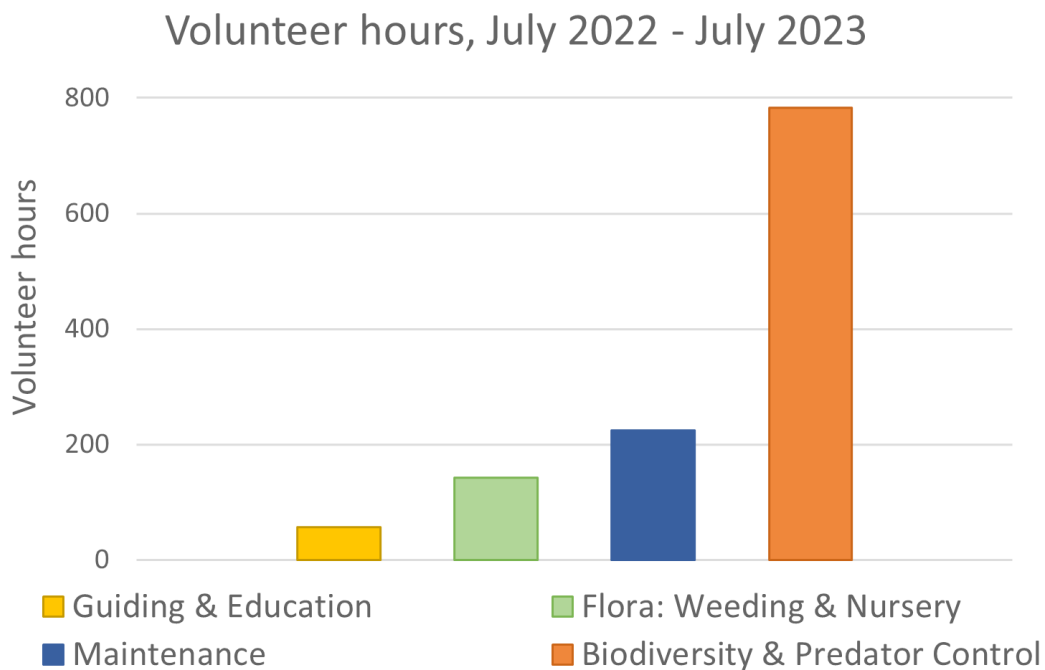


Figure 1: Volunteer hours carried out on Kaipupu Sanctuary and Kaipupu Native Nursery

Our Maintenance team are often our unsung heroes of Kaipupu. This year we suffered major slips to our main track in the August 2022 storm, our incredible dedicated maintenance team jumped into action and with the help of Port Marlborough supporting us through this damage we were quickly able to re-open the sanctuary to volunteers and the public.

Another accomplishment this year has been the installation of a new long-drop toilet. We have received so much positive feedback about this fantastic new loo near the volunteer sheds on the main track. A big thank you to Lotteries who provided the funding for this.



Above left : Leo Club volunteers from Marlborough Boys' College, The Leos came out to Kaipupu for a beautiful sunny working bee. We achieved so much relocating large flax bushes on Kaipupu to create new habitat for special native Flax Weevils to live in.

We have also launched a new Kaipupu Sanctuary website which represents our vision and tells the story of who we are and our passion for restoring biodiversity.

Working Bees

Kaipupu is incredibly grateful to be supported by many groups who carry out volunteering working bees helping us accomplish big projects. This year we want to say a special thank you to the Royal New Zealand Air Force, Port Marlborough and the Leo Club from Lions.



Above right: Big thank you to our volunteers for your continued help and amazing support. Another great working bee and a fabulous delicious, shared lunch to celebrate all our work. Thank you to all our supporters, your help makes Kaipupu the special place it is.

Next page: New long drop toilet installed on Kaipupu.



Volunteers of the Month

Thank you to all the volunteers who put their heart and soul into Kaipupu. It is the volunteers who shape this project and lead the way for its success. The extraordinary work and dedication from all our volunteers, has made Kaipupu the incredible sanctuary that it is today. This year we want to say a very special thank you to our volunteers of the month.

2022

August	Rebekah Lowe
September	Ross McGerty & Gerald Harper
October	Sue Binney
Nov/December	Helen Redshaw

2023

January	Vicki Baker
February	Alison Williams
March	Jean Payne
April	The Guided Walk guides
May	Dido Harper
June	Jill Spencer and Heather Whiting

2022-23 Honorary Volunteer of the year/Life Member – Judith Manning

Inspire – Whakahihikotanga

Visitors of all ages value Kaipupu Sanctuary and through this connection with nature are inspired to take action for the environment.

Kaipupu Sanctuary aims to connect people with nature using educational visits, guided tours, events, social media, speaking events and newsletters. Through greater understanding and knowledge of our natural world we hope to inspire others to protect their local environment.

Tourism

2022-23 was the year we finally opened to international visitors following almost 3 years of tourism numbers being very negatively affected by Covid-19. We spent winter 2022 preparing for the return of cruise ships to Picton Waitohi, and as we were all new kids on the block with regards to this activity, we didn't really know what to expect. We recruited several new volunteer guides and took everyone on a few training trips out to Kaipupu to get our spiel prepared. We also undertook a comprehensive first aid course which was part of the Safety Audit that we had to complete to be allowed to offer guided tours in return for money.

In conjunction with Marlborough Tour Company and Cougar Line, 22 cruise ships and 6 other tour groups were offered Kaipupu guided walks. Due to some mixed weather and disrupted ferry timetables, 12 of those were cancelled so we ended up taking 16 tours. As we hadn't had tour groups for a few years it was good to slowly

feel our way back into this activity. We had some great trips with the feedback being overwhelmingly positive. The most common comments were how much people loved the native forest, the peaceful surroundings, and the story of Kaipupu, and it made us all realise on a regular basis how lucky we are to have this treasure in our backyard. So many people around the world do not have the luxury of anything like this.

Hundreds of other cruise ship passengers visited Kaipupu on independent visits, so we do feel we need to find a way to engage with these visitors so they know and understand the Kaipupu story, and also investigate ways that we can benefit from these numbers.

The outlook for next summer's ship numbers is looking strong which we hope will benefit our tourism revenue, while always taking group numbers into account to ensure all our guests have a positive visitor experience. Tourism must be one of the ways that Kaipupu can become financially sustainable into the future, while always remembering our core purpose of being a Sanctuary for the residents and all who visit.

We will be on the hunt for more guides for next season so if anyone is keen to become one of our treasured walking guides please get in touch. Full training will be provided,

and everyone says being a guide is a valuable and enjoyable experience.

Total visitors to the Sanctuary from the Track Counter – approx. 1850
 School students – 552
 Cruise Ship tourists – 298
 Independent visitors - 1000

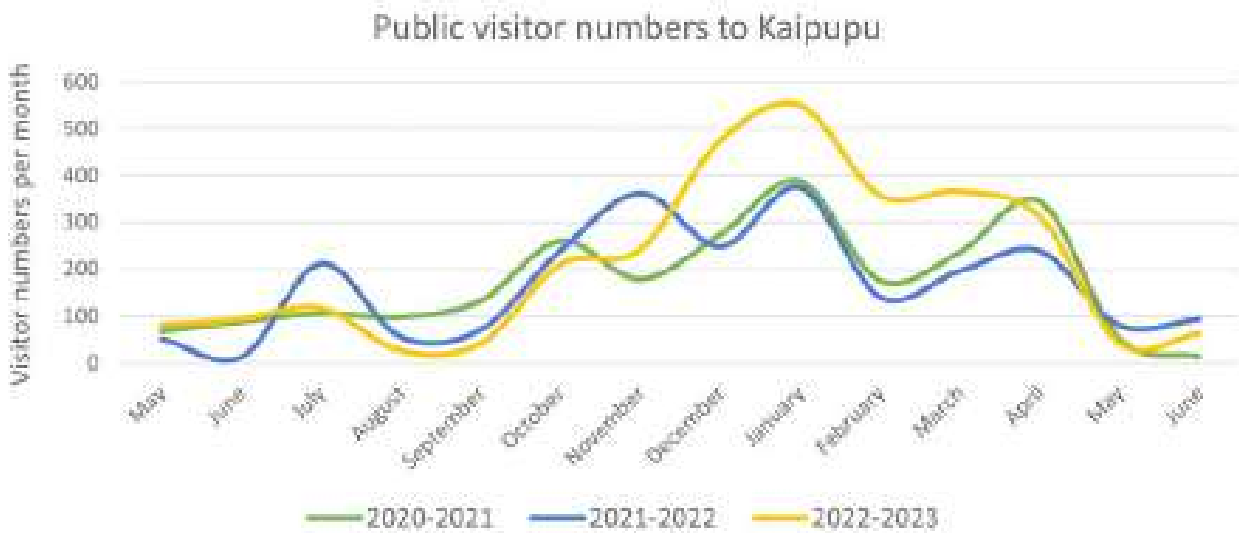


Figure 2: Visitor numbers collected from our track counter on the main Kaipupu walking track. Now our borders are open and people are travelling again, the summer of 2022 – 2023 shows this increase in visitors coming to visit Kaipupu.

Education

Kaipupu visits were on the agenda for many schools this past year as many of them have a curriculum focus on the natural environment in their local area.

Turf to Surf will not be offered again due to the unavailability of the yacht Steadfast, but the Kaipupu Experience and other versions of that became the option of choice for many schools this year, which consists of a look and touch session in the PEC to learn about our native birds and their predators, followed by a boat trip to Kaipupu to have a walk around and see how it all works in the field. Many of the students already have a great knowledge and appreciation of our local native environment which bodes well for conservation in the future.

This tour and a couple of other options was taken up by 552 local school children this year, slightly down on the previous year possibly due to the fact that Andrew John has taken a step back from front line education – he has left big boots to fill which we will endeavour to do this coming year.

2022-23 Education	Number of schools/groups	Number of students involved
Turf to Surf	4	104
Kaipupu Experience	7	172
Other visits to or about Kaipupu	11	276
TOTAL	22	552



Above: Piwakawaka Class, Waikawa Bay School, on a visit to Kaipupu Sanctuary.



Events

Many events that had been cancelled for a few years were back on the table recently, with Garden Marlborough Fete Day, Picton Maritime Festival, and Earth Day all held this year where we had a presence and at least one stall.

These events are a great way to increase our profile to a local audience and also make some sales.

Other Achievements

- Our regular newsletter continues to strengthen our connection with members, supporters, and volunteers. These newsletters are sent out to approximately 450 people across New Zealand as well as some international supporters.
- A Thank You to Our Volunteers event was held during Volunteer Week in June 2022 to thank all our volunteers for all their hard work and celebrate the role that volunteers play in our community.
- A 'Merry Christmas and thank you function' to all Kaipupu members and volunteers was held in December to show our appreciation to our supporters. This was a combined function with PDC and Envirohub.
- A new Kaipupu website was launched.
- Developed our photos into a new library, improving access to the collection for multiple different uses.



- New Kaipupu brochures were designed, printed and distributed.
- A signage plan has been created so we can get some new interpretation panels and signs for the Sanctuary before the summer of 23-24.
- Fundraising event up Gondola Hill was held to raise funds to pay for new signs.
- A combined function with Cougar Line and the Chamber of Commerce was held to invite local businesses and their staff out to Kaipupu.
- Beachcomber ran monthly trips to Kaipupu for a special price to give local people the opportunity to get to visit and learn about the Sanctuary.
- The Picton Environment Centre had a stall at the markets that were held at the Picton foreshore on cruise ship days. We attended 18 markets in total. While the main clientele were overseas tourists it was a great way to earn funds as these people often purchased t-shirts and other items which helped our sales income.

Protect – Kaitiakitanga

Biodiversity is protected through removal of introduced pest species and enhanced by native plantings, natural regeneration and reintroduction of appropriate species.

Predator control

This year we reached the milestone celebration of 2 years rat-free in our tracking tunnel monitoring. While we still catch the occasional rat that has swam out to Kaipupu, this incredible tracking tunnel result shows that any rat that arrives on Kaipupu is quickly caught before it has an opportunity to establish.

Our pest-proof fence prevents most pests from entering Kaipupu, however we will always have a risk of pests swimming out to

Kaipupu while predators remain in Picton. This is why the halo of protection provided by Picton Dawn Chorus is so important.

This year incredible volunteers have continued our success at keeping predators out of Kaipupu through fortnightly trapping and ongoing pest monitoring using trail cameras and tracking tunnels. Harnessing this technology, we can quickly identify any pest incursions and remove them before they have an opportunity to establish.

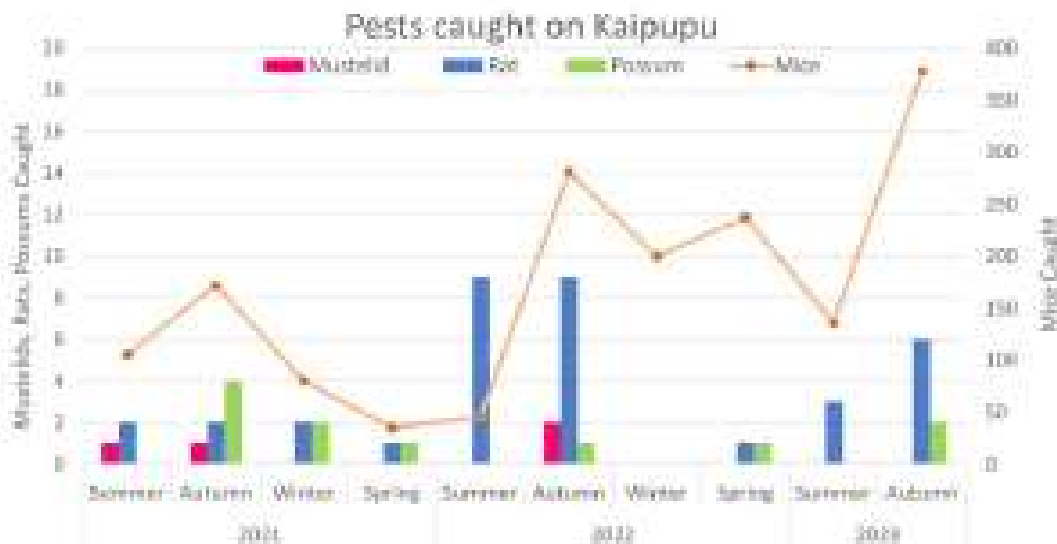


Figure 3: Predator catch results have stayed very low and we have kept predators below target levels. There have only been 9 rats caught to date in 2023, 19 rats caught in 2022, and 7 rats caught in 2021. Following the very low predator populations over the last two and a half years, the mouse population has risen. Kaipupu has 420 mice traps across the sanctuary to control mouse population.

Pest Monitoring

We use tracking tunnels as one of our tools to monitor pests across Kaipupu. These are wooden tunnels with an inked tracking card inside, for lure we use delicious crunchy Pic’s peanut butter to attract rodents. As

the animal walks through the tunnels its footprints are recorded on the card. There are 6 monitoring lines with a total of 36 tunnels on Kaipupu. We set these for 24 hours for DOC reporting, and also set them over a fortnight for our own internal monitoring seasonally.

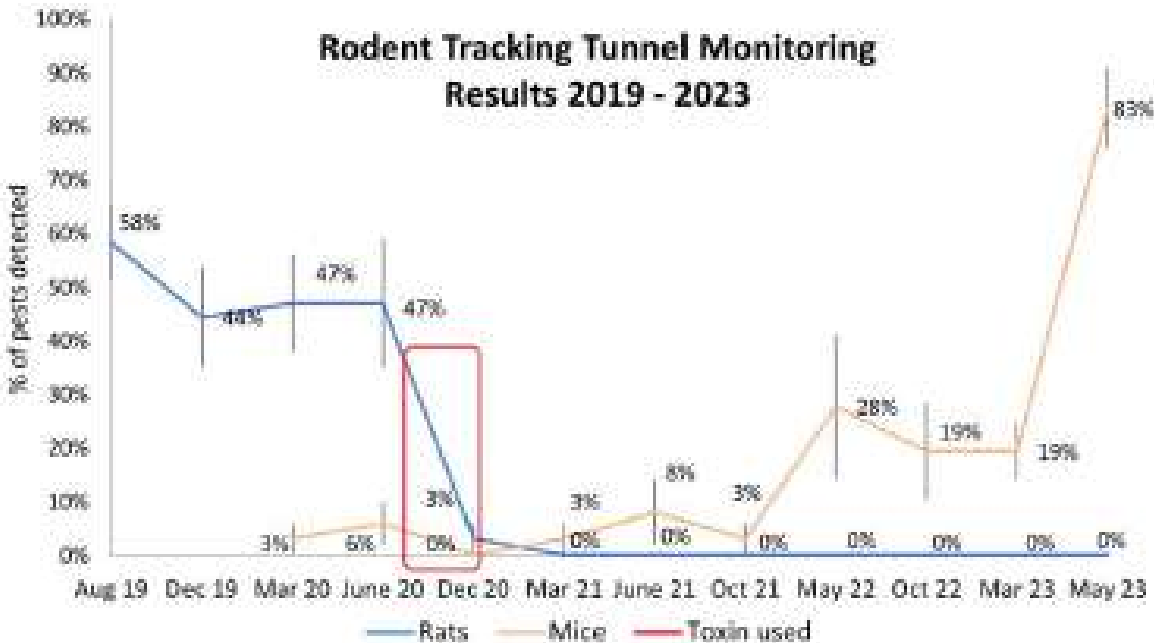


Figure 4: A toxin bait station operation was used at the end of 2020, this was successful at removing the rat populations and since then has been successful at catching newly arrived rats before they have an opportunity to establish and show on our monitoring. Following the removal of rats, we have recorded higher mouse tracking results.

Rat DNA study published in Biological Invasions

Kaipupu Sanctuary and Picton Dawn Chorus have been participating in an important study that looks at rat movement between the North and South Island and rat movement into Kaipupu from the surrounding Picton area.

Through testing Rat DNA genetics, this study has confirmed our pest-proof fence is effective at preventing rats reaching Kaipupu Sanctuary. This means there is very little movement of rats from the Picton

area onto Kaipupu. The study also showed that the Cook Strait is effective at stopping rats moving between the North and South islands despite inter-island boat traffic.

The DNA also found that of the 193 rats caught in Picton and Kaipupu all were ship rats, and no Norway rats were detected.

DNA also showed that there was no significant difference between rat populations on the wedge, Victoria Domain and Essons Valley, this shows that rats are moving between these areas and that urban settlements are not a barrier to dispersal.



Figure 5: Map of Kaipupu showing all active traps across the Sanctuary.



Biodiversity - Kororā/Bird Count

Bird Count Monitoring

Every spring since 2007 Kaipupu volunteers led by Dianne John have surveyed bird populations on Kaipupu using the '5-minute bird count' method. These bird counts expanded to also include Picton Dawn Chorus areas in 2016. This amazing data has painted a picture of the changes in bird populations throughout Kaipupu's restoration work as the removal of pests influenced bird populations.

Picton Dawn Chorus recently commissioned a report to examine these bird population changes. This found some interesting changes:

- There are significantly higher numbers of many native birds (bellbirds, fantails, grey warblers, silvereyes and shining cuckoos) inside Kaipupu Sanctuary compared with the surrounding native forest on the outside of the pest-proof fence.
- While native bird populations have been increasing within Kaipupu, exotic birds are declining within the Sanctuary, this is likely due to the increased competition from native birds which is pushing the exotic birds out of the sanctuary now that predators have been removed.
- The surrounding Picton area has seen an increase in native birds including bellbirds, grey warblers, fantails and kererū, this is likely thanks to the fantastic trapping work that Picton Dawn Chorus is doing alongside a population 'spillover' from the increased bird population on Kaipupu.



NB. These findings are from McArthur, N. 2022. State and trends in the diversity and abundance of birds in Picton township and its surrounding reserves. Client report prepared for Picton Dawn Chorus, Picton.

Kaipupu has also had three sightings on ngirungiru (Tomtit) on Kaipupu this year. This shows that since pests have been removed, birds are now starting to self-reintroduce into Kaipupu. The removal of pests has also encouraged invertebrate populations to recover which provides a great food source for birds.

Kororā (Little Blue penguin) monitoring

Over the last year we have been moving penguin boxes to coastal areas of Kaipupu where we have monitored past Kororā activity to provide additional nesting habitat. The first of these boxes already has a pair preparing to nest in it and we are looking forward to another successful breeding season.

Flora and Weed Report - By Judith Manning

Native Tree Nursery

Progress in the Nursery has seen dozens of young seedlings of a number of species growing over the past 12 months. An improved watering system has been installed, some teething problems are still being worked through but it will be up and running as we go into the warmer dry months.

Many of the plants raised have reached a size suitable for planting out and have been added to the Sanctuary's revegetation areas.

A good number of larger plants were donated by Andrew who had grown them from seed over the past 2-3 years. Some of these have already been sold through PEC.

Flaxes have been lifted, divided and replanted on Kaipupu in readiness for a future reintroduction of Flax Weevils.

Several enthusiastic Volunteers are regularly helping out with general tasks at the Nursery.

Weed Control on Kaipupu

Weed work continues to be important. It is quite noticeable that this work is making a difference. Apart from the occasional rogue it is less and less common for mature Old

Mans Beard vines to be found inside the fence.

Some well attended Working B's have helped to clear out larger plants. Ongoing work by the Weed Team means that young seedlings of Old Mans Beard, Banana Passionfruit, and Climbing Dock are removed before these can become a problem. A small number of other weed species are removed when spotted, these include sycamore seedlings, inkweed and the odd pine sapling.

Many thanks go to all who have been involved in both Nursery and Weed control work.



Above: Fantastic nursery volunteers meet weekly on Friday afternoons, it is a lovely time spent connecting and potting plants together. Volunteers from left to right, David Johnstone, Hazel Ross, Judith Manning and Rebekah Lowe.

Sustain – Whakauka

Thoughtful planning and diversification creates a successful, resilient future.

Grants

Long term funding from Rata Foundation continues to provide some financial stability, but we continue to look for other ways to improve our long-term sustainability as the funding world gets more competitive. The 3-year DOC funding we enjoyed has now finished, but we were lucky enough to get a one-year fund from Pub Charities which has helped in the short term to pay for administration and wages which many grants will not cover.

Other grants we have received have been from Lotteries for a second toilet to be installed at the Sanctuary, and have just received confirmation of funding from the MDC Working for Nature Fund for new signs and weed work on Mabel Island and Kaipupu.

Partnerships

Ongoing support is received from Port Marlborough through providing us with the shop premises, and they also very generously helped with paying for the track repairs after the storm damage last winter. A huge thanks to them for relieving us of that pressure.

DOC provide us with ongoing support and advice with biodiversity projects on the Sanctuary.

Sponsors

Continued sponsorship from NZ King

Salmon, Bluebridge Ferries, Mud House Wines, Core Advice, Summit Real Estate and Wilderness Guides help provide ongoing financial stability for overheads costs such as wages and administration expenses.

Donations are a vital earner for us - through Givealittle, the Kaipupu donation box and other generous donors we earn around \$12,000 per year.

Memberships – we now have 70 annual paying members, and 95 life members whose generous support we cannot do without.

Shop Sales are increasing now the tourists are returning and cruise ship day markets were a great sales outlet for us.

Plant Sales - The plant nursery has started to operate at the previous nursery site in the Powerhouse which is now Council managed and is giving us a base to work from without having to build a nursery ourselves. A small group of volunteers has commenced collecting and sowing seed so we aim to have native plants to sell to the general public for bird attraction purposes, thereby creating another form of income.

Our ongoing goal is to diversify our revenue streams and grow our self-generated income each year so that our reliance on grant funding is reduced.

Collaborate - Mahi tahi

Success is achieved through collaboration.

Probably the most important project we worked on this year was the collaboration with Picton Dawn Chorus, which has resulted in a formal vote being held and passed by the members of both organisations to fully merge under the PDC banner. This has been a 2-year process which has involved many hours of debate and discussion as to the best way forward to ensure the ongoing success of both groups.

Over the next few months work will progress with working on the finer details and logistics of the merger and when it is complete, Kaipupu Point Mainland Island Society as an entity will close. Kaipupu Sanctuary though, will continue to be promoted as a destination and a conservation and education hub. Due to challenging financial constraints in the charity sector, and to improve efficiencies of both organisations, we feel this is a prudent move to preserve the achievements of both organisations and ensure the ongoing

success of conservation in the Picton area.

The Picton Environment Centre continues to be a great asset to Picton and to the 3 organisations that share the premises at 14 Auckland St, which is generously provided by Port Marlborough. Staff from Kaipupu, Picton Dawn Chorus and Envirohub Marlborough are based at the centre from 9-3 each weekday and the shop is ably managed by Ali Williams and her group of trusty volunteers.

We have run many functions this year under the Picton Environment Centre umbrella, from events such as Garden Marlborough and Earth Day, to celebrating a combined Volunteer thank you and a Christmas function. We find these events incredibly rewarding in many ways, from sharing the load to organise the function, to offering our members and supporters opportunities to meet other like-minded local people.



Kaipupu Point Mainland Island Society Inc.

Statement of Financial Performance for the year ended 31st March 2023

	31 MARCH 2023	31 MARCH 2022
REVENUE	\$	\$
Donations, fundraising and other similar revenue	149,282	150,111
Fees, subscriptions and other revenue from members	1,917	1,728
Revenue from providing goods or services	14,846	5,995
Other revenue	13,049	4,508
Total Revenue	179,095	162,242
EXPENSES		
Volunteer and employee related costs	90,987	81,920
Costs related to providing goods or service	15,070	6,702
Operating expenses	7,873	20,364
Other expenses	26,564	24,557
Total Expenses	140,493	133,543
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) BEFORE DEPRECIATION	38,601	28,699
DEPRECIATION		
Depreciation	7,729	8,214
Total Depreciation	7,729	8,214
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) AFTER DEPRECIATION	30,872	20,485
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	30,872	20,485

Kaipupu Point Mainland Island Society Inc.

Statement of Financial Position for the year ended 31st March 2023

	31 MARCH 2023	31 MARCH 2022
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Bank accounts and cash	278,072	257,563
Debtors and prepayments	3,814	2,262
Inventory	5,265	4,788
Total Current Assets	287,151	287,151
Non-current Assets		
Property, plant and equipment	82,971	78,443
Total Non-current Assets	82,971	78,443
Total Assets	370,122	343,057
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Creditors and accrued expenses	1,287	12,338
GST	786	(5)
Unused donations and grants with conditions	65,410	58,956
Total Current Liabilities	67,483	71,289
Total Liabilities	67,483	71,289
NET ASSETS	302,639	271,767
ACCUMULATED FUNDS		
Opening balance	271,767	251,282
Accumulated surpluses or deficits	30,872	20,485
Total Accumulated Funds	302,639	271,767



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