

Keeping you informed about Ōtanewainuku Kiwi Trust. July 2019 Update

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ŌTANEWAINUKU KIWI TRUST

Hi Cindy,

Our new way of informing you

We're changing the way that we keep you up to date with what's happening in the Ōtanewainuku Forest. This issue of the monthly newsletter has a slight name change as it's now going not only to volunteers but also to our sponsors, supporters and other conservation groups. We're rolling the quarterly newsletter which you received last week into these more frequent and more up to date newsletters. We hope that you enjoy the changes but if it's too much you can use the unsubscribe button below

Thank you to those of you who attended the June workday and undertook work in the 3A expansion zone. We hope the new volunteers enjoyed their time in the forest and for those of you who have not provided any feedback, please do so, we like to hear how you felt after your first workday.

Our box making day saw 10 volunteers attend and help with not only the box making but also with replacing the shed floor in the lockup. Several more days are going to be required for box making and more information will come out at a later date.

We have a few workdays for you as shown below. One in the forest (this is another day for those of you with good fitness levels), one threading bait and one processing the salted rabbit - remember, many hands make light work! Make sure you read the information re these workdays as there are some changes!

SAVE THE DATE! Our Annual Public meeting will be held on 1st August - see flyer below for more information.

2019 Office Holders:

Ōtanewainuku Kiwi Trust's AGM recently elected the following:

Acting Chair - Bruce Fraser

Treasurer - Chris Rogers

Secretary - Suzanne Williams

Trust members - Hans Prendergast, Peter Crane, Dave Brown, Melanie Norton, Gavin Cherrie, and Selene Conn.

FOREST WORKDAY - SUNDAY 14TH JULY - GOOD FITNESS REQUIRED & CHANGE OF LOCATION

When - Sunday 14th July

What time - 9.00am to whenever

Where - Seales Road Intersection with Mountain Road

Seales Road intersection with Mountain Road is about 2.5km before you get to the shelter heading up Mountain Road from Tauranga and where the tarseal ends and the gravel starts on Mountain Road.

- We will start at 9am. 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.
- Hi-Viz vest and personal first aid kit is recommended. Allergy medications need to be in first aid kit i.e. wasp sting.
- It is important to note that for this work a **GOOD** level of fitness and health is required.
- Basic equipment will be provided.

We will be working in a remote area and it will be a longer day, so you need a good level of fitness for the steep terrain. Please ensure you bring water and snacks.

There will be no sausage sizzle on this day.

Remember to look out for email/Facebook cancellations - these will be published in time to cancel any workday.

SALTED RABBIT PROCESSING WORKDAY - 18th JULY

The next workday for the salted rabbit processing is to be held on Thursday 18th July starting at 10.00am.

This is during the school holidays so if there are any young budding processors out there they will be most welcome. (full training will be given in the art of chopping).

If you can help please let Mac know, phone 0274746057.

BAIT THREADING WORKDAY - SUNDAY 21ST JULY

When - Sunday 21st July

What time - 9.00am to whenever

Where - Naturally Native, Gamman Mill Road, Oropi

This is a day where we get baits threaded onto wires for this year's pest control. The contractors then install these wires with baits into the bait stations in the bush. We will be working under cover in one of the shadehouses of Naturally Native. We will start at 9am (but come when you can) and you can leave when you need to.

Access is to turn off from Oropi Road, opposite the Oropi School, onto Gamman Mill Road. Shadehouse is 50m down Gamman Mill Road from the intersection. We will signpost access to the shed.

All gear and training will be provided, Morning tea provided.

KIWI TEAM UPDATE

A couple of our kiwi team volunteers attended a Kiwi Hui recently. The Hui

covered a range of subjects with a focus on ferrets and dogs as this was what surveys showed groups are needing info on. All the sessions have been videoed and are on Kiwi for Kiwi web site. I would recommend that everyone find [John Bissel's Ferrets and Kiwi - A lesson from the front line.](#) and watch it. He may be talking about ferrets but the trapping is every bit as relevant to stoats. It would be tremendous if all our trappers took a few of his tips and put them into practice.

Our Kiwi transmitter changes in Otanewainuku and Whirinaki are done, now we wait for eggs. Lots of eggs I hope.

Carmel from The National Hatchery came out with me for Tahi's yearly visit as he was their special boy for many years. Marama has taught him all her dirty tricks. Roosting under a mighty pile of rotten debris that was far too fragile to go over so had to crawl under to nab him. Once released he looked back at us, dropped a large loud poop then strutted back into his windfall.

Cheers Sheryl



Carmel with Tahi.

CARPARK EXTENSION

Over the last few years visitor numbers to Otanewainuku have increased significantly.

This has put considerable pressure on the available parking spaces, making it a little unsafe to cross the road on busy weekends.

We have ticked all the boxes with WBoPDC, DOC and Heritage NZ and consulted with the Waitaha Iwi and we now ready to get on with the job.

At this stage work is planned to be done in the second half of July.

There is some vegetation to be removed and earthworks to be done so the parking area will have working machinery and other hazards during

construction. Be extra careful if you are visiting the forest at this time.

There is also likely to be some traffic management during the project so please respect the temporary speed limits etc when passing through.

Thanks for your patience.

The works will increase the number of spots from 18 to 27 and make it much safer to cross the road once it is all completed.

A huge thank you to BECA, WBoPDC and Wild Kiwi Clothing for helping to make this happen.

Cheers Gavin

ŌTANEWAINUKU KIWI TRUST ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING

Annual Public Meeting

When: 7pm - Thursday 1 August
8.30pm Supper

Where: Toi Ohomai, in H110 lecture room (next to the Atrium),
70 Windermere Drive, Poike

All welcome - gold coin donation

Speaker: Sarah Beadle

Sarah is a principal ecologist, botanist, and CEO at Wildland Consultants. Sarah has been a practising ecologist for almost 40 years. In 1985 she undertook a vegetation survey and assessment of the biological conservation values of Otawa-Ōtanewainuku. In 1994 she surveyed the Ōtanewainuku Ecological District for the Protected Natural Areas Programme (PNAP) for DOC. Sarah has a wealth of information to share with us. We encourage you to join us.

SANCTUARY MOUNTAIN - VOLUNTEER TRIP

Five of our volunteers were treated to a days trip to Sanctuary Mountain on Sunday 23rd June which was the end of National Volunteer Week.

Bay Conservation Alliance (BCA) arranged for a bus to take volunteers from varying conservation groups in the BOP to the mountain. We were met by

guides who took us on a tour of the Southern Enclosure which covers 65 hectares. (We didn't walk that!)

It was great to hear about their pest free forest alive with native wildlife and we even got to see some of the wildlife! A Kaka came to check us out up close and personal!

It was a magnificent day and we thank BCA for providing us with this wonderful opportunity.



NEW WEBSITE

We've redeveloped our website www.kiwitrust.org to make it more appealing on the eye and easier to find information. Improved navigation makes it simpler to move around the site to the places people are most interested in

visiting.



Coupled with that, we've refreshed the logo and people seem to like the changes. let us know what you think on our Facebook page.



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The Otanewainuku 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.**



When the Forest Flourishes, the People Flourish.

