



A YEAR IN KIWI CONSERVATION

Annual Report 2019-2020



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MEET KIWIS FOR KIWI

Only a few hundred years ago, millions of kiwi roamed Aotearoa. Today, New Zealand is home to around 70,000 kiwi, and despite efforts that number drops by 2% every year.

Kiwis for kiwi is on a mission to turn that decline around. We partner with kiwi conservation projects all over New Zealand, with a long-term vision to increase the population by 2% every year and take our national icon from endangered to everywhere.

We provide funding and support for the many community-, whānau -, hapū- and iwi-led kiwi conservation groups that work to eradicate predators from the kiwi's natural habitat. A significant proportion of North Island brown kiwi live on private land and many of the groups we work with are volunteers, landowners or people who just love their communities, and who need funding to continue doing incredible work for kiwi conservation.



**176,884
HECTARES**

of land were protected

FROM THE CHAIR

RICHARD LEGGAT

The last year has been one of tremendous progress for Kiwis for kiwi but I would first like to pay tribute to Sir Rob Fenwick who passed away in March 2020.

Sir Rob was an inspirational leader, and Kiwis for kiwi owes him substantial gratitude. We would be nowhere close to where we are today without Sir Rob's vision, energy and influence.

I am delighted that Lady Jennie Fenwick has joined our board and is already making a significant contribution to our success. Thank you, Jennie, for joining the whānau.

We have had a number of highlights this financial year, with perhaps the greatest being the construction, commissioning and formal opening of the Crombie Lockwood Kiwi Burrow at Wairakei Golf + Sanctuary. To go from being a good idea to an operating facility in less than six months is a tribute to all involved. In particular, thank you to Crombie Lockwood and Gary Lane, the owner of Wairakei Golf + Sanctuary. Their generosity and willingness to support our work has been outstanding.

In December 2019, we were delighted when Jarden made the decision to join the Kiwis for kiwi whānau. Along with Crombie Lockwood, Jarden has committed to a sizeable sponsorship for which we are extremely appreciative.

Further on fundraising, we were humbled by the offer from the Fenwick family to highlight Sir Rob's passion for kiwi at his funeral and ask friends of Rob to contribute to his kiwi legacy.



The COVID-19 impact on Kiwis for kiwi has, in the short term, been relatively modest. Most importantly, lockdown occurred outside the important kiwi hatching period.

In the longer term, COVID-19 looks like it will provide a significant boost to Kiwi for kiwi. The government has announced its intention to provide funding which will generate employment that also delivers conservation benefits. We are confident we will receive some of this funding which will be used to boost the work done by community and iwi kiwi conservation groups around the country.

I would like to say thank you to the Department of Conservation for their continued support and endorsement of our work. Our relationship with DOC is strong and healthy with very good connections at many levels.

My thanks again go to our small management team of Michelle, Ross and Paul and our very supportive board of trustees. We have an excellent team, and the foundations are well set for further progress in our mission to reverse the decline in kiwi numbers to growth.

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**SIR ROB WAS AN
INSPIRATIONAL
LEADER, AND KIWIS
FOR KIWI OWES
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GRATITUDE.**

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

MICHELLE IMPEY

As has been the case for most New Zealanders, 2020 has seen many ups and downs for team Kiwis for kiwi. At the end of our financial year on 30 June, we had been through one nationwide lockdown at level 4, fortunately with relatively little impact on our work in the field. Our team in the office was already cloud-based and well-able to function from home offices, and in the field our team got out to do essential work (such as changing transmitters) where possible before lockdown. We were fortunate that this happened at the very tail end of the breeding

and incubation season; we whisked our last chick out the door from the Crombie Lockwood Kiwi Burrow 48 hours before the country went into lockdown.

Not only has the negative impact of COVID-19 been relatively minor, in a weird twist of irony it actually has the potential to provide a significant boost to Kiwi for kiwi, as the government looks to provide funding to generate employment that delivers conservation benefits. At year end, we were confident that we would receive some of this funding (which has since been confirmed).

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IN THE PAST YEAR WE SUCCESSFULLY FUNDED, BUILT, AND OPENED OUR INCUBATION FACILITY (THE CROMBIE LOCKWOOD KIWI BURROW).

This will be used to boost the work done by community and Māori-led kiwi conservation groups, plus some of our own projects. Should this eventuate, it will signal a further very positive step change for Kiwis for kiwi.

As an organisation we categorise our investments into four main categories, capturing main streams of work that we feel are essential to turn around the decline of kiwi and start growing the population. We have reported in the past couple of years on one major pillar of investment, our kōhanga/ONE kaupapa (called Saving the Kiwi). In the North Island we are using Operation Nest Egg to stock a handful of select predator-free sites, establishing them as a source of kiwi to release to safe places in the wild. In the past year we successfully funded, built, and opened our incubation facility (the Crombie Lockwood Kiwi Burrow) to handle the increased capacity needed for this work. 80 kiwi were released to Motutapu Island and Sanctuary Mountain Maungatātari combined, our kōhanga sites for Coromandel brown and Western brown kiwi respectively. We are well on track and anticipate starting to return kiwi to the wild in less than five years.

Another pillar of investment that is of enormous pride to us as a small organisation is our focused effort to develop meaningful relationships with Māori, for the protection of kiwi but also more broadly of te taiao (the environment). In this past year we are very proud to have welcomed Ora Barlow from Te Whānau a Apanui into the Kiwis for kiwi whānau. She works alongside Morgan Cox as a two-person powerhouse to help provide strategic on-the-ground support and advice to whānau/hapū/iwi. We look forward to growing this team.

I want to acknowledge our incredible team who do this mahi on behalf of Kiwis for kiwi. We are a small team that punches well above our weight. Thank you to Paul and Ross in the office for being jacks-of-all trade to keep our waka sailing straight, and to our dedicated team in the field who coordinate this big effort. In March we grieved the passing of Sir Rob Fenwick, our previous chair. He had already passed the baton to Richard, who took over as chair in 2019. A huge thank you and acknowledgement to Richard, who has stepped in to fill the big shoes left behind by Sir Rob, and has done so with an energy and grace that has made for a smooth transition to the next stage of growth.

Outside of our organisation are thousands and thousands of Kiwis who are doing the hard yards on the ground, some of it paid, some volunteer work. What a privilege it is to be part of the kiwi conservation whānau with you. Thank you.




80 CHICKS
were released
into kōhanga sites

BOARD

Kiwis for kiwi's trustees bring invaluable knowledge and experience to the board, creating a positive foundation for the future success of the trust.



RICHARD LEGGAT CHAIRPERSON

Richard was appointed as chairperson in April 2019. He has extensive governance and leadership experience, particularly with public sector and not-for-profit entities. He currently holds a number of board roles, including being the chairperson for the New Zealand Cycle Trail. Richard is a keen cyclist and skier. His headmaster father ingrained an interest and love of New Zealand's flora and fauna into his own life, and now he combines this interest with his experience to lead The Kiwi Trust and help guide its world-leading conservation strategy.



LADY JENNIE FENWICK TRUSTEE

Lady Jennie Fenwick has spent almost 38 years alongside Sir Rob Fenwick, her late husband and former Kiwis for kiwi's chair, trustee and patron, regenerating their 360-hectare property on Waiheke Island. Jennie is also the patron of the Hauraki Gulf Conservation Trust and has been involved in many ecological, environmental and conservation efforts. She is a co-owner of Te Matuku Oysters Limited. She has a background in public relations and previously has produced Saturday Morning on RNZ. She also has a practice as a Master NLP practitioner specialising in the treatment of anxiety.



DR JOHN MCLENNAN QSM TRUSTEE

John has worked with kiwi for nearly 40 years. His studies began with a small remnant population of kiwi in the Hawkes Bay in 1982, and in 2002 he completed his long-term Lake Waikaremoana study. John also works as a kiwi advocate and is often called upon to share his expertise. In 2004, John was awarded the Queen's Service Medal (QSM) in recognition of his services to kiwi and the community.



RUUD KLEINPASTE MNZM TRUSTEE

Known affectionately as 'The Bugman', Ruud is a vocal advocate for biodiversity and insects. Today, Ruud's working life is a mosaic of many facets: national and international speaking engagements, media projects, creating nature-literate teachers and students, research and consultancy work, and governance roles, including his role as The Kiwi Trust trustee.



KATE GRAEME TRUSTEE

Kate Graeme has deep experience with community conservation as well as a past life working in government policy. She is a long-standing board member for the Royal Forest & Bird Protection Society and provides The Kiwi Trust with a valuable link to this great organisation. Kate is a lawyer by trade and has applied her knowledge and skills in various governance roles within the conservation arena. She is motivated to participate in the kiwi journey and provides a great level of understanding and a strong voice for community-based involvement in our work.



PETER CULLINANE TRUSTEE

Peter Cullinane is the founder and chair of Lewis Road Creamery. Previously he was a founder of Assignment Group and the chief operating officer of Saatchi & Saatchi Worldwide. Peter is a board director of listed company HT&E, and a trustee of SkyCity Auckland Community Trust.



EVAN WILLIAMS TRUSTEE

Evan Williams is a former chair of Te Papa Tongarewa, the Museum of New Zealand. A former law lecturer, he is a lawyer, investor, and company director with international experience across a range of sectors including government, property development, conservation and iwi. He was one of the chief authors of the co-governance arrangements with iwi for the Waikato River treaty settlements and has been a founder, chairman or director of a wide range of private and philanthropic entities.



HENRY BRANDTS-GIESEN TRUSTEE

Henry Brandts-Giesen is the Head of Private Wealth at Dentons Kensington Swan. He specialises in trusts, estates, relationship property, succession planning, family businesses, and residency by investment. Henry advises a number of charities and non-profit organisations and is honoured to be given the opportunity to contribute to the proud legacy of Kiwis for kiwi's founding trustees. In his spare time, Henry enjoys spending time with his family, rowing, skiing, and ocean swimming.

GO WELL, SIR ROB

There are a few people in my career who I feel privileged to have known and worked with, and at the top of that list is Sir Rob Fenwick. In March 2020 we mourned with his family as the music stopped and his dance with lung cancer (as he referred to it) came to an end.

Rob was appointed as chair to Kiwis for kiwi in 2008 and held the role for a decade. His mana and connections boosted both our credibility and our bank balance, securing ongoing funds from central government that now ensure we can deliver on our Saving the Kiwi kaupapa. His legacy lives on in the funds raised at his funeral service, a parting gift to the cause he loved so much.

Rest easy, Rob. You will not be forgotten, and wherever you are, I hope it is free of rats, stoats and possums.

MICHELLE IMPEY,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



KIWI CONSERVATION ON THE GROUND

At Makino in the western region, Tamsin Ward-Smith, Kevin Stokes and kiwi dog Spur observe Sian Potier who is being certified to teach others how to attach transmitters to adult kiwi.



568 DOGS
were put through kiwi
avoidance training

THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON KIWI CONSERVATION

During Covid-19 lockdown throughout March and April 2020, most of Kiwis for kiwi's conservation work was not classified as essential. As a result, we couldn't send dogs into the field to find new wild kiwi to put on transmitter, and we couldn't send out teams to routinely change the transmitters on birds that were already on transmitter. When lockdown ended, we deployed dog teams to find those birds and complete the work that we weren't able to do earlier.

In May 2020, the government announced a Covid-19 economic response package to inject financial support into Aotearoa's struggling economy. Part of this package was announced as Jobs for Nature and towards the end of the financial year it was made known to us that we had been successful at securing funding under this scheme. Projects that this funding will be assigned to will be finalised and distributed in early 2021.



28,177 TRAPS
are on the ground

INCUBATION FACILITY OFFICIALLY OPENED

In December 2019, Kiwis for kiwi proudly opened the Crombie Lockwood Kiwi Burrow which is housed within the grounds of Wairakei Golf + Sanctuary, near Taupō. The Burrow is a dedicated incubation, hatching and brooding facility that hatches kiwi eggs collected from the wild and rears kiwi chicks for around their first month. At full capacity, the centre will be able to manage 80-120 eggs a year which is very exciting news for kiwi conservation. Most chicks that are hatched at the Burrow are released into predator-free Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari where they're left to their own devices to find mates and breed on their own, without fear of encountering predators.

Special thanks must go to key sponsor Crombie Lockwood. With their support we were able to build and staff the facility. Thanks must also go to Gary Lane, the owner of Wairakei Golf + Sanctuary, for generously donating the land the facility is on and contributing to the build.





Below: Simon Hall, Forest LifeForce Restoration Trust; Steve Lockwood, Crombie Lockwood co-founder; Manunui Blake, Ngāti Tūwharetoa; Jennie & Rob Fenwick, Kiwis for kiwi trustees; Michelle Impey, Kiwis for kiwi executive director; Ed Chignall, Predator Free 2050; Gary Lane, Wairakei Golf + Sanctuary owner.





\$602,314

in funding was distributed to
46 projects around Aotearoa

100TH KIWI RELEASED ONTO MOTUTAPU

In December 2019, the 100th kiwi was released onto Motutapu in Auckland's Hauraki Gulf. Motutapu is Kiwi for kiwi's kōhanga for the Coromandel region.



Standing left to right: Billy Brown, Ngāi Tai Ki Tāmaki; Alan Cahill, Moehau Environment Group; Diane Hinds, Whenuakite Kiwi Care Group; Clive Mosen, Thames Coast Kiwi Care; Michelle Impey, Kiwis for kiwi; Ayrton Hamilton, Kapowai Kiwi Group; Ross Halpin, Kiwis for kiwi. Ground left to right: Lettecia Williams, Moehau Environment Group; Paula Williams, Project Kiwi Trust & Kiwis for kiwi; Janice Hinds, Whenuakite Kiwi Care Group.



IWI IN CONSERVATION HUI

Nestled in the heart of Te Whānau-Ōkahu-Inuawai in Aotearoa Marae, South Taranaki, the four Kahui Taiao Turoa (National Māori in Conservation) Hui brought young people from around the district to participate in a two-day hui introducing them to a suite of skills enhancing their connection to the taiao.



DOC New Plymouth members participating in traditional trap making using staple jack, hosted by by Matua Rangī.



4,129 PESTS
were caught



SPONSOR SHOUT-OUT

Kiwis for kiwi, along with the community, hāpu and iwi conservation projects that we support, could not do what we do without the support of our committed whānau of sponsors and supporters. We are proud to partner with some of Aotearoa's most iconic brands who not only do good things for the people of New Zealand but also want to do good things for kiwi conservation.



Perennial supporters, Whittaker's, were awarded a Good Egg award during Save Kiwi Month for their long-standing sponsorship of Kiwis for kiwi. Jasmine and Hannah even found a kiwi on their wallpaper to showcase their Good Egg with.



Rheem's managing director Steve Bullock and marketing manager Brian McFarlane have made a concerted effort to ensure the kiwi story is told by Rheem at trade exhibitions and within their popular Off Site magazine that is distributed to tradies across the country. Here, Brian made sure he was flying the Rheem flag while mucking in with tree planting work at the Mataia Kiwi Project on the Kaipara Harbour.



On Alice Watson-Harding's first day in her new role as Head of Marketing at Jarden she was introduced to Richard and Ross from Kiwis for kiwi. Fast-forward a few months and Alice and the team at Jarden had determined that aligning the iconic "Jarden" name with our national taonga, the kiwi, fitted with their company values and would be a great community partnership. For the recently returned New Zealander it was also a reflection of national pride. "So much of what we do at Jarden is based on our "kiwi" ethos and we're delighted to work with some incredible organisations, including Kiwis for kiwi."



Crombie Lockwood's partnership with Kiwis for kiwi began in 2019 with the creation of the Crombie Lockwood Kiwi Burrow, a purpose-built incubation, hatching and brooding facility.

Crombie Lockwood sponsorship and events manager Alison Oldridge says when they learnt how quickly the population was declining, they knew they had to get involved.

"It was a real eye opener knowing kiwi could be gone for good within 50 years so when we heard how building the Burrow could help accelerate recovery efforts, we jumped at the chance to be involved.

"In the short time the Burrow has been up and running, we've already seen the impact it's having and are looking forward to even more activity this season and getting closer to the all-important goal of a two percent population increase rather than a two percent decline.

"We are really proud that our support is giving kiwi a greater chance at survival."



Left to right: Debbie Lowe, Steve Lockwood and Alison Oldridge at the official opening of the Crombie Lockwood Kiwi Burrow

MEET OUR SPONSORSHIP WHĀNAU

Thank you to all of these wonderful organisations for their contributions to the work of Kiwis for kiwi this year. Because of their support, we are one step closer to taking kiwi from endangered to everywhere.



FUNDING GRANTS

Without the support of the Department of Conservation and their “Save Our Iconic Kiwi” funding, we would not be able to do the work that we do. Our support for community and Māori-led kiwi conservation groups via our annual contestable funding grants falls into the following four categories:

PREDATOR CONTROL

Controlling predators in kiwi habitat is the prime focus of the 100+ community-led kiwi conservation groups around the country. The work done also provides a safe-haven for other native birds, reptiles and insects. Our funding helps these projects set up and maintain hundreds of trap lines that form a protective shield against invasive pests and predators like stoats, ferrets and rats. This safe habitat will be home to the increased numbers of kiwi that we are breeding in years to come.

OPERATION NEST EGG™ (ONE)

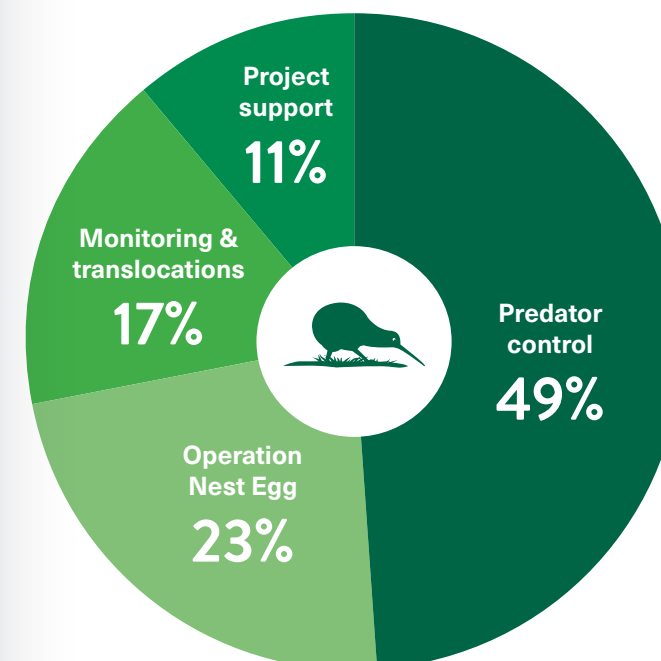
Rearing chicks in secure facilities gives them by far the best chance of surviving until they reach around 1kg in weight, at which point they are much less vulnerable to predation. ONE is therefore a highly effective way of increasing the survival rates of kiwi chicks so that they have more chance of reaching breeding age and contributing to increasing kiwi populations.

PROJECT SUPPORT

To coordinate projects that rely heavily on volunteers and run 365 days a year often requires full-time staff support. We recognise the necessity of these roles and provide administration and project support funding. We also support advocacy work and kiwi avoidance training for dogs.

MONITORING AND TRANSLOCATIONS

In order to know when we can lift eggs, to keep an eye on the overall health and genetic diversity of kiwi populations, and to understand what's going on in the wild, we need to monitor kiwi. Translocations are used to manage genetic diversity, move kiwi into underpopulated, but protected, areas, and support ONE.



FINANCIAL INFORMATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

REVENUE

Fundraising Revenue	\$345,412
Donations, sponsorship and royalties	\$709,293
Grant Revenue	\$1,389,454
Interest, Dividends and Other Investments	\$157
Total Revenue	\$2,444,316

EXPENSES

Conservation Project funding	\$1,575,438
Fundraising Expenses	\$44,129
Organisational Support	\$956,794
Total Expenses	\$2,576,361
Net surplus/(deficit) Attributable to the Kiwi Trust	(-\$132,045)

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH JUNE 2020

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash at Bank	\$239,938
Debtors and Prepayments	\$294,301
Property, plant and equipment	\$153,488
Total Assets	\$687,727

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Creditors, Accrued Expenses and Employee Costs Payable	\$282,232
Unused Donations and Grants with Conditions	\$35,000
GST Payable	\$32,934
Total Current Liabilities	\$350,166
Total Assets Less Total Liabilities (Net Assets)	\$337,561



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