



A YEAR IN KIWIS CONSERVATION

Annual Report 2020 - 2021



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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 68,000 kiwi, and despite efforts that number drops annually 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.

In partnership with the Department of Conservation Te Papa Atawhai, 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 want to continue doing incredible work for kiwi conservation.



THE LAST 12 MONTHS IN A NUTSHELL AN EGGSHELL



We became a

**JOBS FOR
NATURE**

funding recipient

We hatched

**104
CHICKS**

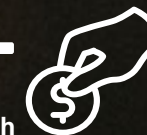


at the Crombie Lockwood
Kiwi Burrow this season

We were donated

\$330,000+

from our sponsor Jarden during Save Kiwi Month



We opened a

**KIWI
CRÈCHE**



in Napier



We welcomed

**SIR JOHN KEY
AND HELEN CLARK**

to the team as patrons

We estimate there are

1000+

KIWI

at Sanctuary Mountain
Maungatautari



We grew as an
organisation to
more than

20

STAFF



We welcomed

3 ORGANISATIONS

to our sponsorship whānau



We launched the Kiwis for kiwi

**ENDOWMENT
FUND**





FROM THE CHAIR

RICHARD LEGGAT

The last 12 months have seen tremendous growth and progress for Kiwis for kiwi. Confirmed in September 2020, the five-year Jobs for Nature funding package is enabling a significant lift in our kiwi conservation work.

The most obvious conservation benefit of our Jobs for Nature funding is the increase in hectares being managed by the community and iwi groups we are helping fund. In five years, an additional 110,000 hectares of kiwi-safe habitat will have been created, which will benefit virtually all our native flora and fauna. To support these groups the Kiwis for kiwi team has also been expanded to provide more support and advice on the ground.

We are very conscious the Jobs for Nature funding is time bound. To ensure we can continue much of the Jobs for Nature funded work, we have established an endowment fund. This fund acknowledges that if we want to reverse the kiwi population decline, we can't rely solely on the Department of Conservation for funding, and allows generous philanthropists and people interested in conservation to contribute to our cause. The fund was launched in March with a successful function in Auckland led by our two wonderful patrons, Rt Hon. Sir John Key and Rt Hon. Helen Clark. We are very appreciative of their support and are optimistic we can raise a substantial amount over the coming years.

In addition to these great developments, two other successes have been personal standout highlights. First was a unique experience the Kiwis for kiwi board of trustees enjoyed on the Purerua Peninsula in the Bay of Islands. On two successive evenings in May, the board spent two hours doing kiwi call count monitoring. Where anything over 10 calls an hour is regarded as excellent, we heard 50-

80 an hour. On the second evening, most of us saw at least five kiwi happily grazing in nearby pasture.

My second highlight is the successful kiwi population growth at Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari. In June we carried out a survey to estimate how many kiwi are in the predator-free sanctuary. Results estimate there are possibly more than 1000 kiwi there which is more than we expected and is strong validation for our Saving the Kiwi kōhanga strategy. Based on this survey, we hope we can start translocating kiwi back into selected Western region sites within 2-3 years.

Purerua has shown that kiwi can flourish in regions with good predator control. Maungatautari has shown the benefits of our kōhanga strategy and gives us confidence that we can provide kiwi in sufficient numbers to boost dwindling remnant populations or start new ones, in areas where there is effective predator control. Combined, both give us huge confidence that our objective to reverse the decline in kiwi populations is absolutely achievable.

I would like to thank all our partners and supporters with a special acknowledgement to Crombie Lockwood and Jarden who make a very sizeable contribution to our efforts. The Department of Conservation continues to be an important partner and largest funder and we are extremely appreciative of their ongoing support.

We are very fortunate to have a high-quality team led extremely well by our executive director Michelle Impey. I would also like to single out our just-retired trustee John McLennan who has spent most of his lifetime working in conservation and has been an absolute pleasure to work with.

My thanks go to everyone who has contributed to our success to date, and I look forward to further gains in the coming year.

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ACHIEVABLE.**



FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

MICHELLE IMPEY

It is hard to believe that a little over a year ago we were emerging from lockdown into a world of uncertainty. Now, we find ourselves with an expanded team and a significant investment into conservation initiatives.

Jobs for Nature funding from the Department of Conservation is allowing us to significantly strengthen our investment into predator control initiatives, with seven landscape scale projects being funded spanning from the Far North down to the Paparoa National Park in the South Island. The most significant project will see the creation of a 54,000-hectare corridor from the Kaipara to the east coast due to our Jobs for Nature investment into The Forest Bridge Trust. We are investing in a project in the Bay of Islands that

is aiming for not just predator suppression, but eradication. In Taranaki, we are proud to support an iwi-led project that is a collaborative initiative of Ngāti Maru, Ngāti Mutunga, and Ngāti Tama.

This is just a handful of the projects being funded that together will create an additional 110,000ha of safe habitat, provide training and create more than 150,000 hours of employment. For me, though, the most heartening aspect of this is the recognition that community and Māori-led projects can be entrusted with taxpayers' dollars to deliver on significant conservation efforts. Providing surety of funding over five years allows these groups to plan with confidence and focus their efforts on the task at hand: to create safe habitat for kiwi and other fauna and flora.

We were destined for a great year even without Jobs for Nature funding, thanks to ongoing support from our corporate sponsors, most notably Jarden and Crombie Lockwood, and Save Our Iconic Kiwi funding from central government. At the Crombie Lockwood Kiwi Burrow, we had a record-breaking year with 104 kiwi eggs successfully hatched. This was our first full year of operation and the team, led by Helen McCormick, has done us proud. We also enjoyed our first year of operations at our kiwi crèche in Napier, with 51 chicks reared to a safe weight before being released into the wild.

I am very proud of the calibre of people we have drawn to our organisation and for their ability to identify opportunities, navigate challenges, and continue to propel this kaupapa forward. We have grown our team in every area, including kiwi practitioners, hapū activators, and support

staff. Thank you to the entire team for lending your passion and expertise to this cause.

I have been privileged to be at the helm of Kiwis for kiwi since 2005, and I am constantly amazed at how no two years are ever the same. We have grown, and personally my role is so dynamic it feels like I have a new job every year. I am grateful to the entire team and to the board for their trust in me to continue to guide this organisation. Thank you too to Richard, whose endless energy as Chair has been instrumental in guiding our recent growth.

The year ahead is going to be exciting and will be equal parts challenging and rewarding. We look forward to a predator-free New Zealand when intensive management of kiwi isn't needed but, in the meantime, we will keep our foot on the gas. An enormous thank you to everyone who is on this journey with us.

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Left: Eastern Brown Coordinator Michelle Bird (L), Kiwis for kiwi National Predator Control Advisor John Bissell, and Kiwis for kiwi Executive Director Michelle Impey (R) in Taranaki, May 2020

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. 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.



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.



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.



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.



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.

THANK YOU, DR JOHN

In June 2021, we celebrated Dr John McLennan's contribution to kiwi conservation as he retired as a Kiwis for kiwi trustee. Many years ago, he was awarded a QSM for his discovery that stoats were the main reason for the rapid decline of the kiwi population, sparking a national movement to save kiwi. Dr John was instrumental in the development of our kōhanga kiwi repopulation strategy. An enormous thank you to John for his contribution to Kiwis for kiwi, and to kiwi conservation in general. Although he has retired as a trustee, he will always be a kiwi conservationist. **Kia kaha John, and thank you.**



FROM THE DOC DIRECTOR- GENERAL

LOU SANSON

As my time being Director-General of DOC comes to an end, I'd like to acknowledge Kiwis for kiwi and their goal to take kiwi from endangered to everywhere.

Kiwis for kiwi's achievements have been great. The team's passionate advocacy has resulted in millions of dollars of funding through strong commercial partnerships and the new Kiwis for kiwi Endowment Fund. This investment supports many whānau-, hapū-, iwi- and community-led kiwi conservation groups working to protect kiwi in their natural habitat.

The team has led the national effort on kiwi aversion training for dogs, raising awareness throughout the country. Soon kiwi will be returning to safe sites in the wild from the sanctuaries they've supported. This will help to grow kiwi numbers.

I believe a turning point in DOC's relationship with Kiwis for kiwi was the boost of government funding in 2015 named Save Our Iconic Kiwi. Our partnership solidified as we worked to turn the 2% annual decline in kiwi into a 2% increase.

With the late Sir Rob Fenwick at the helm of the board, Kiwis for kiwi made great strides in kiwi recovery. The loss of Sir Rob early last year was a blow, but his legacy will continue to inspire generations of conservationists.





JOBS FOR NATURE FUNDING SUPERCHARGES KIWI CONSERVATION EFFORTS

2020 was memorable for all the wrong reasons for many people. But while COVID-19 caused mayhem in the local economy, it created many opportunities for kiwi conservation.



As part of the government's COVID-19 response and recovery package, Jobs for Nature sought to combat the unemployment the global pandemic was expected to cause while creating significant conservation gains. The Jobs for Nature programme is investing more than \$1.245 billion in jobs for 11,000 people that will restore Aotearoa's rivers, protect precious places, and ensure our native wildlife thrives. The Department of Conservation is responsible for allocating \$500 million to partners and projects that will create nature-based job opportunities for approximately 6,000 people over four years.

During September 2020's National Kiwi Hui, held in Queenstown, the conservation minister at the time Hon. Eugenie Sage announced that Kiwis for kiwi was the recipient of \$19.7 million Jobs for Nature funding which will create up to 200 full-time equivalents (FTEs) and create 110,000 hectares of kiwi-safe habitat.

Kiwi conservation projects all over Aotearoa were invited to apply for funding and 12 were successful, including The Forest Bridge Trust which is working with local iwi and landowners to create a 54,000-hectare 'central bridge' that connects existing wildlife sanctuaries at Mataia Restoration Project on the Kaipara Harbour and Tāwharanui Regional Park in the east. The organisation was granted \$8.5 million to create at least 40 new jobs and accelerate their conservation gains.

Iwi groups were represented strongly in the successful Jobs for Nature funding applications. In Taranaki, three local iwi (Ngāti Tama, Ngāti Mutunga, and Ngāti Maru) have joined forces to create a project called Te Kōhanga Āhuru. Their mahi will ensure that the forests within their rohe are safe for kiwi and create sustainable employment for the wider whānau and hapū.

Te Kōhanga Āhuru will work closely with Experience Pūrangi, a community conservation project that will expand their current work beyond the boundaries of their pest control area into the adjoining forest. To support both of these projects, a kiwi monitoring and handling training program with a particular focus on mana whenua has been established and will be utilised by both Te Kōhanga Āhuru and Experience Pūrangi, along with other projects in the Taranaki region, to train and upskill their staff in practical kiwi conservation skills.



Budding kiwi conservationists learn about kiwi monitoring and handling at a training program funded by Jobs for Nature.



Kiwis for kiwi's National Predator Control Advisor John Bissell works with a team from Honeymoon Valley in Northland.

MEET KIWIS FOR KIWI'S NATIONAL PREDATOR CONTROL ADVISOR

Much of kiwi conservation revolves around creating kiwi-safe habitat, and most of Kiwis for kiwi's projects that have been funded by Jobs for Nature focus heavily on predator control. To support this mahi, we appointed experienced predator control expert John Bissell from Backblocks Environmental Management Ltd as the Kiwis for kiwi National Predator Control Advisor, a role that was created and paid for by Jobs for Nature funding.

John's role focuses on advising and supporting large-scale predator control projects that Kiwis for kiwi is funding through Jobs for Nature. He

will also assist in the development of a ferret management resource, create how-to content to support kiwi practitioners, and will be available on a limited basis to respond to predation events. All of his work through Kiwis for kiwi will support our long-term vision to create more safe habitat and increase the kiwi population by 2% every year.

These photos are from a trip to Northland where John worked with a project called Honeymoon Valley who are expanding a successful community-led predator control and kiwi conservation project of 1800 hectares, to include some of Northland's most ecologically diverse forests to create an Otangaroa-Maungataniwha-Mangamuka kiwi corridor of 7000 hectares.



Predator Free Hauraki Coromandel Community Trust hosts a predator control course.

ENDOWMENT FUND FUTURE- PROOFS KIWI CONSERVATION

Being entrusted with almost \$20 million of Jobs for Nature funding to invest into kiwi conservation was an incredible achievement, not just for kiwi conservation, but for a small organisation like ours.

In five years when this funding stops, we want to ensure that the momentum that will be generated through Jobs for Nature can continue – that the hard work that has been put in now doesn't go to waste in the future.

In February 2021, we launched the Kiwis for kiwi Endowment Fund which will give generous donors the opportunity to directly invest in the future of the kiwi. Rt Hon Sir John Key and Rt Hon. Helen Clark have set aside political differences to join the cause as fund patrons. Managed by Jarden, the Kiwis for kiwi Endowment Fund will future-proof the efforts of Kiwis for kiwi, the Department of Conservation, kiwi conservation groups, and whānau/hapū/iwi groups.





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The endowment fund acknowledges that if we want to reverse the kiwi population decline, we can't rely solely on the Department of Conservation Te Papa Atawhai for funding.

The fund was formally announced at a launch event held at the QT rooftop bar in Auckland. MCed by TVNZ host and reporter Miriama Kamo, the event was a great opportunity for guests to hear from patrons Sir John Key and Helen Clark, Kiwis for kiwi chairman and executive director Richard Leggat and Michelle Impey, and Lady Jennie Fenwick, the wife of former Kiwis for kiwi

chairman the late Sir Rob Fenwick, about why our mahi is so important and what they can do to help. The following morning, Sir John and Helen appeared on TVNZ's Breakfast, and the fund enjoyed attention from all the major local news outlets.

Our goal is to raise \$20 million over five years, which will ensure that predator control, training, the development of more kōhanga sites and incubation and crèching facilities, and other kiwi conservation initiatives will be guaranteed long into the future.



MOTUTAPU ISLAND STOAT INCURSION

In September 2020, a stoat was trapped on Motutapu Island. In October, a dog search indicated no further stoat presence. However, in late December 2020, two tūturuatu (shore plover) were killed on their nests. DNA testing determined that the culprit was a stoat. An incursion response was activated and since then a rāhui has been placed over the island.

This news was a massive blow to Kiwis for kiwi's Saving the Kiwi strategy. Motutapu Island is our kōhanga site for Coromandel brown kiwi and earlier that month, before we had been made aware of the presence of stoats, we had released two kiwi chicks weighing approximately 450 grams on the motu (island).

Stoats kill kiwi chicks and are the main reason 95% of kiwi hatched in the wild die before they reach breeding age in areas where no predator control is present. We knew that if we didn't do anything fast, the chicks we had released just weeks earlier could be in very real danger.

On New Year's Eve, we sent a kiwi-certified dog and handler team to the motu to recapture these chicks and relocate them by helicopter to the National Kiwi Hatchery in Rotorua. We also contracted a predator control expert to carry out

a trap appraisal alongside the Department of Conservation and Ngāi tai ki Tāmaki. In response to his recommendations, more traps and field cameras were installed, and the trapping system was intensified. In a preventative measure, we suspended any movement of chicks to the island too.

Unfortunately, it is believed that 1-2 unrelated male stoats are still on Motutapu Island. The word 'unrelated' is important because it is generally accepted that we are dealing with individual male stoats making their way to the island (probably by swimming), not a breeding population of stoats on the island.

Much is being done to resolve this incursion. The rāhui is still active and is reviewed and renewed every 30 days. There are now over 600 traps across Motutapu and Rangitoto Islands including run-through traps lured with fresh, female stoat scent. Up to 86 trail cameras have been installed to determine the location of the stoats. There are plans for the strategic use of a stoat-specific toxin (PAPP) too.

The confirmed presence of a stoat on an island intended as a safe space for kiwi chicks to grow and multiply is upsetting and of deep concern to Kiwis for kiwi. This incursion has highlighted the importance of Motutapu Island as a predator-free space for endangered native species like takehē and tūturuatu as well as kiwi. While we will not be transferring kiwi to the motu until it is predator-free again, planning for other components of Kiwis for kiwi work in this space will continue, including helping to accelerate the rate of replanting, continuing to develop



the whanaungatanga (connection) between groups and individuals involved in this kōhanga kaupapa, and commencing population surveys on the island.

Kiwis for kiwi is committed to this kaupapa for Coromandel brown kiwi and has confidence in the methodology currently in place. We look forward to the day Motutapu Island is once again determined to be predator-free and transfers of Coromandel brown kiwi recommence.

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SANCTUARY MOUNTAIN MAUNGATAUTARI

KIWI POPULATION THRIVING

Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari is a mainland ecological island located right in the heart of the North Island. Surrounded by one of the world's longest pest-proof fences, Maungatautari's ancient forest offers a sanctuary for populations of many of Aotearoa's most endangered species, including birds, skinks, geckos, frogs, bats, and insects.

Between 2013 and 2015, 77 Western brown kiwi were released onto Maungatautari to start a founder population. In September 2018, Kiwis for kiwi launched our Saving the Kiwi,

or kōhanga, strategy under which up to 500 genetically diverse kiwi are to be hatched and reared at kiwi hatcheries then released onto Maungatautari at around three weeks of age. At the end of the 2020/21 season, 239 founders had been added to the maunga's original 77, bringing the total founding population to 315.

Now that a significant number of the founding population has been on Maungatautari for many years, it's important that we monitor the kiwi population to help us understand how rapidly it is expanding. The results from this monitoring will determine when the offspring can be repatriated back to managed sites within the historic range of Western brown kiwi.

In June, for the first time since the first founder population was translocated to the maunga, Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari carried out two surveys to provide a baseline measure and help estimate how many kiwi now call the



sanctuary home. A call count monitoring survey It is estimated that more than 1000 kiwi could now be living on the maunga.

A kiwi dog survey identified 47 kiwi, 11 of which were original founders indicated by the small transponder chip they carry. This means that three out of four birds were bred and hatched on the maunga which also tells us that the kiwi population is thriving there.

Now that we have more of an idea of kiwi numbers at Maungatautari, we are working with urgency with all stakeholders to develop a translocation strategy. Call count and dog surveys will be carried out annually, and there are plans to implement camera surveys too. In the near future and before Maungatautari reaches full capacity, offspring from the founder population will start to be moved to other parts of the Western region, to bolster existing kiwi populations or to create new ones.

RETURNING KIWI TO THEIR WHENUA

Tikanga and kawa provide a framework that guides the protection and movement of kiwi. The first koha of kiwi to Maungatautari from

Ngāti Hikairo was based on tikanga and mana-to-mana relationships.

In June 2021, Ngāti Koroki Kahukura hosted the Iwi mo te Kiwi hui at Pōhara Marae, Maungatautari. This wananga contributed to the overall discussion of tikanga regarding the future of kiwi in Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari, as well as the more practical considerations of gifting kiwi.

Kiwis for kiwi is supporting this opportunity to develop and implement successful strategies to protect kiwi and their habitat, and nurture a good understanding of the kiwi release work that lies ahead. As Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari reaches capacity and plans start to be developed to translocate some birds to other parts of the Western region, hapū/iwi, interested agencies, projects, and trusts are interested in what happens to the kiwi on the maunga. Whakapapa relationships were key to the establishment of kiwi at Maungatautari and continue to be key in forming future relationships to koha kiwi to safe habitat. It is vital that we help create spaces for quality kōrero which builds understanding and trust, and a future abundance of kiwi and kiwi-safe habitat.



Photo credit: Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari

KAITIAKITANGA AND KIWI

Kaitiakitanga is integral to the spiritual, cultural and social life of tangata whenua. As an organisation, we are committed to supporting mana whenua leadership in kiwi and wider conservation efforts.

Last year, Cathy Katene and Wiremu Wharepapa joined Kiwis for kiwi's Pou Uruao a Motu/Māori engagement team to provide further support for mana whenua conservation. Matua Joe Harawira has mentored this stream of work since its inception in 2011.

The focus of this team is to enhance Kiwis for kiwi's ability to form strong trusted relationships and working partnerships with mana whenua, while ensuring our work programmes are shaped by Te Ao Māori value systems and reflect mana whenua's aspirations for te taiao and tangata.

Their work recognises that building trust and capacity and understanding the needs and narratives of mana whenua builds a strong meaningful foundation that supports increased participation and leadership in te taiao spaces.

NORTHLAND KIWI HUI HOSTED AT WAITANGI

In November 2020, we were privileged to attend the Northland kiwi hui at Te Tiriti o Waitangi marae, hosted by Ngāti Rahiri and Ngāti Kawa. It was a fantastic way to build upon processes that are respectful of tipuna and white coat science practices as we heard from iwi taiao projects and university research initiatives. Hosting the event on this beautiful marae ensured culturally welcoming spaces for Māori and offered tauīwi kiwi people an opportunity to experience marae.

It was an awesome opportunity for all, and the feedback that was received was universally positive.

New Zealanders are only going to save the kiwi if everyone is in the same waka, and this weekend was proof that we're on the right path.



MORGAN COX

Pou Uruao a Motu/Māori
Engagement Coordinator



**ORA BARLOW-
TUKAKI**

Pou Uruao a Motu/Māori
Engagement Coordinator



CATHY KATENE

Pou Uruao/Hāpu
Activator Taranaki



**WIREMU
WHAREPAPA**

Pou Uruao/Hāpu Activator
Te Whānau-ā-Apanui



COMING HOME TO THE RAUKUMARA

When Wiremu “Wongi” Wharepapa was given the chance to return to his whenua and his iwi to work, he jumped at the chance.

“I had been working at KiwiRail in Hamilton for 10 years and was well taken care of, but when Kiwis for kiwi gave me the opportunity to come home and work alongside my iwi, Te Whānau-ā-Apanui, to help start the long journey of restoring the Raukumara forest, it was a dream come true.”

‘Home’ is a small settlement on the coast between Ōpōtiki and East Cape, in one of the most isolated parts of New Zealand. The imposing Raukumara ranges form the backdrop of this remote, undeveloped corner of the

country. The terrain is wild and unforgiving and there are no tracks through the forest, which makes for an appealing challenge for very experienced hunters.

But over the last few decades, the Raukumara forest has severely suffered at the mouths of predators and intensive deforestation. Herds of deer have wiped out almost all vegetation on the forest floor, and the bird life is next to none.

“When I first arrived home and went into the bush, it was very hard to see what had happened to our whenua,” remembers Wongi. “It was total devastation in there. The deer population had eaten the entire vegetative understory; the only plants that are left are on the sides of waterfalls where they can’t reach. The bird noise is virtually zero, hillsides are sliding away because there’s nothing holding them together, and cliffsides are

collapsing into the river below. The Raukumara is like a shallow, empty grave. It can bring a grown man to tears.”

Wongi says even the predators are suffering.

“I’m a hunter and I came home to basically clean the place out, but now my mind has gone out of hunting and I’m feeling more like a conservationist. I’ve gone from hunter-gatherer to kaitiakitangi, guardianship of the forest.

“Once, a group of us stumbled across a deer that was lying on the ground. It wasn’t injured or shot; it was starving. It was really sad to watch, to see that the forest is no longer providing nourishment to our native taonga but also the predators that wiped it out in the first place.”

Wongi works in Kiwis for kiwi’s hapū activator team. His role is essentially advocacy and engagement between everyone who is attached to the Raukumara and wants to restore it to its former glory.

“One of the biggest reasons I came home was to reconnect my people,” says Wongi. “I felt like our iwi, our tāngata, were disconnected from the bush, from Tāne-Mahuta, from everything. I engage with our rangatahi, hapū on the marae, and kura, as well as people outside of our iwi

like regional councils and the Department of Conservation.

“My role is to work with everyone to set aside historical differences and come together to work on a common goal which is to breathe new life into the Raukumara.”

Wongi’s work is vast and varied. He helps set up training programmes for trapping, aerial shooting, and other predator control measures, along with GIS mapping and water testing in the rivers. His long-term goal is to create a healthy, flourishing habitat so native birds, including kiwi, can one day return to the Raukumara.

Wongi is philosophical about his work though.

“I know that I probably won’t ever see a kiwi return to Raukumara in my lifetime,” he ponders. “It’s going to take a lot of work, a lot of time, and a lot of collaboration between a lot of people to restore the forest.

“But I hope that the work that I’m doing now will leave a legacy that one day kiwi will be roaming freely through the Raukumara, and I thank Kiwis for kiwi and Jobs for Nature for giving me this opportunity to make a difference to my whenua, my iwi, my tamariki, and my mokopuna.”



CRACKING SEASON AT THE CROMBIE LOCKWOOD KIWI BURROW

If you'd asked the Crombie Lockwood Kiwi Burrow team at the beginning of the 2020/2021 kiwi hatching season how they thought it was going to go, they wouldn't have been able to give you a straight answer.

The dedicated incubation, hatching and brooding facility in Wairakei, just out of Taupō, opened partway through the previous season, then COVID coupled with a drought impacted the number of eggs that were able to be incubated. Given that the staff hadn't completed a full season at the Burrow and 2020 threw many spanners into the works, it was very hard to predict how this season might go.

As it turns out, no one should have been worried.



Crombie Lockwood Kiwi Burrow staff Kimberley McGuire, Will Kahu, Helen McCormick, and Kelsi Thompson.





June 30th was officially the end of the 2020/21 kiwi hatching season with the release of the final chick to hatch at the Burrow. “Halpin” was lucky chick number 104, up significantly from last season’s 23.

While cracking the 100 was an amazing achievement in the Burrow’s first full season since officially opening in December 2019, it’s not so much the number that was most surprising, it’s how long the season went on. Usually there are two distinct halves in a season but this year it all blended into one, and eggs were still being delivered to the Burrow months after they were expected to be. There were also an unusually high number of multiple clutches, with some nests producing two sets of two eggs in the one season. Two pairs even managed to produce a third clutch which is very unusual. The high numbers and extended season have been put down to wild kiwi playing catch-up after the drought.

In what was fortuitous timing, capacity at the facility was increased in September 2020 with the arrival of a ‘brooder wing’, a specially modified 40-foot container that’s fully kitted out with everything required to care for kiwi chicks. Over the last 10 months, the brooder wing has been used as an ICU for sick chicks, a brooder room for chicks that have been found in the wild and delivered to the Burrow, and an overflow brooder room for chicks that have hatched at the facility.

Well done to the team for their incredibly hard mahi over the last season. Thank you too to Crombie Lockwood, Gary Lane, and the team at Wairakei Golf + Sanctuary whose support is integral to the success of this programme. Without your support, the Burrow team couldn’t do what they do.



NAPIER KIWI CRÈCHE OPENS

In October 2020, Kiwis for kiwi opened a kiwi crèche in Napier.

The main focus of this facility is to rear chicks that have been hatched at The National Kiwi Hatchery in Rotorua, until they reach a 'stoat-proof' weight of around 1kg. At this point (after around three months at their temporary 'home away from home') they're released into predator-managed habitat in the wild. Most kiwi from this facility have been released in the Maungataniwha Native Forest which is managed by the Forest Lifeforce Restoration Trust.

The first four chicks arrived from The National Kiwi Hatchery in mid-October, and by the beginning of December the facility was at full capacity with all 21 kiwi runs being fully occupied. The crèche's residents coped well with fluctuating weather conditions, with local flooding in November and a particularly hot summer.

Since the Napier kiwi crèche opened its doors, it has been a temporary 'home away from home' for 51 kiwi which is very encouraging for its first season.





Kiwi husbandry staff Bev Wilkinson and Miriam Strachan welcome the first kiwi juveniles to the Napier kiwi crèche, and show volunteers how their contributions helped set up the facility.



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.



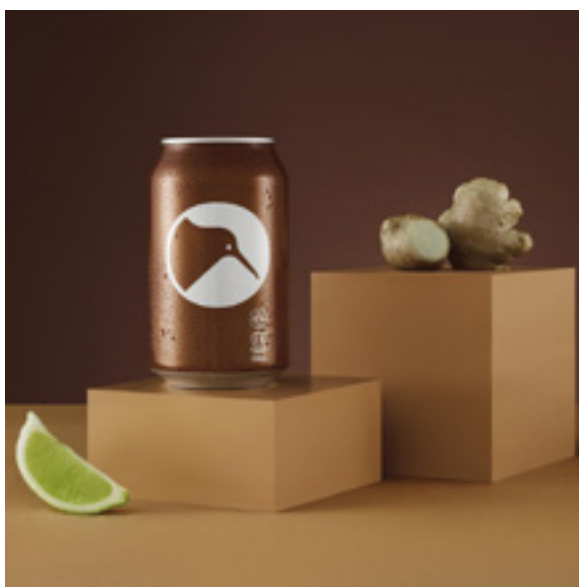
During 2020's Save Kiwi Month, Jarden held a Save the Kiwi Day. Contributions from the firm, clients, and staff raised over \$330,000 for Kiwis for kiwi which will have a real impact on the survival rates of our national icon by growing our kiwi population and protecting the birds we already have.



When TSB joined the Kiwis for kiwi sponsorship whānau last year, they also took up the role of TSB Kiwi Couriers in the Western region. Staff members can use their TSB for Good volunteer days to gently drive eggs and chicks from breeding pairs in the wild, to incubation facilities across the country. The bank also offsets its carbon emissions by planting trees for every trip taken which we think is awesome.



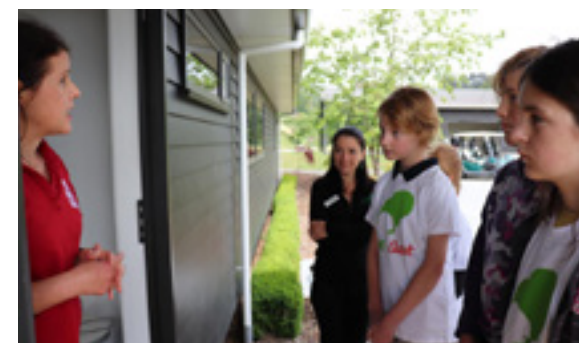
Kiwi kids' author and illustrator Kat Quin has been a long-time supporter of kiwi conservation, with proceeds from every sale of her iconic Kuwi the Kiwi books being donated to Kiwis for kiwi. Recently, Kat's generous donations tipped her over the \$50,000 mark. Thank you, Kat, for your much-appreciated support.



For every can of drink sold, Part Time Rangers donates 10% of profits towards animal conservation initiatives across the globe. In August 2020, the team joined the Kiwis for kiwi sponsorship whānau when they added a can of whisky, ginger and lime, dubbed the Brown Kiwi, to their selection of ready-to-drink alcoholic beverages. Their most recent donation has funded 20 night-vision cameras which will be dotted around Aotearoa and used to monitor kiwi's natural habitats and ensure their safety against predators.



Kiwi Contact is a programme that Kiwis for kiwi runs with Contact Energy and kids from schools across Taupō who are involved in the Kids Greening Taupō programme. In late 2020, a number of schools visited the Crombie Lockwood Kiwi Burrow to learn more about the kiwi and get up close and personal with the cute, fluffy chaps. One group even got to see a kiwi hatch!



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)

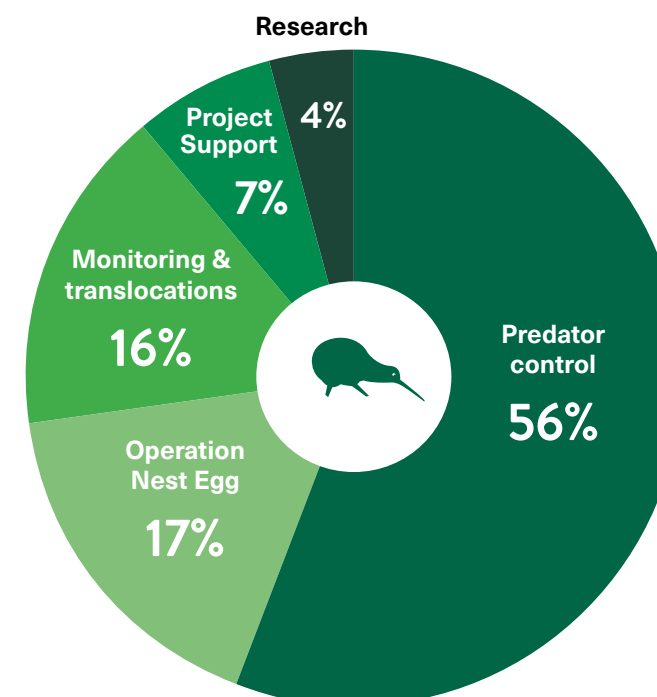
Rearing chicks in secure facilities gives them by far the best chance of surviving until they reach around 1kg in weight, at which point they are much less vulnerable to predation. ONE is therefore a highly effective way of increasing the survival rates of kiwi chicks so that they have more chance of 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 2021

REVENUE

Fundraising Revenue	\$228,897
Donations, sponsorship and royalties	\$1,115,546
Grant Revenue	\$5,910,672
Interest, Dividends and Other Investments	\$562
Total Revenue	\$7,255,677

EXPENSES

Conservation Project funding	\$5,358,900
Fundraising Expenses	\$83,432
Organisational Support	\$1,079,305
Total Expenses	\$6,521,637
Net surplus/(deficit) Attributable to the Kiwi Trust[†]	\$734,040

[†]Note: \$448,588 of this surplus is Jobs for Nature funding which is committed to approved projects but not distributed as at financial year end.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH JUNE 2021

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash at Bank	\$1,513,576
Debtors and Prepayments	\$640,206
Property, plant and equipment	\$162,582
Total Assets	\$2,316,364

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Creditors, Accrued Expenses and Employee Costs Payable	\$984,763
Unused Donations and Grants with Conditions	\$260,000
GST Payable	\$0
Total Current Liabilities	\$1,244,763
Total Assets Less Total Liabilities (Net Assets)	\$1,071,601



Kiwis for kiwi shares a goal with the Department of Conservation, its long-time partner in the national kiwi recovery programme, to increase each species of kiwi by 2% per annum. **Kiwis for kiwi** is responsible for distributing funds to the community from the successful "Save our Iconic Kiwi" bid to Treasury by **Kiwis for kiwi** and DOC together in 2015. For this year, the fund for community was over \$600,000.



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