



Kaharoa Kokako Trust

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This newsletter summarises the Trust's activities aimed at ensuring the long-term protection and survival of kokako at Kaharoa.

**Our next work day will be on Saturday 22 June 2013
Keep an eye on our website or Facebook page for further dates.**

Pest control planned for 2013

This spring, the Trust is planning to do rat control in the Kaharoa Conservation Area using Pindone. As usual, the pest control will cover the entire 705 hectare management area, including the Onaia East, Onaia West and Aislabies blocks.

Our plans are that pest control will take place on 31 August and 14 September when bait stations will be filled with Pindone. The untaken bait will be removed on 12 October. Initial planning and consultation for this work is currently underway.

As usual, we will be recruiting our wonderful volunteers to help out with carrying bait and filling bait stations. Pindone is heavy, so all hands will be welcome.



Rat invading nest - Source: Nga Manu images

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Pest control extended along Kapukapu Road Reserve

KKT are investigating the feasibility of extending pest control for kokako into an area called the "Kapukapu Reserve". This reserve is land purchased by the Department of Conservation in 2002 that sits at the southern end of the Onaia West block. Running parallel to Kapukapu Road, it is bounded by private property, so access is limited. Recent kokako surveys have shown that several pairs of birds are living in this block.

A proposed network has been developed using contour lines and aerial photography to see where it is possible to put in new bait lines. The terrain in this area is somewhat challenging with lots of steep areas, bluffs and river gorges. By getting out there on the ground we will be able to see what type of network can be established so kokako in this area can be protected.

The Trust will be using a contractor to help with this work with funding provided by the Department of Conservation. Once we have a good idea of the network we will be working with iwi and DOC to gain the relevant approvals to begin installing the network later in 2013. We hope to include this area in future pest control operations.

KKT on Facebook

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Visitors to Kaharoa

A group of biosecurity managers from Regional Councils throughout New Zealand visited Kaharoa as part of a conference field trip.

The visitors were impressed by what we have achieved with support from the Bay of Plenty Regional Council. They see our successful working relationship as an effective model for community initiatives in other parts of New Zealand.

The kokako were obliging enough to welcome the visitors with a dawn chorus.



Richard Bowman (Environment Southland) pictured with Margaret Horner (KKT)

Funding from RECT

The Rotorua Energy Charitable Trust (RECT) has committed to support KKT for the next three years with funding to cover our administrative costs.

We are eternally grateful to RECT for their generous support over the years, particularly for projects and costs that have proven difficult to fund through other sources.



Support comes in many forms

We face ongoing costs to maintain our bait station network in the forest. We gratefully acknowledge donations of replacement bait stations by **Bay of Plenty Regional Council** and **HeliPro**.

Comings and goings from the Trust

KKT welcomes Johlene Kelly onto the Trust. She brings a wealth of experience in ecology and conservation management. Johlene's appointment follows the departure of Margaret Horner and Guy Irwin from the committee. Both Margaret and Guy brought a lot of enthusiasm to the Trust and they will be sorely missed. We are pleased that Margaret is continuing to work for us on an informal basis.

Kokako Nest Egg on target

Our Kokako Nest Egg fund is growing steadily towards our target thanks to donations received from our many supporters. The total now sits at over \$70,000, providing real assurance that future kokako management can be sustained at Kaharoa. We are very grateful to all those who have contributed so far, including generous sponsorship from **PF Olsen Ltd** and **Chalkydigits**.

The Kokako Nest Egg is an investment fund set up by the Trust to enable financial self-sufficiency for future pest control. The Trust will continue with our various fund-raising activities aimed at building the Nest Egg.

To make a donation post us a cheque or use your credit card through our website.

We are a charitable trust so all donations are tax deductible in New Zealand.

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