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NAUMAI HAERE MAI!!!

NOTICE OF OWNERS HUI

Tēna koutou nga uri o Mokai Patea

Our next three yearly Owner's Hui will be held

SATURDAY 17th OCTOBER 2015

At WINIATA MARAE, TAIHAPE

There will be an election for two new Trustees

*Watchout for the Panui & make sure we have
your current address!*



TRUSTEES WANTED !!!

If you have the necessary qualifications towards role of Trusteeship then update your CV and watch out for notice coming soon! A pre-requisite is that you present yourself at the Owner's Meeting.

**HAVE YOU
MOVED IN
LAST 3
YEARS!!! OR
ARE YOU
ON THE
MOVE???**

**THEN LET US
KNOW SO YOU
DON'T MISS
RECEIVING
UPDATED**

**INFORMATION
ABOUT NEXT
OWNERS HUI &
KAUMATUA
GRANT**

**Txt
0272707763 or
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KAUMATUA GRANT



Later in the year we will open applications for this Grant. Make sure our Administrator has current address of all your Nanny's and Koro 65 years plus

ARE YOU URI & INTERESTED IN CONSERVATION????

The Trustees are keen to take you onto the land, to hunt, tramp, teach you about trapping and more. Our Stoat Line Leaders are planning to go into the lands in October, November, December this year and January, February and March next year. Spread the word and contact either Tama Wipaki, Peter Steedman or Trust Administrator .

CONSERVATION — *the property contains many ecological values*

Your lands are located within the Mowhango Ecological region, it has North Islands most extensive remaining red tussock grasslands, along with mixed shrub land, forests, wetlands and sub-alpine herb fields. The property contains many important ecological values such as :

- Rare Plants— Dactylanthus (woodrose), Pittosporum Turneri, Acaena rorida (piripiri), Scarlet mistletoe (pikirangi)
- Rare common animals — Whio (Blue Duck), Nth Island Brown Kiwi, Karearea, kaka, kakariki, kereru, 2 species of large land snails.

TE MANU TIORIORI—WHIO (BLUE DUCK)

Work on increasing the presence of native wildlife is ongoing and sits within our project now called Te Manu Tioreore. Our focus is on increasing Whio and providing a safe habitat by continuing to maintain the Te Potae O Awarua Stoat Line (Pest Control Management) Programme on Trust land.

Recent monitor and survey work near Ohutu Hut has given us some exciting news. Just upstream from the hut a pair of adult ducks with four class 5 ducklings were sited in the top of the last gorge. This sighting indicates these ducks had been using most of the stream above the hut. The river becomes difficult to search above this point and no signs were evident.

Further downstream to waterfall about 400m above the main falls there was ample sign of Whio presence. We located an adult pair with six class 4 ducklings at the top end. It was pretty dark in the gorge so hard to get good photos but we managed this one.



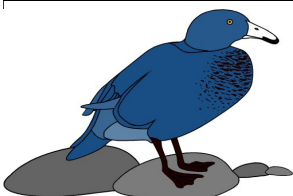
WHIO

- Total 2 adult pairs ,10 ducklings.
- Ducks held up in tight gorges during day and reasonably safe from predators
- No ducks through middle section of river

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

- Karearea calling regularly high on face opposite hut
- Usual other common native birds seen and heard (Miromiro, Tirairaka, Riroriro, Kereru, Tui and Ruru)
- Lots of blackbirds are heard and a few eastern rosella.

We make this special mention of Central North Island Blue Duck Trust and Horizons Regional Council who have provided funding this year towards this work.



Central North Island Blue Duck Trust
“Supporting the restoration of Whio”



TE POTAE O AWARUA — Stoat Line Traps

While there has been changes to Department of Conservations funding regime the Trust continues to maintain the Stoat Line programme and relationship with DoC. Since inception of TPoA the Wipaki Whanau have played a pivotal role in this project. Many of them are Rangatahi who do volunteer work, hunt and are Leaders on the Stoat Line. Following is a report from Grace Wipaki who attended Stoat Line work late last year in the Stone Hut—Bivy areas.

Ohutu & Stone Hut Stoat Line Report Dec-Jan 2015 by Grace Wipaki

Future generations involvement play an important role in the survival of the Stoat Line Programme (TPoA). Inspiring and encouraging our local community should also become a priority, by simply introducing our conservation methods and efforts to others, will assist in the process of that involvement.



January 1st 2015 a team of whanau which included 5 adults and 4 children set up the Tussock Hut—Stone Hut Stoat Line. The construction of this stoat line meant cutting a new track through bush a distance of 1.6k and 18 stoat boxes over an all day period. These traps will be checked in another six weeks time.

On December 29th, the team Leader (Jason) and whanau (William) arrived via helicopter at Stone Hut. The traps along the Stone Hut to Ohutu Hut track where checked, cleaned and changed as necessary — out of

20 traps there were 10 rats and 4 stoats.

On 30th, the team walked from Ohutu Hut to the Bivy. The traps were checked, cleaned and changed as necessary — Out of 22 traps 4 stoats, 13 rats and, 2 hedgehog.

On 31st, Jason and William checked the Ohutu Stream Stoat Line. These traps are placed either side of the creek where possible along a 1k stretch of water out of 16 traps, 10 rats and 2 stoats were found.

Ohutu Hut Stoat Line Report — March 2015

Following are results and Grace's recommendations:

Table No.	No. Traps	Rat	Stoat	Hedgehog	Others
1	24	2	8	3	4 set off
2	22	12	5	2	3 set off

Recommendations:

1. An effective means to reduce helicopter expenses would be to seek alternative trapping methods where a multitude of pest can be eradicated to minimal trap resetting requirements. An expense which could effectively be used to expand the pest removal programme to target a variety of pests or larger area.
2. Regular checking traps to ensure maximum effectiveness of programme. This will also reduce damage and maintenance which occurs due to significant pest deterioration.
3. A purposed designed tool kit to allow for instant repairs and maintenance.