

PANUITIA.....

<p>ISSUE 3—April 2008</p>	<p>HE POROPOROAKITIA KI A RANGIPO METEKINGI</p>
<p>YOUR TRUSTEES ARE :</p> <p>Isaac Hunter Chairman 06 343 2106</p> <p>Richard Steedman 06 388 1223</p> <p>Mary Mako 06 388 1472</p> <p>Peter Steedman 06 388 0851</p> <p>Tama Wipaki 07 847 3615</p> <p>Winipere Mauger 06 835 9467</p> <p>Co-opted Trustee Maria Taiuru 06 322 8176</p>	<p>E te rangatira, e te taonga kia whakatangi atu koe te mamae aroha i waenganui ia matou. Kua ngaro ake ki te huihuinga o te mano o ngā whetu ite rangi. Ki te po tangotango ki te po kerekere ki te po i oti atu. Hoki atu rā ki te wairua ou kuia me ou koroua i runga ite awa o Whanganui, waitukukiri o te Iwi, waiherunga o ngā maatua tupuna. Me ki te whakatauaki, “Mai te Kahui Maunga ki Tangaroa”. Tupoho, Tamaupoko, Hine Ngakau, Ngati Rangī, Ngatiawa - ko koe tena. Haere e hoki atu ki to tātou kaihanga o ēnei mea katoa... haere atu rā</p> <p><i>It is with sadness we record the passing of a Trustee, Rangipo MeteKingi who died in January of this year following a short illness. Rangipo was buried at Christchurch.</i></p>
<p style="color: blue; font-weight: bold;">Don't forget to let us know when you have changed your address. Contact Trust Administrator.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ACTIVITIES ON THE LAND</p> <p>There has been a lot of activity on the land and interest from media to write and publish stories about it. The latest story can be found in March 29th Manawatu Standard. Given it's special conservation values the Trust is keen to further develop it's conservation potential, maintain and strengthen relationships with key stakeholders.</p> <p>Trustee/Scientists Hikoi ki Aorangi Organised and attended by DoC's Programme Manager Biodiversity Vivienne McGlynn recently Trustees spent two nights on the land. This was to experience, look and visit special places most had not been to before. Our Kuia and Trustee Winipere Mauger from Heretaunga said it added 20 years to her life. She said “One needs to experience it because it is too difficult to explain.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Attending along with us was two of our very own up and coming young Scientists. Hannah Rainforth and Chrystal Wipaki, both beneficial shareholders and both in their final years of Science studies in their field.</p> <p>Features of special mention that were visited and found are : near Ohutu Hut rare plants pikirangi, scarlet mistletoe; Makirikiri Tarns—a tussock habitat (area has range unusual flora); the Stoat Trapline; Carnivorous snail (pictured) <i>Powelliphanta marchantii</i>. We spent our last night at Ruahine Corner Hut and went kiwi listening late into the night and yes we did hear them.</p> <p>Te Potae o Awarua As mentioned in our last Newsletter this is a joint research project between the Trust and DoC to measure the behaviour of stoats by setting traps every</p>
<p>TRUST CONTACT DETAILS CORRESPONDENCE & INFORMATION:</p> <p>Soraya Peke Trust Administrator PO Box 5 RATANA 4548</p> <p>Ph/Fx : 06 3426 838 027 2707763 Email: swpeke@xtra.co.nz</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p><i>Taken Ohutu Hut, ready to go to Makirikiri Tarns. R-L: Peter Steedman, Hannah Rainforth, Ike Hunter, Chrystal Wipaki, Vivienne McGlynn (Doc), Tama Wipaki (at rear) Richard Steedman & Winipere Mauger.</i></p>

PURPOSE STATEMENT OF THE TRUST

“To administer the land on behalf of it’s owners as responsible Trustees.”

100 meters for 20km. We get predator control that helps preserve our native flora and fauna. DoC has been successful in getting funding for an extension and are going to put 3 lines around the Ikawetea Valley area. The lines are regularly monitored.

Out of interest in the latest stoat check, 6 stoats have been caught. Also sighted are a pair of who with 6 ducklings on Potae Creek.

Kiwi Project

Late last year three kiwi eggs were flown out of the Ruahine Ranges as part of an “Operation Nest Egg.” It is thought by the experts and those working on the ground that these are the last sprinkling of remaining Ruahine kiwi. It is hoped this project will boost kiwi numbers. It involves removing kiwi eggs from the wild, hatching them in captivity and raising chicks until they are over 800gm (this is when they are better able to defend themselves from stoats). They are then returned to the wild.

The first to hatch was named Rubick and then on 20/11/07 this beautiful chick pictured here aptly named ‘Camo’ was born. Camo is short for camouflage because of his/her unique color feathers that blend so well into the vegetation. Interestingly they cannot tell the gender of a chick until they send feathers for DNA testing. Once the egg is laid it is the male Kiwi who sits on the egg. Attached is a story



Taken couple of weeks after hatching Camo has already been returned to the wild life.

by a local Newspaper on the removal of the eggs and picture of Trustee, Tama Wipaki. The



KIWI ENCOUNTER
at Rainbow Springs

third egg hatched on the 11 December was named Mokai. This name came from the Aorangi Trustees.

The Trustees acknowledge and thank all stake-



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holders in this project. In particular Emma and staff at Kiwi Encounters, Rotorua who went out of their way to show us around and show us Camo during feeding time. Also special mention of Tamsin Ward-Smith Manager Cape Kidnappers and Ocean Beach Wildlife, Napier.

Nomination to Department Conservation Board Taranaki/Whanganui

Recently the above organisation called for nominations to their Board. Given we have an ongoing working relationship with DoC the Trust has nominated Trustee Richard Steedman. Richard is a very active member of the Trust who almost attends every trip with DoC as a Trustee and is very interested in conservation of the lands. If he is not dealing to his role as the Advisor Maori Health for Whanganui District Health Board or Iwi Matters he is on the land. Best of luck Richard.

NEW CO-OPTED MEMBER

Trustees are pleased to announce and welcome Maria Taiuru. Some may remember Maria being on the Trust back in late 1990’s-2000 when she helped out with the Administration of the Trust. A warm welcome back to you Maria.

Source— Information has been sourced from; V McGlynn, Aorangi-Awarua Trust trip to the Kawenata and Ruahine Forest Park Report; Emma of Kiwi Encounters Report; Kiwi eggs airlifted from Aorangi—Central District Times 20 November 2007; M Dykes article Return of the titi bird— Manawatu Standard 2008.