



## KAITIAKITANGA CHARITABLE TRUST NEWSLETTER JUNE 2020

### RANGITOTO LANDS

After the successful training by Jim Wade in the art of turning farm and wild meat into small produce in March we have had two more sessions. The Oliver family again provided large quantities of quality meat as well as the majority of the “experts” mincing, mixing and tying sausages. Below is a photo of one of several chilly bins of produce which has been provided to Trust volunteers and their families. To date they are families in Waharoa and Hamilton/Kirikiri. We were able to land deliver three full chilly bins of meat under the authority of “essential services” during COVID-19.



### OKETE ESTUARY RESTORATION

This project is going gangbusters. Sean and Jo Wallis have set aside significant areas of wetland, springs and estuary waterfront, and have fenced the area with new fencing. After approximately 50mm of rain we commenced planting the 1700 mixed native plants in early June. Last Friday and Saturday two of our significant sponsors were hands on planting and continuing releasing of last years planting. Many thanks to Stace Hammond Lawyers and Frank Risk Management and Insurance for their wonderful help.

Pre COVID19 lockdown Catherine O'Neill and Jeremy Murray of Future Leaders Hamilton Group ([www.futureleaders.nz](http://www.futureleaders.nz)) arrived at Okete with 16 youth who had graduated their course. These youth helped release (weed native plants so they get sun and water) last years planting. They learn't why we concentrate on wetlands, streams, springs and estuary margins, as well as which plants like certain conditions. It finished up with fish and chips by the harbour. We plan to make our relationship include this mahi (work) again and hopefully extend it to camping on the Upper Waipa River. (See the photo of the group after the mahi and before the kai).



### **RANGITOTO LANDS PREDATOR CONTROL**

We renamed the project as it more accurately describes the location.

The 20-foot container is now situated on-site of our Tauwhare Wetlands project. James Moore of Taipa Salt is arriving early next month to turn it into a three man workshop so we can start building the 250 DOC 200 traps. Of the approximately \$88,000.00 required we have currently got \$49,493.00 made up by:

DV Bryant Trust	\$5,000.00
Waikato Regional Council	\$4,993.00
Kaitiakitanga Charitable Trust work	\$1,000.00
WEL Energy Trust	\$10,000.00
Lion Foundation	\$20,000.00
Trust Waikato	\$8,500.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$49,493.00</b>

Many hours have gone into completing the funding applications. Big thanks to our volunteers and sponsors for attaining this funding.

### **Ngati Haua**

We made three trips as an “essential service” to Waharoa with a chilly bin full of our meat during the lockdown. See photo above. The families of our volunteer youth have received them with happy smiles and heartfelt thanks. That is all the writer needs to experience to know that we are making a very positive difference socially. It is a privilege to receive such genuine shows of appreciation.

### **Tauwhare Wetland Restoration**

The drought has been tough on last year's planting but some have come through okay. More releasing is due but we must register our thanks to Alan Brown (Lessee) and Jilly Shaskey, owner of Bowrock Properties (Landlord), for allowing us to operate our container workshop from their 50-acre site.

## **CONTACTS**

### **Prison Care Ministries:**

After lockdown “Sherb” shared stories from his Te Arawa tribe. The love story of Hinemoa and Tutanekai and how he played the flute to her across Lake Rotorua. He also told us the importance of shark to Te Arawa. Sherb put in a great days mahi at Okete and received koha in the form of Rangitoto Lands meat.

### **Future Leaders:**

Our work with them looks promising to become a regular thing and maybe incorporate camping.

### **Waikato Regional Council:**

Callum Bourke has been a key part of our work with Sean and Jo Wallis of Okete Raglan. This year he had OK'd the second tranche of native planting with a further 1700 trees. We believe another season of support will fill the land set aside.

### **Waikato District Council:**

Noel Barber and his predecessors have consistently supported the Okete Raglan Restoration project for the last 13 years. They supplied thousands of plants, weed spray, opossum and rat bait and stakes to help find the young plants for releasing. Along with Layton Gardener, they provided early impetus to keep this work going.

## **SPONSORS**

### **Stace Hammond:**

They continue as chief sponsors provided 14 volunteers to help complete the Okete planting.

### **Frank Risk:**

They are great sponsors and on June 18 provided 14 volunteers for the Okete planting too.

### **Ebbetts:**

A video is planned plus future transport to the Rangitoto Lands project is hoped for.

### **Brown Pennell:**

Keith Pennell continues his all-important accounting support.

### **Rangitoto Lands:**

They have been incredibly generous with meat for processing and allowing predator control to be undertaken on their land.

**River Kitchen:**

We will feature a photo of Maria and the container of goodies she supplied for the Waharoa team camp.

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