



## KAITIAKITANGA CHARITABLE TRUST NEWSLETTER MARCH 2020

### Rangitoto Lands:

Jim Wade of Tauwhare Homekill accepted an invitation to teach locals in the Rangitoto region how to make sausages. He brought the skins and magic meal to complete the ingredients. It was a Friday evening in January, very hot and we saw many kilograms of local produce turned into delicious sausages. The photo shows Jim and Willy Hetet holding some of the goods. Note who supplied the transport.



Remember Rangitoto Lands regularly provides wild and domestic venison, mutton, lamb and beef to us which Tauwhare Homekill then prepares for consumption to share with our youth as koha for their mahi. Apart from helping the environment and youth, our projects are bringing good people together who love what they are doing. Thanks to Jim, Duncan, Rhonda, Willy and their team.



### **Okete Estuary Restoration:**

The Council reports the agreement is signed and the 1700 plants will be available for winter planting.

The drought has had a toll on the North facing banks in particular. More than 10-15% losses have occurred with the ground dry and hard. A full assessment will be made before the next planting goes ahead. Future leaders are bringing 16 newly graduated students from their 6 week program. We look forward to a fun day out.

A releasing working bee is planned on 19 March 2020.

### **Pureora Predator Control:**

We have made good progress with our funding applications for the container workshop. Of the now, \$88,000.00:- needed to make the workshop, 250 DOC 200 traps and operate them, we have received \$31,000.00 made up by:-

D. V Bryant Trust:	\$5,000.00
Waikato Regional Council:	\$5,000.00
Lion Foundation:	\$20,000.00
KCT Work:	\$1,000

We have generously been granted an area to operate the workshop on the Tauwhare Wetland Restoration block by Bowrock Properties Limited and their lessee Allan Brown. The container is due on site mid-March when its fit-out can start. Ken Williamson has kindly offered to organise concrete blocks for the container to sit on.

### **Ngati Haua (Waharoa):**

Pari Kau Kau and Billy Rawiri organised youth from Waharoa to join Layton Gardner and Koa to camp at Rangitoto Lands Friday 7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> February. They learnt to pick a campsite, erect the tents, cook in the outdoors, identify certain native plants, catch and release eels. The photo shows the team at a vantage point on Rangitoto Lands in a "Toyota". We are on our way to get lunch at Viands Bakery!



Waitoa River is the wai for this group. We are hoping to get them involved in a major project on their wai in conjunction with the Mahi Trust. The whenua and wai are waiting for restoration which will greatly improve the environmental health for all.

### **Tauwhare Wetland Restoration:**

There is a need for another releasing day to help the plants beat the weeds. Bowrock Properties has agreed to have us do that mahi.

### **Sponsors:**

Stace Hammond:	Continue to provide office facilities, secretarial support and pro bono legal advice. Creation of website progressing. Also donated furniture to Prison Care Ministries.
Frank Risk:	Pro bono brokerage advice and generous financial contribution.
Ebbetts:	Provision of four wheel drive vehicle and fuel. A video is also planned.
Brown Pennell:	Pro bono accounting services.
Rangitoto Lands:	Access for client camping and generously provide meat for Koha to volunteers and clients when no funding for environmental work.
River Kitchen:	Maria has provided tasty food for a weekends camping in February. This is her second very generous contribution of yummy food.
Ken & Julie Williamson	In the last two Xmas's they have supplied two families with food and presents.

### **Contacts:**

Prison Care Ministries:	One man has been offered a fulltime job with room for more jobs available. Another has passed his forklift certificate after funding from the Grant Family, who also donated dining room chairs and a chest of drawers for a new house for the rehabilitating prisoner.
Youth Justice:	One young man referred to us has successfully applied to the "Waterboy Trust" and has been placed in a sports club with a business sponsoring him. We put him forward after learning what he likes from a day releasing trees.
Future Leaders:	This group of wonderful people work with troubled youth by teaching military training skills and discipline. We have agreed to take groups camping as a follow-up to their program.
District Court Judges:	Judge Phil Connell hopes to arrange meeting with new Chief District Judge.
Anglican Action/ Real Waikato:	They are working on groups of young men and women coming to Pureora to do some native plant releasing in wetlands and learning camping skills
Corrections:	A second letter seeking a relationship has been sent.
Client:	After 1 year of support a client narrowly missed jail due to positive changes we helped put in place.

### **Funding:**

A big thankyou to the generous funding from those noted earlier. We await responses from WEL Energy Trust, Trust Waikato and DOC but were unsuccessful with the Bryan Perry Charitable Trust this time around. Peter Brown has donated \$1,000.00:- to undertake a barbeque and show our Okete project to stakeholders in clearing up Raglan Harbour.

### **Strategic Plan:**

Winsome Stretch has progressed this and now we are working on an annual plan. Things are set to get busier as more people learn what we do and like it!