



Winter / Spring Newsletter 2020

"We should preserve every scrap of biodiversity as priceless while we learn to use it and come to understand what it means to humanity." Edward O. Wilson

Kia ora,

Welcome to our Winter / Spring newsletter. Winter has been a busy season for planting throughout the region, with some great community initiatives from the Wairoa community planting days in the north to Ivy Pulling in Central Hawke's Bay. If you are keen to lend a hand or know what's happening in your area, check out our 'Biodiversity Events in HB' calendar (more details below) on our website.

Exploring Cape Sanctuary

Last month Debbie and I were lucky enough to be given a guided tour of Cape Sanctuary by Rachel Ward, Manager out at Cape Sanctuary. Rachel said we would need a full day to explore the 2500 hectares that comprise Cape Sanctuary, and she wasn't wrong. With kids to pick up from school mid-afternoon we had to squeeze in as much as we could in the five hours we had, and we certainly did that.



Cape Sanctuary is a privately owned sanctuary at Cape Kidnappers and unbeknown to me at the time, combines a commercial farm, tourism, forestry, and community lead conservation. The Sanctuary was founded by Andy Lowe, Julian Robertson and their families and is based on the concept of sustainable conservation, where protecting endangered species and enhancing the natural environment is achieved while commercial operations are maintained inside the predator proof fence.

The predator proof fence, all 10.6 kilometres of it, was erected in 2006 and since then a number of endangered species have been reintroduced to the Sanctuary, and many native species have thrived inside the fence. Intense predator control began when the fence was completed and has continued ever since. I have never seen such a variety and number of predator traps!!!

The Cape Sanctuary team includes three staff and about 100 active volunteers. The dedicated volunteers have a strong presence throughout the sanctuary, whether they are part of 'Dad's Army', the native plant nursery, dedicated Shore Plover volunteers at the Kotahi Aviary, Kaka feeders or undertake the myriad of other responsibilities required to run the site, they are amazing and very much valued.

One area we didn't get time to explore was the 290 acres of dunes at Ocean Beach and Rangaiika that have returned to their natural state. The view from ridge line was just stunning, however.....maybe something to explore next time.....? If you want to learn more about Cape Sanctuary visit www.capesanctuary.co.nz and if you are keen to volunteer, email volunteer@capesanctuary.co.nz

Successful DOC Funding

Biodiversity Hawke's Bay are one of six community conservation hubs nationwide to receive DOC Community Funding to help grow our work as the Biodiversity Hub in Hawke's Bay.

Our vision is for our Biodiversity Hub to connect, support and accelerate biodiversity action across the region. Complementing efforts of many individuals, communities, businesses and councils, our regional hub will provide region-wide information (on priorities, actions and progress), connect groups and projects (to leverage and accelerate action), and support all to secure resources needed to expand biodiversity action across the region and achieve the Hawke's Bay Biodiversity Strategy.

We were also successful in securing funding to continue the protection and enhancement of the Pekapeka (Long-tailed bat) population in Hawke's Bay. This funding will assist continued work to determine the range of long tailed bat roosting habitat, foraging patterns, minimum size of colonies, demographics of the colony/s and start to assess if the colonies are likely to be stable or declining within specific areas.



Biodiversity Guardians of HB AGM

Monday 19 October 2020
Refreshments from 5pm
5.30 start – 7.00pm

All Biodiversity Guardians of HB members will receive papers for the AGM, including Management Committee nomination forms one month prior to the meeting.

If you are interested in being on the Management Committee then please email Kay Griffiths, the current Chair, in the first instance through info@biodiversityhb.nz



What is happening in Hawke's Bay?

- Want to share your biodiversity / conservation event?
- Keen to learn what is happening in the region and where you can help out?

As the Biodiversity Hub in Hawke's Bay we are keen to bring together a calendar of events / work that is happening in the region so we can work together to grow and enhance biodiversity in Hawke's Bay.

If you would like to add your event, planting day, workshop of similar to the calendar then please email the details and link through to info@biodiversityhb.nz

Check out the calendar by clicking on the **Biodiversity Events in HB** button on the home page of our website – www.biodiversityhb.org

Community Corner

We are keen to acknowledge, share, and celebrate all the amazing work that is happening in our communities to grow and enhance biodiversity in Hawke's Bay.

Matariki planting days sow seeds for community

A great example of bringing the community together and enhancing the biodiversity of the natural environment are the Matariki series of planting days organised and run by Hinewai and Cam Ormsby.

All of the 4000 plants which were planted by 180 volunteers bordering Taipo Stream were grown on the couple's Waiohiki property.



To read more about the planting days read

“[Matariki planting days sow seeds for community](#)” written by Brenda Vowden, Napier Courier.

Aotearoa New Zealand Biodiversity Strategy 2020 launched

Te Mana o te Taiao, the Aotearoa New Zealand Biodiversity Strategy 2020, launched in August, will guide the way all of Aotearoa works to protect and restore nature. *Te Mana o te Taiao* sets out a strategic framework for the protection, restoration and sustainable use of biodiversity, particularly indigenous biodiversity, in Aotearoa New Zealand, from 2020 to 2050.



With over 4,000 species that are found nowhere else in the world, endangered or at risk of extinction, this strategy helps show the path forward so nature is thriving in Aotearoa by 2050. The Strategy sets out five core outcomes to ensure nature is thriving by 2050 and has the following three key themes:

- Tūāpapa - getting the system right,
- Whakahau - empowering action, and
- Tiaki me Te Whakahaumanu - protecting and restoring; with specific objectives and goals for 2025, 2030, and 2050.

Te Mana o te Taiao is the first part of the Aotearoa New Zealand Biodiversity Strategy package. The second part of the package will be an implementation plan that will set out actions and responsibilities. The implementation plan will be developed collaboratively with central and local government, Treaty partners, and stakeholders.


For more information, the full report or a summary if you're short on time, visit: [Aotearoa New Zealand Biodiversity Strategy](#).

Seeking: Comms Advisor?

Are you a skilled communicator with a passion for the environment?

We have a great opportunity to join the Biodiversity Hawke's Bay team as a Communications Advisor, part-time on a six-month contract. For more information check out the advert on [Seek](#)



 **Ka kite anō**
Biodiversity Hawke's Bay

Thank You

"Volunteers don't necessarily have the time; they just have the heart". Elizabeth Andrew

A big thank you to all the volunteers that do so much to support and enhance the environment, biodiversity, and Biodiversity Hawke's Bay. The volunteer Board and Management Committee members, the trappers at Predator Free Urban Hawke's Bay or the hundreds of volunteers who look after and nurture our green spaces throughout the region.... the list goes on. – *Thank You!!!*

How to contact Biodiversity HB

We now have our own dedicated PO Box, so in addition to the following ways of contacting us, please send any snail mail to:

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