

AOTEAROA NZ
A ROCHA
Conservation and Hope

Annual Report 2019/2020



Amber Atkin

Karioi Project's āi chick drawing competition winning entry by 8-year old Amber Atkin.

Kia ora whanau me nga hoa,

As we celebrated the Karioi Project's 10th anniversary, the year has been a year of reflecting, planning, developing and consolidating our areas of focus - which has led to the launch of the Eco Church NZ programme, a new Train the Trainers programme for leaders of the E3 Wilderness Journeys and the continuing great conservation work at Karioi and by local groups around the country in 2020.

The end of the 2019/2020 financial year was also the start of lockdown. This has been a time of uncertainty that has impacted all of us in so many different ways. Despite the challenges, slowing down also provided time for innovation, creativity, rethinking and re-imagining what we can do and where we are heading next. I am excited about what the future will bring and the people and partners who have stepped up with us to work together and give nature a voice.

The support and willingness to unite and do things together has been incredible and we thank you for your support!

Kia manaaki ai atua koutou,
Kristel van Houte
National Director



Karioi Project - 10th year!

Here's what we've achieved over the 10 years...

- Vulnerable seabird habitat of Grey Faced Petrel / Ōi protected and brought back to breeding status.
- 22 Ōi chicks fledged in the past three years.
- 11,500+ predators removed.
- 95km of trap lines and 2,048 traps checked fortnightly by volunteers.
- 400+ volunteers have clocked up an impressive 30,000+ hours of volunteer hours.
- 190 households involved in backyard trapping program.
- Three successful environmental education programmes enjoyed by hundreds of local students and their families (Karioi Kids, Karioi Rangers and Manaaki Ao).
- 17 people employed part-time by Karioi Project.
- Direct engagement with at least 10% of Raglan's population.



Highlights from our local groups...

Wellington:

Several projects, including the Waiu Wetland Restoration project, continue to thrive, with regular volunteer support in the Wellington Region. One-off events included several delightfully muddy working bees at Swampy Gully in the Battle Hill Farm Forest Park to establish and release wetland plants, a “weeds party” (to learn about invasive weeds in the Kapiti area), a session to learn about NZ’s lizards with Angus Hulme-Moir in mid-winter, and an annual retreat to Kopua to care for the bush restoration site there. The retreat also provided an opportunity for spiritual restoration amidst the peace and rhythms of prayer at the monastery.

Christchurch:

It was an exciting year for A Rocha in Christchurch with the Hope Seminar, a city-wide event co-hosted with Grace Vineyard church being a special highlight! Excellent speakers and engaging workshops brought nearly 100 people together for a stimulating evening. The work by the Shirley Stream Care group continues and have brought about amazing transformation of the stream through their riparian planting.

Auckland:

Our Auckland team has activities in stream and habitat restoration at Oakley Creek, Unsworth Reserve and Matuku Link. They have been encouraged by the volunteer numbers especially at the Oakley Creek working bees. Participation from a range of ages and a variety of backgrounds from within the community and through the local groups networks and churches have contributed to building a positive sense of community.

Manawatu:

Our group in the Manawatu spends time nurturing plants and seedlings at their nursery propagation area at Longburn every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. The seedlings are designated for planting around the Palmerston North area including at Pit Park where they’ve been in partnership with since the beginning.

Over the 13 years of operation, they estimated that more than 30,000 locally grown seedlings from this nursery have been planted back in the local environment!

Dunedin:

The Dunedin local group continues its focus on restoration planting and the associated weed releasing by having monthly working bees alternating between Smiths Creek on the Otago Peninsula, under the guidance of Save The Otago Peninsula (STOP), and on their local project at Tirohanga Camp. At Tirohanga, the Dunedin team are in the process of developing an interpretive walk with signage and QR codes. Their gatherings always also involve fellowship over food and some kind of worship/devotional reflection. Late in 2019 they received notice of a grant through Trees That Count to fund 300 trees at Tirohanga. This will be a huge boost for their 2020 winter planting season.

OUR VISION

Ecosystems restored
and communities
across New Zealand
actively caring for the
earth.

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OUR MISSION

To protect and
restore the
environment
through community-
based conservation
projects, research,
and education.

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INCOME

Project Grants	\$334,868	74%
Donations - Tagged	\$44,331	10%
Donations - Untagged	\$34,750	7%
Sales/Social Enterprise	\$24,778	6%
General Grants	\$10,000	2%
Other Income	\$1,349	<1%

\$450,076 100%

EXPENSES

Project & Staff Costs	\$396,861	88%
Other Expenses	\$35,028	8%
Social Enterprise Costs	\$17,781	4%
	\$449,670	100%

*Full audited accounts are available on request
from new.zealand@arocha.org*

OUTPUTS

KARIOI PROJECT:

Oi chicks fledged	8
Traps deployed and checked	2,322
Regular volunteers	100
Volunteer hours at Karioi Project	5,500

LOCAL GROUPS:

Practical conservation events	28
Volunteer hours at local groups	792

EDUCATION:

Environmental education events	44
- Participants	1,589
Environmental programmes / camps	9
- Participants	265

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A Rocha International - Adventure Specialties Trust - Bayleys Real Estate - Christchurch City Council - Cohe Group - Community Organisation Grants Scheme - Community Waikato - Curious Minds He Hihiri Te Mahara - DV Bryant Trust - Department of Conservation - EB Firth Charitable Trust - eCoast - Forest & Bird - Friends of Oakley Creek - Friends of Owihoro Stream - Friends of Wainui Bush - FusionPrint - George's Beach Club - Glenice and John Gallagher Foundation - Grace Vineyard Church - Hughes whanau - Hutt City Council - ICECycles - Kaipatiki Project - Kapiti Coast District Council - Keeping Good Company - Kessels Ecology - Kiwibank Predator Free NZ - Len Reynolds Trust - Longburn Adventist College - Longview Trust - Lottery Grants Board - Meridian Power Up Te Uku Community Fund - Morning Glory Coffee - New Zealand Christians in Science - Oxford Terrace Baptist Church - Pacific Development and Conservation Trust - Papa Taiao Earthcare - Patagonia (Tides Foundation) - Presbyterian Synod of Otago and Southland - Raglan Area School - Raglan Backpackers - Raglan Community Charitable Trust - Raglan Kayak & Paddleboard - Raglan Lions Club - Raglan Rock - Rhema - Save the Otago Peninsula - Scripture Union New Zealand - St George's Epsom - SkyCity Hamilton Community Trust - Tainui hapū members - Te Whaanga Ahu Whenua Trust - Te Whakaoranga O Karioi - Tearfund New Zealand - The Raglan Chronicle - Tirohanga Youth Camp, Dunedin - Trees That Count - Trust Waikato - Upper Harbour Ecology Network - Waikato Regional Council - Wairua Design - WEL Energy Trust - Whāingaroa / Raglan Community - Whāingaroa Environment Centre - Whāingaroa Harbour Care - Wilberforce Foundation - WWF New Zealand - WWW Foundation - and many individual donors!