



2022 Annual Report

Empowering communities, restoring nature





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FROM OUR CHAIR

CLIMATE CHANGE AND CONSERVATION...

Last September was just four years since our public launch and we really have come a long way, but we are on a periplus, a never-ending journey. Looking ahead there is always going to be a need to campaign for and work on environmental issues. Humankind is naturally destructive and needs to be helped and educated to look after its own home. The only other animal that I know of that will happily destroy its own habitat is the goat, which is why I occasionally refer to us as Homo hircus.

Last year was of course still quite challenging because of Covid, we are now effectively learning to live with it, but it has presented significant challenges impacting some day-to-day operations. We managed to complete intakes 4-6 of Bay Conservation Cadets, all of which were extremely successful, with a really good and interesting mix of candidates, which is important because each one will have their own knowledge and experiences that they are able to share with their colleagues. We are now actively looking at ways of keeping the programme running when the Ministry for Environment funding runs out in 2025.

During 2023, we welcomed three new members into our organisation, and sadly lost one. We know that some members have problems and challenges, while other members may seek to amalgamate, we have two looking to do so at the moment, so our actual number is not material, but the breadth and strength of our community is. Our new members are Waihi Beach Environment Society Inc., Waitao Landcare Group and Matata Conservation Estate Care Group - welcome on board.

Since I started this introductory message, the country, and specifically the North Island has been hit by two major storm systems, which have removed any doubt from most people's minds, that we really are seeing the results and impacts of

human induced global warming. It is, I think now generally accepted that there is more of this to come and that we need to plan very carefully for a future where these sort of events, on top of earthquakes and tsunamis, will be a constant factor in our lives.

The question we now need to ask ourselves, and everyone else in Aotearoa New Zealand, is that caring for our natural environment and sound (intelligent) land use is absolutely essential to develop resilience in our landscapes. I have seen letters and articles blaming the Government or Councils for allowing people to build too close to the cliff edge, or in a flood plain, but is it not up to each and every one of us, to be 'sapient' and not 'hircus'?

So, as people who are intimately involved in the environment and in environmental conservation and processes, we need to play our part; tell your friends, family and neighbours how important a healthy natural environment is. In mid-February as Cyclone Gabrielle was due to pass by the Bay of Plenty, we in Maketu were extremely worried that the Maketu Spit would be breached with possible significant consequences for the village and the local wildlife. The midday high tide was some 30cm higher than predicted and with the likely storm surge caused by the extreme low pressure and strong winds, we seriously expected the 0100 tide on Tuesday would cause a breach. In the event the winds died around midnight and the surge was not as bad as anticipated, but another factor was that the spit is very well protected by native vegetation, spinifex and pingao are supremely good at binding sand, and when rolled back by the waves, very good also at absorbing that force. We have no doubt, that our work on Maketu Spit helped preserve the spit and to protect the village. A small, but I think significant example of how our work can make a serious contribution to protecting people and the land.

We must stop the misuse of land, it has a value way beyond its purely economic value in dollar terms. The disastrous flooding in Hawkes Bay and Tairāwhiti, was not just caused by exceptional rainfall, but by the land-use further up the catchment. There will always be flooding, that's what flood plains are there for, but we, Homo hircus, have made that flooding hugely more damaging by our actions and inactions. So, as we all go about improving our local environments, be sure to get across the message, that this is something everyone can do, to help make Aotearoa New Zealand more resilient to the impact of climate change. We in the environmental conservation movement are in the front line of efforts to combat climate change, we need to make sure that the rest of the population, government, councils, funders, fully understand that and how important we are.

Working together we can all play a very significant part in preserving the natural wonders of the Bay of Plenty. Thank you for your support.

Julian Fitter
BCA Chair



ABOUT US

OUR STRATEGIC DIRECTION AND SERVICES

This year we have been embedding the aims of our strategic plan which was reset in 2021, in our work programmes. If you are new to BCA here is a snapshot of our Kaupapa:

OUR VISION

Through collaboration the natural ecosystems and indigenous biodiversity of the Bay of Plenty are restored.

OUR PURPOSE

To support and grow the capability and impact of our communities and partners, to restore and preserve natural ecosystems and indigenous biodiversity.

OUR AIMS

1. To expand and strengthen the support services for our network members.
2. To grow and develop the Bay of Plenty conservation volunteer base.
3. To improve the capability and impact of the community conservation network.
4. To support and strengthen relationships with our partners.
5. To support landscape-scale biodiversity restoration projects.
6. To improve the sustainability of the BCA network.

OUR SERVICES

These are our key shared support service areas with the intention of lightening the load on our member groups so they can get on with the real work:

- Project/operations management
- Collaboration
- Education & training
- Communications & marketing
- Fundraising
- Financial management
- Administration
- Advocacy



OUR CE'S OVERVIEW

THE INSPIRATION OF COMMUNITIES, GROWING CAPABILITY AND MAINTAINING OPTIMISM

I often get asked how I maintain optimism for our planet, when it is so strongly signalling distress messages. But thankfully the Bay of Plenty has a vast array of projects, care groups, agencies, hapū and individuals all working hard with a common interest – to make our environment better. This is what inspires and helps keep our energy running high.

Each year we become aware of more existing groups or new emerging groups committed to contributing to positive outcomes. Now working alongside 26 different groups gives us a real sense of the challenges and opportunities that exist across the network. It's a privilege for us to be able to both learn from and support each group.

It's hard to believe we have now completed two years of the Bay Conservation Cadets – Tauira Mahi programme. That means over 60 awesome humans are now out there doing great things. We're really encouraged to see the post-employment rate of cadets gaining work in the environmental/conservation sector sitting around 75%. There are many special people that contribute their knowledge and support for the cadets, but I particularly want to acknowledge Rob McGowan (Pa Ropata), Aroha Ririnui and Des Heke-Kaiawha

who supported us with the inclusion of our first Noho Marae Programme at Te Whetu o Te Rangi Marae which was a very special experience. We also want to do a shout out to the legend that is John Bissell. The cadets love his incredible ability to share predator control and life knowledge!

An important focus for the BCA governance and staff teams this year has been thinking further about our cultural capability, growing our own understanding of Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the role we can play as a community organisation. This is a hugely important Kaupapa that we acknowledge will be an ongoing learning journey. We are really thankful for those that are guiding and encouraging us. An output this year was the updating of a policy position to sit in our constitution and other relevant documents:

"The Society recognises Te Tiriti o Waitangi. In meeting its objectives, the Society will encourage and support its members to work towards recognising and upholding their obligations to Tangata Whenua in all efforts to protect native biodiversity."

Special thanks as always go to our funders, without whose support the conservation sector could not operate. Funding sustainability of many sectors is a challenge and historically the

environment has been underfunded. While we may still have a long way to go, it's great to see our local funders recognising this issue and many now recognising the environment as a strategic funding priority.

And finally, a huge thankyou to the BCA Board who invest volunteer energy each year to guide our evolution, and to our team of passionate staff who contribute so much. We were sad to farewell Remedy-Jean Emtage this year but pleased to welcome Claire Hartley back into our team. And to all our member groups – kia kaha, your contributions are admired and appreciated daily.

By protecting nature, we protect ourselves. What will you do this year to contribute? We all have different motivators whether that be our grandchildren, maintaining cultural traditions, wanting to see birds thrive in our own backyards. Whatever your motivation, any contribution collectively matters.

Ngā mihi,

Michelle Elborn
Chief Executive Officer



OUR COLLECTIVE IMPACT

Here's an insight into what all the groups have achieved through hard mahi this year:

52,264
TOTAL VOLUNTEER HOURS

3,093
NO. VOLUNTEERS

65,342
PLANTS IN THE GROUND



100
MONITORING DAYS

186
EVENT/EDUCATION DAYS

700
WILDLIFE REHABILITATED

PEST BREAK DOWN

Some groups only provided a total of pests caught and some gave a breakdown of pest type:

8,330
PESTS CAUGHT TOTAL



POSSUM – **262**



FERAL CAT – **22**



RAT – **1,829**



HEDGEHOG – **311**



STOAT – **178**



RABBIT – **24**



FERRET – **45**



MICE – **112**



WEASEL – **36**

This is what has been recorded and we know there will be more. A huge thank you to all the volunteer and group efforts that go in to protecting our native biodiversity every year, we hope you are proud of these stats!

E hara taku toa i te toa takitahi, he toa takitini
My strength is not as an individual, but as a collective.

BRINGING THE NETWORK TOGETHER

A big focus for us is bringing different member groups and partners together to inspire, share and learn from one another. We had a few nice highlights this year:

More than 70 people joined an event to listen to Dr David Bergin and Dr Jacquie Aimers from Tane's Tree Trust at the Manawahe Eco Trust's Education Centre in August. The presentation was a joint initiative between Tane's Tree Trust, Manawahe Kōkako Trust, Manawahe Eco Trust and BCA. David and Jacquie discussed a range of topics ranging from best practice for revegetating land, the non-timber values of indigenous forest, carbon sequestration and indigenous forests.

We organised a Controlled Substance Licence (CSL) course for a range of volunteers needing that certification in order for their groups to undertake pest control with the use of toxins safely.

We also had the opportunity to work alongside BOPRC and a number of groups now collecting data on Kete Taiao – a platform designed to support groups log trapping data, volunteer hours and a range of activities. Monitoring and managing data well is an important step in conservation management and we are really encouraged by the interest in groups to use this tool.

Alongside a range of partners as part of the Flaxroots Inter-agency forum in the WBOP, we supported four volunteer sharing and recognition events which featured Western Bay Wildlife Trust, Maketu Ongatoro Wetland Society, Johnsons Reserve Care Group and Friends of the Blade. These presented a lovely opportunity for volunteers to visit other groups and get an insight into what they do.

We finished the year off with our members group event, which we were unable to hold in 2021 due to Covid restrictions. It was great to come together again and hear of the innovations and progress being made both nationally and locally. Presenters featured Eco-Index, Manaaki Kaimai Mamaku Trust, Kōkako Ecosystem Expansion Programme and Bay Conservation Cadets. The Grand finale of the event was our inaugural presentation of 'Outstanding contribution to conservation' awards to some of our stand out volunteers. Recipients were:

1. Julian Fitter (Maketu Ongatoro Wetland Society)
2. John McLeod (Hukutaia Domain Care Group) and
3. Colin Hewens (Friends of the Blade)





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BROADENING OUR EDUCATION KAUPAPA

Thanks to a funding contract with Western Bay of Plenty District Council this year we were able to take a broader and deeper approach to nature education with Pahoia, Whakamaramara, Omokoroa Point, Te Puna and Waihi Beach Schools.

We now have eight modules providing a mountains to sea education experience. This year we focused on our forest, wetland, estuary and dune units.



The Forest

In-Class Session

Our precious forest ecosystem has been ravaged by introduced pest species. Monitor the movement of local pests at your school and learn what you can do to help.

Field Trip

Experience the beauty of the forest at Otanewainuku or Aongatete. Tramp through the forest and learn about the native birds, invertebrates and reptiles that live there.

Follow up Activity

Join the Predator Free 2050 movement and set your school up with painted rat and mice traps to start your pest control journey.



The Wetlands

In-Class Session

Learn about wetland habitats, their special qualities and processes. Identify the special characteristics of our native wetland birds and plants.

Field Trip

Get muddy while helping to restore a local wetland with native plants. Check for wetland bugs, birds and fish, and monitor the wetland health.

Follow up Activity

Pick a wetland species to research that can be shared with your community.



The Estuary

In-Class Session

Our estuaries are home to many species of kaimoana, plant life and birds. Discover what makes these areas so special and what is threatening our native species.

Field Trip

Dig deep into the sand of your local estuary and investigate the creatures that live below. Spot the unique birds that make the estuary their home.

Follow up Activity

Paint a wooden native bird to be displayed as a mural or on signposts at your local estuary.



The Dunes

In-Class Session

Discover the amazing role plants play in our dunes and the unique birds and bugs that make the sand dune their home. Find out what pest species are damaging our dune environment and their impact.

Field Trip

Support the dune ecosystem by pulling out weeds and planting native plants with our friends at Coast Care. Check out the habitat of some of our rarest birds, reptiles and invertebrates.

Follow up Activity

Create a poster to display in our dunes with a message that teaches people how to protect the dunes. Prizes will be given for the best posters and they will be displayed at local beaches.

In addition, we work with a range of other schools and continue to enjoy our forest trips at Otanewainuku and Aongatete Forests.

So, big thanks go to Western Bay District Council and Ballance Agri-Nutrients for their continued corporate sponsorship which supports the school education work we do. We were delighted to reach a record 2400 students this year!

UNDERSTANDING ECOLOGICAL CONNECTIONS

We were pleased to finalise a new tool this year, called an Ecological Connectivity Strategy and online StoryMap. It's the first of its kind in the Bay of Plenty.

The Strategy was developed using innovative connectivity modelling software and aims to support conservation projects that increase ecological connectivity for forest and wetland ecosystems within the western part of the WBOP.

The Strategy had two key objectives:

1. To map and identify opportunities to protect, enhance, connect, and extend existing forest and wetland habitats.
2. To enable communities, mana whenua, council, and other agencies to work together effectively to achieve conservation outcomes, with the support of Bay Conservation Alliance.

The Strategy and StoryMap are now available on the BCA website, under Projects – Ecological Connectivity Strategy, take a look!

We are now looking at who and how we can deliver environmental action to create greater connectivity, allowing our species to flourish. We also hope to extend the strategy to cover the remaining Western Bay of Plenty next year, to support the KEEP corridor project.



Credit Dana Haimona

SUPPORTING CONSERVATION LEADERS

TAUIRA MAHI

As we headed into our second year of delivering the Bay Conservation Cadets – Tauiira Mahi Programme, we reflected on what it is achieving. One of our team members Wayne summed it up – “we’re helping to create conservation leaders”.

If we look at what our former cadets have gone on to do, we feel truly inspired to see them fly. Here’s an insight to where some of the crew have landed from this year’s intakes:

- *Brady Hotham got a volunteer position at Cape Sanctuary and proved so valuable they employed him, truly well deserved.*
- *Sienna Walker was focused on taking knowledge back to her hapū and Iwi and indeed she did. She is now a valued kaitiaki leader for the Korehāhā Whakahau possum eradication project in Whakatane – you go girl!*
- *Helen Saville is now Operations Manager for one of our member groups – Aongatete Forest Project. So good as this means we still get to cross paths.*
- *Kirsty Brown is working with DOC, currently learning all things plants which puts her in her happy place – so cool.*

- *Renee Denby and Jamie Seigmeier have helped found a new field support team for the Predator Free Hauraki Coromandel Community Trust.*
- *Mark Vevers is Team Leader for another member group Project Parore. Mark loves hosting new cadets and planted tens of thousands of trees last winter!*
- *Rawiri Faulkner and Paora McAllister are now working for Tapuika Iwi Authority, developing new pest control linking to the Manaaki Kaimai Mamaku Trust Jobs for Nature hapū led projects.*

There are many more awesome people and stories. A big mihi to all of you – keep up the awesome work.

Mā te huruhuru ka rere te manu

Adorn the bird with feathers
so it may soar.



RECOGNISING THE VALUE OF FUNDERS

SEED FUND - THANKS TO ACORN FOUNDATION AND INDIVIDUAL DONORS

This year we set a goal of growing our new discretionary SEED fund, which our member groups can apply to for small sums of funding to support their work. Often throughout the year unexpected costs pop up.

This fund began through our original donor – a business called Cheeky Rooster, who are now donating annually to offset their carbon emissions. Thanks to the Acorn Foundation the SEED fund received a boost of \$12,500k. BCA in the past had utilised Acorn funding to support our education work, however resolved this year we did not need those funds. A conversation with Acorn led to a new approach that their funds would be paid forward to BCA member groups in the Western BOP, through a simple application process. This meant we were able to provide funding to Western Bay Wildlife Trust, Friends of the Blade, Waihi Beach Environment Society Inc and Maketu Ongatoro Wetland Society.

Any donations received from other donors are targeted towards our member groups outside of the Western Bay and to date we have been able to support Manawahe Eco Trust, Whakatane Kiwi Trust and Kaharoa Kōkako Trust.

If you would like to make a donation to this fund it can be done through our website:

Donations | Bay Conservation Alliance
www.bayconservation.nz/donations

FURTHER THANKS

We also want to extend thanks to BayTrust who this year moved our combined funding application for conservation groups across to a three-year funding commitment. This is hugely helpful giving groups more certainty. The collective value across seven groups and three years was \$550,470 which is significant.

TECT also continue to be great supporters of the network and we really value the strategic approach they are taking to keep growing their own capability to support more community outcomes. Every region needs a TECT!

We also value our relationships with Ministry for Environment, DOC, Regional and District Councils. This year feels like a year where relationships are bedding in and collaboration is a focus.



A gravel path leads through a lush forest. On the left, a large tree with green and brown leaves stands prominently. The path is covered in small stones and scattered brown leaves. To the right, a steep bank is covered in dense green ferns and moss. A wooden retaining wall is visible in the background on the right side. A large green circle with a white border is centered over the path, containing the text.

THE REAL HEROES

OUR MEMBER GROUPS

AONGATETE FOREST PROJECT



Purpose

A joint venture between Forest and Bird and the Aongatete Forest Restoration Trust, the project is focused on restoring native biodiversity including birds, insects & invertebrates to a portion of the Kaimai Mamaku using pest control to demonstrate the benefits that more widespread pest management efforts would bring.

Location and area covered

500 hectares of lowland forest in the Kaimai Mamaku Conservation Park, accessed from the top of Wright Road, Aongatete.

Highlights

- Completing a major extension to our kōhanga, tripling the area under cover with an upgrade to storage space and amenities including a solar powered weather station, cameras and Wi-Fi.
- Breakfast with the Birds, our signature event, returned post-Covid disruption. A wonderful chance to trial a new format at the kōhanga and share our magical dawn chorus with 40 guests.
- We refreshed our logo to feature NZ's smallest bird the Rifleman, one of our biggest restoration successes and a very appropriate and distinct emblem for us.

- Our chairperson James Denyer was elected Mayor of Western Bay of Plenty – it is great to have this public office held by someone with a passion for the environment and conservation.
- An adjacent 500 hectares of lowland forest is newly protected thanks to Ngai Tamawhariua's Te Maire project - we're thrilled to have more pest control in the Kaimai.

Key challenges

- More weather-related disruptions than usual, resulting in delayed pest control operations, inconvenience for volunteers and frustration for the operations team.
- We said farewell to our fantastic operations manager Emma Cronin. Her 4.5-year tenure saw huge improvements to procedures and participation. Luckily with her role at BCA she is available to assist her replacement, Helen Saville, come up to speed.
- The destructive, regeneration-limiting presence of deer and pigs. Meaningful action to reduce numbers is an ongoing conundrum.

Metrics

- Number of volunteer hours: 3100.
- Number of trap checks: 2,627 with 326 catches [possums 102, rats 180, stoats 13, ferrets 1,

weasels 1, hedgehogs 12, mice 18].

- 3 RTI's, one RTC and 12 vegetation plots by Landcare Research, funded by BOPRC.
- 2 baiting operations: Feracol and Double Tap (our third one, Diphacinone was delayed by the wet spring weather).

Achieving success

Increasing engagement and advocacy opportunities with the community via our newly improved facilities. We look forward to the practical benefits for our volunteers and extending our hosting of BCA's Nature Education Programme for schools.



"We look forward to working with and hosting the BCA cadets as they carry out some of their training programme at Aongatete."

AONGATETE OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTRE



AONGATETE
OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTRE & LODGE

Purpose

Focused on environmental education, outdoor safety and sustainability, the mission of Aongatete Outdoor Education Centre is to offer predominantly school-age children memorable learning experiences with activities that develop positive life skills, encourage resilience and promote a love of and connection to NZ's native bush.

Location and area covered

834 Wright Road, Aongatete.

Highlights

- Sealed driveway.
- New website & domain www.aoec.org.nz
- Installation of the Challenge course fence.
- Sustainability & Environment care. The AOEC now provide all consumables to ensure products used at AOEC are: Biodegradable; Non-Toxic; Refillable - Avoiding Single Use; Recyclable; Reusable.
- Completion of the Archery shelter.
- Significant facility upgrades - including new concrete with leaf imprints around the main building; installing a water fountain.

Key challenges

- Cancelled bookings owing largely to the impact of Covid.
- Loss of income in excess of \$80,000.
- The loss of three staff members post Covid.
- No work for instructors or additional staff (August 2021 - mid February 2022).

Metrics

- 150 volunteer hours.
- 7 volunteers.
- Events/education days - across 2022 we ran a total of 29 sessions of Conservation and Pest control for a total of 271 students.

Achieving success

An increase in occupancy levels will make a huge difference especially in terms of the AOEC being able to utilise and retain valuable staff members. Additionally, we aim to complete the process of moving from an Incorporated Society to becoming an Incorporated Charitable Trust by the end of 2023.



"The AOEC values the connection we are given through the BCA to other organisations across the region. Knowing what they do and understanding where their focus lies is useful, especially as we continue to develop our educational programmes."

ARRC WILDLIFE TRUST

Purpose

Passionate about caring for New Zealand's native wildlife, ARRC assists the DOC, vet clinics and the public with the rescue and rehabilitation of injured and orphaned wildlife in the Bay of Plenty. ARRC works to educate the community at large about the importance of respect and responsibility for the wellbeing of wildlife, animals and our natural heritage.

Location and area covered

Office in Fraser Street, Tauranga - covering the wider Bay of Plenty.

Highlights

- Ongoing care and rehabilitation of NZ native wildlife.
- Collaborating with like-minded organisations.
- Educating children about the importance of conservation and environmental sustainability making use of our books, the ARRC Kids Adventure Series.
- Being part of training the Cadets.
- Educating community groups about the importance of conservation and environmental sustainability by sharing stories about our work.

Key challenges

- Obtaining funding, has been made much easier with BCA's help.
- Participating in educational events has been limited by Covid.

Metrics

- 380 volunteer hours.
- 15 volunteers.
- 5 events/education days.
- 700 birds and wildlife brought in by members of the public, DOC, Wildlife organisations and vet clinics.

Achieving success

Ongoing care and rehabilitation of NZ native wildlife. Collaborating with like-minded organisations. Educating children about the importance of conservation and environmental sustainability making use of our books, the ARRC Kids Adventure Series. Being part of training the Bay Conservation Cadets. Educating community groups about the importance of conservation and environmental sustainability by sharing stories about our work.



"We appreciate BCA's willingness to help in many areas, especially the ease of obtaining funding and the facilitation of collaboration and education of our community."

FRIENDS OF THE BLADE

Purpose

Friends of the Blade/Pa Kereru are a community conservation group drawn primarily from residents in and around Whakamarama. Animal pest control, exclusively using traps is the main focus, with the aim of creating a rat, stoat and possum free environment in which native wildlife and bush can flourish.

Location and area covered

Near Whakamarama (north of Tauranga), currently expanding to cover 300 hectares of the Kaimai Mamaku Conservation Park.

Highlights

- Successful trialling and then implementation of smart traps - AT220's and smart cat traps.
- Reduction of rat and possum numbers to very low levels inside the "virtual fence" now being established by AT220s.
- Successful transfer from founder Colin Hewens to a Leadership Team, to oversee and plan the group's operations.

- Increased funding to allow for purchase of smart traps.
- The bush and birdlife continue to thrive!

Key challenges

- Recruiting and retaining volunteers.

Metrics

- 5500 volunteer hours.
- 45 volunteers.
- 3480 pests caught.
- 4 monitoring days held.
- 5 events/education days.

Achieving success

Expansion of our current trapped area, and continuing to implement a "virtual fence" around the perimeter of the area.



"We highly value our relationship with BCA - connecting us with funding opportunities, learning opportunities, other care groups, sharing knowledge and skills."

HALO WHAKATĀNE



Purpose

The HALO Whakatāne initiative was conceived in 2015. The vision is an unfenced sanctuary in the heart of the Eastern Bay of Plenty. We work collaboratively with amazing community and iwi led projects and aim to build corridors between forest & rural conservation projects, recognising priority sites and establishing pest suppression across a wide landscape. When the stars align, we will see tieke (saddleback) on the Whakatāne mainland.

Location and area covered

Our project area focuses on the urban landscape in and around the Whakatāne and Ohope District.

Highlights

- Expanding our engagement reach with local kura.
- We became Eastern Bay partners with Trees for Survival NZ. Enabling HALO to provide another authentic opportunity for students to take action for our environment. We currently facilitate seven member schools, with several new kura applying to join the programme.
- Securing funds to purchase an EV project van!
- Strengthening our partnerships with our stakeholders has enabled us to engage easily

and openly when we seek support or approval for initiatives.

- Our partnership with Eastbay REAP enabled a successful joint application to the Ministry of Education. This grant has created a position that will develop a shared Enriched Local Curriculum across both organisations.
- 391 Backyard Rodent Trappers and 264 predator traps (filling-the-gaps between projects).

Key challenges

- Creating authentic engagement opportunities that enable tamariki to practice what they are learning from our HALO education team.
- Giving ourselves time to share our story and successes, whether through social media, local events or media.
- Having amazing ideas that add to our project Kaupapa, then trying to find the funds to support them.
- Ensuring our team looks after their individual hauora and not burning out.
- Sustained funding for team positions.

Metrics

- 1800 volunteer hours.
- 2002 volunteers.

- 1500 plants planted.
- 1582 students engaged at 12 education days.

Achieving success

Our HALO Whakatāne education programme continues to provide authentic student-driven opportunities to contribute to community-based environmental conservation. Our revised strategic plan encompasses the visions of our many stakeholders and builds on the foundation we have created for our project and those that engage with us. We will be beetling around, from Opotiki to Waimana, Whakatāne to Otamarakau in our electric van, planting trees and sharing our knowledge as we go. Once secured, we will be celebrating ongoing funding. Fingers crossed!



HUKUTAIA DOMAIN CARE GROUP

Purpose

To protect and where possible enhance the natural and cultural values of the Domain. To maintain and grow the partnership with Upokorehe. We also aim to maintain and extend the botanical collection, enhance the experience for visitors and increase their understanding of the significance of the Domain and its values.

Location and area covered

Hukutaia Domain is 4.5 hectares near Ōpōtiki.

Highlights

- The continuing work by the care group looking after Hukutaia Domain.
- Book launch of Hukutaia Domain - the history of a local treasure written by Lorna Aikman and Tanya Rother who are care group members, with photos and proof reading by members of our group.
- John McLeod received an award for Outstanding Contribution to Conservation by Bay Conservation Alliance.

Key challenges

- Loss of mature trees and other plants caused by a dry summer, winds and climate change.
- Getting projects that are started finished.
- Protecting and propagating some of the rare plants in our care.

Metrics

- 941 volunteer hours.
- 15 volunteers.
- 33 possums, 83 rats, 74 mice, 8 hedgehogs, 1 weasel caught.
- 3 monitoring days held.
- 3 events/education days for members, involved with 6 others.

Achieving success

Continuing progress with the aims and goals of the group. Growing the numbers and knowledge of group members.



"Very pleased with our relationship with BCA. The award given to John was appreciated by all our members. Help from Wayne with his enthusiasm and knowledge especially in upgrading our plant list. It is also lovely to have contact with the cadets. Nice to see others coming through."

KAHAROA KŌKAKO TRUST



Purpose

Kaharoa Kōkako Trust (KT) was formed in 1997 by a group of local residents with the initial goal of saving a remnant population of kōkako. Working closely with DOC, the ongoing pest control in the Kaharoa Conservation Area (KCA), has improved the ecosystem and kōkako numbers have grown.

Location and area covered

30 km by road, north-east of Rotorua, halfway between Rotorua and Te Puke as the crow flies, with approximately 952 hectares under management.

Highlights

- In May, a walk-through survey for kōkako in neighbouring forests was undertaken.
- In September a full kōkako census of the KCA produced a disappointing result with decreased numbers of adult birds compared with the previous survey in 2015.
- A full review of infrastructure and pest operations was carried out. Subsequently, all trapping were upgraded with additional traps for possums, and more double-set DOC 200s to better focus on stoats.
- In August, a full pest operation was carried out targeting rats using Pindone, followed with a second pulse in December.

- A successful funding application to MPI resulted in removal of wilding pines from 15 hectares.

Key challenges

- Funding is a challenging issue, with the average pest control operation costing over \$35k and the roading network requiring maintenance.
- The Aislabie block continues to have poor rat control (attributed to the terrain not allowing an adequate bait station network).
- Ungulate numbers continue to remain high with significant damage to the understory in some areas.

Metrics

- 4950 volunteer hours.
- 40 volunteers.
- Pests caught – 9 stoats, 3 ferrets, 1 weasel, 1 feral cat, 69 ship rats, 42 hedgehogs and 115 possums.
- Monitoring – Ship rats 7; invertebrates 4; ruru 3; kiwi 3; pekapeka-tou-roa 70; kōkako 20; forest birds (5mbc) 3.
- Events/education days – hosted BCA cadets (x7); Tapuika Kōhanga Reo; Western Heights Primary School conservation group (x2); Wander Woman Adventure Race; Tapuika iwi; formal presentations to Scion staff & Tapuika iwi.

Achieving success

KKT has embarked on a programme to infill all pest control lines to 50m between bait stations, to improve ship rat control. A trial of Double Tap for pest control using best practice guidelines and an aerial application of Pindone in inaccessible areas is planned for 2023.



KEEP (KOKAKO ECOLOGICAL EXPANSION PROGRAMME)



Purpose

To undertake collaborative ecosystem restoration, beginning around Kaharoa, by expanding currently protected kōkako habitat and establishing protected links across private and public land; thereby linking isolated kōkako populations in the Bay of Plenty and bolstering the kōkako gene pool and overall health of the ngahere and ecosystems across the landscape.

Location and area covered

Initially the focus is on the 'ecosystem corridor' between Kaharoa and Ōtanewainuku kōkako populations however, the long-term vision is to have all isolated kōkako populations in the Bay of Plenty connected via enhanced and protected ecosystem pathways.

Highlights

- Formalising our relationship with Tapuika Iwi Authority (TIA) and benefiting from their support in hosting meetings and facilitating record keeping (thank you TIA so much!).
- Finalising where KEEP fits into the greater kōkako and community story (established our Four Pillars: Advocacy, Advisory, Action, & Administration).
- Well received article on KEEP published by PF2050.

- Growing our membership base and sharing the KEEP kōrero with all who will listen!

Key challenges

- Understanding our organisational structure and how best to position ourselves to make a meaningful impact in both supporting work that is already being achieved and encouraging ecosystem corridors to be established and protected across all land types and uses.
- Sourcing funding to enable the support of our members and our purpose.
- Actively involve and engage with stakeholders and grow interest within our community.
- Fine tune where we can best support and complement existing efforts.

Achieving success

- KEEP is known within the community and by all stakeholders.
- KEEP has funding and a funding plan to deliver protection and assistance to both ecosystem pathways and stakeholders wishing to undertake their own work.
- KEEP continues to strive for meaningful and collaborative partnerships with all stakeholders who share the vision.

- KEEP can offer Advice, Advocacy, Action, and Administration to stakeholders who wish to have kōkako in their backyards!



"BCA has been supremely supportive of KEEP's vision and purpose, even during these early stages when we are still fleshing out our role in the conservation space and what we can directly provide to members. It is with their support that we are empowered to continue working at our large vision for the landscape. Thank you so much BCA from all involved with KEEP! Kia Kaha!"

MAKETU ONGATORO WETLAND SOCIETY



Purpose

Wetlands are nature's filters, improving water quality and offering flood protection as well as providing critical habitat for native wildlife. Maketu Ongatoro Wetland Society (MOWS) runs five Environment Programmes (EPs), funded by BOPRC, WBOPDC and DOC at sites in Maketu and Waihi Harbours and on the lower Kaituna River. We also have contracts for pest control and ecological restoration work at five other sites in the same area. The main aim of the group is ecological restoration of these unique habitats via a pest animal control programme, the systematic removal of invasive plant species and a structured education programme covering eight local schools. Monitoring the results is an important element of our programme.

Location and area covered

Maketu and Waihi harbours and the lower Kaituna River. The five key project sites are Maketu Spit, Newdicks Beach, Dotterel Point Pukehina, the Waihi Harbour Wildlife Management Reserve and the Te Huauri o te Kawa wetland on the lower Kaituna River.

Highlights

- Installation of a new trail and new bridges in the Te Huauri o te Kawa Wetland.
- Completed the clearing of gorse, pampas

and other weeds on the Pukehina Esplanade Reserve, planting 500 native species.

- Maintaining our full operational capacity, in spite of adverse weather and Covid issues.
- Improving our Health and Safety systems and other compliance issues.
- Two staff members obtained their NZ Cert in Agrichemical Applications, a requirement to becoming a Registered Chemical Applicator (the next step) which allows them to spray over water and target those invasive aquatic plants.

Key challenges

- Maintaining our works programme in increasingly difficult weather.
- Managing our costs in inflationary times.
- Staying on top of increasingly demanding and expensive, H&S requirements.
- Managing a small business with no dedicated administration personnel, and an absent Operations Manager (who was away on maternity leave).
- Having to constantly identify and deal with 'new' weeds.
- Developing and adapting different pest control methods/systems to deal with our areas.

Metrics

- 2405 volunteer hours. 67 volunteers.
- 4300 plants planted. 369 pests caught.

Achieving success

- Maintaining and growing our existing, weed and pest control programmes.
- Improving our monitoring programme and establishing funding for analysis of our ecological data and reporting to help guide restoration work.
- Develop a more robust administration system.
- Obtaining additional funding.
- Obtaining funding to enable more additional local schools to attend our education programme.



"The fact that we are not fighting this battle on our own, that we have additional resources available to us, as well as the expertise of BCA and its 25+ member groups, hugely valuable, to say nothing of their help with the funding."



Purpose

The Manawahe Eco Trust (MET) was formed in 2010 to facilitate the community's interest in improving biodiversity within the Manawahe Ecological Corridor, the only forested ecological corridor that exists between the Rotorua lakes and the sea. Contained within the corridor are populations of threatened species such as the iconic species, kōkako. With help from over 40 volunteers, the Manawahe Eco Trust is committed to managing and enhancing the biodiversity of the area. MET achieves this through supporting the local community with ecological restoration; co-managing a predator control programme that has over 2700 bait stations and 500 traps; a far-reaching schools education programme that has engaged with over 7,500 students, parents and teachers since 2015 and through advocacy within the wider community. MET also manages the Manawahe Ecological Community Centre and uses it as a base for its education programme as well as making it available to the community as a meeting place.

Location and area covered

The Manawahe Ecological Corridor is so named because this remnant natural habitat between Lake Rotoma and the Bay of Plenty coast forms a continuation of the diverse ecosystem types

that can be found across this 300m altitudinal range. The Manawahe (approx. 4000ha) is clearly identifiable by conspicuous geographical features - rugged hills that rise suddenly from the Rangitaiki plains.

Highlights

- Hosting workshops on wallaby control and indigenous forestry for the wider community.
- Continuing our wallaby control operation with great results.
- Maintaining 0% rodents in our core area.
- Welcoming a new Environmental Educator to our team.
- Receiving funding for a new shade sail to benefit visitors and volunteers at our education centre.

Key challenges

- Finding funding for ongoing operational costs rather than new projects.
- Volunteer retention.
- Maintenance and replacement of aging traps within our network.

Metrics

- 1326 volunteer hours.
- 60 volunteers.
- 800 plants planted.

- 4 monitoring days held.
- 50 events/education days.

Achieving success

In 2023 we hope to expand our current education programme to include schools local to the Manawahe Ecological Corridor that are financially unable to take part in our existing programme. We hope to receive more multi-year funding this year to take the pressure off and give us more freedom to achieve our educational and ecological goals. We also hope to strengthen our relationships with local iwi and other community stakeholders.



"Having support with funding applications throughout the year has made a huge difference, it's great to know I can contact Wayne whenever I have a question and he always has time to provide valuable support."

MATATA CONSERVATION ESTATE CARE GROUP

Purpose

To help restore the corridor for Kōkako in the Manawahe area, and to regenerate the native fauna and flora of Kōkako Heights and the surrounding area.

Location and area covered

Kōkako Heights and Matata Conservation Estate Development area.

Highlights

- Killing over 600 pests using traps.
- Developing a care group.
- Creating a committee.
- Support from BCA.

Key challenges

- Finding funding for operational costs and new projects.

- We need to grow our volunteer base and train new people to be safe and competent operatives in the field.
- Creating a 5-year management plan.
- Plan implementation with landowners.
- Information sharing.

Metrics

- 650 volunteer hours.
- 17 volunteers.
- 630 pests caught.
- 5 events/education days.

Achieving success

In 2023 we will seek charitable trust status and develop a formed management plan from feedback received from BCA cadets, who have seen an increase in varieties of flora and fauna.



"We value assistance with funding, guidance in direction, help in our areas of concern and identifying solutions and timelines."

MOKAIHAHA KŌKAKO TRUST

Purpose

The Mokaihaha Kōkako Trust was established in 2017 to protect and restore the Mokaihaha Ecological Area to a thriving ecosystem, supporting a large and resilient Kōkako population. There is also a purpose to provide educational and recreational opportunities for the South Waikato district and be a showcase for community conservation.

Location and area covered

The Mokaihaha Ecological Area comprises 2,127ha of native forest and is located at the southern end of the Mamaku Plateau, 13.5 km east of Tokoroa, 8km south of Mamaku township and 10km west of Rotorua City.

Highlights

- Contractors finished installing the bait stations to cover the area not previously ground controlled.

- 2022 Kōkako Survey recorded 71 pairs and 10 territorial signs an increase from the 43 pairs and 8 singles recorded in 2018.
- Hosting a number of educational and environmental events in Mokaihaha.

Key challenges

- To secure funding for continued ground pest control.
- Increase our volunteer list.
- To finish track cutting and marking in our new bait station network so we can undertake ground pest control in the whole of our 2,127ha.

Achieving success

We are trying to get the track for our new bait station network cut and marked, so if we can manage to do that this next year and carry out a ground control operation on the full 2,127ha, that would be a very successful year for us.



Mokaihaha Kokako Trust



"It's been great to have the extra assistance and support from BCA."

MOTU TRAILS TRUST



Purpose

Motu Trails Charitable Trust is the governance hub of the Motu Trails, one of 22 Great Rides on the New Zealand Cycle Trail. We aim to provide a gateway to outdoors experiences across the region, benefiting both visitors and locals. On the Dunes Trail, we have the goal of helping to restore the coastal environment as much as possible.

Location and area covered

Motu Trails spans Ōpōtiki-Tairāwhiti. The Dunes Trail restoration work is alongside 9km of Dunes Trail.

Highlights

- We now have about 50 traps on the Dunes Trail, in 2022 these caught about 15 mustelids plus dozens of rats, this work is in partnership with Whakatohea Tiaki Taiao.
- We have recently installed 25 traps on Pakihi Track, with the help of Nga Tapuwae o Taneatua tramping club.

- Dunes Trail saw another three community planting days with 1500 trees/plants dug in.
- Motu Trails Trust kept the trails maintained through a very challenging winter/spring with numerous heavy rain events.
- Several build projects including a new shelter and a new section of boardwalk.

Key challenges

- Highly dynamic trail environments are very challenging to keep in good condition.
- Trails are complex things to manage well, spanning everything from using spades and rakes to business development, time is always too short!

Metrics

- 2000 volunteer hours.
- 12 volunteers.
- 50 rats, 7 stoats, 8 weasel caught.
- 1500 Plants planted.
- 5 events/education days.

Achieving success

More people getting out and active and enjoying the trails. Continue to develop the environmental work that results from the trails. Catching lots of stoats, weasels, rats (hopefully!)



ONEPŪ PARK CARE GROUP

Purpose

To enhance environmental, recreational and educational opportunities for our community. Starting with a covenant to form a wetland, then over a number of years as the Wetlands grew so did the pine forest on the surrounding hills. The care group observed that the emerging forest looked ideal for the establishment of biking and walking trails. A motivated team of mountain bikers and walkers with forestry company approval set about creating a network of around twenty kilometers of trails which connect to an area of regenerating manuka/kanuka and to a DOC reserve with a small lake. Over the years a huge variety of native species have been established - a full range of podocarps, plus a beech grove, a kauri grove, selection of Rongoa plants and a collection of rare and endangered NZ species.

Location and area covered

Onepū - 150 hectares of opportunity.

Highlights

- Weka arrived.
- The tracks were upgraded to wheelchair friendly status.
- First fruiting of swamp maire.

Key challenges

- On going pest plant control.
- Future proofing the project, there will be a requirement for succession planning.

Metrics

- 360 volunteer hours.
- 14 volunteers.
- 180 plants planted.
- Approx 11 'formal' guided group tours.

Achieving success

2023 will hopefully see our signage upgraded and interpretation boards added.



"An aspiration this year is to visit other BCA member sites."

Purpose

Originally formed in 2002, Ōtānewainuku Kiwi Trust was a response by Te Puke Forest and Bird and other members of the community concerned at the decline of the North Island brown kiwi in the Ōtānewainuku Forest. Volunteers maintain our integrated pest management programme targeting stoats, rats and possums which has benefits for all plants and animals but particularly the kiwi and kōkako reintroductions the trust manages. Over 4000 predators have been removed from Ōtānewainuku in the past few years.

Location and area covered

Approximately 20km south of Tauranga (past Ōropi, off SH36) covering 1200 hectares of forest.

Highlights

- Continued success with possum control, data indicates mostly incursions from outside protected area.
- Excellent rat control result 53% pre RTI to 1% post RTI on Pindone.
- Getting funding to enhance halo protection outside Ōtānewainuku, particularly stoats and ferrets.
- Seeing younger people at workdays on a regular basis.

- The commencement of the Cat control programme.
- Final 130ha of Ōtānewainuku Conservation area under protection, as a Jobs for Nature project.

Key challenges

- Continued invasion of ferrets from local farmland, 2 kiwi predated by ferrets.
- Difficulty in Iwi relationship building, seven groups to liaise with, requiring additional resources.
- A Chair to head the Trust is still required to build resilience through a succession plan for governance roles.

Metrics

- 16,490 volunteer hours.
- 368 volunteers.
- 63 stoats and 26 ferrets caught.
- 16 education days held.
- 2 meetings for OKT trapping team.

Achieving success

Continuing to incrementally improve wherever we can, our pest and predator work is now paying dividends. Maintaining and hopefully increasing our volunteer team especially in the knowledge

base area. To increase the halo protection around Ōtānewainuku to help protect the core area. In doing so, this should ensure a good breeding season, particularly with kōkako and kiwi. Balancing this with building teams to support governance roles rather than relying on individuals.



PROJECT PARORE (URETARA ESTUARY MANAGERS)



Purpose

Formed in 2004 primarily to help clean up the rivers and streams running into the Uretara Estuary, Uretara Estuary Managers secured a five-year grant from the Ministry for the Environment's Freshwater Improvement Fund in 2018. This drove a change in the scale and scope of activities, which led to the adoption of a new name in 2020 to better encompass the society's expanded vision. From hills to harbour, rural to residential. Project Parore is focused on a collaborative catchment management approach to water quality and biodiversity restoration, supporting landowners and residents to enhance their environmental stewardship.

Location and area covered

The 8 catchments of the northern Tauranga Harbour - Aongatete, Waitekohe, Te Mania, Rereatukahia, Uretara (includes Katikati township), Tahawai, Tuapiro and Waiau.

Highlights

- Established a works base in Katikati, with parking, storage facilities, nursery and office space.
- Recruited and trained a team of environmental restoration and support staff.

- Planted 65,000 native plants and reforested 20+ hectares.
- Commissioned a scientific study on inanga spawning.
- Restored 10+ hectares of Wetlands.
- Grew the volunteer effort in Katikati, focusing on pest plants and animals and planting programs.

Key challenges

- Developing ongoing funding streams.
- Acquiring appropriate tools to support large scale plantings.
- Improving communications and publicity.
- Broadening our volunteer base.
- Continuing to build on our developing relationships with our partners.
- Extending our reach over the whole rohe to support significant environmental restoration.

Metrics

- 826 volunteer hours.
- 140 volunteers.
- 65,000 plants planted.
- 7 monitoring days held.
- 8 events/education days.

Achieving success

In 2023, we will continue to develop relationships with the local community, the three local marae and local government agencies. We will complete the catchment management plans collaboratively with our partners and continue to plant, fence and remove animal and plant pests from the rohe.



"Our relationship with BCA provides us with a window on other activities and challenges in the Bay of Plenty and a path to additional funding. From time to time we host the Conservation Cadets, both for learning and work."

TE WHAKAKAHA TRUST



Purpose

Te Whakakaha Conservation Trust was founded to ensure the long-term survival of the ancient and critically endangered Otawa Hochstetter's frog. Genetically distinct from other species, the Otawa Hochstetter's frog is only found in this location, which some of was once a quarry site. Otawa Scenic Reserve was officially designated a sanctuary in December 2016 and the Trust now supports an active volunteer network to restore and protect the ecology of this precious area, in conjunction with the DOC, district and regional councils and local iwi.

Location and area covered

Otawa Sanctuary: 400 hectares of regenerating forest at 1254 No 3 Road, Te Puke.

Highlights

- All traps and trapping records entered on the Kete Taiao (ArcGIS system) and extension of trapping area.
- Container base for trappers completed and functioning well.
- Planting day - 300 plants: kahikatea, totara, puriri etc.
- 5 Minute Bird Count completed.

- Plant identification day with Wayne O'Keefe.
- Training session for trappers.

Key challenges

- Some trap tampering continues.
- Irregular A24 gas and lure replacement.
- Significant pig problem making the sanctuary attractive for pig hunters and their dogs.
- Difficult getting a possum trapping programme in place (some progress).

Metrics

- 1200 volunteer hours.
- 50 volunteers.
- 300 plants planted.
- Pests caught - 4 ferrets, 20 stoat, 1 weasel, 380 rats, 4 hedgehogs, 5 cats, 8 possums, 20 mice. Total is 442 within the confines of the sanctuary. This is an 11.9% catch rate for traps checked. Less pests being caught, but infiltration from outside our area still occurring. In addition to this, neighbouring farms trapping have caught 288 rats, 13 stoats, 11 ferrets and 5 cats.
- Trapper's training session, and Plant ID Day.

Achieving success

- Endeavour to maintain tunnel tracking results at 7.5% or less.
- Have a pest free corridor between Te Whakakaha and Ōtanewainuku, plus south towards Otawa (into TCC land), and cover all Te Whakakaha boundaries.
- Ensure all trappers are kept up to date with latest trapping techniques.
- Build stronger relationships with neighbouring conservation groups and government agencies.



"We value the advice and mahi we receive from BCA – without them we wouldn't be where we are today."

WAIHI BEACH ENVIRONMENT SOCIETY

Purpose

Waihi Beach Environment Society (WBES) is established to benefit the community by protecting the natural land environment and associated fauna and flora in the Waihi Beach environs, and to support a science-based approach for the management of our beach coastline in the light of changes to climate and sea levels.

Location and area covered

Waihi Beach environs.

Highlights

- Becoming part of a wider Predator Free Waihi Beach program.
- Becoming part of BCA and the benefits that have been gained through information sharing, collaboration and financial support.
- Making improvements to and extending our trapping network.
- Improvements to our record keeping.
- Improvements in our communication to our members

Key challenges

- Making further progress in achieving the measurables under our Strategic Plan.
- Developing a succession plan for our current team of trappers.
- Gaining greater community support and engagement.
- Attracting more active trappers.
- Gaining the necessary financial support to achieve the above.

Metrics

- 1850 volunteer hours.
- 20 volunteers.
- 1350 pests caught.
- 4 monitoring days held.
- 5 events/education days.

Achieving success

We have achieved a greater degree of community support and a new group of volunteers.



"We have appreciated the ready access we have had to Emma Cronin and the way she has positively responded to any requests for information or support."

WESTERN BAY WILDLIFE TRUST

Purpose

Our emphasis is on the protection of native fauna and flora, and education to promote awareness and understanding of our native ecosystems here in the Western Bay of Plenty. The trust has a strong focus on monitoring and protecting the Kororā (little blue penguin) and Oi (grey-faced petrel) populations based around Mauao and Moturiki Island.

Location and area covered

Western Bay of Plenty with particular focus on Mauao, Moturiki, and Mount Maunganui Main Beach.

Highlights

- Renewed permit for our Shorebird Minder Group.
- Starting a Rescue and Rehab program for Little Blue Penguins.
- Hosting educational tours again after all the Covid lock downs.

Key challenges

- Administration and financial constraints and lack of funding.
- Lack of internal resources at board level.
- Communications with stakeholders.

Metrics

- 3500 volunteer hours.
- 30 volunteers.
- 250 plants planted.
- 80 monitoring days conducted.
- 8 events/education days.

Achieving success

Continuing all of our species monitoring and better communications with our pest control volunteers.



WHAKĀTANE KIWI TRUST



Purpose

The Whakatāne Kiwi Trust (WKT) is dedicated to the serious effort required to re-establish a thriving kiwi population. Set up in 2006 as a charitable trust, our objectives include community education, advocacy for kiwi conservation, and encouraging and assisting landowners in the long-term protection and survival of kiwi. We promote volunteer involvement in the conservation of kiwi, environmental protection and biodiversity management. Overall, our kiwi population is doing well with an estimated 350 kiwi in Whakatāne-Ohope Reserves.

Location and area covered

Whakatāne & Ohope Reserves, including Ngati Awa farm and Stanley, McCoy Roads, Rust Forest and other private land.

Highlights

- Appointed Tom Armstrong to Team Leader for predator control.
- Trapped 971 Queen Wasps and 15,747 workers in Queen Wasp Control operation.
- Promoted WKT's Queen Wasp control at 2022 Biosecurity Institutes Conference.
- Released two kiwi chicks into Kohi Point with Ngati Awa from emergency egg lifts due to roadworks on Kohi Point Lookout Road.

- Maintained support of our corporate sponsors and able to take representatives out on kiwi health checks.

Key challenges

- Trap shy stoats - avoiding traps.
- Funding – maintaining continuous funding continues to be challenging.
- Lack of direction/support from DOC (at national level).
- Relationship management.

Metrics

- Despite Covid-19 we clocked up 4,500 volunteer hours.
- Trapped 53 stoats, 24 weasels, 779 rats, 245 hedgehogs, 11 feral cats (live trapping), 24 rabbits and 4 possums.
- Rodent monitor indices results post spring bait fill were 0% in Ohope Scenic Reserve, Mokorua Bush and Kohi Point Scenic Reserve, Dodds QEII covenant and 5% in Ngati Awa Kawenata.
- Ran 5 dog avoidance trainings in 2020.

Achieving success

- Participating in the Review of the EP and securing funding for next 5 years for predator control and kiwi management.

- Successfully obtaining long term funding for key administrative roles.
- Renewal of Kiwi Management Permit that provides for permission to work with kiwi over next 5 years. Including provision for ONE.
- Strengthening relationships with Ngati Awa, Korehaha Whakahau project and other partners, especially BOPRC, DOC, WDC.



"BCA helped with understanding the Kete Taiao platform and transferring data. Financial support for OM role greatly appreciated. Funding through BCA's Acorn Seed Fund."



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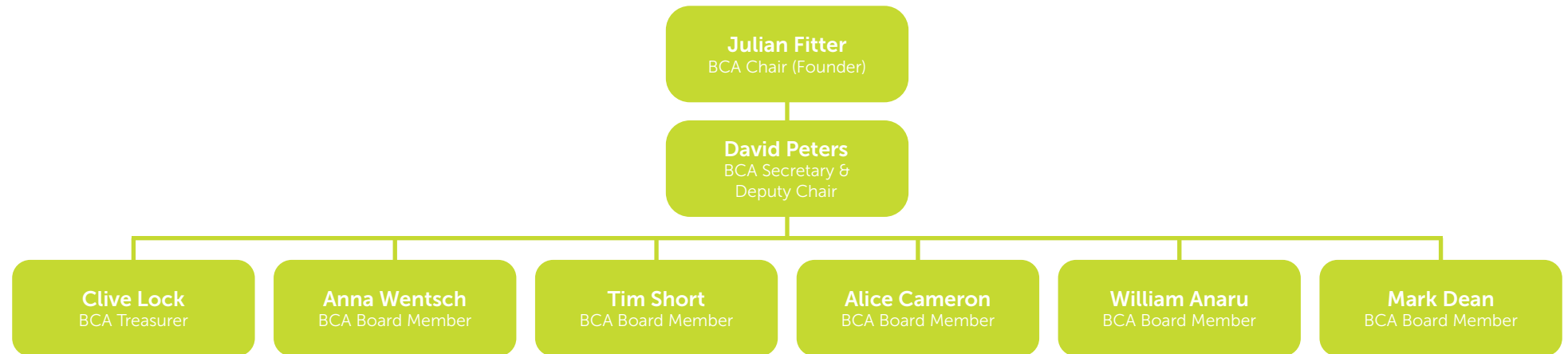
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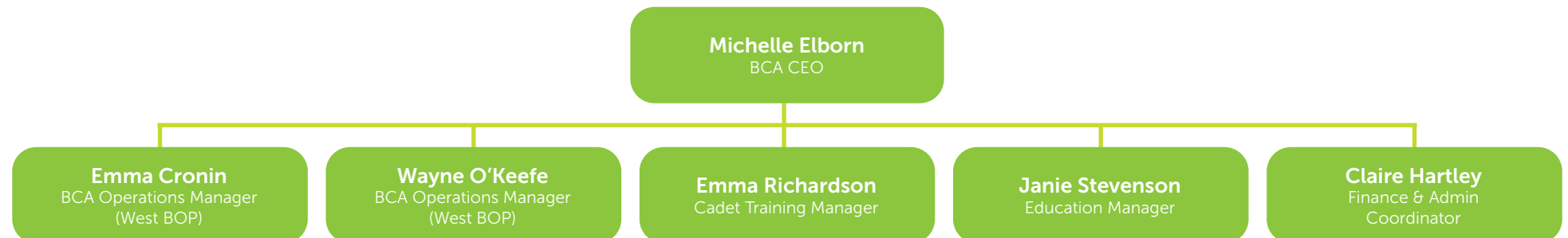
We really value both the governance and operational teams of BCA. Here's an overview of who we are:

For more details on our team, visit www.bayconservation.nz

GOVERNANCE



OPERATIONS



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FINANCIALS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE BAY CONSERVATION INCORPORATED

For the 12 months ended 31 December 2022

	\$	\$
	Dec 2022	Dec 2021
Income		
Fundraising	1,045,859	954,046
Grants	60,000	30,000
Donations	5,862	36,508
Membership	2,300	2,000
Other Income	4,282	668
Total Income	1,118,303	1,023,222
Expenses		
Education and Event Delivery	54,969	38,880
Contractors and Consultants	419,908	451,272
Wages	472,709	446,614
Other expenses	121,810	116,304
Total Expenses	1,069,396	1,053,070
Surplus (Deficit) ^(Note 1)	48,907	(29,848)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION BAY CONSERVATION INCORPORATED

For the 12 months ended 31 December 2022

	\$	\$
	31 Dec 2022	31 Dec 2021
Current Assets		
Cash at Bank ^(Note 1)	426,973	347,626
Accounts Receivable	230	10,005
GST	0	0
Total Current Assets	427,203	357,631
Non Current Assets		
Property Plant & Equipment	61,024	78,335
Total Assets	488,227	435,966
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	4,749	3,597
Provision for Annual Leave	16,587	16,587
GST	9,974	9,393
Total Current Liabilities	31,310	29,577
Net Assets	456,917	406,389


Notes to Financial Statements

1. Surplus or deficits shown have been impacted by no adjustments to carry over income received in advance. Funds income received in advance shows as large funds at bank.
2. Bay Conservation Alliance financial year ends 30 June, these accounts have been prepared for inclusion in this calendar report only.
3. The basis for measurement in these accounts is Historical Cost.
4. These financial statements have not been audited.

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WITH SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR FUNDERS AND SUPPORTERS:





**E hara taku toa
i te toa takitahi,
he toa takitini**

My strength is not
as an individual,
but as a collective



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