

ARAPAOA KIWI TRUST NEWS

June 2023



What's new for Arapaoa Kiwi Trust

- Stage Two started
- Big thank you to our recent funders
- Our catch numbers to date
- Seeking corporate funding and sponsorship
- Capital Kiwi Project
- Have you seen our website
- Connect with us on facebook
- Donate a trap to us

Stage Two Started

Great news just received. Lottery Environment and Heritage are funding Stage Two of our project.

With the knowledge being gained from the Pilot and Community Trapping Programmes, we can now successfully move forward with further eradication of stoats and other pests on the island.

280 traps and 10 cameras will be used for trap lines around Deep Bay, Kilmarnock and Te Awaiti Bay, Wharehunga and the ridges around Narawhia, along with the

traps just installed in Onauku Bay. These trap lines will be installed and serviced by volunteers.



A big thank you to The Rata Foundation who have granted us funding for another year of our administration costs (eg: accounting, reporting, systems, grant applications and general admin). This grant is very beneficial and it would be a challenge for the project to continue without this funding.

A big thank you to Lottery Environment and Heritage who have granted us full funding of our application to begin Stage Two of our project. These trap lines will be located around Deep Bay, Kilmarnock and Te Awaiti Bay, Wharehunga and the ridges around Narawhia.



A big thank you to Peter Butler who very graciously donated the money for all the traps and cameras on the **Onauku Bay Trap Lines**.

This donation allowed us Kings Birthday weekend to install around 70 traps were installed on the tracks above the top end of East Bay and down towards Oamaru Bay. Our thanks to Steve and Sue Dawson, Mark Denize, Dave Cunliffe and Deb Foster for help with the installation of these traps and cameras. Deb Foster has volunteered to service all these traps.

Further A24 traps will be installed on the ridge towards Cape Koamaru and on the SW ridge when weather and time permit.



Our trap network at the top end of East Bay (June 2023)



Deb Foster a local volunteer resident of Arapaoa Island installing an A24 trap with a motor lure and camera on the track to Oamaru Bay.



Volunteer Sue Dawson installing a traps on the ridgeline track.

Trap Count Table (as at 26 June 2023_

	Resetting Traps	Strikes	Single Traps	Stoats Caught	Other Caught (e.g. Rats)
Community Traps	0	0	106	23	132

AKT Trap Lines	56	238	105	9	77
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One of the stoats caught recently by Community Trapper Fi Bowler in Te Awaiti Bay



Volunteer Steve Dawson checking trap and repositioning camera on Pilot Programme trap line



Map showing all the Arapaoa Kiwi trap locations

We are seeking Corporate Funding and Sponsorship

While we receive funding from various organisations (and are very grateful for their funding), it has to be applied for each year, it is contestable, and is not guaranteed. We are also relying heavily on volunteers and we are quickly reaching the limit of trapping that can be sustained by volunteers. We are now seeking corporate funding and sponsorship to employ contract trappers and other staff going forward.

If you know of any companies that would be interested in being part of this exciting project, or know a person we could contact directly, please contact Dale our trust administrator with details - email dale@arapaoakiwi.org.nz



Congratulations to the Capital Kiwi Project

In May 2023, 50 kiwi travelled from Maungatautari to whakakāinga anō (make their homes again) in the wild west of Wellington. It was one of the largest kiwi translocations undertaken. [Watch the video](#) and be inspired ...



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Visit our [website](#) for lots of helpful information and resources.

- Donate to the project or volunteer.
- **Our special thanks to Craig Brand** who created and continues to update our website.



We have a [facebook page](#) and would love it if you subscribed and shared our posts

Our goal is to restore the islands natural environment and re-introduce, protect and keep safe our kiwi for generations to come.
The goal is to remove pests, restore birdlife and create a large island habitat suitable for the kiwi population recovery and growth.



Give a trap to Arapaoa Kiwi Trust using [GIVE A TRAP](#) platform and they will organise the supply and delivery of the trap directly to the us.



Meet Arapaoa Kiwi Trust

Steve Dawson - is the Project Leader, Volunteer and Founding Trustee. Steve is retired and lives in Waikawa. He traps for Kaipupu Point Sanctuary and Picton Dawn Chorus. Steve is also Past Commodore of Waikawa Boat Club and a Coastguard volunteer. Steve owns a classic wooden launch and is passionate about boating and the Marlborough Sounds. Email steve@arapaoakiwi.org.nz



Mark Denize – Founding Trustee. Retired, has lived in Stingray Bay, East Bay, Arapaoa Island since 2001. Mark is actively involved in local conservation including Forest regeneration carbon credits, predator trapping and much more. Email markdenize@gmail.com



Ben Wybourne – Founding Trustee. Lives in Murchison and also in East Bay on the island. Email bluwave@mshop.co.nz



Dale Savage – Trust Administrator. Dale lives in Kumutoto Bay and is passionate about the Marlborough Sounds, its environment and loves to hike and sail. Email dale@arapaoakiwi.org.nz



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