



MOTUIHE PROJECT RESTORATION

September 2008

NURSERY NEWS: 2008/09 plant production is well underway. A recent visit from the Auckland International College Japanese Sister City group filled an astonishing 46 root trainers of karamu and taupata in their short day trip.

For those helpers who are not so mobile or find it more rewarding working in the nursery area, there is a variety of work from pricking out seedlings, preparing new seed trays, moving plants from the different areas to weeding the root trainers. There's something for everyone, no matter what the size of group.

2008 Planting is going extremely well with 36,000 plants in the ground so far with the target of 50,000 closing in. For those volunteers who are contemplating helping with the planting this season, you will need to be quick as the seedlings are flying out of the nursery. Come and help the team crack the 50,000 target. Total numbers of native seedlings planted since 2003 is well in excess of 195,000. What a superb effort! Well done.

KAKARIKI TRANSLOCATION:

May 2008 was a great historic occasion for Motuihe Trustees, Volunteers Sponsors and DOC and invited guests. 31 Kakariki (Red Crowned Parakeets) were translocated from Little Barrier Island under the guidance of Luis Ortiz-Catedral. A number of these birds have transmitters attached to their tails. This will give Luis important tracking data in their movements on/or away from the island. This translocation will give



island visitors an opportunity to view these vibrant coloured NZ native in an open environment. Thank you Luis for your commitment and organisation.



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PHOTO COMPETITION: We had a wonderful response to the 2008 Photo competition. Special thanks to Ricoh for supporting Motuihe Project with the 5 Ricoh Cameras. Thank you to all the participants and Brian Gidley for his enthusiasm in getting this promotion off the ground through to arranging the independent judges. Congratulations to the following winners:

Birds: Gladwin Mendez
Flowers/Plants: Julie Thomson
Landscape: Sam & Anna Possenniski
Conservation: Lois Badham
Please visit www.motuihe.org.nz home page to view photos that you have all entered. We hope all participants will continue to look for that 'special' photo on Motuihe as the island continues to undergo the restoration and becomes a "photographer's paradise".

ISLAND NEWS: Congratulations to Adrian & Yvonne Hansen on their recent wedding celebrations. We wish you both well for your future together.

Congratulations also to Justin & Catherine Mendelow on the birth of their baby boy.

Motuihe Project has hosted 2 International Student Volunteers and 2 AustraLearn groups since May. These young University students have worked in pretty atrocious conditions recently. We thank them for their energy and interest. They have enjoyed their stay on Motuihe and many of them wish to return to our little piece of paradise in the future to see the changes in the forest regeneration and native bird re-introduction. We are grateful to the Motuihe leaders who guided and supervised these groups.

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WEED WORKS: Although planting has been the priority during the winter, hand weeding and spraying of mothplant, rhamnus and woolly nightshade has continued albeit at a slower rate due to the weather. Calypso Bay recently had a good tidy-up and is showing great signs of improvement. The natural regeneration of forest taking place without our planting is showing up everywhere on the island and again is rewarding to our volunteers. In the long term the weed clearing is satisfying to this team. Yes, we can see the changes taking place with the island as each season passes. Contact 0800 668844 if you wish to join the weed spray team. The first Sunday in each month is "Weed" day.

HELPERS NEEDED: If you are able to assist in any of the following areas we would like to hear from you—please email us your details.

Information Hut: Ice Creams, Tea, Coffee will be available for purchase this summer.

Guided Tours on the 1st Sunday of each month

Auckland Heritage Festival Sunday 5 October— Guided tours of Historical Headland or Restoration area

Lunch Helpers: Heritage Day

MONITORING MATTERS: In the next issue, Matt Baber will provide an update on the data from the monitoring stations. Thank you to those volunteers who went to Massey University to assist sorting the invertebrates collected last year.

PLANT A TREE PROGRAMME:

This programme has been very popular to date. A great birthday, anniversary, memorial or future generation gift. For \$75 a Kauri, Pohutukawa or Puriri tree will be planted for the recipient (or self plant). GPS coordinates are printed on a Certificate so you can visit via GoogleEarth. Refer to www.motuihe.org.nz for more details.

VOLUNTEER DATES:

Saturdays: Every Saturday (from Labour Weekend)

Sundays: Every Sunday

Transport: (Advise Ticket Office you are a Treeplanter for discounted fare)

360 Discovery: Depart Auckland Pier 3 0915hrs 1400hrs, 1700hrs

Return Trip: 0945hrs 1430hrs 1730hrs