

THE PUKENUI WESTERN HILLS FOREST CHARITABLE TRUST CHAIR REPORT TO  
THE TWELVTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

THURSDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> October 2020

I am pleased to present the annual report to The Pukenui Trust for 2020.

The 2019/2020 year has been challenging due to COVID19.

I became Chair in May 2020 and would like to thank and acknowledge all the Board members for taking on additional areas of responsibility. Also, thanks to the previous Chair Tanya Cook for all her hard work and to George McKenzie for stepping into the Deputy role. A special mention to our Treasurer Audrey O'Callaghan for taking on an increased workload with funding applications and reports, in order to access project funding.

Bevan Cramp and Ben Lovell are our hardworking and dedicated Rangers, both go way beyond what we pay them for, and I thank them for their continuing enthusiasm and commitment.

Within my role in the last few months, I have made it my priority to meet and engage with our many stakeholders. Thanks again to the Trustees and Rangers who have been supportive in attending meetings and continuing our important work of local engagement.

Key Stakeholders include:

Department of Conservation (DOC), Northland Regional Council (NRC), Whangarei District Council (WDC), Whangarei Museum, Kiwi House & Heritage Park (Kiwi North), Tiakina, NorthTec, Local Hapu, Whangarei Quarry Gardens, Kiwi Coast, Predator Free Whangarei & Predator Free 2050 and Kukupa Collective.

- We are incredibly grateful to NorthTec tutors and students, for supporting the work of The Trust in a variety of ways including pest control.
- Working alongside our Rangers we have had meetings with representatives from local Hapu.
- Thank you to NRC for their staff support and assistance around the use of an independent contractor to review our pest control operations.
- Thanks to KiwiNorth and DOC support around Kiwi Translocation and related education programs.

COVID19 has disrupted many regular activities of the trust. Plans around public engagement and conservation week were suspended. However, Kiwi Calling did proceed.

Currently we are working closely with DOC towards Kiwi Translocation in 2021 and we look forward to the activities around that.

Going forward, we are proposing to formulate a 10-year management plan in conjunction with DOC and WDC.

Once again thank you to the Trustees, Volunteers, Rangers, Supporters and Stakeholders for the support you have given me and The Trust in what has been a challenging year.

Sharon Morgan.