

Pirongia Te Aroaro o Kahu



Restoration Society Inc
Share Our Vision
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SUPREME WINNER
TRUSTPOWER
WAIPA DISTRICT
COMMUNITY
AWARDS
2011

Aims of Pirongia Te Aroaro o Kahu Restoration Society To see kokako and other key native species re-introduced to the mountain; pests being controlled with the support of adjoining landowners around the mountain and the local community. *"Working with our community to protect our maunga"*

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- Bat Training
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Photo right: Eager volunteers listening to safety talk.

Below: Group photo before setting off to remove bait from the stations



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A wonderful turnout of volunteers for the bait removal over the first two weeks in March saw over 28 volunteers take part in this important part of our pest control programme. Huge thanks to the great teams of dedicated volunteers who carried out this essential task.

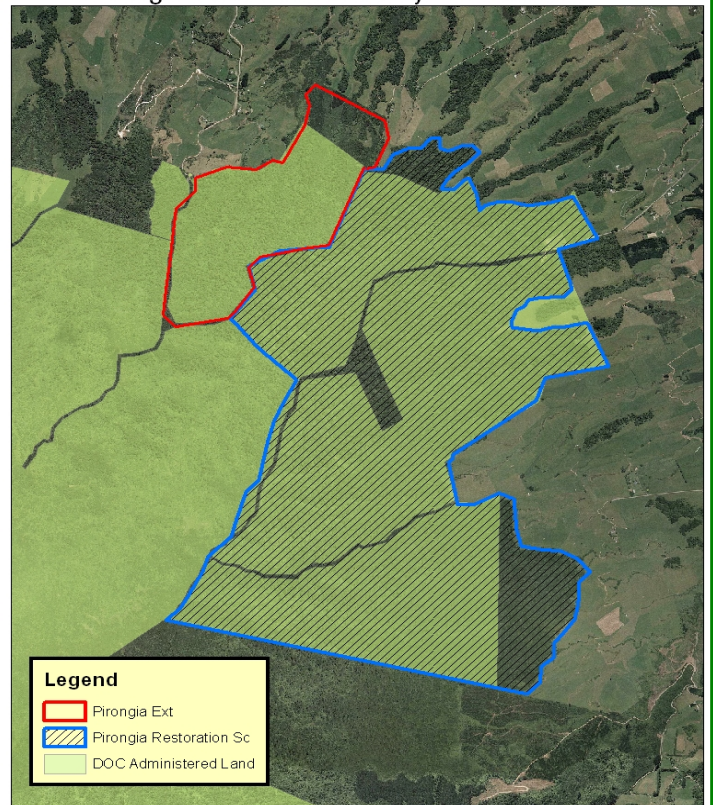
Another Extension Planned

Our map to the right shows the red outlined area is our newest area to be included in the area covered by our bait station grid.

As part of our aim to reach the goal of 1000 ha we have recently been given approval by DOC for the extension area towards the Waite's Rd /Corcoran Rd area to be called the Ruapane extension. This will add an additional 130ha to our area, bringing the new total to 880ha.

Consultation with adjoining landowners has been completed with a positive response and funding is now being sought.

Pirongia Restoration Society - Rat Control



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**PIRONGIA RESTORATION SOCIETY at TRUSTPOWER
NATIONAL COMMUNITY AWARDS
TAURANGA MARCH 2011**

At the recently held Trustpower National Community Awards, two of our committee members, Clare and Dianne (supported by Waipa Deputy Mayor Grahame Webber) made a presentation and shared a superb DVD about our group, which was well received. Unfortunately we weren't winners, but thanks to Dave Owen of Wavelength Media and the Waipa District Council we have a wonderful DVD as a resource for future marketing, which is now on the official Te Awamutu website: <http://www.teawamutu.co.nz/community/content.php?285-Pirongia-Restoration-Society>
Thanks to all those who helped with this.



Jenny & Grahame Webber, Dianne June

SPECIAL THANKS TO

- Pub Charities \$2000
- \$500 from Pirongia Tourist Association
- Volunteers who helped to remove bait from the stations, great to see lots of children enjoying the experience
- New sponsors and members
- Clare St Pierre & Dianne June for representing us so well at the TrustPower Awards
- What's the Story– Sonia Frimmel for adding names to our sponsors board at Grey Rd car park
- Dave Owen for his dedication to our cause
- Steve McClunie for capably managing the volunteers carrying out the bait removal
- Delicious baking made by committee members for hungry volunteers after their efforts ☺



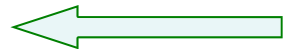
BATTY ABOUT BATS

Following on from the last newsletter, some of our members attended a Bat Training day, organised by DOC where Stuart Parsons & Darren le Roux , experts in the field attended. A most interesting day was spent with talks, activities related to detecting bats, as well as informative displays. We have plans for building bat houses if you are interested please contact us.



Photo courtesy Heurisko Ltd

I've heard the food & company was fantastic and we know our members who attended are very excited about the prospect of detecting bats. As you can see they are teeny tiny!!



Awesome T-shirts with our logo are now available for just \$30+ GST + postage.

Contact Clare St Pierre clare.stpierre@gmail.com or 07 8719133. See them on our Facebook page



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