

# Newsletter

## December 2024



### Kia Ora from the trustees

Our last (and second!) newsletter of 2024. We have had a busy year with trapping (thank you to our trapper Mark for his hard work), placing automatic traps on the Okuratope Historic Reserve site and other bush sites, kiwi listening, bittern monitoring, kiwi avoidance training for dogs, the Bay of Islands P&I Show, community picnic and BBQ.

Thank you to members of the Waimate North community this year who have been involved with activities and helped with trapping. We very much appreciate your help and involvement.

### The Landcare Community BBQ

We held our end-of-year community BBQ at the Showgrounds Hall on Sunday 24 November. It was great to see over 30 locals after a gap of a year. Trustee Phillip Saunders presented the Big Gun Award to Peter Haythornthwaite, a notable designer living in Waimate North, for his work designing a new logo for the Trust (see above in the header).



### What's Coming Up early 2025

- **Kiwi Avoidance Training for Dogs** Sunday 23 February at 83 Showgrounds Rd, Ohaeawai, from 9 am to 3 pm. Book with John Beachman 09 4059434. \$25 per dog.
- **Trapping Workshop** with Kiwi Coast on the afternoon of Sunday 16 March at the Waimate North Showgrounds Hall. Confirmation of date and more info to come.

### Your favourite tree: Selwyn Gubb's Kauri



Hidden in the middle of this photo of bush is a kauri planted by Selwyn Gubb in 1991 to celebrate the birth of a niece. A QE2 covenant was placed on this historic piece of bush in 1998 on land now belonging to David Bond. Selwyn was a well-known member of the community and a founding member and first Treasurer of the Trust.

### Keeping in touch with you

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