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# Chatham Islander

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## Awesome Youth Rugby season ends



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# Wellington Zoo funds available

Thanks to the support of their community and zoo visitors that contributed to the Wellington Zoo Conservation Fund, they are offering a local conservation grants programme.

The grants will provide funding for projects or programmes with clear community conservation value for native wildlife and wild places. They want to support projects in their wider community and invite applications from the Greater Wellington region and the Chatham Islands.

Grants will be awarded up to a maximum of \$5000 and most grants will be between \$1500 and \$3000. The deadline for applications is 5pm Thursday 31 October 2019. For more information and an application form visit <https://wellingtonzoo.com/conservation/local-grants>.

## From the editor

Well done to Wireless Nation and Optus for enabling Chatham Islanders to watch the Rugby World Cup. It's great that they realised how important rugby is on the islands and have worked together to make it happen. I'm sure there'll be some rowdy nights at The Den as a result. Enjoy!

# Health centre news

How good is it to see the spring flowers and feel the warmth of the sun on our backs? Now is a great time to check the expiry date on your sunscreen, dig out the sun hats and clean down those BBQs! As the days get longer and the strength of the sun gets more and more intense, we need to take care of our skin and prevent the risk of long term damage including melanomas.

For all the men out there – don't forget to go and see the doc for those important check-ups; catching prostate cancer early saves lives. The recent 'health checks for men' sessions were well attended with a whole heap of useful advice on ways to keep yourself healthy. Stand up and take responsibility for your health, and encourage your mates to do the same – we're here to help you stay well.

A big welcome to Dr Martin London who is here until the beginning of December, and farewell to Drs Eloise and Mark and their family. We hope to see them back in 2021. The community dental team will be at the

dental clinic from 12-25 November. We are delighted to confirm that Dentist Andrew Were and his technical assistant will be running private clinics for adults from 27 November to 9 December inclusive, from 8am – 5pm (Mon-Sat). To book an appointment please ring the Health Centre on 03 305 0035. Below is the price list for services:

Thanks for taking care of your mates and remember to share this free confidential HOTLINE number: 0800 920 928 which anyone can call 24/7 if they ever need someone to talk to. Let's look out for each other, our whanau and our community. Tu roroa, ārahi i te mua – Stand tall young leaders

*From Sally and all the team at Chatham Islands Health Centre*

## Dental Price List @ 27/09/2019

Exam/consult	\$60.00
Exam + simple scale and clean	\$90.00
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Pair of colour-banded oystercatchers on Mangere Island – Dave Houston/DOC

## Counting oystercatchers

The Chatham Island oystercatcher (torea) is one of several species of bird endemic to the Chatham Islands that narrowly escaped extinction in the 1970's. Under pressure from introduced predators and habitat loss due to the invasive marram grass, there may have been as few as 50 birds left in 1970.

Predator control, stock exclusion, and protection of nests from high seas resulted in a rapid population increase by the mid-2000s to over 300 birds, but the species is still regarded as critically endangered.

Predator control and nest management is still undertaken on the northern beaches to improve breeding success and adult survival; however, success has been variable. Just how effective can only be determined by a complete count of adult birds, something carried out around every five years. The last count was undertaken in 2014 and provided an estimate of 309 adult birds.

The Department of Conservation is planning to undertake the next oystercatcher count in December and is hoping to visit all areas on Chatham and Pitt Islands where oystercatchers are present. Generally, beaches are walked and oystercatcher presence and breeding activity noted, along with the identity of any colour-banded birds.

If you are a landowner in the Chatham Islands, the local DOC office may approach you for access permission. Normally only access for one day is required as the team aims to complete the full survey in just over a week.

With oystercatchers living for up to 30 years, the DOC team is hoping to see many of the birds from former surveys as well as new recruits.



It has been a very busy year for the Museum Trustees. Our primary focus has been to work with Chatham Island Council to build a new Museum, within the new civic building, with funding provided by a Ministry of Culture and Heritage Grant. The planning is progressing and it is hoped that the new building will be completed in 2020.

One of the activities that occurred involved working with Judith Taylor, Te Papa Advisory Officer to discuss building 'lessons learned' and

report back on the good features and those that needed to be avoided. This information has been used in guiding the design of our future Museum.

Consultation has also been held with the community, with Hokotehi Moriori Trust and Ngati Mutunga o Wharekauri Iwi Trust to gain their ideas on themes and stories for the new exhibition gallery. Sally Papps and Jeff Julian of Exhibition Design Build and Consultancy Ltd were appointed in May to work with the Trust for the design and fit out of the museum. Thank you Air Chathams and Hotel Chathams for sponsoring part of the costs of a visit for them.

We would like to acknowledge and thank Bob Weston who resigned as chair in March. It was agreed to appoint Jocelyn Powell and Monique Croon as Co-Chairs. Trustees also

agreed to amend the Trust Deed to allow for iwi and imi representation on the Board. We now have a Museum website, [www.chathamislandsmuseum.nz](http://www.chathamislandsmuseum.nz) thanks to Denise Kenley of Feilding, and will keep everyone informed on progress.

The highlight of the year was the visit from Minister Carmel Sepuloni, who spent almost two hours in the museum with Trustees and shared her passion for small museums throughout Aotearoa. She was fully briefed on the building project, the work to date, and the funding shortfall required to build the new museum to the conditions of the MCH grant received in 2014. She indicated she would support bridging the funding gap and was very positive about submitting her report to the Minister of Finance.



chatham islands council

# Council Update

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## Rate Arrears

Council is taking firmer action to collect rates arrears and is using the following methods:

- If a property has other persons or banks registered against the property title, Council will make a claim on these other persons and banks for payment of the rate arrears. Bank claims that have been made will be payable in mid-December if not paid before.
- Other long standing arrears have been passed to the Council's solicitors for recovery through a court process. This may result in the Court selling the property to recover outstanding rates.

The Council is always open to accept payment plans for rates and rates arrears. If you want to set up a payment plan or want advice about other payment options – please come into the Council office to talk about a solution that will work for you.

## Dog control

We've had a few instances of wandering dogs and dogs being a nuisance. This is a reminder that all dog owners are responsible to ensure your dog(s) are under "effective control" in all public places and at all times. Effective control means you can see your dog, you are aware of what it is doing, and you are close enough to prevent issues or quickly bring your dog to heel. Infringement notices will be issued to owners whose dog(s) are found wandering, being a nuisance or not under effective control. Please help us to make our community and our public places safe for fun and recreation.

## 2018 Census

The results of the 2018 census have been released. A snapshot of Chatham Islands numbers are:

Census night count 720 (previously 597)  
(Influenced by MPA being on Island at that time.)

Usual resident count 663 (previously 600)  
Occupied dwellings 282 (previously 255).

## Council Consumer Satisfaction Survey

### Let us know how we are doing

It's time for the Council's annual survey into how satisfied Chatham Island residents are with a number of Council services. The survey will be sent to everyone on the electoral roll via their post office box at the end of September/beginning of October. Please complete it and let us know your thoughts.

The survey is designed and analysed by an independent consultant, Karen Cox (formerly Karen Knightbridge), who some of you may remember from her time on Pitt Island. The results of the survey will be measured against targets set in the Chatham Islands Council Annual Plan and reported back to the community.

To encourage people to take part in the survey, there will be a draw from those who respond and winners will receive one of three \$100 petrol or diesel vouchers.

The survey is anonymous and, surveys and draw entries are opened by the researcher. The draw will be carried out by a JP local to the area that the researcher lives in. Winners of the draw will be notified individually.

The deadline for receiving the surveys is Wednesday 23rd October 2019.

## Chatham Islands Investment Strategy

All households on the Chatham Islands were sent a copy of the Chatham Islands Investment Strategy (June 2019) that outlines the investment priorities for the Islands. A hui to launch the Strategy will be held at The Den on Friday, 11 October 2019 starting at 5.30 pm and finishing about 6.30 pm. At this hui we will explain who and how the Strategy was developed, and how it has already become the roadmap for social and economic improvement on the Chatham Islands.

## Beautify Owenga

'Beautify Owenga' is a project being undertaken by Te One School to tidy up the area on the Owenga Wharf Road near the Owenga Club. 'Beautify Owenga' has applied for funding to clean up the roadside area and remove fishing pots, ropes, floats boats and old pieces of machinery that have been abandoned or left to rot. When the roadside is cleared it will be landscaped, a garden planted and seating put up to make it an attractive place for people to enjoy when they visit the area. Council will assist 'Beautify Owenga' where it can and encourages the owners of the items that have been left on the roadside to voluntarily remove them. If items are not taken away voluntarily Council will help with their removal and where possible recover the cost from the owners. This is a worthwhile community project, so please help where you can.

## Emergency Management

On Wednesday 18th September, Chatham Islands Council Emergency Management and Fire Emergency NZ (FENZ) held a Coordinated Incident Management System (CIMS) course in the Emergency Operation Centre based at the Council. This system is used in the emergency operations centre (EOC) during an emergency event and across all emergency services. We are proud to say we have nine newly trained level two, CIMS volunteers and Council staff. Well done and

look forward to the next round of training. We'd also like to thank FENZ for allowing their trainer Glen to put them through their paces.

*"What sunshine is to flowers, smiles are to humanity. These are but trifles, to be sure; but scattered along life's pathway, the good they do is inconceivable." – Joseph Addison*

**Parting thought**

## Contact your Council

**Address:** PO Box 24, Waitangi,  
Chatham Islands 8942

**Phone:** (03) 305-0033

**Fax:** (03) 305-0044

**Email:** [info@cic.govt.nz](mailto:info@cic.govt.nz)

**Website:** [www.cic.govt.nz](http://www.cic.govt.nz)



Voter packs have been mailed to all registered voters and voting officially opened on 20 September. Make sure to return your completed voting forms before midday 12 October 2019. Visit <https://cic.govt.nz/your-council/elections-2019> to find more information including a list of candidates.



# Environment Canterbury

## Bulk supplier list

The following is a list of suppliers that have been checked by SPS Biosecurity. Unfortunately Daltons Christchurch is now unable to supply goods to the island as during the inspection process Argentine Ants were found in the area. Please remember it is still a good idea to contact us, as suppliers can be dropped after routine checks if they are found to have an infestation.

We are trying to get a similar list together for nurseries but do still encourage you to buy from the South Island to avoid plants being infested with an unwanted pest.

Company/Site	Type of cargo	Area	Rating Risk	Certificate issued
Daltons	Landscape supplies	Christchurch	Very high risk	No
Intelligro	Landscapes supplies	Christchurch	Very low risk	Yes
Central Stock Feed Company	Stock feed	Christchurch	Very low risk	Yes
Goldpine Timaru	Timber	Timaru	Very low risk	Yes
Point Lumber Ltd	Timber	Timaru	Low risk	Yes
Hobbs & Banks Transport	Quarry	Timaru	Low risk	Yes
Fulton Hogan	Quarry	Timaru	Low risk	Yes
Advanced Media Supplies	Garden mulch	Napier	Low risk	Yes
Tumu ITM	Timber	Napier	Low risk	Yes
Turton Farm Supplies	Farm Supplies	Dannevirke	Low risk	Yes
Greenleaf Nurseries	Nursery	Hastings	Low risk	Yes

## Freight

Thank you to everyone that has been taking care of their incoming freight. It certainly makes it easier when it arrives clean at the depots on the Mainland.

To those that still believe it is not their responsibility to make sure their freight is clean, remember the shipping company cannot send it if the contractor has deemed it to be dirty and if it arrives too late to be

cleaned or after the cut off date then sorry it will be left behind.

## Plants huge red flags

Over the last couple of voyages several plants have arrived - some dug out of someone's garden, others were pot plants that have been sitting around someone's yard in the North Island. These are huge red flags. Argentine Ants have made it around the North Island so quickly because they are a great hitchhiker pest and will have a large impact on our ecosystem if they get here.

As for the plants that have been dug out of the garden, if they were yours give us a ring as the bag didn't have a name. I have them at the office.

## Contestable Fund

The response for this was huge we received around \$50,000 worth of applications unfortunately there is only \$30,000 allocated for this every year, the panel went over the applications and the recipients for this year are:

Cathy Thomas: Taupeka; Josh Thomas: 35B Kekerione; James Gregory-Hunt: Te Awa Tahī & Wahi; A & R Preece: Owenga Station; Robert Holmes: Holsters Block & Loch-Lomond; Hokotehi Mori: Kaingaroa Station & Henga Trust; Bevan Chisholm: Te Ngaio; Tracy Page: Motel Paddock, Mapito & S&T Page; Wharekauri Holdings: Wharekauri Station; Chatham Asset Holdings: Forestry Block, Chathams Airport; Robin Seymour: Ohinemama; Loretta Whaitiri: Wharekauri 1G10A1 & 1G10A2; GE & E Cameron: Ohuru; Edward Fraser: Black Robin Homestays & Toroto; Abe Nielsen: Mangahou & Maukau.

For those that applied but failed to receive funding this year, please remember if needing Property checks you must allow plenty of time for this to be done, all most all of applications received on the last day needed Follow-up checks on multiple properties which is just not possible.

Good luck for next year, everyone.

## Helicopter

We are pleased to let you know that Precision Helicopters will be the contractor to carry out the spray work for us. They will be on the island January/February while we have a few booked in there is room for more.

If you are wanting any spray work, lifting etc please ring the office 3050013 to book you have until the end of October as they will only be bringing equipment etc for what has been booked please don't miss out.

Any questions feel free to ring Kerri and Robin on 305 0013.

# Air Chathams goes international

Air Chathams has gone from being the region's largest independently owned airline to providing a long awaited international service direct from Auckland to Norfolk Island. Flying a Convair 580, Craig Emeny, CEO and owner, and his son, Duane Emeny, General Manager, were the Captain and First Officer for the inaugural flight. Departing Auckland International Airport on Friday 6 September at 9am marked another milestone for Air Chathams which began in 1985 with one small 5 seat Cessna aircraft.

Air Chathams has been flying to Norfolk Island on a regular basis over the last two years with a range of charter tour groups. The charters have been well patronised and for a week's duration allowing visitors to appreciate the full experience Norfolk Island has to offer. Given the popularity of these charters and the shorter time frame with a direct flight from Auckland, Air Chathams has been working with Norfolk Island Tourism and the

Norfolk Island Regional Council for the last 12 months to promote the new route.



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# Awesome Chatham Island Youth Rugby 2019 s

Thank you to all the players, coaches and parents/grandparents who committed their time for the last few months. We had 12 games



Clockwise from above: Rugby Midgets with their trophies, Poppy Seymour, Prayer Greenbank, Faith Kamo.

## Awards for 2019 season

Coaches 2019 season: Mike Nielson, Val Croon, Nick & Gary Cameron, Bruce Bromwich, Bruce Winter, Claude Ryan.

### Senior prize giving:

Coaches: Mike Nielson

Most consistent: Keidis Greenbank; Runner Up: River Seymour.

Best Defensive player: Konnah Hema-Wyllie; Runner up: Tai Nakhla.

Most Improved: Brody Fraser; Runner Up: Pryde Gregory-Hunt.

Sportsmanship: Levi Nielsen.

Player Of the Year: Wiremu Day-Jones.

### Junior prize giving:

Coaches: Val Croon, Nick & Gary Cameron, Bruce Bromwich.

Sportsmanship: Prayer Greenbank; Runner up: Liam Tuhiwai-Rogers; Giavanni Horler.

Most Consistent: Charlie Bromwich; Runner up: Maddison Chandler.

Most improved: Faith Kamo; Runner up: Marley Fraser; Honor Gregory-Hunt

Defensive Player of the Year: Ivyleigh Hema-Wyllie; Runner up: Pippa Cameron.

Player of the Year: Leiah Hema-Wyllie; Runner Up: Brayden Gay.

### Midgets prize giving:

Coaches: Claude Ryan & Bruce Winter

Sportsmanship: Matai Ryan; Runner up: Benj Fry.

Most improved: Poppy Seymour; Runner up: Connor Winter.

Defensive Player of the Year: Elijah Winter; Runner up: Matai Ryan.

Most consistent: Billy Tuanui; Runner Up: Roco Tuanui.

Player of the Year: Matai Ryan; Runner up: Koda Hema.

### Helping Hand Award

(donated by Ron and Ollie Seymour): Gary Cameron for the great help during last few seasons

### Sponsors and supporters of 2019 Season

Air Chathams – Airfares for Lee Golding

Chatham Islands Community Focus - End of season certificates

Chatham Islands Enterprise Trust – for sponsorship

Chatham's Auto – gift vouchers

Cherie Tuck – awesome work from the mainland

Croon family – whistles

Dough & Go - Food catering for prizegiving

Duke and Kerry - Accommodation, transport and meals for Lee Golding

Lee Golding - Training for kids and coaches

Moana Pacific Fisheries – vouchers for prizegiving

Norman Kirk – Use of the field and facilities

Nigel Ryan - Engraving the trophies

Ngati Mutunga Iwi Tust – for sponsorship

Port Nicholson Fisheries – Prizegiving and Ground fees Norman Kirk

Waitangi Store – Player of the Day weekly

Waitangi Hardware – Gift vouchers

Good luck to Year 8 children going to the secondary school next year

Thank you everyone for a fantastic season. See you next year.

Chatham Islands Youth Rugby committee

# Season ends

of rugby this season.



## Notice Concerning Māori Land Court Advisory Service

October 2019

KIA MATAARA kei aku iti kei aku rahi tēnā kautau. He pānui motuhake kei te haere. The Māori Land Court will be conducting advisory services for two days for the Chatham Islands as follows:

**Āhea (when):** Tuesday 29 and Thursday 31 October 2019

**Kei hea (where):** Heartland Services,  
Chatham Islands Council, Waitangi.

**Te wā (time):** From 9am to 5pm.

If you wish to make an appointment to see the Māori Land Court, please contact Reception (in the first instance) or Amiria Joseph-Wiari. Contact details are as follows:

### Reception

Heartland Services  
Chatham Islands Council  
Tuku Road, Waitangi,  
Chatham Islands 8942.  
Phone: 03 305 0146  
Mail address: PO Box 24,  
Chatham Islands 8942.  
Email: [chathamislands@heartlandservices.govt.nz](mailto:chathamislands@heartlandservices.govt.nz)

### Amiria Joseph-Wiari

Deputy Registrar  
Aotea Māori Land Court  
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Whanganui 4500.  
Email: [Amiria.Joseph-Wiari@justice.govt.nz](mailto:Amiria.Joseph-Wiari@justice.govt.nz)

The Māori Land Court deals with the following:

- Succession
- Whānau Trusts
- Ahu Whenua Trusts
- Basic governance skills
- Trustee duties

If you have any questions regarding the Māori Land Court, please contact Amiria Joseph-Wiari.

*Amiria Joseph-Wiari* (Miss)  
Te Ātihaunui-A-Pāpārangi  
Deputy Registrar  
Māori Land Court  
-Aotea District

*Jake Thomas,*  
Ngāti Mutunga ō Wharekauri,  
Case Manager,  
Māori Land Court  
-Te Waipounamu District

# Mental Health Matters: The Black Dog Part 3 *by Paul Reet*

The past two articles in this series we have looked at the Black Dog of Depression related mainly to recognising the early signs of depression and what to do about these to prevent further health decline.

As depression becomes more severe the issues we have covered before become more severe; further behavioural, emotional, relational and personal changes to our lifestyle. The basics we have covered before still apply if you are experiencing a more severe depression. You may need some help to ensure these are followed through from family members or friends.

Feelings of depression can be overwhelming and sometimes unpredictable. Feelings need to be expressed. Talk to people about your worries and concerns; do not 'bottle things up'. Some people have found writing a diary to write out their thoughts and feelings, is a way of releasing feelings.

The best way to manage these times of being overwhelmed is to be present with what you are feeling. They always pass. Do not try to use thoughts to explain your feelings or analyse them or ask why you are feeling this way. Avoid, fighting how you are feeling. Be with your feelings and then allow them to settle.

We can often be caught in the trap of having negative thoughts about ourselves and 'beating ourselves up', when we feel overwhelmed. This only serves to increase our distress and feelings of depressed mood. Be kind towards yourself and give your feelings some space; you are allowed to feel like this.

Often, we 'run away' from difficult and uncomfortable emotions and this does not help us in the long term. We need to give up the fight of resisting

to feel; it takes less effort than holding it all tightly inside.

The following is a series of things to do when overwhelmed by your emotions:

- NOTICE – what is happening in your body as early as possible when things start to change. Notice where in your body you feel tension or changes, observe the tension and then re-focus to your breathing.
- STOP and STAND BACK – slow everything down. Literally take some steps back and sit down.
- BREATHE – breath out really slowly, notice something to focus on in front of you.
- OBSERVE – your reaction, sensations and thoughts and do not analyse or react to them
- ALLOW ROOM TO FEEL
- BE COMPASSIONATE – avoid self-blame and anger towards yourself.
- CHOOSE – when you are calm and know you are responding from your rational brain, respond/act in line with what is important to you at the time.

In part four of this series we shall be looking at the ways our thinking can affect our mood in a more severe depression. If you have concerns for yourself or a loved one after reading this please seek help.

**Paul Reet is a Registered Mental Health Nurse and Registered Counsellor from Dunedin who visits the Chatham Islands four times a year. His future visits to the Chathams are 30 September – 4 October 2019 and the week of 20 January 2020. While here, he is based at the Health Centre. His email address is: paul.mhchathams@gmail.com**

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## Hotel Chatham's team busy

The team at Hotel Chatham has been busy lately. Owner Toni Croon has been nominated finalist in the Rural category as Women of Influence 2019 and will be attending a gala dinner on 24 October. Presented by Stuff and Westpac, the Women of Influence New Zealand programme recognises and celebrates women from all walks of life who make a difference in the lives of everyday New Zealanders.

Francesca Bonventre and Kaai Silbery (head chef at the hotel) have launched their new product Go Wild Chatham Islands Freeze Dried Honey and are both Ambient category and Supreme winners at the Inspire+ New Zealand Artisan Awards. The awards give New Zealand food and beverage producers the opportunity to showcase product innovation. With over 480 entries this year, the competition was fierce in all categories. They were also finalists at the Massey University Food Awards and will attend a gala dinner on 23 October.

The Local Wild Food Challenge is being held on Saturday 14 December in joint partnership with Kiwi Kids Can Cook, sponsored by NZ Chefs Association. Any kind of sponsorship is welcome, says Francesca.

## The Moriori Deed of Settlement and Ratification Hui

This past month and the weeks ahead have been and will be largely focussed on the ratification/approval of the Deed of Settlement initiated by Moriori on 13 August at Parliament. So far we have had hui with members at Kopinga Marae and on Rangihau (Pitt Island) and also had a meeting with Pitt Islanders living on mainland Chathams to provide them with an update on Moriori settlement redress on Pitt.

Certain areas of Crown owned lands are being returned to Moriori under our settlement and Moriori are committed to working with all Pitt Islanders and Pitt Island families to ensure that the land is utilised to help the future development of the Pitt Island economy, ecology, and social and cultural advancement. The three hui to date have been well attended and very positive. The next hui with members will be held in Dunedin on 6 October and travelling around the south and north Islands meeting with members.

Voting papers have been sent out to all registered members so if you have not received a set of papers please contact [office@kopinga.co.nz](mailto:office@kopinga.co.nz) and a new set will be forwarded to you. Voting closes on 25 October and the trustees are encouraging members to vote in support of the Deed of Settlement. The core aspects of the settlement are 1) Crown apology and agreed historical account 2) Cultural redress including a) the return of pockets of land on Rekohu and Rangihau b) protection of Moriori waahi tchap (sacred sites) on Crown reserves c) place name changes to restore original Moriori names on official maps of Rekohu including recognition of 'Rekohu' as one of three official names for the Island; 3) Financial redress of \$18m plus interest since Moriori signed the AIP in August 2017 4) Commercial redress by way of a right to purchase certain Crown surplus properties over the coming years at market value (a limited number of small properties mainly in Waitangi township 5) shared redress with Ngati Mutunga o Wharekauri (NMOW) including a) 50:50 ownership of the bed of Te Whanga lagoon, b) ability to make special customary

fisheries for Rekohu/Wharekauri out to the 200 nautical mile limit c) commercial property rights of refusal and d) a new joint management regime for Te Whanga Lagoon d) a new natural resource management regime with the Council and DOC. There have been public statements made to the effect that the Crown has favoured Moriori over NMOW in the negotiations over our respective claims settlement. This is not true. The Waitangi Tribunal ruled in its 2001 Report that "relief by far is due to the Moriori people" and that as at 1870, Moriori should have received "at least 50% of the land" allocated by the Native Land Court instead of the 2.7% we actually received. As it is, under our settlement we will receive a further 1.6% of land from the Crown taking the amount of Crown land allocated to Moriori of 2.7% (received in 1870) and 1.6% received under the deed of settlement to a total of 4.3% of land received – far short of the 50% we should have received according to the Waitangi Tribunal.

There has also been public comment that the return of Crown land to Moriori will somehow be at the expense of NMOW "mana whenua" (translated as 'authority over land'). This also is not true. Moriori never lost our "mana" when we made a conscious decision to adhere to our ancient code of peace back in 1835. This was also upheld by the Waitangi Tribunal in its 2001 report. Equally, by the Crown transferring Crown land to Moriori will not affect the ability of NMOW to continue to claim 'mana whenua' over any part of the Islands the same as it does not prevent Moriori claiming the same thing. Even land that is in private ownership is still subject to 'mana whenua' claims whether a tribe owns the land or not. So, for example, Taranaki tribes in Wellington still "claim" mana whenua over all of Wellington city even though they own a very small % of that land today. 'Mana whenua' is today a cultural concept as much, if not more, than it is a physical reality.

Me rongo

*Hokotehi and Moriori Imi Settlement Trustees*

## MORIORI IMI SETTLEMENT TRUST



### Member Ratification Hui – 2019

In September and October 2019 the Moriori Imi Settlement Trust (MIST) negotiators will be on the road to provide information on the ratification process for signing our Deed of Settlement.

The hui are opportunities for you to learn more about the Deed and ask questions of the negotiation team. All members will be sent (by mail) a copy of the ratification booklet and summary of the Deed of Settlement. This will also be available on our website [www.moriiori.co.nz](http://www.moriiori.co.nz)

Voting to ratify (accept) the Deed will commence on 13 September and close on 25 October 2019. Voting packs will be mailed to you by our independent returning officer (Election Services Ltd).

You can vote either on-line or by return mail. If voting by return mail use the pre-paid envelope included in the voting pack. If voting on-line follow the instructions on the voting paper using your unique ID code on the voting form.

If you don't receive a pack please contact the office urgently (03 3050450 [office@kopinga.co.nz](mailto:office@kopinga.co.nz)) or Election Services 0800 922 822 [info@electionservices.co.nz](mailto:info@electionservices.co.nz).

### Hui Schedule

- Wed 9 Oct. Hintons Function Centre, 750A Wairakei Rd, Burnside, Christchurch 6 – 8PM
- Thurs 10 Oct. Marlborough Quality Hotel, 20 Nelson St., Mayfield, Blenheim 6 – 8PM
- Fri 11 Oct. Wellington – Ngāti Toa Hall, Porirua (Wellington) 6 – 8PM
- Sat 12 Oct. Pūtahi Marae, Wairoa 3 – 5PM
- Sun 13 Oct. Auckland hui – Naumi Hotel, 153 Kirkbride Rd., Mangere Auckland 6 – 8PM
- Mon 14 Oct. Tauranga – Armitage Hotel, 9 Willow St., Tauranga 6 – 8PM

# Pitt Island Newsletter

Greetings and kia ora folk and only a few days left before daylight saving starts again. Lighter and longer evenings and darker in the morning and I believe we put our clocks forwards as in 'Spring forward' hopefully I've got that right. Of course it should be vegie gardening time for sowing and growing, but oh dear the weather presently is so cold with vicious winds and hail and even some snow flakes. I have dug over a few patches ready for action, but as yet not much action happening. I am anticipating a great crop of all sorts of vegies folk, hope I'm not getting too far ahead in my prediction of a bumper crop!! May as well be positive and a good challenge for me.

The sustainable shipping service Southern Tiare was here a few days ago. The weather was not fantastic, but the boys got it unloaded of groceries and some general cargo I believe. No diesel came off and I have heard some one's vehicle was unable to be unloaded, and as happens the weather rules what can or can't be done at Pitt. When you live here you get to understand the vagaries of shipping at Pitt Island. I'm sure it is frustrating for those who don't get off or on what they expected but it is what it is folk, so better luck next time. In my years here (now almost 60) we have had many and varied shipping services and we certainly get more opportunities to get goods in and stock out than ever before nowadays so that has to be good for everyone surely. Sometimes we complain about all sorts of things that we really don't have any control over so folk 'don't worry be happy'. When I first came here we got one ship a year, always around Christmas, and possibly one other, sorry Pooh Bear memory!! When you live on an island apart from other more distant civilisations you have to expect it is going to be different from other places and we generally choose to live where we live I guess we just need to always expect the unexpected folk on an island apart (????).

A few weeks ago my kindly neighbours superman Martie, Tarsh and Bernard spent many hours putting together the windmill, that had been in the barn for about 2 years, and taking it up the hill to erect is back on its perch. Sadly it didn't initially go, so after some rethinking on the part of Superman toing and froing and checking wiring, blades

etc it was again hoisted up and 'eureka' at last triumph it was whirring and producing power, yeah! I very much appreciated all the time and effort my kind family put in to get it operating successfully. We are living in the age of more environmentally friendly systems eg solar power, windmills and the like. We personally only have 8 solar panels but, those combined with a windmill, all going well should be sufficient I believe. Some folk over here have 20 plus solar panels and very flash power systems, long may they produce them a great supply. Goodness knows how many dollars have been spent over the years on power for the school and I'm not sure if they've got it right yet not very satisfactory really. We, as in the Rauceby home, have come a long way since the days of Coleman lamps and candles and we managed OK. You only miss what you've had, but until you have it (whatever it be) you can't miss what you haven't got!?! Does that make sense!?

The school children and some parents are still on Chathams after going over to join the other two schools for the cross country. The weather currently is really rough so no returning as yet. Our neighbours went over also and we as in Bernard and I are responsible for feeding dogs 3 and chooks 7 daily. That isn't too much of a problem but along with the hens there is also a very macho rooster. A very lovely coloured chap but who has a very cocky manner you know arrogant and over confident who struts about trying to look tall and very aggressive in behaviour. So I have a branch that I wave at him as he tries to have a go at me, with a nasty look in his eye. I know a few people like him and they're mostly men, looking for attention or notice!

Going back to the school children again briefly when we went in to the last assembly each child got up and did their mihi which was fantastic. For Conservation Week we (as in community) did a beach, wharf clean up and most of the Pitt community attended. Lots of crap/garbage was collected and a big rubbish fire burnt a good deal of the junk. Afterwards we gathered at the school for a barbecue which was enjoyable. Whaea Wendy and JB are away to Samoa for a holiday so lying in the sun, reading, sun bathing and drinking pina colodas which I'm told are cocktails. Now if ever there was a strange word that denotes a drink it has to be the word cocktail, wow our language is weird.

A wee while ago the community met at the Flower Pot Lodge for a meeting with the Hokotehi Mori Trust to explain to us all the results of the Treaty settlement with the Crown. Maui showed us on a screen and also verbally the detailed report on the settlement. I believe we were all given the opportunity to ask questions and hopefully come away with an understanding of what that meant for Pitt Island. Nice food was supplied and thank you to Bernie and Brent for their hospitality and to the Hokotehi folk for coming to Pitt so we could hear first hand the information given us.

Just wanted to mention that in many years living here there have been so many folk who have lost a loved one from accident, illness, unexpected circumstances. So many people have had really tragic losses with children, husbands, wives and whanau in general and for a small community that is very sad. For all those people who have endured those losses over many years my sincere thoughts, aroha and prayers. Not forgetting those who have faced life threatening illness/surgery, health problems. Grief is something everybody faces some time in life and nobody is immune from those things that come our way. Everyone handles grief in their own way and sadly no one misses out on these. Life is full of unpredictable happenings folk.

*Dianne*

"When the last tree has been cut down,  
the last fish caught,  
the last river poisoned,  
only then will we realize that one cannot eat money."  
— American Indian proverb

## Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Iwi Trust 2019 Election of Trustee DECLARATION OF FINAL RESULT



I declare the final results for the election of Trustees' for the Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Iwi Trust that closed at 5pm on Saturday 7 September 2019.

I confirm that the official result was determined after the scrutiny of the roll was completed, the validity of all votes was determined, and all valid votes counted.

Te Waipounamu Region (1 vacancy)	Votes Received
FRASER Willie	164
MANNA Leona	114
INFORMAL	0
BLANK VOTING PAPERS	0

I therefore declare **Willie FRASER** elected as Trustee for the Te Waipounamu Region of the Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Iwi Trust.

The voter return was 35.06%, being 278 valid votes received from 793 eligible electors, of which 61.51% voted online and 38.49% voted by post.

### Wharekauri Region (2 vacancies)

As only two nominations were received for the 2 vacancies for the Wharekauri Region, **Melodie Michaelina Pare ERUERA-FRASER** (three year term) and **Tessa Marie HORLER** (two year term) are declared elected unopposed as Trustees for the Wharekauri Region of the Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Iwi Trust.

Michele Day

Returning Officer - Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Iwi Trust  
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# Weka with Wings

lá extended whanau and greetings from Portugal.

I just ate my first can of sardines and I have to say it tasted really good. Silver skin, scales, bones and all with olive oil and crackers, proper Mediterranean set-up. We are parked up in a little fishing/surfing village called Ericeira about 45mins drive from the capital Lisbon. The last time I was in this country was 8 years ago and all I saw was the inside of pubs, clubs and a campervan, blurry memories at best.

This time I am on the other end of the spectrum, missus, kid and checking out all the tourist attractions ... oh how times have changed. Portugal is bursting at the seams with fascinating history, architecture that seems straight out of a Ken Follet novel, seafood that expands the mind and will have you trying to reverse engineer the recipe to no avail, endless beaches, coastal cliffs, white cobblestone alleyways and fresh orange juice that quenches the deepest of thirsts. The language is not for the faint hearted and when you first hear it, it can almost be mistaken for Russian or some other eastern European tongue. A good Portuguese friend of mine once told me that if you were to hold a Spanish man under the

water for a minute he would come up speaking Portuguese. I am only now beginning to see his humour had a lot of truth to it. Whilst Portugal is one of the oldest European countries it is quite well known for its forward thinking on things such as drugs. They decriminalised the use of all drugs in 2001, weed, cocaine, heroin, you name it. Portugal decided to treat possession and use of small quantities of these drugs as a public health issue, not a criminal one. Whilst drugs are still illegal you instead get a fine and offered treatment or rehabilitation therapy or something of this nature anyways. Gang violence has dropped, HIV has dropped, overdoses have halved and the list goes on with surprising stats. A bold and risky move but seems to be having a positive effect so far.

Whilst I'm discussing the law I was told it is illegal to urinate in the ocean so maybe I'm no angel after all. Other things that made me raise my eyebrows was that swearing seemed to be allowed on the radio (no bleeps when the F-bomb drops), men and women can choose to go topless at the beach and siestas are common place.

Driving into Lisbon in a rental car we came across

the most spectacular of bridges and naturally I tried to hold my breath until the end like I do in New Zealand but I failed miserably. I later googled the bridge and found out it was the longest bridge in Europe at 17kms long, I never stood a chance.

If I was to make some comparisons to the Chathams the most obvious one would be the water temperature, the chilly north Atlantic ocean wafts its way down the coast making for very quick swims. Whilst we were in the south of Portugal we stayed in the township of Lagos. A vibrant tourist town with gorgeous cliffs and beaches dotted all the way around the coast. Proving how small the world really is we bumped into some good friends from Bali and also met a lovely kiwi lady who used to work with Sarah Wills as a midwife. And unfortunately we just missed out on crossing paths with cousin Paul Gregory-Hunt who lives in London but spends a lot of his time in the Algarve (South Portugal). That's all from me and be sure to jump on my new website [www.RobbieLanauze.com](http://www.RobbieLanauze.com) and have a nosey.

*Tchau!*

## Chatham Islands Conservation Board



### Has anyone seen Chatham Island flax recently?

Chatham Island flax (*Linum monogynum* var. *chathamicum*) is closely related to the New Zealand variety, var. *monogynum*, known there as rauhuia. Neither plant is similar to harakeke / harapepe (*Phormium tenax*), taking their common name of 'flax' from the European linen flax (*Linum usitatissimum*). This is the plant from which the ancients got their basic fibre for making clothes and cordage (and incidentally, linseed oil). It is from linen flax that Phormium got the common name 'flax' when early European voyagers saw how Phormium fibres were used by Maori in the same way they used *Linum* fibres.

The Chatham Island flax is now a seriously threatened plant. We don't know if it was ever very common, and we don't know why it has declined though we do know that in cultivation plants succumb to and soon die from the introduced *linum* rust *Melampsora lini* which is present on the Chatham Islands.

Over the last 20 years the best populations of this plant have been found on the limestone cliffs and associated soils along the western side of Te Whanga, though the plant has been reported from all of the main islands, always on cliff faces and rock outcrops. Last year I noticed that *Linum* seems to have vanished from Blind Jim's where there has always been a small population growing on the limestone cliff tops. Plants also seem to have vanished from the cliff

faces at Maunganui. A quick 'ask around' of local people suggests that no one has seen it of late, indeed many didn't even know it existed. So, let's see if we can improve on this.

What to look for? Chatham Island flax is a small shrubby plant, rarely exceeding 80 cm in height, sparingly branched, the whip-like stems are covered in grey, spreading lance-shaped leaves. The maturing flower buds are blue, these open to produce large (10-15 mm long) tubular flowers which fully expanded are white with a bluish cast.

For more detailed information on this plant see <https://chathams.co.nz/the-ongoing-decline-of-the-enigmatic-chatham-island-linen-flax/>

If you see this plant please let the Department of Conservation, Te One Office staff know.



### PLEASE HELP STOP PESTS FROM ARRIVING IN YOUR CHATHAMS BOUND GOODS

**MOST FREIGHT IS OK BUT SOME ITEMS ARE SUCH A HIGH RISK THAT THEY ARE LIKELY TO BE TURNED AWAY DUE TO PEST CONTAMINATION**

Please don't import:

- Bulk soil or items with untreated soil (bagged potting mix is ok)
- Aggregate from an unapproved quarry (ideally use Fulton Hogan, Timaru)
- Plants that could become a serious weed eg: ornamental broom

Even if you have imported these sorts of things in the past, please contact the Chatham Islands Biosecurity Officers for a quick and easy check before you order. Phone: 03 305 0013, or email: [Kerri.Moir@ecan.govt.nz](mailto:Kerri.Moir@ecan.govt.nz)





We are very excited to announce the details of the next Chatham Islands Festival. Held at the Den on the Norman Kirk grounds we will be celebrating in style on Saturday 7 March 2020, from 11am until 7pm/

We are looking forward to our fantastic regulars bringing their amazing food and art and craft creations back for another year - new

stall-holders are always encouraged and welcomed too. All stall-holders must fill out a 'Stall-holder Pack' to register their stall with me, these will be available from Tuesday 1 October 2019.

Our theme for next year's Festival is "The Roaring 20s"! Taking a walk back 100 years ago to the era 1920 on the Chatham Islands, plus

adding a little bit of Gatsby infused glitz; we will have a fabulous speakeasy day.

Any queries please don't hesitate to call or email me at 03 305 0447 or email festival@chathamcommunityfocus.org.nz

Thanks, *Alexandra Hind*

Chatham Islands Festival Organiser 2020  
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### Notice of Election

I hereby give notice that on Saturday 30 November 2019, the following election will be held by postal vote using the first past the post electoral system.

**The election of TWO (2) ordinary vacancies for Trustees for a four year term.**

**Nominations**

Nominations open on Monday 16 September 2019 and must be made on the official nomination form available from the Trust office, Owenga Rd, Chatham Islands. Completed nomination forms must be returned to the Trust Office by 12 noon on Friday 11 October 2019. A nomination deposit of \$100 is payable for each nomination and candidates should also submit a candidate profile of up to 150 words and a recent photo for inclusion with the voter packs if an election is required.

**Electoral Roll**

An electoral roll will be available for inspection during normal office hours at the Trust office and at the ANZ Bank (Waitangi) between 20 September 2019 and 11 October 2019. Requests for enrolment or amendment are to be directed to the Trust office during normal office hours.

**Voting Arrangements**

Voting papers will be posted out to electors from 5 November 2019, with voting closing on Saturday 30 November 2019.

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## Schedule

<b>Mon and Fri</b>	<b>Chathams</b>	<b>Wellington</b>	<b>Chathams</b>
	dep 10.15	arr 11.45 dep 13.00	arr 15.45
<b>Tues</b>	<b>Chathams</b>	<b>Christchurch</b>	<b>Chathams</b>
	dep 10.15	arr 12.00 dep 13.00	arr 16.00
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>Chathams</b>	<b>Auckland</b>	<b>Chathams</b>
	dep 09.30	arr 11.30 dep 13.00	arr 16.15