

TE KOROWAI O TE TAI O MAROKURA

Kaikoura Coastal Marine Guardians

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Kia Ora Koutou, Happy New Year, 2009 is definitely here and sadly March has brought cooler weather.

Many men go fishing all of their lives without knowing that it is not fish they are after.

- Henry David Thoreau

WHERE ARE WE UP TO?

Te Korowai o Te Tai o Marokura met for the first time this year on 11 February 2009. Members were refreshed and eager to progress for the New Year.

We are keen to have a Draft Strategic Plan available by the end of the year. This will require a lot of time and commitment from our members. The first step is drafting a strategy structure for members to consider at their meeting in March.

WHERE HAVE WE BEEN AND WHO HAVE WE BEEN TALKING TO?

Te Korowai were pleased to have an information stand at the Kaikoura A & P Show at the end of February. Members were pleased to share our information and gather input from our community. We are grateful for the support of Environment Canterbury for their administrative support and allowing us to share their tent. The company was great, unfortunately the weather was not.

Te Korowai will have an information stand at Kaikoura's BIODIVERSITY BONANZA, Friday 27 March 2009, Memorial Hall and surrounding greens, 9.30-4.00 pm, come along we would love to chat to you.

Our team continue to meet with various groups in and outside of our community, remember if you belong to a group who would like to have a presentation from Te Korowai, please don't hesitate to contact us.

TE KOROWAI MEETING DATES

Te Korowai meet once month, 1.00-7.00 pm at Takahanga Marae. The dates are as follows:

Wednesday 8 April

Thursday 7 May

Thursday 11 June

Thursday 2 July

Thursday 13 August

Thursday 10 September

Wednesday 14 October

Wednesday 11 November

WE NEED YOUR INPUT AND HELP!

Yes we do! Therefore attached to this newsletter is a Comments Form. We really want to hear your views, so please fill it in, either email/post (details below) or drop the form into the Kaikoura District Council.

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We also want to hear what you have to say, we want to see you! Therefore we would like to put aside an hour at each of our meetings above and have a specific time - 6.00-7.00 pm and invite you to come to our meeting and give us your ideas and/or solutions. Because we have such limited time available and we are determined to progress and have a draft plan available by the end of the year, there will be a time limit so that all our visitors have the opportunity to share their ideas. Remember you can also give your ideas in writing. If you would like to use this opportunity and come to one of our meetings, please contact our Secretary to arrange.

If you would like more details of Te Korowai o Te Tai o Marokura,
to find out if a Guardian can contact your organisation,
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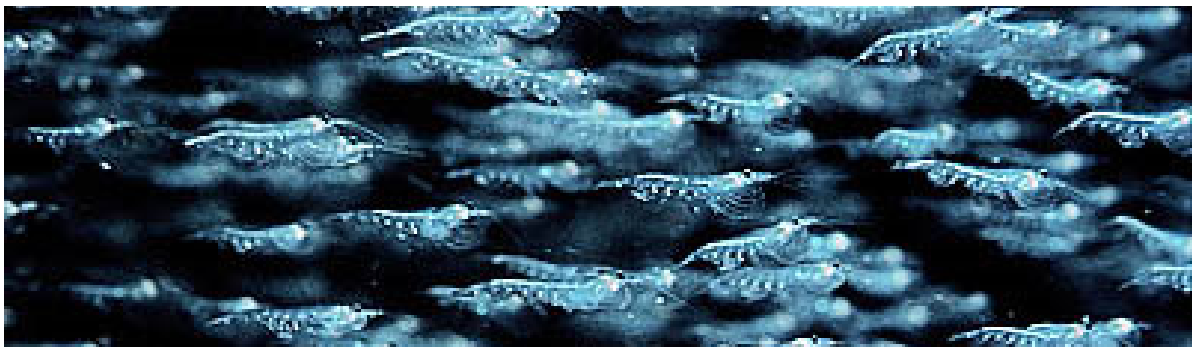
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Red billed numbers in Kaikoura halved over the last 41 years according to research published in the Journal of Animal Ecology last year. The research linked gull numbers to the abundance of their main food, a planktonic shrimp, *Nyctiphanes australis*. The shrimp numbers at Kaikoura fluctuate with changing weather and current patterns. When warm sub-tropical water displaces the cold nutrient rich up-welling along the coast, shrimp numbers fall and with them the breeding success of the gulls. With global climate change the authors suggest the gull decline could continue as westerly winds come to dominate over the north easterly winds that allow the nutrient rich water to rise from the ocean depth.



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Your views are sought to support the Kaikoura Coastal Marine Guardians work to form a Strategic Plan for the protection and use of the Kaikoura Coast and seas from the Clarence River to the Conway River. All comments will be confidential to the Guardians and used for the Strategy.

Name (optional): Organisation (if any): Contact details (if you want to be kept informed):
What do you value about the Kaikoura coastal marine area?
Tell us anything else you think we need to know including your ideas on how to solve the issues:
Send completed forms to us at PO Box 121 Kaikoura, New Zealand, email to teamkorowai@gmail.com, or drop them off at the Kaikoura District Council.
For more information see http://fishnet.co.nz/teamkorowai/index.html , email teamkorowai@gmail.co, or write to us at PO Box 121 Kaikoura, New Zealand for a copy of the Characterisation Report.
Please write on the back of this form if you need more space or add further pages.

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