

TE KOROWAI O TE TAI O MAROKURA

Kaikoura Coastal Marine Guardians

REPORT BACK FROM AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2021 TE KOROWAI MEETINGS

KIA ORA FROM THE CHAIR



Kia Ora Koutou and greetings from Te Korowai members.

I want to thank members and public for their support of Te Korowai and the work that has occurred over the last period.

There have been some difficult issues come up, and by sticking together Kaikoura has been able to effect change at Ministerial level. This is evident in the changes from the 2019/20 review Hectors Threat Management Plan. By making a Kaikoura submission on the Plan, Te Korowai ensured continuation of our small fishing village industry.

Similarly, by Te Korowai holding the rocky shore recovery research evening at the South Bay Racecourse in September 2020 raised the issue of re-opening our coastline for paua fishing. Without that feedback to our Minister, it is unlikely the reopening would have been considered.

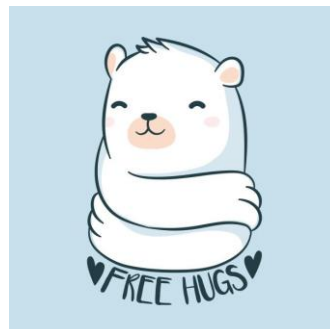
**"There is no
power for change
greater than a
community
discovering what
it cares about."**

MARGARET J. WHEATLEY

COVID-19

**Unite
against
COVID-19**

Lockdown for us all is here again. We hope our community and wider is coping as best they can in these tough times. We encourage everyone to get vaccinated, following the Covid-19 rules and be kind and look after each other.



THANK YOU KAIKOURA DISTRICT COUNCIL

Te Korowai recently submitted to Kaikoura District Council's Long Term Plan and we have been advised that Te Korowai has been allocated \$10,000 for a period of one year starting from 1 July 2021 – June 2022.



THANK YOU ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY



Thank you Environment Canterbury for \$20,000.00, Te Korowai received through Ecan's Annual Plan/Long Term Plan. We are extremely grateful for this funding which we need to be able to carry out our mahi.

We are also appreciated of by council's representation around our meeting table, their advice and expertise is terrific.

Te Korowai has been in existence for well over 10 years and our members work very hard in a voluntary capacity.

Te Korowai o Te Tai o Marokura continues to focus on work programs that oversee environmental management for the Kaikoura rohe and be the Community support for all Kaikoura coastal stakeholder groups as well as a point of contact for agencies. Te Korowai advocates for the community for conservation on land or in the sea.

The recovery of the coastal and marine biodiversity since the Kaikoura Earthquake continues to be a focus. This includes ensuring good science dissemination to the broader community, as well as ensuring solutions to other resource issues were inclusive of all users of the marine ecosystem.

Our specific achievements include:

- Two major projects that have sought to increase Kaikoūra's economic productivity. In July Te Korowai released an engagement to the Community on behalf of Kaikoura Marine Guardians on the re-opening of

recreational and commercial shellfish and seaweed fishery.

- In September 2020 Te Korowai convened scientists (from the Cawthron Institute, Victoria University of Wellington, the Paua Industry Council, and the University of Canterbury) and agencies (Fisheries New Zealand) to disseminate information related to recovery in the coastal area since the 2016 earthquake and to gather feedback on the re-opening of the Shellfish and Seaweed fisheries.
- In October 2020 Te Korowai collated the feedback to the Community and forwarded to the Kaikoura Marine Guardians.
- This engagement was necessary to prompt the Minister to re-open the Shellfish and Seaweed Fishery. Had this engagement not occurred, the Minister may have deferred the re-opening of the fishery for another year. Deferral of the re-opening this would have had negative economic and social impacts for our community. Recreational fishermen contribute to Kaikoūra's economy in terms of accommodation, consumables and entertainment. Commercial fisherman also contribute significantly to the Kaikoura economy.
- In December 2020, Te Korowai worked with Ailsa Howard and Sabrina Luecht to further develop a predator control program as was put to the Kaikoura Economic Recovery Group for a predator free peninsula.
- In February 2021, Te Korowai begun supporting the Kaikoura Dark Sky Project. Te Korowai continues to support this initiative due to the positive outcomes for our coastal environment.



- Te Korowai also prepared the Kaikoura Predator Free Initiative to the Kaikoura Economic Recovery Group (KERG). The initiative was to create a predator free Kaikoura Peninsula incorporating Ki Uta Ki Tai Mountains to the Sea.
- Te Korowai prepared a Community Submission on the National Plan of Action – Seabirds 2020. Te Korowai supports an integrated ecosystem management approach at a local level integrating social and ecological objectives in a way that complements national tools for fisheries management.



- Te Korowai continues to support and offer feedback to the Kaikoura District Council on the use of the PGF Funding for Wakatu Quay and the South Bay Business Case Study for the Mariner Management Plan.
- Te Korowai has also engaged with the Environment Canterbury Regional Planning team on the Coastal Plan Review. Te Korowai has offered assistance and expertise and has asked for further engagement in this space. Te Korowai has considerable reach through our stakeholder groups. Our newsletter email list including groups and individuals and has now grown to over 300 people and our Facebook followers are increasing both locally and externally.

Te Korowai has continued our outreach with a more user-friendly website and Facebook to ensure our work and education, and local issues are better communicated to the community. We will take additional steps to engage youth and support grass roots initiatives in 2021-2022.

Kaikoura District Council and Environment Canterbury has provided in kind and representative support for Te Korowai which has been sincerely appreciated and allows Te Korowai to continue in the role as a touch point for environmental management. This support has included printing, photocopying and venue hire and some staff support.



TE KOROWAI AGM

Te Korowai had its AGM on 9 August. We congratulated the following Officers appointed:

Rachel Vaughan, Chair
David Rae, Deputy Chair
Peter Sutton, Treasurer
Gina Solomon, Secretary.



TE KOROWAI'S CHAIR'S REPORT TO THE TE KOROWAI AGM

I've been reflecting on what to say in this report, and it occurs to me that I need to tell you all how thankful I am to you. I want to thank you all for your hard work and commitment to Te Korowai, both past and current members. Not only is the time commitment of you all incredible, but the continued belief in the mahi is invaluable.

Te Korowai is still recognised as leaders in the Community leadership space. This has been reiterated in the recent article in The Future of

Commercial Fishing in Aotearoa New Zealand. A report from the Office of the Prime Minister's Chief Science Advisor. I was feeling challenged in 2020/21 from our local community, and was failing to see that what Te Korowai had achieved was an incredible feat. Thanks to everyone's support and ongoing work during this time, I can once again see the big picture of coastal management, and see the things that Te Korowai needs to work on.

I am also thankful to have Gina back on board, Gina we missed you and need you to keep us going. Larnce has committed an incredible amount of time and effort, especially for stepping up into the Chairs seat when I was away. I acknowledge that Larnce is busy, and appreciate his need to step back in 2021/22.

Going forward, I feel like I now have the energy to keep Te Korowai moving forward. There is a lot coming up in the Council space with local developments and review of the Coastal Environment Plan for Canterbury. We need to keep reminding the agencies of what we contribute. I am especially heartened by the support from Ecan and KDC. It has been great to see Te Korowai's Predator Free initiative adopted by the Department of Conservation and Te Rūnanga o Ngai Tahu with both agencies employing staff to implement the initiative. Likewise, the Minister undertaking statutory consultation on the Shellfish and Seaweed Fishery re-opening. Bringing a community view to the Minister was necessary to facilitate re-opening. While the feedback from some Community sectors was negative, in my opinion, the overall outcome will benefit our Community immensely.

Te Korowai will continue to have input on local developments, coastal and ecological protection



and assisting in education and consultation and resourcing when available. We are extremely lucky to be able to once again open membership to fill several spaces left by members, and hope to recruit new energy from existing and new membership.

I'm looking forward to the coming year.

Kia Ora mai

*Na Rachel Vaughan
Chair*

GENERAL BUSINESS

CRAYFEST

Crayfest is back!!!

29 October to 14 November 2021.



We are celebrating Kaikōura famous Kaimoana - The Crayfish.

Over two weeks, Kaikōura eateries will be serving up a variety of Crayfish themed dishes from 29 October to 14 November 2021. This year will have even more amazing dishes and will incorporate a number of ticketed events.

Make sure you register your interest on Eventbrite so you can stay up to date and have the opportunity to get early bird pre-release special event tickets.

Click link below to register.

Don't forget to like their Facebook page and follow them on Instagram to stay tuned - they have lots more to come! 😊

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UPDATE ON TE KOROWAI ENGAGEMENT IN THE RE-OPENING OF THE PAUA FISHERY



Te Korowai is waiting for the decision by the Minister of Fisheries if there will be a re-opening of the pāua fishery this year.

Te Korowai is keen to continue supporting the Kaikoura Marine Guardians, Fisheries NZ and our community if we have a re-opening. If we do there will be research carried out before the re-opening to assess stocks and species and after a re-opening period to see what the impact an opening would have had on resources.

Te Korowai is working with Fisheries NZ on how we can help and support a re-opening in the communications, education space.

Pai ake te iti i te kore rawātu

Little is better than nothing at all



KORERO WITH WILL DOUGHTY, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, KAIKOURA DISTRICT COUNCIL

- KDC CEO attended part of the August meeting.
- Both KDC and Te Korowai are keen to continue our positive relationship and further consolidate this.
- Te Korowai will provide to councillors and staff our monthly report backs from our meetings and will present in person quarterly to council.
- Cabinet policy paper out with a suite of measures to protect the environment, threaten species. Dolphins hasn't been well thought through and implications and may force local fishers out which has the potential to affect our commercial fishers and whanau and impact our community hugely, economically and socially.
- Mayoral forum coming up.
- Te Korowai reported we are discussing and planning to consolidate our work plan for the year which will include a Te Korowai Membership strategy. We are working with Fisheries NZ and Kaikoura Marine Guardians on how we can support a re-opening of the pāua fisheries should this occur.

FINANCIAL REPORT & PREVIOUS MINUTES

- Meeting approved the July and August Financial Reports and Meeting Minutes.
- Te Korowai is a fund holder and legal identity for a couple of worthy community organisations/projects:
 - **Kaikoura Dark Sky Working Group**
 Kaikoura Night Sky Project.
 Kaikoura - a possibility for viewing our extraordinary Southern Hemisphere

night skies. Light pollution now affects more than 80% of the planet, and 33% of humanity cannot see the Milky Way. Advocacy and education.

- **Ocean Ridge Catchment Conservation Group**

Have received funding from Ecan for a predator trapping programme in Ocean Ridge reserves and wetlands and some shoreline trapping.

NEW MEMBERS FOR TE KOROWAI



Te Korowai is always keen to make sure we are well represented and all sectors that use our beautiful coastal area have a voice at our meeting able. Te Korowai will be working on a membership strategy. We are keen for more recreation representation – spear fishers, board riders anyone out there who is passionate about recreation on our coastal waters and would like to join our Te Korowai whanau, let our Secretary know. We also need representation from the tourism sector. We will keep you updated on this.

SECTOR & AGENCY UPDATES

DOC



- Completion of Great Kaikoura Whale Count 2021 – lots of volunteers contributed and lots of whales seen. Jody and I will be arranging an evening talk in early September to present the findings.
- Jody will be attending Marine Reserve Management Hui in mid-August.
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- Jemima will be hosting a Conservation workshop on 7th September to celebrate Conservation Week – will include trapping workshop, marine entanglement/stranding info and display and we will be inviting community conservation groups to have stalls/displays if they would like.
- Getting ready for Hutton's Shearwater breeding season.
- New Ranger (biodiversity) with DOC Kaikoura – Justin Watson.
- Justin has taken on the big project revamping DOC's trapping programme around peninsula (potentially will include SA2).
- Southern Right Whale passing by Kaikoura (First time in 15 years!)

ECAN



- Here a quick update. Good chat from Kev here giving the run down on our focus for the year:

https://www.ecan.govt.nz/get-involved/news-and-events/zone-news/kaikoura/kevs-corner-august-2021/?fbclid=IwARoJoxoLnnjDMFL71bvl6z-_8buEhBOsXG3kAqW164G9HeM99f-tlofuUY

- Also, this came through from UC. A study on Inanga spawning in non-tidal habitat, of the Oaro, Kahutara, Lyell, Middle, Swan, Harnetts and Blue Duck awa:

(PDF) Whitebait conservation and protected areas at non-tidal river mouths: integrating biogeography and environmental controls on inanga (*Galaxias maculatus*) spawning grounds (researchgate.net)

- We're still waiting to hear what funding we will have from LINZ for the Waiiau Toa and our own organisation for various projects we hope to pursue. In the meantime I'm busy working with the contractor at Greenburn Wetland planting etc, scoping projects, trying to find funding etc. Had a great ZC field trip to Lynton Downs and Bonnie Doon to look at winter grazing in relation to a couple of projects recently supported by the ZC for funding. It was a great learning experience and good to see the committee in gumboots engaging with local farmers!
- A couple of projects have had funding allocated in the fish-space: Middle Creek fish ladder construction (to install a large rock ramp on Mt Fyffe Rd) and Shortjaw kokopu e-DNA investigations, looking at catchments where the fish have been found, or adjacent to. We did this for the Blue Duck catchment earlier in the year and didn't pick up shortjaw DNA. There's an extensive list of species picked up, including all the terrestrial sp. – including human! We're working with DOC and our surface water team on the best approach for the next actions. Kate Hunt who was the KDC biodiversity officer is working for DOC in the freshwater space from Tasman to Kaikoura and is also keen to collaborate on several other actions – including looking into lamprey / kanakana spawning.

FISHERIES NZ



In 2020 the Minister of Fisheries implemented a series of set net closures throughout the South Island. The Minister at that time indicated that further measures would be consulted on in 2021.

The signalled consultation was on further measures in the South Island to:

- Extend the set net closure around Banks Peninsula Shuffle Nose To Goat Point out to 12nm

- Trawl gear restrictions, require low headline height and tow speed in certain areas.
- Capture response framework, based on industry proposal from 2020.
- Fishing related mortality limits (FRMLS) it is proposed to set FRMLS based on subpopulation objectives.

Prior to the FNZ consultation, Industry wanted to engage with fishers on the proposed measures and confirm that fishers are supportive of the Capture Response.

Industry proposed to develop a non-regulatory capture response frame work for fishers that:

- Set thresholds below the FRML where we would act to address captures.
- Incentivises and supports fishers to any Hectors dolphin captures.
- Helps identify potential causes (if any) for the capture event.
- Enables us to work with you to mitigate risk.
- Goes beyond the Governments requirements to reduce captures.
- Grows and change as we learn.

KAIKŌURA FOREST & BIRD



- There has been no F&B meeting since our last meeting.
- There are lots of initiatives in the community that involve F&B members and support.
- Te Rūnanga o Kaikoura are hosting a Treaty Partner and Coastal Restoration Groups hui at Takahanga Marae on Wednesday, which several members are attending in various

capacities. Jobs for nature seems to have arrived in our community.



- The banded dotterels have returned to South Bay, and birds are staking out their territories on the beach and mating has been observed, though no nests have yet been found (they will likely be seen someday soon).
- Trapping and predator control programs continue.
- Hutton's Shearwater Trust had their AGM and strategy workshop last weekend, and that went well.
- Hutton's Shearwater have been seen at sea, though none have yet been observed at Te Rae o Atiu, and last night's snow will mean it is some time before the birds will be able to access their mountain breeding sites.
- Setup for return at Te Rae is progressing. Thanks to DoC spraying and weed control has been done, as has most of the trimming required for fence protection (thanks to Whale Watch staff for that mahi). About a third of the recorders have been set up for the New Year, about 6 hours work remaining to have the colony ready for the birds return. The source of the successive mice invasions seems to have been identified. The stainless steel staples used to attach the mouse proof netting seem to have worked loose over time, perhaps assisted by sheep rubbing against the netting. 3,000 stainless steel screws and washers have been purchased and delivered and await application.

- About 40 mice have been caught just in the research hut, so mice have expanded to be a real issue once again. This time when we get them to zero density they may just stay there.
- Concerns have been expressed from several people about the impact of both feral deer and escaped cattle on planting and on domestic gardens around the peninsula.



KAIKŌURA MARINE GUARDIANS (KMG)

- The Guardians have started a Work Plan that is preparing the work required to review the Kaikōura Marine Management Act 2014. The purpose of the review is to make sure what has been put in place is performing to expectation, Whale Sanctuary, Customary Marine Areas, Marine Reserve; Seal Sanctuary at Ohau Point which we are aware has been totally disrupted due to the earthquake. This work will take time to organise, undertake and report on.
- The Guardians have been asked by the recreational sector member, why are we not doing more around keeping fish stocks at a higher abundance, Terakihi, Kahawai for example. We will look in to how we can measure the abundance and see what can be achieved. It is not that simple when research needs to be scheduled in and accepted by Fisheries and Oceans NZ. There is a process for a fish stock to be researched, it must reach a level of requirement before being accepted as a prioritisation status, if approved the research is funded and put in a schedule of work to be undertaken. The results of the research enable an informed decision to be made about the fish stock.

LOBSTER

- NZ RLIC / CRAMAC 5 have delivered the whale tracking buoys to DoC, one located in Kaikoura and one up in the Bay of Islands, one remains in Wellington on stand-by to be dispatched anywhere in New Zealand.
- The market has been very fickle this season, grade preferences change from one day to the next, very hard to predict what grades will be required, if they are not required fishermen are asked to stop supplying them i.e., stop fishing. If this continues throughout the season, we do have a concern the ACE (Annual Catch Entitlement) may not be caught.
- Puerulus (baby lobster) settlement along our coast has been good so far this season, better than the previous three years. Having settlement at this time of year and weather pattern of La Nino NIWA considers we shouldn't be seeing them. Just shows nature will do what nature does.

- We understand the Ministry is now preparing Final Advice Papers for their Minister.
- We look forward to the fishery opening on December 1st and note it will have been closed for 5 years and we are certain it has recovered enough to allow a limited amount of fishing. And we thank Te Korowai and the Guardians for the effort they have put into this.
- We would like to see some sort of official opening ceremony or celebration led by the community. Would Minister Parker be interested in attending do we think?
- We support a review of Te Korowai and hope it ensures the ongoing work that it does.

WE WILL CONTINUE TO STRIVE TO KEEP YOU UPDATED AND INFORMED ON TE KOROWAI'S MAHI

PĀUA 3



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- PauaMAC₃ AGM end of this month will be sorting out AOP then, happy to table that at next TK meeting if anyone is interested.
- Recap that the PAU₃ QMA subdivision is now in place, and the PAU₃ (Kaikoura Fisheries Plan) has been approved by the Minister under s11A of the Fisheries Act.
- PauaMAC₃ put in submissions to the re-opening consultation and to the consultation by FNZ on setting our TAC's for the new QMAs, PAU₃A and PAU₃B.
- Our submissions were aligned with the Guardians recommended package of management measures.

Te Korowai continues to look for ways to improve our communication with our members; sector groups; our funders; our friends



and to our community and wider. We are keen to engage with you all and to keep you regularly up to date with our Te Korowai mahi and keep positing fresh information on coming events, research, what's happening out in Te Tai o Marokura, our precious coastal space.

After each Te Korowai meeting we want to provide you with a summary and report back on what we discussed and/or the decisions we made.

This summary will also be posted to our Website: www.teamkorowai.org.nz and is emailed out to our email contact list. If you would like to be added to this list please email our Secretary: ginaandsteve@xtra.co.nz.

FACEBOOK



You can also find our Facebook Page by searching "Te Korowai o Te Tai o Marokura". Like our page for updates.



TE KOROWAI & KAIKŌURA MARINE GUARDIANS 2021 MEETING DATES

TE KOROWAI	KAIKŌURA MARINE GUARDIANS
2021	
Mon 4 Oct	
Mon 8 Nov	Tues 9 Nov
Mon 13 Dec	

TE KOROWAI O TE TAI O MAROKURA VISION

By perpetuating the mauri and wairua of Te Tai o Marokura our community as kaitiaki of Tangaroa's taonga are sustaining a flourishing rich and healthy environment where opportunities abound to sustain the needs of present and future generations.

Ka ora te mauri me te wairua o "Te Tai o Marokura" i a tātou ngā kaitiaki nō te hāpori tonu, ka ora hoki ko ngā wai, ko ngā uri, ko ngā taonga a Tangaroa, hei painga mō tātou, ā, mō ngā uri ā muri ake nei.

