

Footprints Waipoua & Crossings Hokianga Newsletter #19

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Thank You

Thank you to all who have supported Footprints and Crossings during a very busy Summer season. We look forward to your continued support.

Daylight Savings

Daylights Savings ends Sunday April 4. Our two night walks Twilight Encounter (4 hours) and Meet Tane at Night will depart an hour earlier (5pm and 7.30pm respectively) from the 4th.

New websites

Check out our new and improved websites at www.footprintswaipoua.co.nz and www.crossingshokianga.co.nz. A massive thanks and thumbs up to Adam Turner from Not a Scooby based in where else, you guessed it Kohukohu, Hokianga. Find out more about Adam and Not a Scooby at www.notascooby.com.

A part time addition to the Footprints TEAM – Welcome Jane Matthews



Jane brings with her a raft of experiences which she has developed while working with various conservation and tourism entities. Some of these being Kiwi Husbandry and Kokako release, Hospitality & Tourism, Community Relations and administration to name but a few. She currently fills a role of Project Development and is committed to bringing these skills and knowledge back to the local Iwi of Te Roroa. Jane is passionate about teaching her children Te Reo (Maori) and continues to remind them of how lucky they are to be living amongst Tane Mahuta, beneath the feet of Te Matua Ngahere and know that both are outside their own backyard.

Opening of the NEW Hokianga iSITE

What an awesome turnout and fantastic weather to boot for the official opening of Hokianga's new iSITE and Footprints Waipoua and Crossings Hokianga office. Speakers included Kelvin Davis (Labour MP Spokesperson for Tourism), Wayne Brown (Mayor, Far North District Council), David Edmunds (CEO, Far North District Council), David Wilkes (General Manager Tourism Development, Tourism NZ), John Klaracich and Goff Rawiri. The blessing of the building was conducted by Reverend Wiki Rawiri. Many thanks to the Far North District Council, The Lloyd Family Trust, John Pattinson Builders, Tom Iraia and others who were instrumental in making this opportunity a reality. We appreciate and thank all those who were in attendance. Check out either one of our websites and click on Location page for pictures of the building.

New Footprints & Crossings Office Hours

As we are now based in the new iSITE building our office hours are governed by those that the iSITE determines. Our new office hours are currently 9am to 5.30pm. The Winter opening hours will differ and we will advise when applicable.

A Hokianga TV Series promo

Mike Parker from Pohutukawa Productions and Dennis Murphy from Murphy Productions have put together the following promo for a Hokianga TV Series. What an amazing opportunity this is for Hokianga. Click here vimeo.com/9846744 to view the promo.

The 2010 Waipoua Forest Fun Run & Walk

Sunday 16 May will see the third running of this unique Event. This year we are excited to inform you of a new change to the course. The last 2kms of the course will be off road on an easy bush track that follows the Waipoua river. Near the end of this 2km there will be a shallow river ford to cross. The finish line will be located at the Waipoua Forest Visitors Centre. The after-event festivities will also be held here on the large grass area. Click on the following link <http://www.footprintswaipoua.co.nz/events/frw2010.html> for more information, the entry form in PDF and some pictures from last year's run.

NZ's latest HERO and his Hokianga Connection – Shaun Quincey rows the Tasman Sea

New Zealand's latest hero Shaun Quincey set out from Australia and rowed the Tasman Sea. He spent the next 54 days experiencing many challenges until he landed on 90mile beach (the top of the North Island). So where did he draw this inspiration from? Enter the Hokianga harbour. Some 30 years earlier Shaun's father Colin Quincey set out from the Hokianga harbour and spent the next 63 days crossings the Tasman.

Read both their stories at http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=10632267 and <http://www.stuff.co.nz/dominion-post/archive/national-news/214433>. Click here <http://www.theflea.co.nz/index.php/tag/colin-quincey> for an audio interview with Colin Quincey.

BDO Twin Coast Cycle Classic

The Hokianga recently hosted the 4 day 360km Northland Twin Coast BDO Cycle Classic. What an amazing site it was to see so many cyclists riding up and down the road and enjoying the soothing waters of the Hokianga harbour. Click on <http://www.twincoast-cycle.co.nz/> for more event information.

Bazza

Have you seen the new Northland for Aussies campaign released a week ago by Kangoo and Destination Northland? The campaign stars a real Aussie bloke 'Bazza' and features Bazza visiting different Northland locations and meeting real Northlanders and iconic NZ destinations. Due to a limited budget this was a brainchild to capitalise on other big budget regional Australia campaigns. Bazza has grabbed headlines on national TV and newspapers. Keep it up Bazza. Check out Destination Northlands You Tube page at www.youtube.com/northlandnz

Te Roroa will be at TRENZ 2010

Bev Sanderson (Waipoua Visitor Centre Manager) from Te Roroa will be at TRENZ sharing the Double Booth with Footprints Waipoua & Crossings Hokianga. They will be promoting their Oranga Whenua Project and Waipoua Forest Accommodation options. See below for more information and contact details.

Oranga Whenua is an ecological strategy to protect, share and restore traditional lands back to its original state. The Te Roroa iwi (local indigenous people) were returned their ancestral lands after a 150 year struggle against the Crown through the Treaty of Waitangi claim process. Oranga Whenua (Sustaining the land) is a strategy that is based on sound ecological principals to claim back the indigenous forest that was cleared early last century for commercial forestry purposes. As a consequence of this practice the land was left scared and weed infested. Waipoua Forest is recognized as a national treasure of outstanding international significance. Te Roroa as the Manawhenua (recognized statutory body) has a history of respecting nature and caring for its commitment to protecting and restoring the forest through work on Te Roroa lands, co-founding the bi-cultural partnership with the Waipoua Forest Trust to work with the community, and in guiding the Department of Conservation in its management role. Waipoua is home to New Zealand's first public forest conservation campaign and a birthplace of restoration initiatives. As home to the world's largest rainforest trees and NZ's most diverse rainforest, it is the premier forest in the national psyche, the icon of NZ's unique forests. It is also a place that requires a lot of work and investment to restore and protect. Oranga Whenua looks to provide the next step in this long and proud history of

conservation and restoration of our precious lands. Oranga Whenua is also an invitation to others to work with us to create the forest for tomorrow's child.

Te Roroa has identified key areas for restoration. These areas are identified by the iwi as key to further enhancing the ecological and conservation wealth of our area. We are deploying conservation practices to reclaim ex-forestry land as future Kauri forests. Te Roroa has an environmental management team who operate locally and assist in pest control and weed invasion. We are using these contracts to further support and fund our restoration programme. The Recovery of our forest involves the restoration of our once balanced ecosystem that has in some way been degraded, altered, damaged or destroyed. This invariably means the input of many man hours and expenditure to restore Waipoua Forest to its former glory whilst protecting Waipoua against threats such as weed and animal pests and of course humans. It means in some places starting from scratch to re-establish the flora, fauna and aquatic communities within. When you plant your tree we GPS the site so you can readily zoom in from anywhere in the world and watch our progress and your contribution to our progress through Google Earth. Your contribution of planting a tree will support us in our efforts to achieve our vision of restoration and ensure that you will leave a legacy for future generations to treasure.

Located on Waipoua River Road 1 Kilometre off State Highway 12 in the heart of the Waipoua Forest is the Campground, Cabins and Guest houses. All facilities are within easy walking distance of the Forest's Visitor Information centre. Facilities include:

Campground – Approx 80 sites

Community Hot and cold showers, toilets and communal kitchen with refrigerator, laundry facilities

Cabins (some with Kitchens)

1, 2, & 4 Berth Cabins

Furnished Guest Houses – Sleeps 10

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Here's wishing you all a rewarding 2010.

From the Footprints & Crossings TEAMS