



# Tennyson Inlet Islands Trust

## Supporters Update - Summer 2021/22

Belated New Year good wishes to all of our supporters, we hope that you managed some relaxing down time with family and friends over the festive period. Our newsletter this time around is a brief update on where the project is at and heartfelt thanks to all of those who support our work in bringing the birds back to the Tennyson Inlet Islands.

### A letter from the Chairman



Another year has passed and we have all learnt first hand how disruptive COVID- 19 is. Few things are certain; the 'old normal' is not the 'new normal'.....and at some time in the near future we will all catch COVID-19, but hopefully the systems will be in place to ensure ourselves and our health system can handle it.

Meanwhile, life on the islands, keeps improving. Bird counts continue to increase and demonstrate that our A24 traps are having the desired effect. Of course there is always room for improvement and we are working on this; mainly by adding more traps to increase the coverage. While six monthly service intervals of the A24 traps makes life far simpler and less demanding, we are going reduce the service interval to 4 months (meaning we head out to check them 3 times a year). Research in other trapping programmes has shown that 4 monthly replacement of the gas and bait keeps them closer to 100% effective.

Thanks to the subscriptions and donations we have received we been able to purchase a year's supply of the consumables required to keep the A24s operating to their best ability. We even have two different flavours of bait available so that can lure even the fussiest rats!

We have also recently purchased twelve Victor rat traps so we can set up some tracking tunnels to better monitor where on the island we have higher concentrations of rats.

## A letter from the Chairman cont...

Extreme thanks go to our “Friend of TIIT” who contribute an annual membership subscription. There is a form on the following page so for new subscribers, please complete and fill in (\$30 for individual membership or \$50 for a family membership).

We again thank our corporate sponsors who very generously made a donation (detailed below). All of the individual subscriptions and corporate or family Donations we receive allow TIIT to continue the good work. Some of our members even raised some funds selling pumpkins this year—every little bit helps!

And above all a big thanks to our volunteers who carry out the work on the islands – whether its maintaining and improving the tracks, servicing and replenishing traps, working on the penguin boxes, exterminating wasps, counting birds, clearing watering holes....a big thank you to you all.....without your assistance our islands project would go nowhere. I f you are keen on being involved in a future working bee please contact via the details on the following page.

Jeremy Cooper—Chairman

## Thanks to our local corporate & family supporters



We extend heartfelt thanks to the following sponsors who continue to support us:

Kono, Sanford, Sealord, Talley's, McDonald's Richmond  
Along with the **Field Family in Elaine Bay** who contribute a proportion of each bach holiday rental towards our work.

And our thanks go each of you for supporting us with membership and donations—we couldn't do it without you!



**MEMBERSHIP & DONATION FORM 2021/22**

It is estimated that rats and stoats kill 25 million birds in NZ each year. The purpose of this Charitable Trust is to eradicate the pests from the three islands (Tarakaipa, Tawhitinui & Awaiti) that make up the Tennyson Inlet Island group within the Pelorus Sound.

We need your help..... While we have purchased most of the traps we require these still need servicing with gas & bait and we have ongoing development of habitat for penguins, weta and lizards.

By becoming a Friend of TIIT or by making a donation your contribution will greatly assist us in achieving our goal. Membership year starts in October each year.

- Yearly “Friend of TIIT” Individual Membership \$ 30
- Family Membership \$ 50
- Donation—you choose the amount \$??
- Volunteer to assist with field work (monitoring & servicing of traps etc.)

**We are going to BRING BACK THE BIRDS to the Tennyson Inlet Islands.**

If you have ticked any of the options above please fill out your details below. With any bank deposit made you will receive a receipt that specifies our charitable status.

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