

Katherine Bay Restoration Trust

Chairman Report

The Katherine Bay Restoration was established and registered as a duly constituted not-for-profit charitable trust in November 19th 2009. The trust sought out key people with positive people synergies to be involved in and helping to lay the foundations and kaupapa of KBRT, so I would like to acknowledge those very people and many more first and foremost, as I am mindful that Katherine Bay Restoration Trust would not even exist with out them and their support. I can not express enough to the following people and many more of that support – Te Ngaru Ngaroma Davena Pita Kino Reweti Hoey and Hori Parata of Ngati Wai (KBRT Patrons), Ngati wai/Ngati rehua Ahi Kaa whanau, shareholders, landowners living on and off island, Ngati Rehua Trust board, Aotea community, Great barrier island charitable trust, Windy hill Rosalie bay catchment trust, Mohunga peninsula trust, Glen fern sanctuary, Auckland council and the biosecurity/biodiversity team, E.I.F funding, Paul hale for his pig hunting, Heremiah castle from Top Notch enhancements and T.T.L press, Peter and Helga Speck for Macadamia nut bait, Aubyn barrette who pest controls in whakatane , Katherine Bay Restoration Trust membership and many more.

Katherine Bay Restoration Trust commenced in January 2010 by laying out rat tracking tunnels in a area to find out what rat densities were present. After a two week period we found rat prints in the 30 tunnels, and then proceeded by laying out snap traps and bait stations. After a 2-3 week period we found the area to come from being virtually silent to being alive with the dawn chorus again, which was encouraging to say the least and sweet to the ears. It is estimated that there are 280,000 rats present on aotea which are causing absolute devastation north-east-south-west of the motu, so how many rats in the katherine bay catchment area alone that are causing total rack and ruin on the whenua not to mention the ecological impact this is having is yet to be determined. KBRT will continue through out 2011 to monitor, trap and lay out rat and feral act traps along with planting out native trees of kohekohe, kauri, pohutukawa, puriri, taraire and swamp maire. Please feel free to make contact to any pertinent questions and to alleviate any concerns pertaining to the KBRT kaupapa. Mauriora.

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Chairman
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