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HOT NEWS - NO GST INCREASE

Upcoming Events - Dates



Live Days:

Sunday November 14th



Have a **WICKED** Live Day

Be the wicked witch or wizard and have an enchantingly wicked time



Sunday January 23rd 2011

CELEBRATING SUMMER

Bring a picnic lunch and play Croquet on the Clarke Homestead Lawns, wear your whites, bonnets



Sunday 3rd April 2011

Medieval Theme

Heritage Park Medieval Festivities, come on down to the Pilgrim's Market

Exhibitions:

Butterflies Returning now on,
runs until Sunday 28th November 2010

High Hats and Holidays Summer Exhibition
Opens, Friday day 24th December 2010,
runs until Sunday 20th March 2011

Save the Planet

Kiwi North has joined forces with North Tec in an exciting new recycling project. North Tec are donating their used billboard advertising skins for Kiwi North to turn into funky shopping bags. Each colourful bag is completely unique and there is a range of designs, with and without pockets. The bags are strong, durable and easily wiped clean, making them the perfect carrier for all sorts of every day shopping. Best still, they are made from a waste material that otherwise could end up as landfill.

The bags are on sale from Kiwi North for just \$20 and profits support local conservation projects for Northland's kiwi and its native neighbours. Show your support for conservation with the most stylish recycling in Whangarei!



New Nocturnal Kiwi House
Opening on Monday January 31st



PLEASE NOTE: The Museum & Kiwi House are

Closed: Christmas Day and Boxing Day

RETURNING
Butterflies



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<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Kiwi-North/108826625820626>
will link you to our news site. Find out what we were up to for conservation week and how the new nocturnal house is progressing. Follow our kiwi Manuaiti and Ngahuru in globe-trotting adventures around the world- a fun resource for geography.

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Kiwi-North/279829317243>
Will link you to our captive kiwi resource site. Lots of pictures about kiwi- great for projects! See how we microchip kiwi that come into bird recovery before they are released back into the wild. Coming soon – kiwi hospital. We'll also have information about kiwi's native neighbours – geckos, tuatara, butterflies, weta and more.



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BLAST! and Rainbow Warriors & Remainders

This anniversary exhibition curated by Scott Pothan exhibited Greenpeace memorabilia, photographs by Gil Hanley and paintings by Pat Hanley. Our Education Service organized a series of workshops at Whangarei Art Museum for local schoolchildren to have a practical hand-on gallery experience. The schools who came really enjoyed seeing the paintings up close and working creatively in the gallery space.

There was a huge uptake for the Art Education Pack which was produced by Pippa Lawlor under LEOTC, especially for Far North schools who weren't able to visit the exhibition.



BLAST! art workshop

There's been international interest too from Art Educators in the UK with over 1500 students and teachers downloading the Art Education pack which is available in pdf format from education@kiwinorth.co.nz

The boys from the vintage farm machinery club returned a fully restored horse-drawn grader to the museum on Tuesday 17.08.2010, its bright and shiny and very, very yellow.



Brian and David yoking up the bullocks. Brian Wrack decided it was time to start teaching David about bullock wrangling.

Birthday party on the train this morning. 1.08.2010



Work in progress for the model engineering club 20.08.2010



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Education Update

It's been a very busy term for the Education team. We have had visits from lots of different schools studying topics ranging from the Ancient Egyptians to animal senses. We were pleased to see so many classes from Kerikeri Primary School and had a great time with them all as they prepared for their Science Fair.

We've also had lots of visits from other schools looking at local history and our Educators have spent a lot of time in costume this term, re-creating authentic experiences for our visitors.

As always, our education experiences are practical with lots of memorable hands-on activities and the children's games are perennially popular with parents and children alike.

We've had a successful meeting with our partner museums and are busy planning a new programme for the 2011 season. We expect to be very busy with visitors to the new nocturnal kiwi house but will also be starting collaborative projects with Matakohē Limestone Island Trust.

There's an exciting exhibitions programme planned for 2011 also, and we look forward to welcoming lots of new visitors.



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Conservation Week

Conservation week events this year were focused on the opening of **Returning Butterflies** – our new exhibition all about the magic of New Zealand's native butterflies.

Anne Juddery, Karel Kaio and Pippa Lawlor all worked hard on the day to ensure visitors made the most of their experience.

As well as the exhibition and the colouring competition there was face painting, butterfly art and a host of information about butterfly conservation.



Gerry planting

Gerry Brackenbury had collected some swan plants from the Quarry Gardens and courtesy of the sharp eyes of Irene Hamlin, we now have a tiny caterpillar feasting furiously on the leaves. One beautiful butterfly has already flown away.

Gerry also did sterling work planting some native Kauri and Pohutakawa trees.



A very hungry caterpillar



Volunteers are vital to this organization and we'd love to have more! We've started to prepare ourselves for the **World Rugby Cup** in September 2011 and have several vacancies that need filling in the following areas:

- grounds maintenance
- gardening
- archives and research
- collections management
- exhibitions development in the museum and on the heritage park grounds
- public programmes and events e.g. catering, tour guides
- housekeeping
- husbandry

If you're interested in history, heritage, conservation or live fauna then we're the place for you. We're looking for old and young volunteers who are able to work half-days.

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Art Lessons @ Kiwi North—see below

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Director's Note



In late August we welcomed the arrival of **Anne Juddery**, "Our Treasures" feature write and Volunteer Exhibitions and Public Programmes Assistant, back from a 3 1/2 month adventure throughout the UK and Europe. Being a true museum fan Anne came back with a wealth of information and many photos of exhibitions and interpretation panels. We've hardly had time to hear all her travel stories, as it was straight into setting up the **Butterflies Returning** exhibition, which had travelled up from the Nelson Provincial Museum. Our special thanks to **Mainfreight** for agreeing to sponsor the exhibition's cartage; sponsorship in kind is vital to the economic sustainability of this organization.

Butterflies Returning opened on Sunday 19th September, the last day of **Conservation Week** and coincided with the running of the trains, which takes place every third Sunday of the month. We treated the opening as a

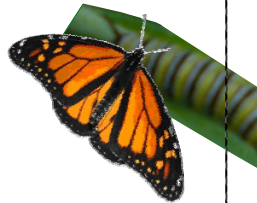
Community Event – with entry to the museum and kiwi house free for all. Pippa Lawlor and Anne Juddery offered face painting for the children and **Richard and Dianna Moore** from **ArtSchoolNZ** provided the artwork of a children's colouring competition (entries close Sunday 28th November). The sunshine added to the festive atmosphere and over 200 people came to enjoy our first special event of the 2010/11 financial year.

As a result of the gecko theft in June, management undertook a security review of the organization in liaison with **Peter Fillet**, **Auckland Museum's Security expert**.

The decision was made to suspend the services of what we usually refer to as **Periodic Detention Workers** from working on the Museum & Heritage Park grounds. At the same time we have actively encouraged more

Community-Sponsored Workers to undertake their community service work with us. The scheme is proving successful as one of these workers has since asked to continue offering their time as a volunteer.

Megan Chandler, our volunteer cleaner, has offered to extend her hours, which we have gratefully accepted.



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Husbandry

Major focus is still on the new building and setting everything up for our animals, but we have had some other unexpected events. On the 29th June we arrived to find that our gecko enclosures had been broken into and many of our geckos had been stolen. Staff were very upset and worried for their welfare, but fortunately the police received a tip-off and the geckos were all recovered, along with geckos stolen from Ti Point Reptile Park, and the offender has been convicted. With 24 hour access to the Park it is proving too difficult to secure our geckos outside and they will be housed indoors in future. They will be back on display when we open our new



Fat Albert

Kiwi House, but for now we are keeping them safe off display. Fat Albert, one of our Forest Geckos, was a hit with local Primary School children when he visited them during

Conservation Week with Bryce Lummis from the Department of Conservation.

There was a bit of a mix-up and the kiwi that we received in April wasn't Ngahuru, but a kiwi called Ewan, and Ngahuru is now to stay at Otorohanga. Ewan arrived here quite thin because he had been sitting on two clutches of eggs last season and as they take 75-85 days to hatch, a male can lose 25% of his bodyweight during that period. Once he had settled in, he steadily gained weight. The introduction of Ewan and Manuiti was going well with Manuiti establishing dominance in their first, very noisy, encounter. Following meetings involved decreasing amounts of chasing, as they started to settle down together, and showed how unbelievably fast they are. Unfortunately in mid-September Ewan knocked and broke his leg in one of these high-speed pursuits and he is currently at Massey University Wildlife Centre undergoing specialist treatment. Manuiti has the nocturnal house to himself again.



Ewan



Staff changes

There have been a number of staff changes since our last newsletter. **Sue Walters** after 4 ½ years of service, first as Advertising & Marketing Manager then as overall Park Director and Project Leader of Stage One of the Kiwi North Project had her last day with the organization on 1 October. Sue decided to take on the full-time role managing her family and support Brad, her husband, with his art business. We wish Sue and Brad well with their endeavors.



In September we said farewell to **Lou Maingay**, who after 7 years of working at the museum in the role as Collections Manager and then as Curator, is now undertaking contract work as an archaeologist – her main passion – and to further her professional development in Museum Studies. We're glad that the museum sector will continue to benefit with Lou's knowledge and experience.

In September we welcomed **Linda Ace**, Financial Administrator, to the organization. Linda has auditing experience and holds a similar part-time role with the Northland Cricket Association as well as undertaking work with Whangarei's Parent Centre. Linda is obviously used to juggling and these are the sorts of skills that are needed in this busy organization. Welcome Linda.



Finally I'd like to introduce our new full-time staff member, **Karel Kaio** (Ngapuhi, Tainui). Some of you may already know Karel when she held the weekend Front-of-House role however when I found out that Karel had trained as a conservator under the Te Maori scholarship scheme and had worked at Te Papa and with a number of New Zealand's leading independent curators it was my duty as Director to leverage her knowledge and experience. It's a great privilege for a small regional museum to have a conservator on staff; this sort of expertise is usually contracted in. Conservation isn't Karel's only skill however and so her role has been divided into 0.6 FTE Collections Manager and 0.4 FTE Conservator/Registrar. Three cheers for Karel!



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5th.10.2010 *"Thank you for having us in today. The kids were kept busy with your wonderful things for them to do. So the parents could wonder and view".*

5th.10.2010 *"Oh this is a great place — I loved it".
Film Director—From India*



Designed by Irene Hamlin

