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# jigsaw

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## welcome to the first Fiordland Conservation Trust newsletter

### Fiordland Conservation Trust est. 2007

#### The trust aims to be:

- community based
- independent
- professional
- transparent
- accountable
- active and agile

It is run on a shoestring administration budget, by a board of volunteers adopting a #8 wire approach, using technical expertise to make sure the job is done and done properly.

*Rachel Cockburn, Manager*

### Current key partnerships

- 1. Southern Discoveries Sinbad Sanctuary
- 2. Peregrine Wines Tieke/Saddleback
- 3. Chalky Digits Kakarui/S I robin
- 4. EcoTours Cleddau Delta
- 5. Ultimate Hikes Pateke/Brown Teal
- 6. Fiordland Ecology Holidays Indian Island
- 7. Kids Restore NZ Kids Restore the Kepler

### And why use this trust?

So that when you and... your family or friends or colleagues or business or clients... want to give money and/or time to a conservation project, you can, and know that your resources are going to a project that is essential, that works, that makes a difference, and that therefore is worth your energy.

Your project is a jigsaw piece that fits properly into the big picture - a picture that is turning from a flat 2 dimensional postcard picture into a living, dynamic, 3D future of sounds, movement, footprints - tieke, mohua, kakarui, kakapo, whio, pateke - just some of the birds that are no longer a fragment of a guiltily ignorant past but are a vibrant part of a regenerating and sustainable future.

## Completed projects

### Tieke/saddleback translocation - Peregrine Wines

Peregrine Wines from sale of their Saddleback wine label, translocated 39 tieke/saddleback from South Passage and Breaksea Islands onto Te Kakahu o Tamatea/Chalky Island in 2008, and in 2010 another 36 tieke/saddleback from Breaksea Island, this time to Bauza Island, Doubtful Sound.

Greg Hay, co-owner, "as soon as we heard about the Trust and the ability to fund specific projects, we knew we had found exactly what we were looking for". **\$11,360** [Click here for more...](#)

### Kakaruai/SI robin translocation - Chalky Digits

In 2010 Chalky Digits clothing company sold to the public a distinctive kakaruai/SI robin pin badge which sponsored the translocation of 50 kakaruai/SI robin onto Te Kakahu o Tamatea/Chalky Island, with the Chalky Digits crew helping out in some challenging weather conditions.

Liz Collins, owner, "this first project ignited a passion within me to continue to nurture our environment". **\$7,623** [Click here for more...](#)

### Kakaruai/SI robin translocation

In 2008 the Trust translocated 24 Kakaruai to Secretary Island. **\$5,000** [Click here for more...](#)

### Trap replacement

The Gary Chisholm Family Trust in 2008 paid for trap replacements and trap lines on Pomona and Rona Islands and mainland shores on Lake Manapouri. **\$5,200** [Click here for more...](#)

## The projects

In this issue we highlight the main projects of the Trust and its partners. The map locates the projects, at this stage all in Fiordland. It makes sense. By working alongside and utilising the Department of Conservation, we maximise the resources available and ensure that each project is a long term, interlocking part of the big picture. We focus on Indian Island, an example of this process at work on an offshore island and introduce an exciting new mainland project, the Kids Restore the Kepler.

Next issue we hear from the Kids and expand on the Sinbad Sanctuary project, projects dependent on very generous sponsorships, on the sanctuaries and nurseries established and maintained on offshore islands and on the hard work of all involved.

The big picture is complex; with your help we will make it sustainable.

# ongoing and completed projects

## Ongoing projects

### Sinbad Sanctuary - Southern Discoveries

Sinbad Gully in the iconic Milford Sound, is a natural 'island' home to lizards, skinks, geckos, endangered birds and insects. To ensure species survival, Southern Discoveries are committing long-term and in a big way to the Sinbad Sanctuary project.

**\$35,000 p.a.** [Click here for more...](#)

### Pakete/brown teal Recovery

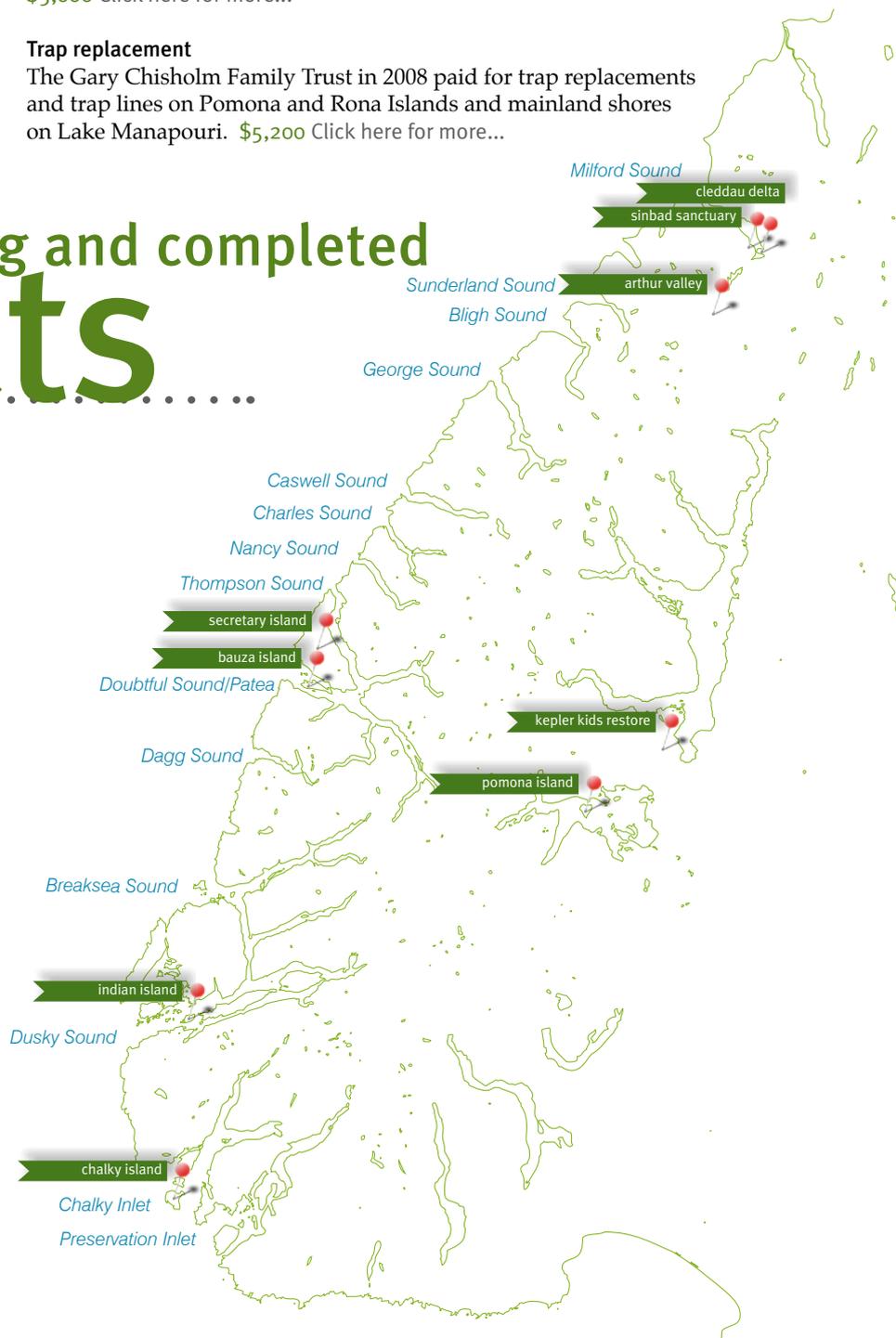
The Pakete Recovery Group, with Banrock Station Wines, Ultimate Hikes, Otago Community Trust and Real Journeys, are undertaking a 4 year project translocating pakete to the Arthur Valley. 139 have been released with a final release of 80 this year, aiming to have a self-sustaining population by 2014, but support is needed.

**\$20,000 per transfer.** [Click here for more...](#)

### Cleddau Delta - Eco Tours

In 2007 Eco Tours and Cruize Milford began helping out on the Cleddau delta by controlling introduced pests. 24 kakaruai/SI robin were able to be translocated here this year from the Eglinton.

**\$4000 p.a.** [Click here for more...](#)





Some of the 'Kids' on the project

## The Kepler – a mainland island project

The Kepler is a very large piece of the jigsaw, and with a long-term commitment from the sponsors, the aim is to restore the Kepler peninsula and recreate the birdsong. Kids Restore NZ, of the Air NZ Environmental Trust are funding stage 1, the essential pest control programmes. The project's inspiration was the stoat trapping begun in 2006 by the Kepler Challenge Committee. The kids driving the project, aided by the Trust, the community and DOC, are from Fiordland College, Te Anau Primary School, Mararoa School, Fiordland Kindergarten and Te Anau Day Care Centre. Watch this space. The kids are going to update us each edition. [Click here for more...](#)

kids restore

# the Kepler



Kakarua/South Island robin

## Indian Island

### An offshore island project

Captain Cook in 1773 first sighted local Maori on Indian Island and Hodges famously painted the scene. Cook's naturalist on the Resolution wrote of "various notes of birds which resounded throughout the whole cove".

In 1999 a perimeter of stoat traps was set on the island and in 2003, deer control began. Thanks to sponsorship of \$70,000, the winter of 2010 saw the beginning of rodent eradication, as protection for the nearby pest controlled islands of Anchor, Pigeon and Resolution, and to ready Indian Island for its own species translocation.

Lance and Ruth who owned and operated Fiordland Ecology Holidays for 16 years spear-headed the fund raising through their passenger supported Research Fund. "We saw this as a way we could thank Fiordland, she gave us all so much."

**"various notes of birds resounded throughout the whole cove"**

# indian island

The Willans family also donated to the project. Jenny commented while working on the trap line in May this year, that being on the island, working on her project directly, made it all worthwhile. We found no pests (yahoo!) and the "notes of birds" are returning. Her advice?

Check out the conservation projects in your area; get your hands dirty, experience what it's like to take part. Ultimate Hikes, Tom and Currie Barron & others are also to be thanked for progress being made on Indian Island. [Click here for more...](#)

# news...letters to the editor

## Letters to the Editor

This is the first newsletter of the Trust. We'd love to hear back from you. Any feedback, comments, ideas, jigsaw pieces still missing, what more do you want to know about? Email us at: [newsletter@fiordlandconservationtrust.org.nz](mailto:newsletter@fiordlandconservationtrust.org.nz)

## Donations/Memberships

We would love your support for our projects. For more information on how to donate to the Trust or to become involved with any Fiordland Conservation Trust projects go to: [www.fiordlandconservationtrust.org.nz/donate.htm](http://www.fiordlandconservationtrust.org.nz/donate.htm)

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9. Murray Willans

→ 10. Rachel Cockburn (Trust Manager)



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## Meet the people behind the Fiordland Conservation Trust

### Meet the trustees

1 **Roger McNaughton** - Chair (MNZM) Member of the NZ order of Merit for services to conservation

A farmer and contractor from Woodlands, Kapuka, Roger is a keen fisherman and hunter, with 28 years on the Southland Fish & Game Council (2007 Fish & Game NZ Merit Award for services to water conservation, freshwater sports, hunting and fishing) and 9 yrs on the Southland Conservation Board including time as Chair.

With a family involvement since 1907 in the Waituna Wetlands, Roger has developed a passion for its conservation. He is also involved with 2 areas of native bush given QEII Trust protection.

And why after all that, is he giving even more personal time to conservation? "Not quite enough regular trips to Stewart Island and Fiordland, has lead to a desire to put 'something back'."

2 **Frana Cardno** - Trustee (Suffragette Medal, Jean Harris Award, UN Certificate of Recognition, QSO - Companion of Order for Public Service)

Frana is the Mayor of Southland District Council and has been since 1992. Te Anau based with backgrounds in early childhood education and a tourism business partnership,

Frana has represented us nationally and internationally especially in women's affairs, education, community and health.

She has attended World Heritage Conferences in Japan & China including community protection of and participation in World Heritage sites.

And why is Frana involved in the Trust?

Fiordland is where her heart is and the Trust is meeting the need for a professional body committed to the conservation of this World Heritage site.

3 **Kim Hollows** - Trustee

As a hunter, helicopter pilot and owner of Fiordland Helicopters for over 20 years and of Fiordland Cinema, Kim is heavily involved with deer recovery, conservation work and tourism in and around Fiordland. This includes production of Ata Whenua, a stunning cinematic experience showcasing the area for locals and international visitors alike, as only a helicopter pilot of Kim's experience and passion for Fiordland could do.

Ata Whenua imprints on you why Fiordland is a crucial part of the conservation jigsaw.

And for Kim why such a big commitment to this Trust in particular?

Kim identified a need for donations from businesses and public to be directed to important conservation projects, in a responsible and transparent way, hence the establishment of this trust in 2007.

...and meet the others in the next newsletter.

# behind the scenes

## The Fiordland Conservation Trust

→ is a registered charitable trust with 'donee' status, (Reg.#CC 24563), supported by:

→ Department of Conservation – technical advice, assistance in planning and undertaking projects

→ Southland District Council – accounting/banking

→ AWS Legal Services – free legal advice

→ KPMG – free specialist tax advice

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