



## **Motu Kaikoura**

*An open sanctuary promoting wilderness education, ecosystem restoration and public recreation on an offshore island*

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### **“SILENCE IS GOLDEN”**

**On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> of December 2019, I woke to silence (except for birds)**

**SOLAR PANELS ON – GENERATOR OFF  
A MOMENTOUS OCCASION**

Our thanks to the Gt Barrier Local Board and Pub Charity for their grants towards the cost of solar power for Motu Kaikoura and the expertise of electrician Ricky Gregory in designing and installing the system. We also appreciate his support in time and materials.

As you can imagine the logistics of getting all the materials to the island has been a mammoth undertaking but eventually it has all happened.



Solar equipment arriving at the wharf



20 solar panels ready to go to the site



Tom wiring up the panels on the inside



Underground conduit from panels to battery storage under the lodge



Ricky and Tom installing panels

## **EVERYTHING COMES AT A COST – UNFORTUNATELY WE HAVE A NEEDS LIST FOR 2020**

Motu Kaikoura is always in need of finance to keep this scenic reserve in good condition for the public of NZ.

The island is managed by volunteer trustees and we are always looking for ways to improve the island especially the eradication of rats to increase natural regeneration, and make the island a conservation retreat we can all be proud of.

This last year we have been fortunate to receive grants from Lion Foundation towards our insurance which is a huge cost but essential, from Foundation North towards a proportion of operating costs for 2020 and from DOC towards rodent eradication management.

### **Water and Metal**

Our additional needs for 2020 include an improved water supply for summer and for the winter season metal for the muddy roads,

### **Treasurer**

Following the resignation of our treasurer Peter Hutton, Kim Grove (treasurer TOSSI) stepped in to temporarily assist us. She would now like to relinquish this position and we are looking for a volunteer treasurer. The job involves payment of monthly accounts, cash reports for our monthly meetings, annual balance sheet, invoicing accommodation and completing the annual Charities Services return. Accounting system is Xero.

### **Marketing of Accommodation**

Marketing of our accommodation which has been very much appreciated by those who have already stayed on the island. We have a number of cabins available and they are a good source of income. When the Trust took over the management of the island these cabins were in a rundown condition and they have now been upgraded by Warkworth Rotary and other volunteers.

We appreciate their assistance in labour and furnishings. We need somebody to market these to the public and universities for research. Details of the cabins are on the website.

[www.motukaikoura.org.nz](http://www.motukaikoura.org.nz)

### **Volunteers for Track Cutting**

Keeping our tracks open to the public is an ongoing task. Tools and accommodation provided.

### **Fundraising**

This is an important requirement for our continued financial management of the island.

Any help with fundraising or funders would be appreciated.

I realise this is an extensive request but if you can help us with any of the above matters or know of somebody who could be interested please contact me.

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Rosalie Miller  
Motu Kaikoura Supporters

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“Having vision is not enough.  
Change comes through realising the vision  
And turning it into reality.”  
Sir Peter Blake

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