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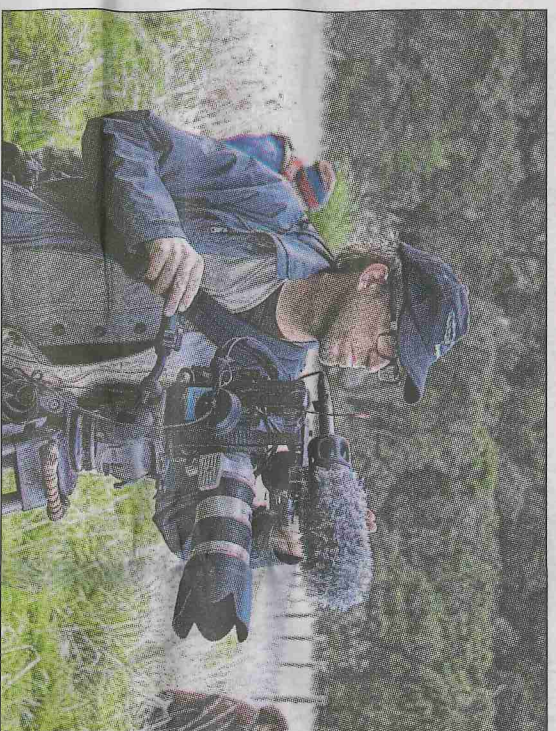
□ LEFT: Doc senior planner Mark Davies prepares to release a kiwi onto the new Kiwi creche on the Whareama Peninsula.

□ RIGHT: Here Birrell strokes a kiwi being held by Ngai Tuhoe chief negotiator and chairman Tamati Kruger.



□ LEFT: From left, Waikaremoana Hapu Restoration Trust's Heke Doherty, Rurehe Taylor and Robert Waiwai pictured in front of the fence they helped build.

□ BELOW: The Kiwi release was being filmed for a German documentary on flightless birds.



Second haven for NZ's bird

THERE was a kiwi celebration last Friday after five kiwi were released onto Whareama after the Puketukutuku Peninsula had reached its carrying capacity for kiwi.

With 200 kiwi now on Puketukutuku Peninsula it had reached its kiwi-carrying capacity so Whareama had been predator-proofed and kiwi released there.

Three kiwi were released on Friday during the official translocation of kiwi onto Whareama and two were released on Thursday.

Puketukutuku Peninsula was the first kiwi project to reach carrying capacity for kiwi on a mainland island in New Zealand.

THE Taku Wāhine Purotu screening challenge, designed to encourage Maori women to support each other to have their breast and cervical screening, finishes Friday, July 4.

With only a few weeks to go before the challenge ends, Sandra Corbett, population screening kaiwhakahaere for the district health board said there was still opportunity for Maori women to join a registered team and compete in the challenge.

"There are nineteen teams registered in Hawke's Bay and they are all trying to reach out to unscreened women in their communities to provide them with information and support to participate in breast or cervical screening," she said. "Ko tō oranga ngākau te mea nui - your wellbeing is the primary consideration."

"Every woman screened will be acknowledged and monthly spot prizes are given out to teams and individuals."

"The winning team will be the one which has had the most women screened by the closing date of 4 July 2014. There are first, second and third prizes. These prizes are in the form of grants of \$2,000, \$1,000 and \$500 to go to the winning teams' chosen charities or non-profit organisations."

Women can identify and choose a team to support by visiting the Hawke's Bay District Health Board website www.hawkesbay.health.nz and following the links, or phone 0800 729 729 to support a team of your choice.

"Hurry and support a team and get your screening to count for your whānau and community," Ms Corbett said. "Hei iō Hauora te rama māu – let your health be the guiding light."

Women are also encouraged to share their stories or experiences on the website by contacting Sandra on Sandra.Corbett@hawkesbaydhb.govt.nz or cell phone 027 275 9135.

Cervical cancer is one of the most preventable of all cancers and regular three yearly cervical smear tests for women aged 20 – 69 years are the best protection against cervical cancer.

Breast screening detects breast cancer before you can feel or notice anything unusual. Early detection and treatment can save lives. Breast screening is for women aged 45 – 69 years.

For further information or to support a team of your choice ring 0800 729 729 or talk to

Riripeti Paine, Whānau Ora Health Supervisor,
Kahunaimiti Executive Phone 838 6825

Lake rights trampled

CONCERN is growing around the Tuhoe Te Urewera Settlement Bill's removal of property rights for descendants of the original Lake Waikaremoana owners.

These descendants welcomed the NZ First vote against the Te Urewera-Tuhoe Settlement Bill in Parliament recently.

A hui for descendants to discuss the implications of the Te Urewera-Tuhoe Bill was held on Saturday morning at Te Kūna Pa in Tuai, Lake Waikaremoana, with around 40 attending.

Descendant and whānau spokesperson James Waiwai said many whānau were unaware of how the Bill will affect their rights and have had no chance to discuss together what will happen to the lake.

"The bill before Parliament proposes to disestablish the Tuhoe Waikaremoana Maori Trust Board Charitable Trust (TWMTB) and transfer its assets to the Tuhoe Charitable Trust (TCT)."

"The purposes of the new larger trust are for the benefit of Ngai Tuhoe as a whole, rather than for the descendants of the original owners, many of whom identify as Ngati Ruapānui ki Waikaremoana, Mr Waiwai said.

The Bill had another reading in Parliament last week after being before the select committee.

Mr Waiwai said in 1918 their grandparents were recognised as the owners of the Lake and granted fee simple title.

"In 2014 the Te Urewera-Tuhoe Settlement Bill gives our Lake to all the people of Tuhoe – regardless of whether they have any connection here at all.

"The Government is taking our lake to pay compensation for its crimes against the iwi.

"Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations minister Hon Chris Finlayson has refused to even meet with us to discuss our concerns.

"If he thinks that taking private property to compensate Tuhoe is acceptable, let him use his own family trust."

He said the issues around Lake Waikaremoana were not about iwi.

"It is a simple case of private property rights being taken from specific families and given to someone else.

"We fully support a just settlement with Tuhoe. "We just want our own rights protected," said Mr Waiwai.

Grass issue put to rest

A LONG-STANDING dispute between local octogenarian Roland Matley and the Waikato District Council has been resolved.

Mr Matley has accepted an offer from the council and local contracting company GRS to carry out re-grassing at his Lucknow Street property.

The consent issue began three years ago after a neighbour complained about work being carried out at Mr Matley's property.

Since then the situation has been at a stalemate with the respective parties unable to find middle ground.

Last week the council and GRS extended an olive branch to Mr Matley offering free topsoil, grassing and labour as a way of moving forward.

Mr Matley said as a gesture of goodwill he has accepted the offer to get his lawn done.

In response to comments made by council chief executive Fergus Power in last Thursday's Star, Mr Matley said he has documents dating back three years which state resource consent was not needed for the area he proposed to clear and sow lawn on at his property.

He said when council representatives visited the site in June 2011 after two days of heavy rain they found no evidence of siltation.

"There is no siltation now. There was none then. There has never been any siltation," he said.

He said if past council staff had done their job correctly and referred their original wording to the District Plan then this dispute may well have been resolved earlier.

"The withholding of colour photos, council's misuse of the English language, ie 'only' instead of 'up to' which affected the terms of the resource consent, their intransigence to re-examine their earlier determination contributed to the delays in resolution and cost me lawyer bills.

"I accept I may have contributed to the lengthiness of this dispute but make no apology.

"The day that bureaucratic cost benefit trumps over my democratic right in a matter of principle is the day that wrong triumphs.

"I would, and will not back down, on that."

GRS logistics manager Tony O'Sullivan said GRS is elated a resolution has been agreed and its contractual obligations in this matter can finally be

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Take the Taku Wāhine Purotu Challenge and encourage Maori women to attend breast and/or cervical screening

