



Otago Peninsula Biodiversity Trust Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2021

This is the twelfth annual report of the Otago Peninsula Biodiversity Trust, presented by the Chair Hoani Langsbury at the Annual General Meeting held on the 18th October 2021

The most impressive achievement to date for the OPBG was the removal of the 20,000 possum from the Otago Peninsula. With an estimated four hundred possums remaining to be eradicated, this was a real confidence boost to the community and delivery team at the OPBG.

But it is now that the hard work needs to be undertaken as we move closer to the built environment of Tomahawk, Waverly and Highcliff. We are fortunate in the Guardians Group now being well entrenched, through the work of Marcia to face the on-going challenges around reinvasion.

We have found a new home at what was formerly Happy Hens, moving our primary base of operations from the Yellow Eyed Penguin Trust Nursery at Macandrew Bay to Portobello. The opportunity to network at the hub with the other Otago Peninsula Environmental and Conservation Groups will benefit all indigenous biodiversity on the Otago Peninsula as we go forward.

This undertaking was not without its challenges, and we hope to have the recladding and exterior work completed in conjunction with our property owners the Dunedin City Council soon.

We are yet to have an official opening, but the hub on most days is a hive of activity. A fantastic space for our OPBG advocacy work and that of our peninsula partners. The ability to have regular hours to engage with the community, can only strengthen the OPBG commitment for the future.

We took the opportunity to have interns become part of our team, who work alongside our operations lead by Bruce. The TNT's have been effective throughout this reporting period getting our AT220's and monitored network providing the benefits of the best technology currently available at our disposal.

We have had some challenges with regard to milestone achievement which continue to challenge us. These being the completion of the possum aversion fence on the harbour side of the Peninsula and written landowner access. We have continued to work on these and hope to be able to address these with Predator Free Dunedin during the current period. I do not believe either of these will restrict our ability to achieve eradication on the Otago Peninsula.

We have had some changes at the management level of the OPBG with Nathan moving up to work for Predator Free 2050 Ltd, providing the opportunity to bring Monty into the Trust as the direct report to the board. It is through the OPBG Manager that the aspirations of the Trustees on behalf of the community are realised.

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In closing this report, I wish to acknowledge the dedication of the Trustees and hard work of the employees that has enabled me to report on another successful year.

Signed: Date:

Hoani Langsbury
Chair

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