

WAITUTU MATAITAI

5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL REPORT

7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2020

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE KAI TIAKI, PRESENTED AT THE WAI AU CLUB, KING ST TUATAPERE ON THE 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2020.

Over the last 10 years the sandy delta from each side of the Wairaurahiri River has been getting less and less with one particular southerly storm removing a very noticeable amount.

Because the paua had started to recover from out in the deep, we had just left it to continue, and we did not know the last storm had covered a vast area with sand right over the paua rocky habitat until the Otago University Marine Team led by Dr Chris Hepburn and Derek Richards went in to do a survey on the original GPS transects during a student trip.

With the Ministry of Fisheries only granting us about one third of the area applied for, and required for it to be managed in a successful way, this is a disaster.

At Omaui a big rocky area was covered in sand for about ten years, but is now changing back to what it was.

Should we wait and see what happens or should we do as Jane Davis said, and let our mokopuna work on getting what we had originally applied for ??

Our Kai Tiaki have been reappointed for a further term, they are,  
Graham Metzger [who is taking a less active role]  
Dene Cole : Lorraine White : John Simon :

John Simon  
Kaitiaki

**WAITUTU INCORPORATION**

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MATAITAI MEETING**

**7 March 2020, 11 a.m.**

Held at the Waiau Club, Tuatapere.

**Present:** 7 people

**Minutes:** L Gale **moved** that the minutes of the meeting of 23 March 2019 be approved. Seconded M Dunnett. CARRIED.

**Matters Arising:** Nil

**Annual Report:** John Simon, Kaitiaki, presented the Annual Report to the meeting.

Rowdy & Lorraine took photos late last year of a small bunch of paua found in a crevice, not far from the Lodge. It is encouraging to see that they are there now. John commented if they keep reappearing like this bunch, and there is sufficient food available for them, then natural regeneration may be sufficient in re-stocking. If Otago University undertakes another survey, it will be interesting to see the results.

Previously kaitiaki had to be re-appointed, but under the new regulations they remain in place unless they resign. Also we are now able to make more of our own decisions without needing approval from Oraka Aparima.

John asked whether we should extend the mataitai to include other fish, but Rowdy said there are plenty of crayfish, etc, so probably not necessary.

Meeting closed at 11.35am.