

Pomona Post

MERRY CHRISTMAS

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR

Kia Ora Koutou,

Wow – what a busy year 2022 has been. A major mouse incursion on Rona (plus random rat) and the successful response and eradication. Fifteen trips to Rona and counting.....

A very persistent rat population steadily grew on Pomona, probably the result of a podocarp mast last autumn. This resulted in a major revamp of the trap and bait station network by both volunteers & contractors.

It now looks like we are winning with rat numbers coming down after several pre-Christmas feeds of Pindone. We are looking forward to a rat-less new year.

This year there have been a few new innovations, Lynley King's Gecko monitoring, David Cary's audio moths for kiwi monitoring and Gary Chisholm's Trap detection app.

I would like to thank my fellow Trustees, (especially Paul King our secretary), all our Volunteers, Financial Supporters, the Southland Trailer Yacht Squadron and Contractors for all the hard work you have put in this year. It is always enjoyable out on the islands, good company, great transport, and wonderful cake (it's worth going for the cake).

Have a great break over Christmas and we will be back on the Islands in the New Year when the sun will be shining, the birds singing and the rata flowering.

Merry Christmas and an exciting New Year.

John Whitehead (Chair Pomona Island Charitable Trust)

*Our Christmas Kiwi Team
have been
out and about
on Pomona,
delivering presents
and
spreading messages
of goodwill*



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HAPPY NEW YEAR!
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