



## Motu Kaikoura

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

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## MOTU KAIKOURA TRUST SUPPORTERS' NEWSLETTER ISSUE 24 DECEMBER 2017

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This has been an amazing year. The lodge is now a reality. The women+architecture supervised by Dave Strachan and Maria Taylor of SGA worked tirelessly as all structures were helicoptered by Skyworks from the barge on to the site at a rapid pace.

Electrical work, lining, furnishing and landscaping are yet to be completed.

An official opening date to be decided.

Many materials were supplied at no or little cost and we will have an acknowledgment board at the lodge.

Thanks to Clint and Jacinda for their continued efforts on rodent control which has resulted in the last two monitoring checks being the lowest we have ever had. A report by Mike Lee will be circulated at a later date.

This was made apparent while sitting at Bradshaws in the evening watching two oyster catchers feeding their three chicks on the beach. Ringa ringa lillies were in full bloom on the cliffs and we listened to the calls of tuis and fantails in the background.

At the lodge site there were many banded rails, keruru eating all the dandelion flowers on the roadside, tuis in the flax, kaka flying overhead and kingfisher calling. Two pateke were sighted at Crawshaws, and hopefully they will colonise the dam above. We also saw the annual ruru in the tree branch with two very new chicks. Mel Galbraith is carrying out a bird survey in the next few days and it will be interesting to see his results.

Thanks to Warkworth Rotary led by Jon Nicholson, and Ross Sutherland, for all their work on the upgrading of the chalets which you will see on the next page are available for renting.

Thank you, also, to everyone during the year who has made all this possible. Thank you supporters for your continued financial contributions.

We wish you all a happy and safe Christmas and holiday season.  
Rod and Rosalie Miller



**Construction underway for the new lodge**  
**Expected completion – February 2018**  
Built by 'Women + Architecture' under supervision of SGA.



**ACCOMMODATION**

**Chalets**

Basic kitchen facilities and ablution block (flush toilets and hot showers) onsite  
Showers available by arrangement

**Rate**

Financial supporters: \$15 pp/night

Adults: \$20 pp/night

Aged 5-16: \$10 pp/night

Under 5: Free

Correct as of 15/12/17. Subject to change

Contact the Ranger: Clint Stannard - 021 731 340



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Rosalie Miller  
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Change comes through realising the vision  
And turning it into reality.”  
Sir Peter Blake*

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