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ANNUAL REPORT

MAKE THE MAUNGA SING

Sanctuary
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MAUNGATAUTARI

HIGHLIGHTING THE MAHI FROM THE LAST 12 MONTHS



Milestone of 801 kiwi translocated out in just four years – cementing SMM as the largest single source site for kiwi recovery in the country



11,376 volunteer hours from 171 volunteers



\$147,000 in biodiversity revenue



201 kiwi translocated out for season



Over 250 people connected through community outreach



192 Mahoenui Giant Wētā translocated in



More than \$100,000 increase in visitor revenue with an 8% increase of visitor numbers



Over 5,000 people participated in our education programme



Three juvenile takahē translocated to other protected sites to help with the national recovery programme



122 after hour callouts completed within 90 minutes & 38 predator and pest animals trapped



Completion of the Tono project with 10 poupou installed and Moa Hunter tour launched



Gold Qualmark maintained



Commercial nursery introduced



Plus so much more...

When the concept of a sanctuary at Maungatautari was first imagined, the extraordinary visionaries and volunteers behind it could scarcely have imagined where the journey would lead. They may have dreamed of hearing birdsong return to the ngahere, seeing threatened species thrive once more, and creating a place future generations would cherish. Yet even the boldest dreamers may have struggled to imagine that one day we would be planning for the next 1,000 years, monitoring kākāpō using GPS technology, translocating hundreds of kiwi across Aotearoa, selling nature credits globally, whilst also serving barista-made coffee in a bustling visitor centre. This has been a year when we delivered more than was first imagined.

It has been a year defined by ambition, resilience, innovation and connection. A year in which we continued to restore species, strengthen partnerships, welcome record numbers of visitors and improve our long-term financial sustainability, while never losing sight of why we exist: to protect and restore this extraordinary taonga for future generations.

Perhaps the most significant piece of work undertaken this year has been the development of our 1,000-Year Plan. Most organisations think in annual budgets, election cycles or three-year strategic plans. As an intergenerational organisation, we have challenged ourselves to think in centuries. While the plan is due for completion in December 2026, one thing has become abundantly clear: conservation success requires far more than fences and forests, it requires a whole community to care for a mountain.

This year delivered some remarkable conservation milestones. The three resident pioneering mainland kākāpō continue to thrive, helping advance scientific understanding of how the world's rarest parrot can adapt to life in a predator-free mainland sanctuary. Their

GPS technology is providing unprecedented insight into movement patterns and habitat use, contributing to knowledge that will benefit the wider recovery programme.

Kiwi continue to remind us why Maungatautari holds such an important place in Aotearoa New Zealand conservation. Over the past four years, 801 kiwi have been translocated from the maunga to establish and strengthen populations throughout the North Island. This achievement has positioned Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari as New Zealand's largest kiwi source site and one of the country's most significant key partner in species restoration programmes.

Our takahē programme continued making important contributions to the national recovery effort despite a challenging breeding season. Māhoenui giant wētā were successfully established, annual monitoring identified that hīhi numbers have more than doubled, freshwater surveys confirmed successful breeding of native fish species, and ongoing monitoring continued to demonstrate the incredible biodiversity gains being achieved across the mountain.

One of the greatest strengths of Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari is that it remains both a sanctuary and a living laboratory. Throughout the year we supported research spanning forest ecology, biosecurity, freshwater systems, reptiles, invertebrates, carbon sequestration and emerging technologies. Alongside science sits mātauranga Māori, reminding us that knowledge comes in many forms. Together, these approaches strengthen decision-making and deepen our understanding of the maunga and the species that call it home.

Of course, for all these incredible outcomes, one fact remains: conservation is not free.

Protecting 3,363 hectares of native forest, maintaining 47 kilometres of pest-proof fence and supporting some of New Zealand's rarest species requires significant and sustained investment.

Encouragingly, 2026 was a year where conservation and commercial success increasingly worked hand-in-hand. Visitor numbers reached a record 23,029, generating the strongest visitor revenue in our history. New experiences such as The Moa Hunter, weekend shuttle services and barista-made coffee proved immensely popular whilst our Education Programme reached more than 5,000 learners from around the world.

One of the most exciting developments has been the growth of Nature Credits. Following years of development, the programme generated more than \$147,000 in revenue during its first full year following relaunch. Combined with the early foundations of our Endowment Fund, these initiatives represent important steps towards building long-term financial resilience.

Not every story this year was an easy one. Our Operations Team responded to 19 major fence breaches, nearly double historic experiences. Storms, ageing infrastructure and increasing operational demands tested both systems and people. Pest incursions required swift and coordinated responses, including intensive surveillance following a weasel detection and the first stoat detected within the sanctuary since 2012.

Yet every challenge reinforced the remarkable capability and commitment of our team. Through 122 after-hours callouts, countless kilometres of fence inspections and extensive pest monitoring operations, our staff and volunteers consistently rose to the occasion.

The true heartbeat of Maungatautari has always been its people. Everything we have achieved this year has been delivered through a combined workforce of fewer than 28 full-time equivalent (combining staff and volunteers). There cannot be many organisations achieving such scale, complexity and globally significant outcomes with such a lean and dedicated team.

Our volunteers alone contributed more than 11,000 hours supporting conservation, tourism, education, governance and species recovery programmes. Their value cannot be measured simply in hours; it is reflected in every success we celebrate.

If people are the sanctuary's heartbeat, then the heart itself is partnership. Mana whenua continue to guide our journey through co-governance, cultural leadership and shared stewardship. Government agencies, funders, sponsors, businesses, researchers, community groups, schools, volunteers and visitors all contribute to the wider ecosystem that enables this sanctuary to thrive.

As we reflect on the year, we do so with gratitude, exhaustion and pride.

As we look ahead, we do so with optimism, energy and excitement for what is to come.

The challenges facing conservation remain significant, but so too is the collective determination of the people who care for this place. The mountain has stood here for millennia. Our responsibility is to ensure the sanctuary continues to inspire, sustain and restore life for the next thousand years and beyond.

The future of Maungatautari is not something we inherit. It is something we build together.

Ngā manaakitanga



Helen Hughes
Tai Urungi | Chief Executive



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Co-Chair



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Co-Chair



1000 YEAR PLAN

Over the past twelve months, Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari has been undertaking one of the most significant pieces of strategic work in its history: the development of our 1,000-Year Plan. Designed to guide the stewardship of the maunga for generations to come, this long-term vision will be finalised in December 2026, succeeding our 2016-2026 Strategic Plan and setting a bold new direction for the centuries ahead.

The process has challenged us to think beyond traditional planning horizons and consider what it will take to ensure a thriving, resilient and enduring ecosystem for the next millennium. Through extensive reflection, collaboration and engagement, we have refined our Strategic Pou and strengthened the values that define who we are and how we work.

At the heart of the plan sit three Strategic Pou:

1. Tua Torohaki Soaring Momentum

Driving innovation, growth and ambition to ensure the sanctuary continues to lead conservation efforts nationally and internationally.

2. Tua Taiao Thriving Biodiversity

Protecting, restoring and enhancing the unique flora and fauna of the maunga so that biodiversity can flourish for generations to come in Aotearoa New Zealand.

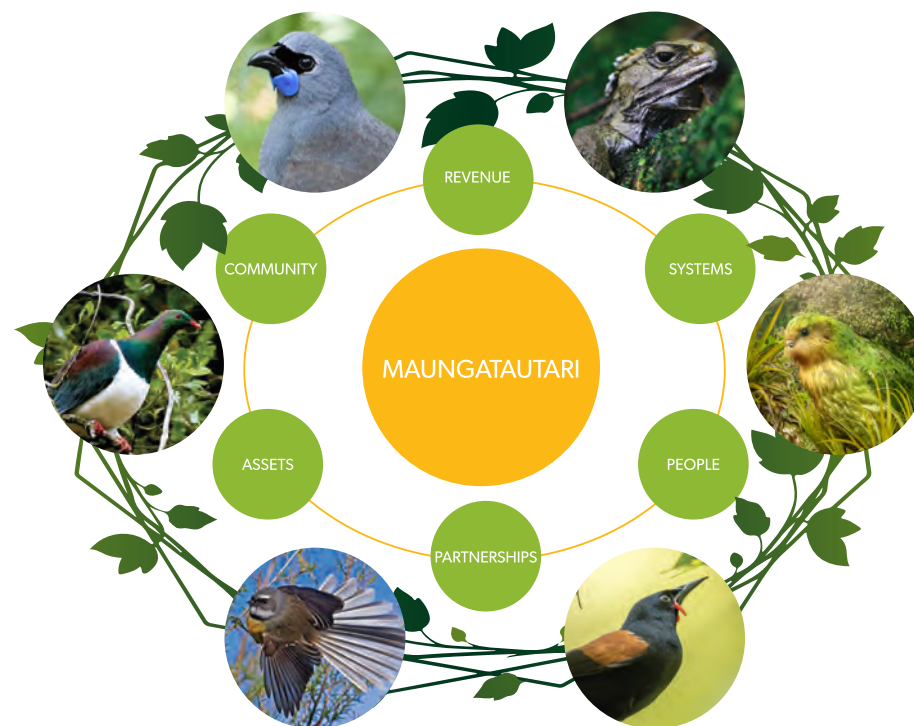
3. Tua Hononga Grounded Partnerships

Building meaningful relationships and shared commitment with iwi, communities, supporters, researchers, funders and partners who help make our vision possible.

These Pou provide a clear framework for what we must achieve. Equally important are the values that shape how we deliver on this vision every day. As **Genuine and Adaptive**, we embrace learning, innovation and authenticity. As **Kaitiaki**, we honour our responsibility as guardians of this extraordinary taonga. As **Connectors**, we bring people, ideas and resources together to create lasting impact.

Supporting the Strategic Pou are six interconnected workstreams that form the ecosystem required to keep the maunga thriving. Together, these workstreams recognise that conservation success is about more than ecological restoration alone. It requires strong partnerships, sustainable funding, cultural leadership, operational excellence, community engagement and the ability to adapt to future challenges and opportunities.

The six workstreams, represented in the graphic to the right, have provided the framework for both our strategic planning and the way this Annual Report is presented. They illustrate how every aspect of our work contributes to a single, shared outcome: ensuring Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari remains a place where nature, culture and community thrive together, not just for the next decade, but for the next thousand years.



SPECIES

From nationally significant translocations to encouraging monitoring results, 2026 was a year marked by important milestones for species recovery at Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari. Excellent progress was made across a range of programmes, from kiwi and kākāpō to takahē, hihi and Mahoenui giant wētā, reinforcing the sanctuary's role as one of New Zealand's most important conservation sites. Consistently strong partnerships with iwi, recovery groups, research organisations and government agencies, combined with ongoing monitoring and innovation, continue to strengthen our collective understanding and support informed management of taonga species.



KĀKĀPŌ

The three male kākāpō, Taeatanga, Tautahi and Bunker continue to thrive at Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari, marking another important year in understanding how kākāpō adapt to life on the mainland within a pest-free environment.



During summer, supplementary feeding was removed as part of a trial to assess how the birds would fare when relying solely on natural food sources. All three kākāpō maintained healthy body weights and condition throughout the season.

The introduction of improved GPS technology has proven highly successful. Regular location updates have significantly reduced tracking time, decreased handling of the birds, and provided valuable insights into habitat use and movement patterns. The Kākāpō Recovery Team is currently analysing this information and preparing a scientific paper based on the findings.

Two radio transmitters failed during the year, requiring staff to locate and recapture birds for replacement transmitters. This led to some memorable fieldwork moments, including Senior Ranger Caitlin successfully locating Tautahi by following the species' distinctive scent through the forest. Taeatanga was also successfully recaptured using a live-capture trap deployed around his feeding station. All three kākāpō continue to report reliably through their GPS units and all radio transmitters are now functioning as intended.

KIWI



This year marked the fifth year of kiwi translocations from Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari, undertaken in partnership with iwi, Save the Kiwi and other conservation organisations. A total of 201 kiwi were translocated from the maunga to support species recovery projects across the North Island including Wellington, Rangataua, Taranaki Mounga and Tongariro Forest Kiwi Sanctuary, helping establish and strengthen populations throughout their former range.

A significant milestone was also reached this year, with 801 kiwi translocated from Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari over the past four years, establishing the sanctuary as the largest single source site for kiwi translocations in Aotearoa New Zealand, and (according to Google/AI) representing the largest translocation of bird species in the world. We also achieved a first, bringing kiwi to the Beehive, to celebrate the last of the Capital Kiwi translocation of bird species in the world. Twelve kiwi remain in the Southern Enclosure, including seven fitted with radio transmitters. These birds will continue to grow before future translocations, while providing training opportunities for staff and volunteers and supporting the development of kiwi advocacy.

TAKAHĒ



The 2025-26 breeding season presented several challenges for the sanctuary's takahē pairs, with severe weather conditions affecting nesting success.

Nancy (F) and Hemi (M), experienced two unsuccessful nesting attempts during the season. Puiaki and Pirie also faced difficulties when their first chick was lost during poor weather shortly after hatching. Their second nesting attempt, however, proved successful, resulting in the arrival of a chick which was due to be named Waitangi¹.

Three juvenile takahē raised at Maungatautari were transferred to Burwood Takahē Centre, Willowbank Wildlife Reserve and Motutapu Island, where they will contribute to the national recovery programme.

Despite a difficult breeding season, the Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari takahē programme continues to make an important contribution to the recovery of this critically endangered species, with a total of 27 chicks hatched and raised at the maunga since the programme began. We remain hopeful for more favourable weather and greater nesting success in the coming season.

¹ As at time of publication the chick sadly had passed away following successful surgery on an injured foot. A post mortem is being conducted to determine causation.



MĀHOENUI GIANT WĒTĀ

On 27 August, 192 Māhoenui Giant Wētā were translocated to Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari from the captive-breeding programme at Ōtorohanga Kiwi House. The translocation was the result of collaboration between mana whenua, the Department of Conservation, Ōtorohanga Kiwi House and Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari.

The release provided an opportunity to raise awareness of one of New Zealand's lesser-known threatened species, with around 60 people attending and observing the insects up close. The event also generated significant national media interest, featuring on TVNZ, Te Karere, RNZ and in the Waikato Herald.



MONITORING

Monitoring programmes continue to play a vital role in understanding the health and recovery of species across the maunga.

This year's hihi survey delivered exceptional results, with 88 birds recorded, more than double the previous survey count. Strong breeding success was observed across all hihi sites nationally, and staff have begun specialist training to build internal capability for future hihi surveys alongside the Hihi Recovery Group and trainer Dave Bryden.

In partnership with EcoQuest, the first freshwater fish survey since 2013 was undertaken. The survey confirmed that giant kōkopu and banded kōkopu populations remain present within both the wetland and Southern Enclosure release sites. Genetic analysis of a deceased fish found during the survey also provided strong evidence of successful breeding within the maunga.

Staff and volunteers completed a lizard survey within the Southern Enclosure in November, recording six individuals, including four forest geckos, one skink and an exciting sighting of a Pacific gecko.

The annual Māhoenui Giant Wētā survey was completed in April, with giant wētā activity detected on approximately six monitoring cards. Verification is currently underway.

Work also progressed on the development of a new mountain-wide tītipounamu survey in partnership with the Department of Conservation. The project, which was pioneered by the late Andrew Styche, is expected to be implemented in late 2026.

The first stage of the triennial Hochstetter's frog survey was completed in April by the EcoQuest team. Despite difficult conditions caused by Cyclone Vaianu, more than 30 frogs were recorded.



SCIENCE & RESEARCH



During the year, the team at Maungatautari supported a diverse range of research projects spanning forest ecology, biosecurity, freshwater ecosystems, reptiles, invertebrates and emerging technologies.

Several new projects commenced during the year. In partnership with ZIP and the Bioeconomy Science Institute (BSI), tree core samples were collected to support ongoing research into carbon sequestration within native forests. Landcare Research also undertook fieldwork at the maunga as part of research into more efficient approaches to vegetation plot monitoring.

The team contributed to a collaborative biosecurity project led by BSI. Researchers collected baseline data on specialist beetle species that can spread harmful plant pathogens, helping strengthen New Zealand's preparedness for future biosecurity threats.

Freshwater monitoring undertaken at the maunga also contributed to wider scientific research. Genetic analysis of a giant kōkopu supported University of Otago Masters student Jasmine Lane's research into fish diadromy. The findings provided further evidence of successful breeding occurring within the maunga's giant kōkopu population.

Research supporting native ecosystem restoration also continued, with volunteer Rachel Mitchell incorporating soil samples from the Southern Enclosure into a wider study examining biological change in soils under native forest restoration.

Several long-term research partnerships remained active throughout the year. University of Waikato researchers, supervised by Chrissie Paint, continued work on giraffe weevils (pepeke nguturoa), including research investigating how climate change may influence the species' chemical communication. The Maungatautari team also continued supporting the

University of Waikato in the development of artificial intelligence tools for trail camera monitoring, which have the potential to improve future pest detection and species monitoring programmes.

Researchers from the University of Auckland continued studies into tuatara ecology, including master's research investigating ectoparasites on tuatara within the Wetland Enclosure.

Through these partnerships, Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari continues to support research that advances scientific knowledge and informs conservation management both on the maunga and beyond.

We mihi the Science and Technical Advisory Panel, who continue to meet quarterly to discuss challenges and opportunities on the maunga. Without their ongoing commitment our work programmes would not progress with as much confidence.



VISITOR EXPERIENCES

More people than ever chose to experience Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari this year, with visitation reaching a record 23,029 visitors, an increase of 8 percent on the previous year. Visitor revenue also increased by more than \$100,000, reflecting a strategic focus on increasing average visitor spend through new experiences, an expanded guided tour programme, enhanced retail and giftware offerings, and improvements to food and beverage services.

A strong focus throughout the year was the introduction of new offerings designed to diversify revenue streams and meet evolving visitor expectations. Highlights included the launch of The Moa Hunter tour, the introduction of the Weekend Shuttle Service, a refreshed membership programme, the launch of a new online store, and the addition of barista-made coffee to the Visitor Centre café.

Despite a few daily closures due to inclement weather, and a relatively tough economic climate, demand for Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari experiences remained strong. Growth in travel trade partnerships, increased digital engagement and strong community connections all contributed to another positive year.

Guided experiences continued to play an important role in connecting visitors with the maunga while supporting revenue growth, evidenced by a 27 percent increase in participation and revenue compared with the previous year. The Ancient Forest Guided Tour remained the sanctuary's most popular experience, while the new Sanctuary Snapshot tour quickly established itself as a favourite in its first year.

A major highlight was the launch of The Moa Hunter, developed in partnership with mana whenua. Combining traditional bush lore, cultural storytelling, history and conservation, the tour offers visitors a unique way to connect with Te Ao Māori and the ngahere. Visitor feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, with many praising the immersive, authentic, hands-on experience.

Demand for kiwi experiences remained strong during the annual translocation season. During April alone, 28 kiwi experiences were delivered for 177 visitors, generating more than \$21,000 in revenue while providing participants with a rare opportunity to connect directly with species recovery efforts.

Introduced over Labour Weekend, the new Weekend Shuttle Service improved visitor access to Maungatautari's traverse tracks. During its first eight months of operation, the service carried 265 passengers and achieved an average occupancy rate of 54 percent.

Retail and café operations made a significant contribution to the year's record visitor revenue, with combined sales increasing by 25 percent. The new online store increased accessibility and connection for wider customer audiences, while an improved membership programme generated 93 percent more revenue than the previous year.

Introducing barista-made coffee to the Visitor Centre café in December proved particularly successful. Whilst a large initial investment, the coffee machine had almost paid for itself by the end of June 2026, with a marked rise in hot beverage sales year-on-year. The impact of barista coffee extended into the retail space, seeing increased sales across other products, and resulting in more people staying in the visitor centre, creating an increased buzz.

Media coverage continued to showcase Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari to audiences across Aotearoa New Zealand and internationally including RNZ, 1News, NZ Herald, Waikato Times, Good Local Media and a range of other community and industry publications plus Tourism New Zealand's Indian market campaign Beyond the Filter, Australian Geographic, and popular UK wildlife content creator Wildlife with Cookie.

We also hosted a contingent of 22 New Zealand-based content creators whose combined audience exceeds one million people, significantly expanding awareness of the maunga, its conservation successes and visitor experiences.

Strong digital marketing performance saw website users increase by 52 percent to more than 141,000 visitors, while online bookings revenue doubled year-on-year. We proudly retained our Qualmark Gold status and visitor satisfaction remained exceptionally high, with ratings of 4.8 out of 5 on both TripAdvisor and Google Reviews.

The travel trade sector continued to grow in importance, with participation in major industry events including eXplore and TRENZ helping build relationships, increase international exposure and secure 25% (minimum) of the forward trade bookings through new business partnerships.

Looking ahead, the focus will remain on growing the profile of Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari, increasing visitation, and continuing to enhance the quality and diversity of visitor experiences. By welcoming more people to the maunga and creating meaningful opportunities to connect with nature, culture and conservation, we aim to generate sustainable revenue that supports the sanctuary's long-term vision.



EDUCATION

The Education Programme continued to thrive throughout the year, continuing to deliver both the quality and reach of learning experiences on the maunga. Through engaging, student-centred programmes, we inspire future generations of kaitiaki while supporting learning across a range of curriculum areas.

Feedback from schools remains overwhelmingly positive, with post-visit evaluations scoring the classroom component 4.9/5, the forest experience 4.7/5 overall and 5/5 over the last six months, and pre-visit communication with organisers 4.9/5.

During the year, the programme connected with 5,277 people, including 4,343 students and 934 adults. While most engagement occurred through visits to the maunga, a further 153 participants joined virtual sessions and 211 engaged through outreach events.

Participants ranged from early childhood learners through to tertiary students, with groups travelling from across Aotearoa New Zealand and internationally, including Japan, Australia, the United States, Canada and Singapore.

October 2025 saw the introduction of overnight stays at the Education Centre, with six groups taking advantage of this new opportunity during 2026. Many combined their stay with a night tour or additional daytime learning experiences on the maunga.

The programme has also expanded beyond its traditional science, geography and social science focus to support learning in mathematics, literacy, visual arts, mātauranga Māori and wellbeing, enabling schools to achieve multiple curriculum outcomes through a single visit.

Partnerships with organisations such as Kids Greening Taupō, Enviroschools and Kids in Nature Hamilton is delivering positive results. Participation in outreach events organised by these groups has strengthened relationships and led to an increase in multiple and repeat bookings.

Feedback from teachers highlights the value of connecting classroom learning with real-world experiences:

“The forest gives the students the opportunity to get out and experience the environment in a way that some of them might not have the chance to do again. The quality of the tour through the forest is always exceptional.”

“The students gained considerable insight into some of the issues faced by New Zealand’s native species from invasive pests.”

“Parent helpers were blown away by how well this was catered to students.”

“Being able to see these birds and tuatara is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for some of the children.”

Looking ahead, the Education Programme will continue promoting virtual learning opportunities to reduce barriers associated with distance and transport costs, while also exploring sponsored visits to increase access for schools that may otherwise be unable to attend.



NATURE CREDITS

In June 2025 we relaunched Nature Credits after nearly four years of development by Ekos, reaffirming Maungatautari leading the way on a global stage. The development included improving the Standard and creation of a Blockchain registry that ensures we can't sell the same unit twice, whilst also giving maximum visibility to everyone of total sales. The first few months following the relaunch was incredibly busy with webinars both domestically and internationally.

By early August we had achieved another first, being listed on the global trading platform ClimateTrade making the credits accessible beyond the Ekos platform. Early success followed, with the first international Nature Credit transaction completed with Poland-based accommodation provider Stradonia during the first quarter of 2026.

To accelerate the growth of this emerging market, a dedicated Business Development Relationship Manager was appointed during the year. Work also progressed on developing a broader suite of partnership opportunities for businesses, including Nature Credits, 1% for the Planet partnerships, corporate memberships, sponsorship opportunities, and team volunteering experiences. Together, these initiatives provide multiple pathways for organisations to support nature positive outcomes while creating meaningful connections with Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari's work.

By year end, Nature Credits had generated \$147,000 in additional revenue. This represents a strong foundation for a programme that will become a significant and sustainable revenue stream in the years ahead.

PLEASE NOTE:

While Nature Credits can include both carbon and biodiversity credits, we use the term Nature Credits to represent our biodiversity credits programme.

ENDOWMENT FUND

As an intergenerational organisation, Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari recognises the importance of balancing today's operational needs with the long-term sustainability of the sanctuary.

Thanks to contributions made in memory of Alan Livingston, alongside the generosity of other donors, the first steps were taken towards growing an Endowment Fund. The long-term goal is to build the fund to more than \$42 million over the next decade, managed by Momentum Waikato, creating a perpetual source of income capable of covering annual operating costs and supporting future capital investment.

Achieving this goal will require a diversified approach. Where appropriate, revenue generated through Nature Credits, tourism and nursery operations will help build this fund over time, alongside future bequests, donations and philanthropic support.

While still in its early stages, the establishment of the Endowment Fund marks an important milestone in securing the bedrock of long-term financial sustainability for Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari and ensuring the sanctuary's impact continues for generations to come.



COMMERCIAL NURSERY

The introduction and growth of the commercial native nursery is strengthening both regional biodiversity outcomes and the sanctuary's long-term financial sustainability. By collecting naturally germinated seedlings from inside the fenceline, and propagating them for restoration projects and commercial sale, the nursery provides an abundance of eco-sourced native plants while generating revenue that is reinvested directly into conservation operations.



FENCE & MAINTENANCE



2026 proved to be one of the most challenging years on record for fence maintenance, with the team responding to an unprecedented number of breach events. Based on data from the previous five years, approximately ten significant fence breaches would typically be expected annually. This year, however, the sanctuary experienced nineteen significant breach events, resulting in twenty-six sections of fence being damaged or compromised, not including the numerous instances of minor damage or vegetation breaches. These events are costly both on material and labour, with the average event costing circa \$10,000.

Breaches occurred throughout much of the year, with storms and high winds during December and January causing six major breaches within a 30-day period. In total, staff attended 122 after-hours callouts, compared with 148 in the previous year.

Fence maintenance continues to present challenges as key monitoring and surveillance infrastructure ages. Faults within the current system, coupled with ageing hardware and supply chain constraints, have increased pressure on maintenance programmes. Despite these challenges, the Operations Team responded rapidly to all significant events, ensuring breaches were repaired and monitored as quickly as possible. We are now trying to find the funding to resolve the infrastructure challenges with around \$1 million needed to replace/repair technology, roading and other assets, further highlighting the importance of growing the endowment fund.



PEST MONITORING

Across the sanctuary's 3,363 hectares of native forest, our team relies on a network of trail cameras, tracking tunnels and regular surveillance to detect pest animals. Even as seasonal shifts and fence breaches brought heightened pest pressure this year, these monitoring systems enabled a rapid response to help protect native wildlife.

Rats remained the most commonly detected pest species, with seventeen rats detected and twenty-three rats trapped. Most detections were linked to fence breaches or water-gate issues.

Weasel activity was unusually high, with fourteen weasels trapped and two detections recorded on trail cameras. These detections were treated as a single significant incursion event, prompting an intensive mountain-wide response that continued for more than six months. No further evidence of weasels has been detected, although surveillance remains elevated in high-risk areas.

In November, a stoat was detected and trapped within the sanctuary for the first time since 2012. An immediate response involving trapping, baiting and the deployment of a specialist detection dog team found no evidence of any additional animals. Additionally, a cat was also detected in January. Following an extensive response and monitoring operation, the animal was subsequently confirmed outside the fence. Ongoing surveillance remains in the area, with no further evidence of cat activity detected within the sanctuary.

Possum management continues to present challenges due to the presence of kākāpō, which limits the use of traditional control methods. Alternative approaches have been explored, and the team is currently working to secure the funding necessary to complete this piece of work. Until such time, surveillance and management remains focused on areas where kākāpō are excluded (such as the Northern Enclosure).

All four mouse-free sub-enclosures required mouse incursion responses during the year, largely linked to fence breach events, including the fall of an estimated 800-year-old rimu onto the Southern Enclosure fence in March. Response operations remain ongoing.

Despite a demanding year for both fence maintenance and pest management, the dedication and expertise of the Operations Team ensured all incidents were met with a rapid and coordinated response, helping protect the unique biodiversity of Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari.



SUSTAINABILITY

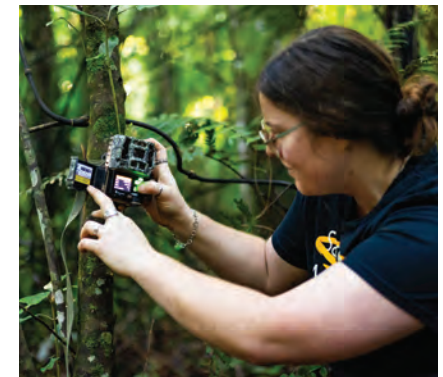
Looking after the maunga is reflected in the choices we make every day, from how we operate and source products to the experiences we provide for visitors. Throughout 2026, we continued to seek practical ways to reduce our environmental footprint.

Our estimated carbon emissions reduced against last year and we saw a four percent decrease in our overall transport emissions (diesel and petrol). Our facilities emissions (electricity, LPG, wastewater and landfill) showed the largest decrease year-on-year, with a decrease of 25.7 percent. This highlights our commitment to increasing energy efficiency, such as replacing our large hot water cylinder with LPG hot water.

Progress was also made in reducing waste to landfill, with 28.5 percent less waste disposed of compared with the previous year. Recycling facilities remain available for both staff and visitors, while the sanctuary's worm farm and composting programmes help minimise waste and provide nutrient-rich compost for use within our commercial nursery. The nursery is supporting ecological restoration projects across the Waikato, reducing reliance on plants sourced from outside the region while providing high-quality local genetic stock for revegetation efforts. From an operational standpoint practises continue to evolve, with the nursery partnering with Dalton's to trial a new biodegradable bio-pot solution, reducing reliance on plastic pots.

Environmental considerations continue to inform purchasing decisions across the organisation. We support local and Aotearoa New Zealand suppliers through our retail offering and consider factors such as travel distance, environmental impact and community benefit when sourcing products and merchandise. This year we introduced products from three local producers – Oku Tea, Raglan Chocolate and a special Maungatautari honey in collaboration with Sweettree Honey.

During 2026, Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari retained its Qualmark Gold accreditation, the highest environmental grading in the Qualmark system, and continued to uphold both the Tiaki Promise and the Tourism Sustainability Commitment. These programmes reinforce our commitment to responsible tourism and environmental stewardship.



The significance of the maunga to community wellbeing is reflected in the words of Rautangata 2012.

*Tēnā te mauri whakapiki, tēnā te mauri whakakake, ko te mauri o te toka tū whenua,
ko Maungatautari e tū nei, mauri whakapiki ora ki te whai ao ki te ao mārama.*

*That is the life force that lifts and elevates, that is the life force that ascends.
It is the steadfast life force of Maungatautari, bringing inspiration to all.*







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SANCTUARY MOUNTAIN MAUNGATAUTARI TEAM

This year marked a period of significant change for our team, with several long-serving staff members moving on after navigating some particularly challenging years. While farewelling valued colleagues is never easy, and with them a wealth of institutional knowledge, it also created an opportunity to refresh our culture, strengthen our onboarding processes, and shape the next chapter of our organisation.

We were delighted to welcome more talented team members across the business. Their energy, expertise, and enthusiasm have added to the existing team, making a positive impact. It has been encouraging to see a renewed sense of connection, collaboration, and team spirit emerge across the organisation.

As the team evolved, it became clear that additional support was needed to continue building a strong, safe, and positive workplace culture. In October, we recruited a part-time People, Safety and Culture Manager, who has quickly become an invaluable addition to the team. Their leadership has accelerated important improvements in our safety systems and practices, an area that remains a key priority for the organisation.

There is still much to do. Like many organisations, we continue to balance ambitious goals with finite resources. The complexity of supporting a workforce that spans paid staff and volunteers, and operates across ranger operations, nursery, education, tourism, and accommodation services, means there is always room for further development and refinement. However, we are pleased with the progress made and confident we are moving in the right direction.

Above all, it is our people who make Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari such a special place. Time and time again, the team demonstrates an extraordinary commitment to our mission, a willingness to step in wherever help is needed, and an ability to find humour and enjoyment along the way. Their passion, resilience, and collaborative spirit continue to inspire, and we are incredibly grateful for everything they contribute to the sanctuary and its future.



VOLUNTEERS

Volunteering is woven into the fabric of Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari, and this past year once again demonstrated the dedication and passion of our volunteers. During the year, we reassessed how we count a volunteer, and with a refined definition we are pleased to confirm a total of 171 volunteers gifted an extraordinary 11,376 hours to support conservation, visitor engagement and operational activities across the maunga.

Many volunteer teams continued their important mahi throughout the year, while the return of the track-cutting team was a welcome development, supporting pest management and species monitoring programmes. Pest monitoring and trapping volunteers played an important role in detecting pest incursions, while custodians helped maintain tracks and facilities across the maunga. Volunteer gardeners cared for the entrance gardens, creating an attractive space for visitors and native birdlife, while volunteer rangers provided valuable support during regular fieldwork activities.

The Visitor Experience volunteer team continued to provide meaningful and engaging experiences for manuhiri through hosting, guiding and shuttle driving. The new shuttle driver programme supported visitors completing the Wairere Traverse (Over the Mountain Trail) by providing transport to the northern side of the sanctuary, extending manaakitanga and sharing commentary during the journey.

Volunteer efforts extended well beyond the sanctuary boundaries, with volunteers representing Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari at the National Waka Ama Championships, World Wetlands Day at Rotopiko, the Waipā Home & Leisure Show, and Fieldays. These events helped raise awareness, generate revenue through merchandise sales, and attract new volunteers, visitors and members.

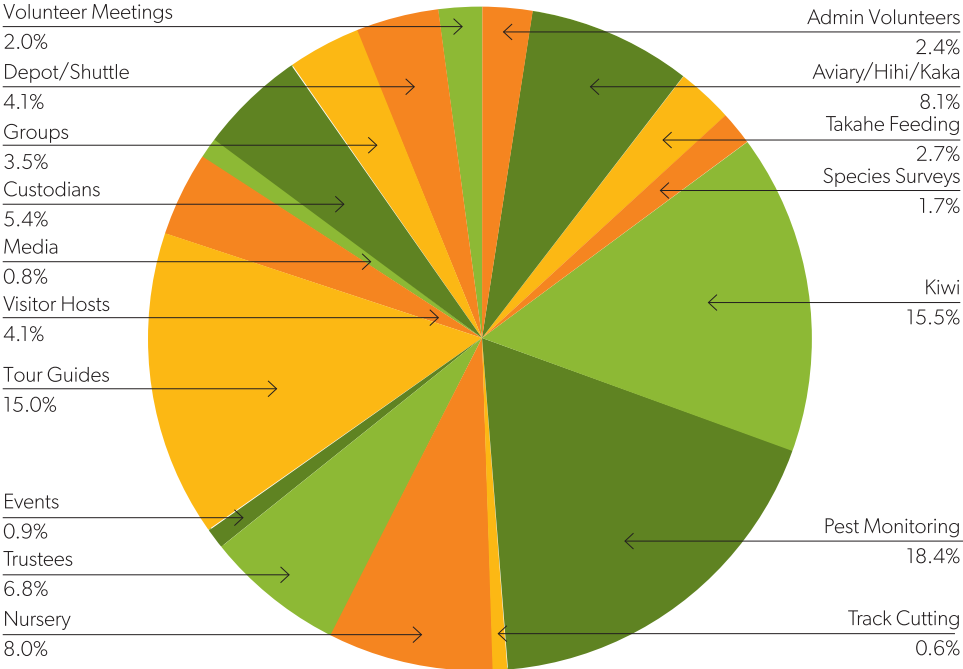
Volunteers also supported species monitoring programmes, assisting with surveys of native fish, lizards, wētā and frogs. Species-feeding teams continued to support hihi, kākā and takahē populations throughout the year.

The 2026 kiwi translocation season was another significant achievement, with volunteers contributing an impressive 1,396 hours during a six-week period.

We were also fortunate to host six community and corporate volunteer groups during 2026: Harkness Henry, Vantage, LIC, Rubix, Genesis and Ko Wai Au Trust. These teams supported nursery and custodian activities, building connections with nature while learning new skills. The nursery team also achieved an outstanding result, helping generate approximately \$25,000 through seedling and plant sales.

Our volunteer Board continued to support the governance of the wider organisation, and we are grateful for their ongoing support and willingness to work after hours at Board meetings and beyond.

Thank you to all our volunteers for another busy and remarkable year. Your dedication, skills and enthusiasm are essential to the success of Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari, and your efforts are deeply appreciated.



HEALTH & SAFETY

Health and safety remained a key focus throughout the year as we continued to strengthen our safety culture across Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari. While there is still more work to do, increasing levels of reporting provide encouraging signs that staff are actively identifying and reporting potential risks.

A total of 102 incidents were reported across the organisation during the year. The majority related to vehicle use and driver behaviour. A total of 26 injuries were reported during the year, all of which were classified as minor and treated with first aid. The most common causes of injury were slips, trips and falls, interaction with plant and equipment, and environmental conditions encountered while working across the maunga.

Encouragingly, near-miss reporting also increased during the year, particularly in relation to vehicle operations. These reports provide valuable opportunities to identify trends, understand causes, and implement preventative actions before injuries occur.

A total of 37 hazards were identified and reported during 2026, most commonly relating to environmental conditions, physical hazards, and plant and equipment. These reports have supported ongoing risk assessments, corrective actions, and the continuous improvement of operational practices.

With recruitment happening across both the Sanctuary Operations and Visitor Experience teams, a key priority was ensuring new team members received comprehensive inductions, onboarding and role-specific training to enable them to work safely and confidently.

As these teams become more established, our focus will continue to be on strengthening systems, embedding consistent practices and supporting a proactive health and safety culture for everyone who works, volunteers and visits the maunga.





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The achievements of Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari are made possible through the collective support of a wide network of partners, funders, sponsors and conservation organisations. Their investment, expertise and advocacy play an important role in protecting the maunga and advancing our long-term vision.

Our partnership with iwi remains our most important and valuable connection. This year saw more development in the relationships with Ngāti Korokī Kahukura, Raukawa and Ngāti Haua. The connections included presentations at Marae, being part of Tono, attending Poukai and Koroneihana. It was an incredible gift to be welcomed by Ngāti Rangi during kiwi translocation this year, an event that will be forever etched in our memories.

The pinnacle of the year occurred at Fieldday's with an opportunity to share a stand with Ngāti Haua Mahi Trust, and being able to talk with Te Arikinui Kuini Nga wai hono i te po about the sanctuary and the mahi we do. It was a fabulous opportunity to talk and we look forward to future opportunities to showcase kaitiakitanga.

Ongoing support from Waipā District Council and Waikato Regional Council has provided important certainty through committed funding, while the Minister of Conservation's \$750,000 funding commitment, announced in February 2025 and distributed over three years, will support the protection and recovery of some of Aotearoa New Zealand's most threatened species.

Philanthropic and grant funding support also continued to play a vital role throughout the year. Contributions from Trust Waikato, the DV Bryant Trust, Rodmor Trust, WEL Energy Trust, Waikato Tainui, Stout Trust, Pub Charity, Jumble Around, Valder Conservation Trust, Rotary, Lions, Bluesky Community Trust, Dragon Community Trust, WDC Waste Minimisation, Ron Greenwood, Sargood Bequest, ANZ Staff Foundation, Lotteries and Grassroots Trust showed that it 'takes a village' to address funding needs and support priority projects across the sanctuary. We are equally grateful to sponsors and discretionary funders including Mother Earth, the Ministry of Education and Waikato River Authority, whose support has contributed to our education and tourism programme success.

Our Nature Credits programme continues to grow with the support of our cornerstone partnership with APL. We welcomed Moneyworks NZ Ltd to the sanctuary whānau who have committed to purchasing nature credits for the next three years. During the year we learnt a lot about the market, leading the way with bridging the gap between businesses and nature-based outcomes. We attended conferences, made connections and by the end of the financial year sold a total of over \$147,000 worth of credits, an incredible outcome from a zero base.

Relationships with national conservation programmes and scientific communities also continued to flourish. Strong partnerships with the Department of Conservation, Save the Kiwi, the Kākāpō Recovery Team, and numerous other species recovery groups ensure the sanctuary continues to work alongside other conservation expertise, research and collaborative recovery efforts occurring across the country.

From the very beginning, the landowners who surround Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari placed their trust in a bold vision and have stood beside us ever since. They open their properties to us, provide critical access to the sanctuary at all hours of the day and night, and often accompany our teams to ensure their safety while carrying out vital conservation work.

Together, these partnerships reflect a shared commitment to protecting the maunga, restoring taonga species and ensuring Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari continues to deliver inter-generational benefits for people and place.



MANA WHENUA

Mana whenua continue to play a central role in the governance, direction and success of Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari. Through the sanctuary's co-governance model, shared leadership, cultural guidance and a collective commitment to conservation continue to shape the protection and restoration of the maunga's unique biodiversity.

A major highlight of the year was the release of the final three kōkako from Te Ngāherehere o Te Kohukohunui, marking an important milestone in a long-running conservation partnership. This achievement reflects the collective efforts of Ngāi Tai Tāmaki, Ngāti Whānaunga, Ngāti Tamaoho, Ngāti Pāoa, David Bryden and his whānau, all of whom have played an important role in strengthening kōkako populations across the North Island.

In July, Ngāti Rereahu returned to Maungatautari to celebrate their enduring connection with native bird species including kōkako, pītoitoi and tītīpounamu. Their contribution to conservation spans decades and includes the gifting of the first kōkako released at Maungatautari in 2015. Stories shared by kaumātua Moira and Francis Hughes reflected on the iwi's journey and pivotal moments from the 1970s, when they shifted from timber milling at Pureora to becoming active kaitiaki of native species and the wider taiao.

Relationships with Ngāi Tahu were further strengthened through a Kākāpō Whakawhanaungatanga Day, celebrating the growing connection between Ngāi Tahu, mana whenua and Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari. The occasion included cultural exchanges and the unveiling of a carved poupu, recognising a shared commitment to kākāpō conservation.

Another significant occasion was the celebration of a kiwi translocation from Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari into the care of Ngāti Rangi at Rangataua and the Karioi Rāhui. The event, attended by Ngāti Koroki Kahukura and the Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari team at Tiorangi Marae, featured traditional protocols and heartfelt oratory, with a strong community turnout. Translocation partners Save the Kiwi and the Department of Conservation helped Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari Rangers to ensure the kiwi were safely transferred under the protective korowai of Mount Ruapehu.

The year also saw the completion of the Tono Project, marked by the installation of 10 poupu along the Rimu Track in the Southern Enclosure. These carvings, each representing a species translocated to the maunga, acknowledge two decades of commitment to conservation by Ngāti Koroki Kahukura and the support of the Kingitanga, iwi kaumātua, Ngāti Rereahu and all partner iwi. Together, they recognise the collective contribution made to the protection and restoration of taonga species at Maungatautari.

The spirit of these collaborative partnerships is reflected in the whakataukī "E rua ngā marae, kotahi te iwi" - "there are two marae but always one people" - which emphasises unity despite diversity and reminds us that shared purpose and collective effort remain at the heart of conservation success.

This year also saw the passing of early Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari leaders and supporters Karaitiana Tamatea, Robyn Nightingale and Alan Livingston. We acknowledge their vision, dedication and enduring legacy, which helped lay the foundations for Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari's ongoing conservation journey.

COMMUNITY

Community support continues to play a vital role in sustaining the work of Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari. Throughout 2026, we strengthened connections with landowners and local communities through events, partnerships and fundraising initiatives, while creating new opportunities for people to engage with and support the maunga.

During the year, Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari attended a range of community events including the National Waka Ama Championships, the Waipā Home & Garden Show, World Wetlands Day at Rotopiko, Environmental Day at Wingspan, and local Santa Parades. These activations provided valuable opportunities to engage directly with the public, share our conservation story, raise awareness of our mission, and generate donations to support ongoing conservation work.

We also partnered with Waka Ama New Zealand and the Waikato River Authority during the 2026 National Waka Ama Championships at Lake Karāpiro. Alongside engagement at the event, visitors were welcomed to the maunga through a series of Moa Hunter Tours led by cultural advocate and guide Bodie Taylor, creating opportunities to connect the stories of waka ama, te awa o Waikato, Maungatautari and te ngahere.

We were proud to be the recipient of several community-led fundraising initiatives that demonstrated the generosity and commitment of our supporters. The Tieke Charity Golf Tournament, hosted by Tieke Golf Estate and key sponsor SkyCity Hamilton, raised \$8,500 for Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari while also supporting the Cancer Society Waikato/Bay of Plenty. We also benefited from a charity event hosted by Tirau Golf Club, helping introduce new audiences to our conservation kaupapa and strengthen community connections.

Community support is a two-way relationship, and we are proud to support the efforts of other organisations and community groups wherever possible. Throughout the year, Sanctuary Mountain



Maungatautari donated prizes and experiences to a range of fundraising initiatives, from local school fundraisers to major charity events. Recipients included the Hospice Waikato Bucket List Banquet, Hamilton Gardens Fundraising Gala Dinner, Cambridge Kapa Haka Group and Horahora Hare Hunt, Putaruru Toy Library, Matua Scouts, Thames Coast Kiwi Care and Pokuru School to name just a few.

Another highlight was the unveiling of a Peace Plaque on the Rātā Track in partnership with the Sri Chinmoy Peace Blossom and Peace Run programme. The plaque invites visitors to pause and reflect on peace, harmony and wellbeing, while linking the sanctuary to an international network of significant locations committed to these values.

The Brian Perry Civil Community Working Bee provided another excellent example of community support in action, with more than 60 staff members contributing their time, skills and resources to improve Visitor Centre facilities.

Together, these partnerships, events and community initiatives continue to strengthen support for Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari and demonstrate the power of collective action in protecting this special place for future generations.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Meaningful connections with community organisations across the Waikato grew throughout the year, creating opportunities for over 250 people to engage with Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari through conservation, cultural learning, education and wellbeing experiences. Through both new and established partnerships, the maunga provides a place where people in vulnerable or at-risk groups, and the people who care for them, can connect with nature, each other, and the stories and mauri of this special place.

Throughout the year, we worked alongside valued community partners including Waikato Women's Refuge, Hato Hone St John, DairyNZ/Bioeconomy Science Institute (rangatahi programme), Waikato Hospice, The Salvation Army and Ko Wai Au Trust. These relationships provide opportunities for people from diverse backgrounds to connect with the maunga, experience its restorative environment and engage with conservation in meaningful ways.

A highlight of the year was our partnership with Pinnacle Health and its rangatahi education programme, which combines work experience opportunities with learning grounded in tikanga and cultural knowledge. Rangatahi gained hands-on experiences on the maunga, exploring potential future career pathways in conservation. The success of this programme saw Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari recognised as Pinnacle Health's leading provider during the year.

The community groups that visit the maunga represent a wide range of backgrounds, experiences and needs. For many participants, time spent at Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari provides an opportunity to build confidence, strengthen relationships and experience the wellbeing benefits that come from being immersed in the thriving ngahere.



GOVERNANCE

Behind the strategic direction of Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari is a dedicated volunteer Board committed to ensuring the long-term success of the sanctuary. Throughout 2026, our Trustees provided governance oversight, guidance and leadership as the organisation continued to improve its financial position and deliver against its vision.

During the year, the Board met 10 times. To better support our volunteer Trustees and reduce travel requirements, every second meeting continues to be held online. This approach has proven effective, maintaining strong levels of engagement while providing greater flexibility for Board members.

Financial sustainability remained a significant area of focus, with a Finance Subcommittee established to provide additional oversight and support. Monthly reviews and strategic discussions helped guide decision-making throughout the year as the organisation continued to improve its financial position and address long-term funding requirements. The progress made reflects the commitment and collective effort of both the governance and management teams.

The Trust's Co-Chairs Don Scarlet and Norma Tautē, whose leadership, advocacy and support has been instrumental over the past 12 months, must be acknowledged. Their tireless advocacy efforts have helped foster new relationships, secure funding opportunities and champion the vision of Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari across the rohe and motu.

We were pleased to welcome mana whenua Trustee Harry Wilson to the Board during the year, further broadening the skills, perspectives and experience around the governance table.

Looking ahead, the Board will continue to play an important role in laying the foundations for our 1,000-year vision and guiding the next phase of Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari's journey. With a clear strategic direction, strong partnerships and growing financial resilience through increasingly diversified revenue streams, the organisation is well positioned to deliver meaningful conservation, cultural and community outcomes for generations to come.



FINANCIAL REPORT

YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2026

Last year, I reflected on our shift from a nearly \$600,000 operating deficit in 2024 to a loss of just \$33,000 in 2025. While this felt like a significant turnaround, it was achieved through the generosity of a small group of philanthropic partners who contributed \$250,000, combined with a disciplined focus on reducing costs. Although deeply appreciated, this was not a sustainable solution for an organisation entrusted with protecting one of New Zealand's most significant conservation assets.

Over the past year, we have focused on building a more resilient and diversified funding model.

A major milestone was the launch of Nature Credits in partnership with Ekos. Together, we created a new mechanism for businesses to invest directly in nature restoration and biodiversity outcomes. By the end of the financial year, biodiversity credit sales had generated more than \$147,000 from a market that barely existed twelve months earlier. This initiative is helping demonstrate how conservation and commerce can work together to deliver lasting impact.

We also began developing a new revenue stream through our native plant nursery. In partnership with Restore Native in Te Miro, we are building the capability to produce up to 80,000 plants annually for the retail market. While still in its early stages, this venture has the potential to contribute around \$150,000 in annual net revenue while extending our conservation impact well beyond the boundaries of the sanctuary.

Alongside these initiatives, we continued strengthening our organisation. We introduced a People, Safety and Culture Manager role, rebuilt our ranger team to eight dedicated conservation professionals, and expanded our tourism capability to ensure visitors experience the significance and mana of this remarkable place.

One of our proudest achievements this year was making a financial contribution to our endowment fund. Only two years ago, this felt out of reach. Today, it represents an important step toward ensuring the sanctuary's long-term future.

What we have achieved is more than a financial improvement. We are demonstrating that conservation organisations can move beyond traditional funding methodologies by creating innovative revenue pathways that support long-term environmental outcomes.

The journey is far from over, but for the first time in many years, I believe we are not simply responding to our funding challenges. We are reshaping them, creating a more sustainable future for Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari and helping lead the way for conservation funding across Aotearoa.

And that is something worth celebrating.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

	Year ended 30/06/26	Year ended 30/06/25
Revenue		
Donations, koha, bequests and other general fundraising activities	234,683	294,215
General grants	437,713	760,933
Government service delivery grants and contracts	1,197,150	677,099
Revenue from commercial activities	761,770	618,485
Interest, dividends, and other investment revenue	951	6,541
Nature credits	147,072	80,132
Total revenue	2,779,338	2,437,405
Expenses		
Employee remuneration and other related expenses	1,729,004	1,273,574
Expenses related to commercial activities	362,220	345,665
Other expenses	846,263	851,869
Total expenses	2,937,487	2,471,107
Profit/(loss) for the year	(158,149)	(33,702)

BALANCE SHEET

	Year ended 30/06/26	Year ended 30/06/25
Assets		
Current assets		
Bank accounts and cash	424,298	254,418
Debtors and prepayments	8,717	36,809
Inventory	59,248	44,276
Total current assets	492,263	335,504
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	8,333,557	8,637,940
Total non-current assets	8,333,557	8,637,940
Total assets	8,825,820	8,973,444
Liabilities		
Current liabilities		
Bank overdraft	44,203	64,631
Creditors and accrued expenses	238,379	184,530
Hire purchases	8,361	843
Revenue in advance	150,480	50
Total current liabilities	441,424	250,054
Non-current liabilities		
Hire purchase	19,660	–
Loans	–	200,505
Total non-current liabilities	19,660	200,505
Total liabilities	461,084	450,559
Total assets less total liabilities (net assets)	8,364,736	8,522,885
Accumulated funds		
Funds settled	50	50
Accumulated surpluses or (deficits)	8,364,686	8,522,835
Total accumulated funds	8,364,736	8,522,885

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Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari simply could not do what we do without the support of our committed whānau of sponsors and supporters. These wonderful partners and sponsors have supported Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari in the last financial year, contributing to the many projects outlined in this report.

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Save the Kiwi
Waipā District Council
Waikato Regional Council
Waikato Tainui

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