



Help us save the Tīeke

Rotary Dunedin celebrates 100 years in 2023, one of our centennial projects is to support the reintroduction of the Tīeke (Saddleback) to the South Island.

But we are going to need your help

We need to successfully relocate and re-introduce South Island Tīeke, an at risk and iconic taonga species, from the predator-free islands around Rakiura to the Orokonui Ecosanctuary - the goal is to establish Tīeke back within their former range on Te Waipounamu.

The project

Together with Orokonui Ecosanctuary we are planning to build an aviary in the heart of the property to assist with the relocation of protected bird species. The aviary will be completed by the end of 2022 with Tīeke expected to be relocated in February 2023. Some birds will be kept for a few months in the aviary to act as a magnet for those in the wild, and eventually they will form the foundation of a new population in the ecosanctuary.

The aviary will continue to be used in a similar way into the future and to assist when needed in the recuperation of protected birds after treatment at the Otago Wildlife Hospital.



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Saving the Tieke

The Tieke used to be common in the South Island, but now they are only found on the Titi Island reserve in Rakiura, and there is no easy way for the public to see them. The Rakiura area islands are reaching carrying capacity, meaning that young birds no longer have the room to establish territories, and are dying as a result.

How you can help

Rotary Dunedin need a final \$6,000 to enable the construction of the aviary to proceed as soon as possible. Can you or your business help us to find this money? Sponsors contributing \$600 or more will be presented with an A4 framed certificate of appreciation for display in their home or business.



Help us to help the future of our wildlife.

To donate please contact president Fiona Nyhof fiona.robin@xtra.co.nz or, direct deposit into the Rotary Dunedin bank account, using Tieke as the reference.

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