

# September 2015 Newsletter

## Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation

This Kereru was bought into ARRC after flying into a house window and bruising his wing. He spent a couple of weeks in rehabilitation to build up his strength and let the wing heal. He was then successfully released in the beautiful Te Puna Quarry Park. The park is a great place to support our wildlife in a lovely natural environment.

We would not have such wonderful release stories like this without the help of our amazing and dedicated volunteers, a big thank you to all of you!



## Community Cat Project (CCP)

Since September 2012 our Community Cat Project has been delivering service in Tauranga and surrounds to address the stray / un-owned cat problem. Since then we have successfully removed more than 1200 cats from Tauranga's streets improving their welfare, supporting frustrated members of our community and protecting our wildlife as well as leading NZ with a proactive and collaborative approach to this national issue.

We are delighted that in response to our submission, the BOP Regional Council has granted ARRC and the Rotorua SPCA \$55 K per year for 2 years to continue with the delivery of our project. Unfortunately our local councils have been unable to contribute sufficiently and since the costs of this project are large, it is unsustainable for us to continue operations in Tauranga on the scale that we have.

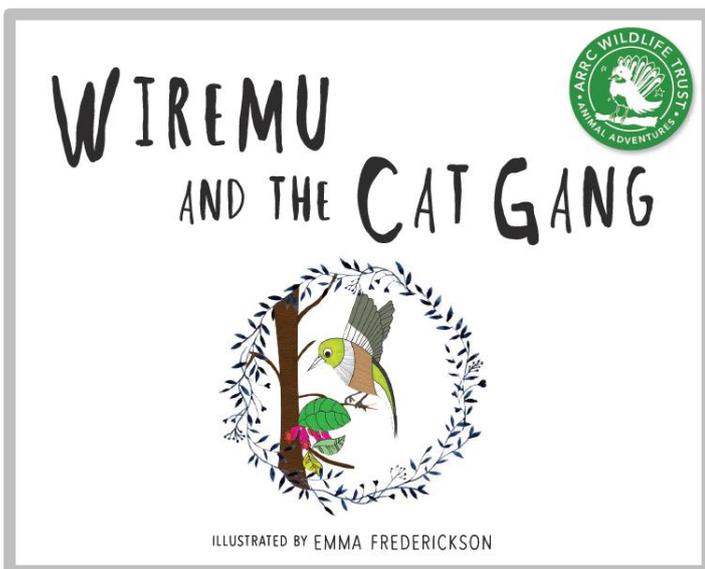
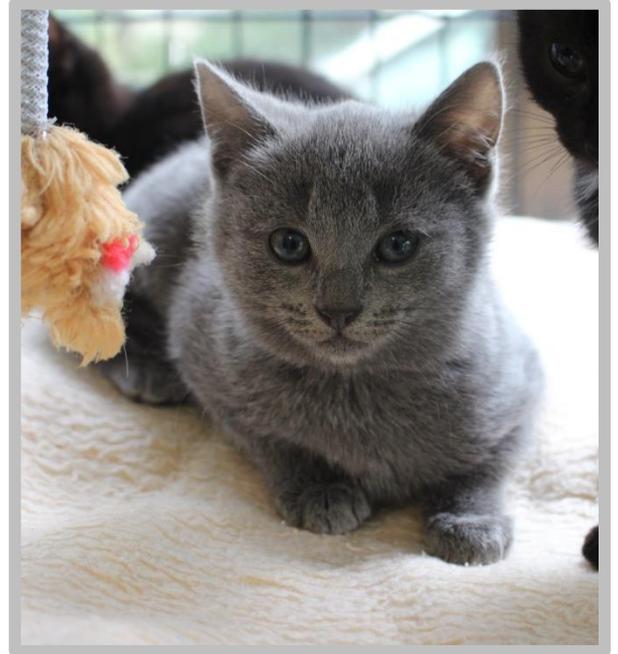
However, the work that we have done so far has allowed for many colonies in Tauranga to be contained and we are excited to commence a regional strategy working with the Rotorua SPCA as the "Bay of Plenty Community Cat Project".

This will involve education about responsible pet ownership and how our community can help to prevent this problem as well as further operations, that will largely be Rotorua based since their need is greatest at this time.

All going well, we will continue to make some great headway and help to drive change so that cats are valued as pets and wildlife is protected from unnecessary predation.

## Adopt A Pet Programme

This beautiful little girl “Misty” was the last of our kittens for the season and she has just been rehomed. She had a rough start being brought in to us for care at about 6 weeks old. She was very nervous and had a compromised immune system which made her succumb to a bad dose of cat flu. After some TLC, medication, supplements and good food she finally started to come right. Because of the bad start Misty had, she still had the odd sign of cat flu which is something she will very likely grow out of in time. Misty was super lucky to have found herself a loving home where her new family are happy to give her all the time and care that she needs to fully recover and she is now part of a family where she is loved and spoilt!



## Wiremu the Waxeye!

Our second Kids book in our series of 8 books to educate children about our native wildlife and the impact that man has, “Wiremu and the Cat Gang” is nearly ready to be printed thanks to the beautiful illustrations by Emma Frederickson from Akari Design. This new book will be available to buy from us at the clinic and online via our website.

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