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# Minister endorses pest-free goal

COMMUNITY efforts to make Mahia predator free are gaining momentum. Tuahuru Marae opened its doors on Tuesday to the Minister of Conservation, Eugenie Sage, and representatives from local iwi, hapu, the Department of Conservation, and the district council, to discuss progress on a large-scale project to restore biodiversity on the peninsula. Sustainable socio-economic outcomes were also on the agenda.

The four-year project was named Whakatipu Mahia — Predator Free Mahia, at the community meeting. Rongomaiahine Iwi Trust chairman Moana Rongo said the vision of the iwi was embodied in the name Whakatipu, meaning regrowth, rebirth.

"In the re-growth of what was, together, we will revitalise the land, forestry, the inhabitants of that forestry and thus the people."

The pest eradication project aims to control mustelids and feral cats, and remove possums on Mahia Peninsula.

In July, Hawke's Bay Regional Council and Predator Free 2050 Ltd launched a project aimed at creating a Predator Free Hawke's Bay.



The first phase of the \$4.86 million project will focus on removing possums from 14,500 hectares of land on Mahia Peninsula within four years.

"The project focuses strongly on innovation and eradication within the farmland predator control context," said Mr Rongo.

"It is a pleasure to share our community vision of a restored Mahia." Minister Eugenie Sage said it took a

□ Minister of Conservation Eugenie Sage speaking to the gathering at Tuahuru Marae on Tuesday.

area in New Zealand. "It is quite a major commitment to have this vision of turning Mahia into a predator free zone.

"While I am not familiar with Mahia, this being only my third visit here, the shark's tooth hangs south with that very narrow entry making Mahia realistically an achievable destination for predator-free.

"Keeping them at bay will be a matter of control.

"I am impressed by the energy and passion that so many people here have for the project and I will watch its development with great interest."

Following the community meeting, the minister was taken on a tour of Onenui Station to showcase the leadership role landowners are playing in conservation through Nga Whenua Rahui Kawenata agreements (conservation covenants for Maori landowners).

Onenui Station is a significant land block within the Mahia landscape, being the largest on the peninsula's southern coast, and containing the third largest tract of remaining forest on the Mahia Peninsula.



village to raise a child and a community to save the wildlife.

"That's certainly the case in Mahia where iwi and hapu, community members, central government and local councils have all come together to make this special place a haven for our native plants and wildlife," said Ms Sage.

"The peninsula is ideal for a project of this type.

"Mahia will be the second predator-free

□ Department of Conservation kaihautu Joe Harawira captivates Te Parehuia kura kaupapa students with stories of old to spark their sense of conservation.



## Storytelling enthralled tamariki

DURING the ministerial visit, tamariki from Kura Kaupapa Maori o Te Parehuia were enthralled with the storytelling skills of Joe Harawira, the Department of Conservation's kaihautu (leader).

He regaled the children with a dramatisation of Rata and the lessons he learned while cutting a tree in the forests of Tane.

There were many ways to tell a story, Mr Harawira said.

"I use performance to tell stories, with over-dramatised theatrics, exaggerated

actions and fluctuations in the vocal cords to make an impression where necessary.

"It is one of the best ways to relay a message."

Mr Harawira said he had previously been in education for 24 years.

"I was a teacher in total immersion schools, transitioning into an advisory Maori position with the Hamilton Teachers' College before going to DoC in 2000.

"It was time for a change.

"There have been many changes in the 18 years I have worked for DoC, a lot of them through treaty settlements.

"A big part of the change has been our wanting to enable Maori to be kaiitiaki on lands that are administered on behalf of the Crown.

"There are very good examples of the work we are doing now in partnership with a lot of iwi to enable their re-engagement with their whenua."

Mr Harawira is the DoC national office manager of strategic partnerships.

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