

Waikanae Estuary Newsletter

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Paradise ducklings just hatched -- first swim.

The Shag Tree

Pied shags were infrequent visitors to our district but in 2007 they found the large macrocarpa on the northern Waimanu lagoon and claimed it as their own. Seven years ago there were no shags nests. Now there are sometimes more than eighty pied shags roosting or nesting and it has got a trifle crowded. The shags like to be above the water, which is why the nests are over the lagoon.

Little shags and little black shags also visit. At any one time there may be up to nine royal spoonbills on the topmost branches. The smaller birds, finches, sparrows, greenfinches, kingfishers and eastern rosella all have been seen and in the evening a large flock of starlings has been making it their roosting tree.

Just look at the photographs and see how the shags' corrosive droppings, over a few years, have taken all the foliage off the tree and are slowly killing it.

Because of the overcrowding the birds have spilt over to another tree on the other side of the southern segment of the Waimanu lagoon



The tree by the weir has at present one pied shag's nest with three young almost as large as their parents. Look also for the much larger royal spoonbill on the topmost branches.

A Letter to Mik

From Steven Sexton and Karen Radford, Directors of Anzacare Limited Waikanae

We are the designers, manufacturers and distributors of bio-fluid sensors and alarms. Our products are classified as medical devices and they are considered to be practical, effective and innovative. We have patent protected technologies We sell our products to over 50 countries through the internet and distributors. Every working day of the year we are shipping product from Waikanae to the four corners of the planet!

I have just returned from two and a half months around Europe on business. Prior to leaving on my trip I wanted to find suitable gifts for our customers that were representative of where our business is located. Before leaving I saw Mik's new book. I immediately knew this was the ideal gift because it provided a window into the wonderful environment we live, through the birdlife and sunsets we are so fortunate to be able to enjoy on a daily basis.

So we met and I purchased 10 of your books. I would have liked to have purchased at least twice as many however due to space and weight constraints, I settled on 10 books.

So, where did the books go? Here is a list of the cities and towns. Istanbul , **Turkey**-- Sombor, **Serbia**--Izola, **Slovenia**--Zagreb, **Croatia**—Bratislava, **Slovakia**— Zug, **Switzerland**--St Etienne, **France**--St Malo, **France**-- Sandifjord, **Norway**.

At all the above locations I was meeting with existing and potentially new distributors. The book was an ideal gift provided at the conclusion of each meeting as a thank you. It would also provide the opportunity to 'promote' Waikanae as a special location in New Zealand that has not just wonderful nature but also a relaxed lifestyle and friendly and supportive community without the challenges of the larger cities and population pressures of so many places. Your book provided an opportunity to shift from business to a more relaxed and personal conversation which in business as in life is important to forge meaningful and sustainable relationships.

Mik's Book

Karen and I would like to thank you for your efforts in producing your book for so many people to enjoy – from far and wide! It is nice to know that a number of people in Europe are now more familiar with 'our place', talking about Waikanae with family and friends. A number have said they will now visit us which is very exciting.



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Hits last Month—Seventy eight Thousand three hundred & ninety

[I checked this and can't believe the hits I received last month]

Mik Peryer the Birdman of Waikanae
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