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### **KAKAPO NOW SURVIVES ON THREE PREDATOR FREE ISLANDS**

Scientists have used DNA tech and ancient kākāpō droppings to reveal what our critically-endangered flightless parrot was eating in Aotearoa's prehistoric wilderness.

Their newly published findings have roughly doubled the number of plants known to be eaten by kākāpō - and revealed many more striking insights that could aid efforts to bring the bird back from the brink.

Kākāpō - the rarest and heaviest parrot in the world - quickly disappeared from most of New Zealand after the introduction of predatory mammals. Its population now comprises only about 250 birds on three small, predator-free islands. They also heavily depend on the production of rimu fruit to breed, which only happens every two to five years.

This breeding cycle creates problems for kākāpō conservation, especially since rimu is not found across all New Zealand's forests. However, fossils show that in the past, kākāpō were abundant and lived throughout Aotearoa - meaning the kākāpō niche must have been much broader in the past than today.

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I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death. Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this. NKJV Rev 1:18

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### **CHEQUES GONE & CASH IS GOING, RISK BITCOIN` OR SILVER?**

.I clearly recall one evening in Dunedin about 1975 and I was duty controller at Databank Dunedin and we had about 130 banks for Otago and Southland and our job was to process about 100,000 cheques daily.

On this particular evening our IBM 1419 machine which was our huge cheque reader was in breakdown state as the main drive belt had failed. We had to get the job done and IBM did not have a spare belt available in NZ. We encouraged Kathy Berlois one of our workers to give us her pantyhose and we used it as a temporary drive belt for the night and got the job done. Cheques came to an end last year and this year we expect to have the end of currency and there will be no more coins and bank notes.

You can of course try your luck with bitcoin and hope for the best but it will soon evaporate along with cash. You can try your app phone until you realize that you are captured by hackers and you need to learn about VPN so that you can avoid getting taken out and down. The other option you might have is to find out about gold and silver. Silver was God's money 5000 years ago Lev 27.3.

We are not going to bore you with any more information here about silver except to say that it may become the safest currency in end times. If you would like more information you can ask for our Combi Silver Newsletter.



## 2.

### **DEATHS AT PORTS TO BE PREVENTED IF POSSIBLE**

The Government has announced an industry-wide change to health and safety at ports after two workers died within less than a week of one another in April last year. Ōtara resident [Atiroa Tuaiti died after a "fall from height"](#) while working on a docked Singaporean container ship at the Ports of Auckland. Days later Don Grant died while coal was being loaded onto a ship at Lyttelton Port.

Transport Minister and Workplace Relations and Safety Minister Michael Wood said these deaths spurred him to improve conditions. "I asked the Port Health and Safety Leadership Group to pull together a detailed picture of what is happening in ports and create a plan to address serious harm," Wood said.

### **RAM RAIDERS ATTACK IN 2022 - ALL AROUND NZ**

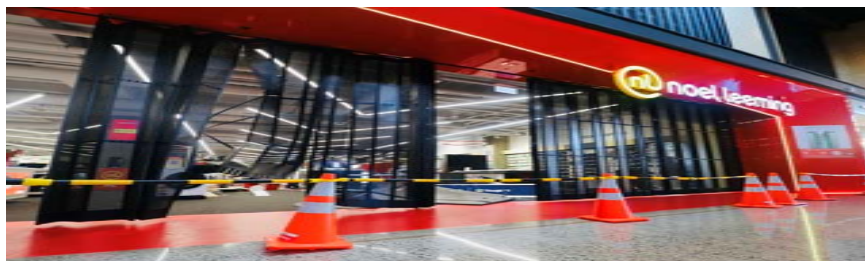
The picture of who is behind the ram raids and the scale of the problem is revealed in a series of ministerial briefing papers from police, obtained by Open Justice under the Official Information Act.

More than 500 ram raids have been reported in 2022 - a six-fold increase from four years ago. The worst-affected areas have been Auckland, Waikato and the Bay of Plenty. Hundreds of people have been charged with ram-raid offences this year, about 80 per cent of them under the age of 18.

Counter-measures are proving expensive to improve security at dairies and small retailers, the most common targets for their cash, cigarettes and clothing. Physical barriers have been costed at \$1000 per bollard - an average of six needed at the most vulnerable shops. Cheaper variations including planter boxes, roller doors, fog cannons in the mix.

The earliest of the briefing papers is a previously confidential police intelligence report, dated last January, just as the rate of ram raids was climbing to more than 40 per month. Among its findings were that larger chain-store retailers and petrol stations, which previously might have been ram-raid targets, had the resources to already be implementing effective security measures.

The most common things being stolen were, in order, money and cash registers, retail goods (including clothing), cigarettes and tobacco, and alcohol. "In both Waikato and Bay of Plenty... ram raids are reportedly being committed for fun and notoriety," the January report said. "The offending is often posted online.



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### **NOTORNIS DISCOVERED BY DR ORBELL IN FIORDLAND**

The Society's quarterly, peer-reviewed scientific journal has been publishing ornithological research relevant to New Zealand and the South Pacific since 1943. *Notornis* has a wide circulation within New Zealand and overseas, and is provided for free to all members of Birds New Zealand.

Members are encouraged to submit original papers or short notes on their bird observations or studies to the *Notornis* Editor: [Dr Craig Symes](#). Author Guidelines are available [here](#). A fully searchable database of articles published in *Notornis* is provided in the [Publications archive](#). A few people will happen to know that Dr Orbell of Don St Invercargill often tramped in Fiordland and discovered the extinct Notornis about 1975.



### **WELCOME TO NEW CLIENTS WHO HAVE CONFIDENCE**

We are pleased to advise that we are getting quite a few new clients that are prepared to do the range of qualification systems to ensure that they get preferred supplier status and then the best jobs at the best price.

We regret to say that most of the potential clients that we talk with will simply not believe us and cannot put together the facts that require businesses to have formal systems in place to get qualified and accepted for special accreditation relationships.

As we celebrate Easter we are reminded of the most important spiritual blessing." Blessed are they who have not seen, yet have believed. " The penalty is that those who do not believe miss out on huge financial gains.