

# A WILD START TO THE HATCHING SEASON!

Our Kiwi Rangers have suddenly found themselves quite busy! In a matter of days, we went from no kiwi chicks on site to three kiwi chicks on site - with the arrival of a wild chick and the hatching of two eggs in the incubation room. One of these eggs had just been rescued from the nest in the Okarito Sanctuary the day before hatching, so was only incubating for 9 hours before rushing out to meet us. Lucky he/she didn't hatch in the helicopter while getting flown out of the forest! The wild Rowi Chick was 1 week old when it was rescued and brought in for quarantine. The chick is settling into the captive environment well and is beginning to show a lot of interest in food. Learning how to get food up that long chopstick-like bill is a tricky skill to learn, so our Kiwi Rangers' are feeding the chick by hand a couple of times a day to help it along during this early settling in period. Our two juvenile Rowi are very active in the Nocturnal House, and will soon be ready to move on to Motuara Island. This is an exciting time not only 'Garrick' and 'Rickman' who will get some fun new wild places to explore, but also for the West Coast Wildlife Centre because we get to introduce some new little 1 month old chicks into the enclosure. Watching these chicks shuffle around for the first time is always a joy to see, especially when they have their first meeting, which is usually a flurry of excited squeaks and squawks! Our new chicks are currently on view during our Backstage Pass tours in their brooders while they are still young. They are lovely little bundles of fluff, so come in for a visit and meet our new Kiwi Ranger Angela while you are here! Angela has joined the team for the hatching season and brings with her a wealth of native species knowledge and expertise. Welcome Angela!

Eggs Incubating	2
Chicks Hatched	2
Rowi in Nocturnal House	2



*'Shasta' the Rowi chick hatching (top) and at 5 days old (above)*



## School Holiday Specials!

Sat 24th to Sunday Oct 9th

School holidays are coming up fast! The West Coast Wildlife Centre is keen to get in the holiday mood, so are offering heaps of special deals:

-  **Half Price For children aged 5-15 years (general admission only). Under 5 year olds are free!**
-  **Adult \$30 (general admission only)**
-  **Backpacker's Special \$25 (general admission only)**
-  **Milkshakes \$5**
-  **Toasted sandwiches \$4**
-  **Selected Kiwi Soft Toys - Two for \$20 or \$13.50 each**
-  **We have a great new range of children's books, activities and a new NZ Birds adult colouring in book!**

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