

# LAST HATCH OF 2017/18

Chicks Hatched	61
Rowi in Nocturnal House	2
Released Kiwi	68

## ..... And what a season it's been!

This month we have had our last chick of the season hatch, a little ginger Haast tokoeka on the 10<sup>th</sup> March at 2.15pm. This little guy/girl has been a great finish to our very busy kiwi season. It has been an amazing season, and a massive thank you must go to our DOC crew in Franz Josef and in Haast for making it go so smoothly. Here at the Wildlife Centre, we have hatched 61 chicks and released 68 kiwi (which includes some wild chicks bought in from the forest) in the breeding season of 2017/18. We currently have the last two rowi chicks in the Nocturnal House and they have been showing their curiosity more and more each day, so it's a great time to come in and visit them.



**Above:** Haast tokoeka hatching.  
**To the right:** Chick at 2 days old and then at 5 days old during a full health check.  
**Below:** Kiwi Husbandry Manager, Nicki van Zyl with Egnog the rowi chick



This month we sadly said farewell to our wonderful Kiwi Husbandry Manager, Nicki van Zyl. Nicki has been with us for the past 11 months and has done a great job overseeing the growth of our kiwi eggs and kiwi chicks, ensuring they have the best little lives here at the West Coast Wildlife Centre. Thanks to her expertise, 61 chicks have been successfully hatched this season! We appreciate all her support and everything she has done for the Wildlife Centre. Nicki will be returning home to South Africa to be with her family. We wish her safe travels and all the best for the future.

With the seasons changing, our closing times are changing also. From mid-April we shall be closing at 5.30pm and the last entry into the attraction will be at 5.00pm.