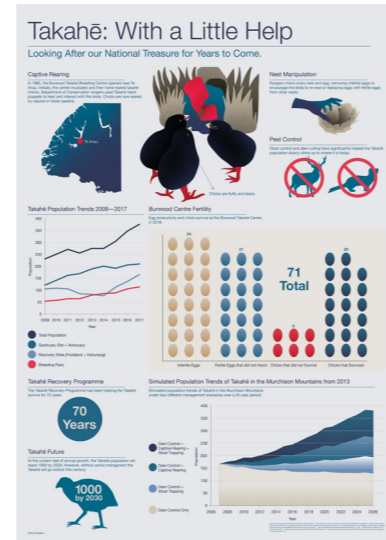
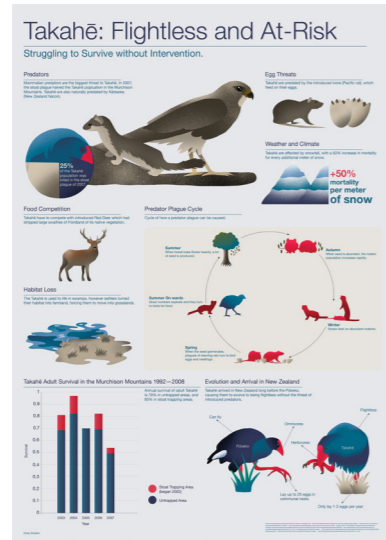
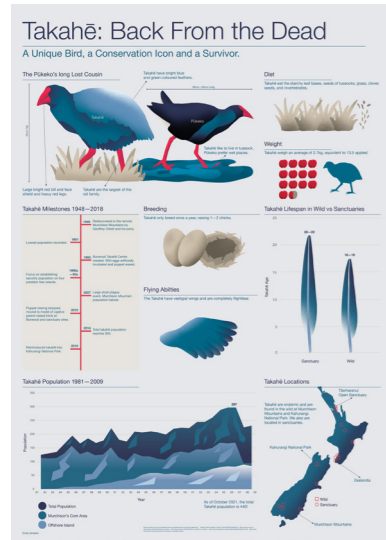


Category: Student Work

Project: Takahe: Back From The Dead



**What was the challenge?**

The Takahē is a colourful, flightless but vulnerable New Zealand native bird. Because the birds are such an easy target for predators there are only around 400 left and few of these remain in the wild. However, their numbers are slowly beginning to increase due to intensive breeding programmes in sanctuaries and re-location of birds to off-shore islands. My challenge was to educate a young audience aged between 8 and 12 years old about the Takahē and their struggle to survive.

**What was the solution?**

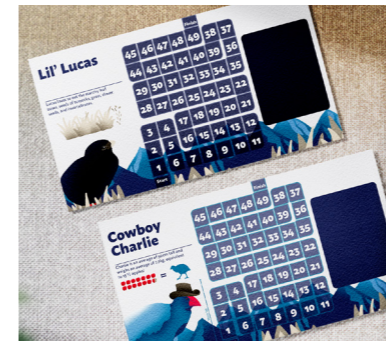
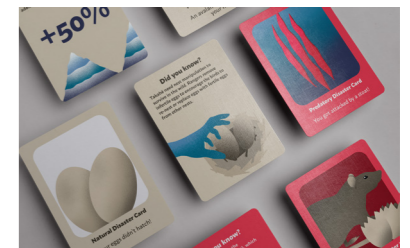
My first solution was to establish the facts through a series of informational posters to outline the Takahē story. The first poster introduces the species. The second poster describes the main threats to the species, and the third informs what is being done to protect and preserve the birds. My second solution was to create a board game to educate children about the threats to the Takahē living in the wild. I designed a full set of cards: 60 point cards (each card has an action that aims to help the Takahē survive, with the highest numbers having the most impact); 27 disaster cards (these are the main threats, with facts on the back to educate the player); 4 journey boards (describe different character traits of the bird with additional facts about their habits and lifestyle); 15 instant cards (to boost, decrease or swap the scores of the players); 4 player tokens; an instruction manual, and a box for the game.

**What was the effect?**

My solutions aim to educate young New Zealanders about the rare and beautiful Takahē bird. The board game is fun, engaging and informative. Furthermore, it is designed to create an opportunity for children to discuss the subject with their caregivers or teachers.

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Welcome to Takahē Trouble! In this game, you are a Takahē, and you are constantly threatened by real life predators and troubles that Takahē face! Do your best to avoid Predatory Disasters and Natural Disasters. The first Takahē to reach the end of the Takahē Trail wins!