



Kia ora GY whanau,

I'm hoping this finds you all doing well. I'm writing to put a Save the Date into your diaries as I know this year is disappearing fast!

As some of you might know, the Glenorchy Heritage and Museum group applied to an international program called Preserving Legacies in 2025 (<https://www.heritageadapts.org/>). PL is an international program supported by National Geographic, ICOMOS, and the Center for Climate Change focusing on the intersection of climate change and heritage. Ten sites a year are chosen globally and we're in good company with places like Petra and Angkor Wat as well as Turanganui-a-kiwa up in the North Island.

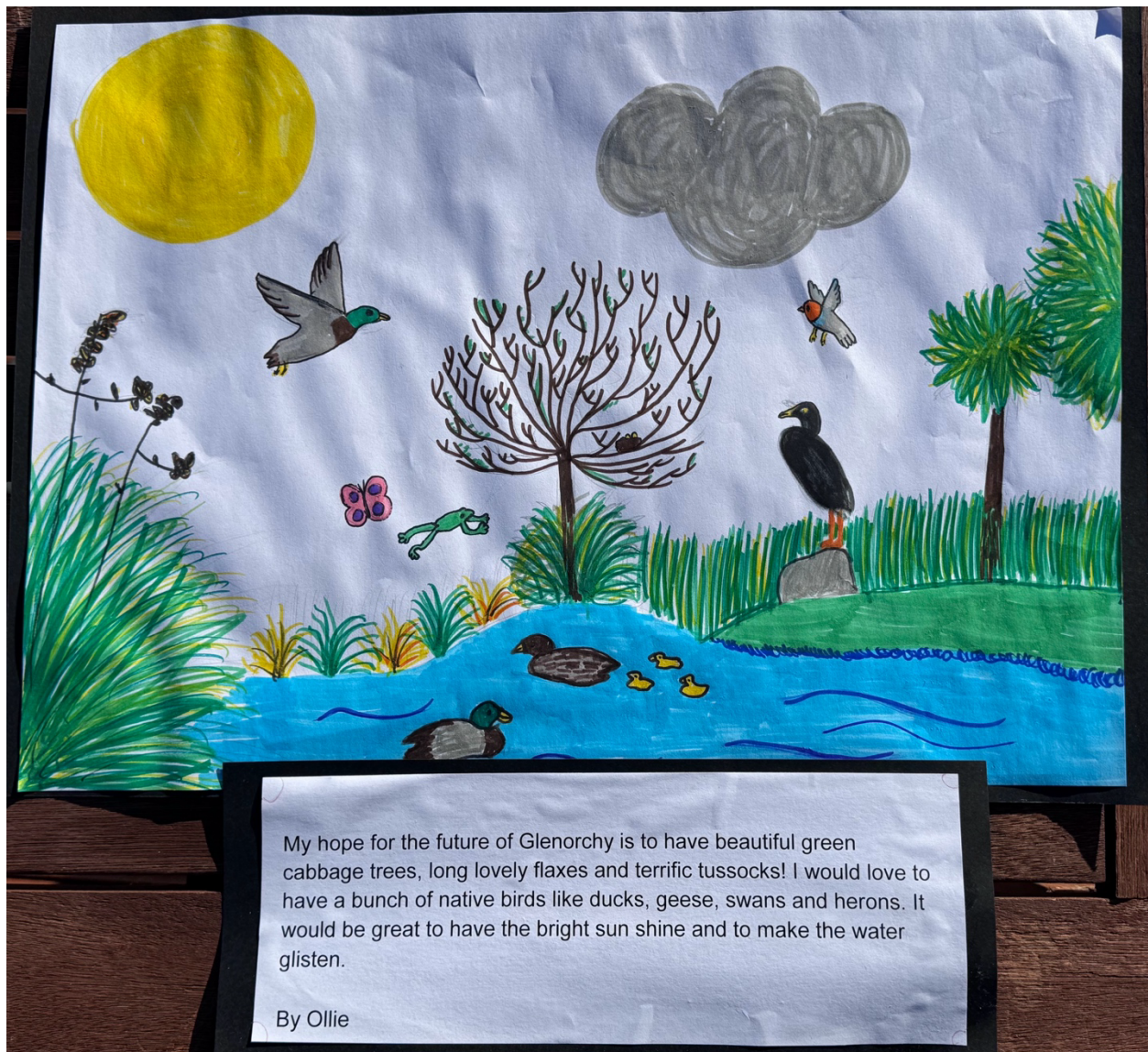
Kaumatua Darren Rewi and I (Leslie Van Gelder) have been representing for us over the last year and a half. On our journey, we receive 3 years of support — one in climate risk education, the second in developing a heritage site community climate risk assessment and the third in implementing an adaptation plan that comes out of the risk assessment. It's been a huge amount of learning for both of us and we've been weaving our learning into all of the work we do in our other projects and organisations in which we're involved. For those of you who don't know Darren, he leads Mana Tāhuna, who did all of the lovely plantings around the new Hugo bridge and also co-chairs the Upper Lakes Catchment Group. He is also on the Executive of Hokonui Runanga and was the guy wearing the awesome frog hat at the Matariki dinner last month.

For those of you who don't know me, I'm GY Librarian and I co-chair the Southern Lakes Sanctuary and chair the GY Heritage and Museum Group and Tāhuna Glenorchy Dark Skies sanctuary as well as the QLDC Climate Reference Group. But I'm probably better known for being Blaze, my ill-behaved hound's, chief of staff.

This year as part of the PL program, we'll be hosting our **3.5 day workshop from September 21-24** in the Glenorchy Hall that will be an opportunity to look at climate risk for our area. Our focus is on the Head of the Lake wetlands and the workshops will interweave talks, identifying our collective values, climate scenarios, assessing our risks

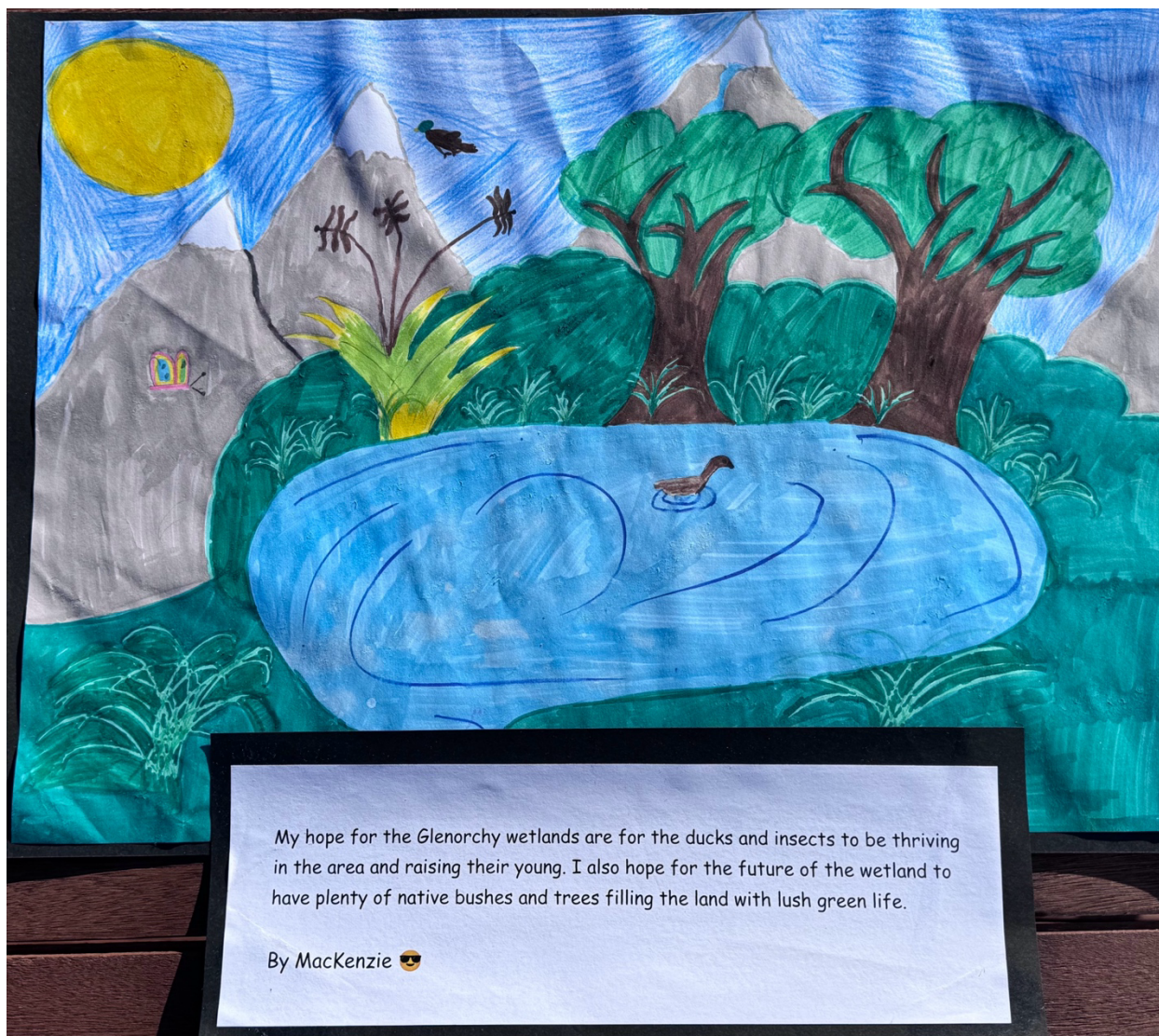
and hazards, a few field trips, and hopefully arriving at good ideas for some adaptation projects that we can look towards for both now and in the future. We'll be building on the work ORC did a few years ago and now weaving in the wetlands and getting to talk about how and hopefully figure out some ideas of things that we're able to do in the years to come.

We've been working with the senior class at the GY school on this for all of last term and the voices of our younger generation are very much a part of visioning what we hope for the future. Here are a couple of their ideas around what they hope for the future for our wetlands. Thanks Ollie and Mackenzie for these beautiful visions! The whole class shared some beautiful ideas for the future and we were very inspired by their science projects, too.



My hope for the future of Glenorchy is to have beautiful green cabbage trees, long lovely flaxes and terrific tussocks! I would love to have a bunch of native birds like ducks, geese, swans and herons. It would be great to have the bright sun shine and to make the water glisten.

By Ollie



My hope for the Glenorchy wetlands are for the ducks and insects to be thriving in the area and raising their young. I also hope for the future of the wetland to have plenty of native bushes and trees filling the land with lush green life.

By MacKenzie 🤖

We're organised two talks at the Headwaters in August to get us some initial background.

19 August 7pm: **QLDC Climate Scenarios**

Bill Nicoll, Head of Climate Action and Resilience for the district, will come up and give us an overview on what are the current scenarios for the district. Really interesting stuff and in watching what's been happening in Europe, always important to have a good feel for what's on our horizon, too! Library will have a pop up library on the night for some opportunities for further reading and ORC will be bringing a cool 3D map that they've developed for us to be able to work with, too.

25 August 7pm: **Restoring the Waiwhaakata Wetlands**

Mike Rewi, CEO of Mana Tāhuna, will come up to talk about how Mana Tāhuna have been working on restoring the Waiwhaakata Wetlands during the last 5 years and what good lessons they've learned that might be helpful to us. We'll also have a talk on what we value about our own wetlands and how we feel about their current state, especially in light of the climate scenarios we'll hear about the week before.

In September we'll be doing a 3.5 day workshop where there'll be representation from Te Ao Marama, Hokonui Runaka, QLDC, ORC, DOC, Upper Lakes Catchment Group, QLDC Climate Reference Group, SLS, Mana Tāhuna, Wai Wanaka, RDWT, GY Heritage and Museum Group, Tāhuna GY Dark Skies, GCA, and we hope many interested GY community members.

We are covering the costs of the event and will provide lunch and morning and afternoon tea every day. On the first day, Hangi Masters will also be putting on a hangi for the whole community!

We'll send out registration info next month following the talks in August, **but if you know you are interested in coming to the workshop in September, please send us a note to let us know of your interest so we can make sure to save you a seat.** Everyone are welcome (we just need to know in advance that you're planning on coming!)

We're looking forward to some great discussion and time together.

Thanks so much and feel free to send any questions our way,
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