



Mahu West Pest

September 2022



Control, Monitor, Adapt, Enhance, and Repeat to Protect Mahurangi West

Kia Ora Mahurangi West peninsula and Hungry Creek residents and land owners. Welcome to Mahu West Pest's eNews no. 20 updating you on our volunteer community organisation. Mahu is an abbreviation for Mahurangi.

MWP is Seeking a Weed Control Coordinator

We are currently looking for a dedicated volunteer **weed control** and/or **planting program coordinator** to oversee projects on the Mahurangi West peninsula. Please contact [Brian Bramell](#) if you are interested in either or both and want to find out more.

A Record Catch for the Pukapuka

Stephanie Herron, Pest Control Coordinator for Hub 7, sent in photos of two great young trappers this month who are doing their bit for the environment. Her nephew Jack McKay shows his record catch for Hub 7. Stephanie says, "He's a city boy who came to visit the farm and we got him out trapping." Great work Team Pukapuka!

Photos (left) Jack McKay; and (right) Stephanie's daughter Stella at 15 with her gnarly old catch. Stella says, "I'm happy to be helping trap possums."



Weedathon Saturday 8 October 9am-12

We need all hands on deck for MWP's big clean-up of the corner site shown below at the Opahi Bay junction. Weeds abound, including asparagus fern, ginger, and pampas grass to name a few! Bring gardening gloves, a spade and any other gadgets that may help with this big team effort, organised by Allison Milne. Refreshments will be provided.



We launched our first Annual Report this month at our AGM. You can link to this document on our [MWP Website](#)

TrapNZ Data for September

Thanks to our volunteers who trapped, recorded and removed 82 pests from the environment in the last 30 days. No new traps or bait stations were laid in the field but, "We have 5 or 6 lines ready to go out," says Jeff Marsh.

	Total	365 Days	30 Days
Traps:	756		
Bait Stations:	291		
Monitoring Stations:	1		
Possum:	1228	966	44
Rat:	705	439	34
Hedgehog:	101	55	1
Mustelid:	41	33	1
Other:	338	231	2
Total:	2338	1724	82

Buffer Programme - Pest Plant Control

Asparagus weed control begins again in November for properties within 500m of the Mahurangi Regional Park. In the meantime, visit www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/buffers for more information on the buffer programme.

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