

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

Kia Ora Mahurangi West peninsula and Hungry Creek residents and landowners. Welcome to the latest Mahurangi West Pest eNews - updating you on our community volunteer organisation's work.

TrapNZ Data For October

Thanks to our volunteers for trapping, recording and removing 118 pests from the environment this month - doubling the number caught last month. Three

new traplines were also laid at Hungry Creek. "Please keep entering your kills in TrapNZ and rebaiting those traps," says Jeff Marsh.

Total Traps in Field:	812		
Bait Stations:	308		
Monitoring Stations:	2		
	Total	365 Days	31
Days			
Possum:	1290	999	62
Rat:	734	450	29
Hedgehog:	110	61	9
Mustelid:	46	38	5
Other:	351	227	13
Total:	2531	1775	118

Our Biggest Volunteer Turnout

MWP's Weedathon in October, at the corner site at the top of Opahi Bay Road was a huge success with a record 18 weeding and planting volunteers, and a few more who provided delicious refreshments. A big thanks to Allison Milne who organised this team effort.



Above: The ute was loaded many times over with Di Schnauer and Lex Marshall on the job. Right: Deb Farquhar and Maria Radic dealt with kikuyu and dead brushwood.



We were lucky to secure talented designer Zoë Hindle, from [On Format](#) to prepare our new look logo which now includes our full name Mahurangi West Pest and the kotare or kingfisher associated with our coast. Thanks to MWP's newest member Michelle Spooner for organising this. Zoë has kindly donated her time as a visual communicator to our cause.

Our New Weed Control Coordinator



Meet Gay Miers, our dedicated volunteer **Weed Control and Planting Programme Coordinator** who has stepped up to oversee these projects in Mahurangi West. Please [contact Gay](#) if you are interested in joining this important team supporting biodiversity across the peninsula.

Buffer Zone Pest Plant Control Programme Starts In November

A park buffer zone is a 500m area surrounding a park with special ecological values, and provides restrictions on selected highly invasive pest plants to prevent their spread. Auckland Council is controlling pest plants in Mahurangi Regional Park, and these now need to be controlled on private properties within the buffer zone.

Control of climbing asparagus and bushy asparagus in the buffer zone began earlier this year. "We had great support from the community with the first round of control and we're looking forward to another successful round", says Bryony Smart, Senior Biosecurity Advisor - Pest Plants.

Land owners and occupiers in a buffer zone must undertake destruction of Woolly Nightshade, Moth Plant and Wild Ginger on their land. Even if you're not in the buffer zone, find out how you can rid your place of these and other noxious weeds by visiting our Website or Facebook pages (see contact links below).



Climbing Asparagus (above) is a target weed species for control by contractors in the Regional Park's 500m buffer zone.

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