

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

Kia Ora Mahurangi West peninsula and Hungry Creek residents and landowners. Welcome to Mahurangi West Pest's eNews Issue no. 30 - updating you on our community volunteer organisation's work.

Trap.NZ Data For July

Jeff Marsh reports that this is a really good time to check, clear and rebait your traps as there are lots of pests around at the moment.

We've now passed the 1,500 mark for possums since our records were first entered into Trap.NZ. Remember, we're working towards a pest free Mahurangi West.



Total Traps in Field:	977		
Bait Stations:	346		
Monitoring Stations:	1		
	Total	365 Days	30 Days
Possum:	1759	605	60
Rat:	1241	591	63
Hedgehog:	197	99	2
Mustelid:	75	35	4
Other:	537	214	27
Total:	3809	1544	156



Helping Nature And People Thrive

Could a credit system help to incentivise the protection and restoration of native wildlife in New Zealand? Published in July 2023 are two documents - *The National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity*, which is part of the Ministry of the Environment's response to biodiversity decline in Aotearoa; and a discussion document - *Helping nature and people thrive, exploring a biodiversity credit system for Aotearoa New Zealand*. View these documents [here](#).



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Bring gloves and spade or trowel to our site - Meet at the top of the Opahi Rd/Mahurangi West junction, from 9am. Refreshments available. RSVP to Gay Miers, Mob. 021 0468 352.

The Gift That Grows

A note of thanks to Mahurangi Regional Park who gifted us 2,000 surplus mānuka plants this month, and especially to Park Ranger Jared Anderson, for dropping these off in full loads, at the end of his working day. We found five keen landowners, repairing slips on their properties, to uplift these and get them in the ground.



Should Feral Cat Control Be Funded?

According to Newshub's Isobel Ewing, there's no dedicated funding for feral cat control. As New Zealander's we've allowed this apex killer to reach around 2.5 million. Feral cats are killing an estimated 100 million



Dr Imogen Bassett - Biosecurity Principal Advisor - Auckland Council - Feral Cats

birds a year, along with lizards, bats, wētā and even dolphins (the latter through infecting waterways with toxic faeces). The Auckland Council recommends using 'live' traps in urban areas, to have a plan for reading micro-chips and to advise all neighbours about the plan.

Check out the Auckland Council's cat guidelines on this [YouTube clip](#).

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