

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

Kia Ora Mahurangi West and Hungry Creek residents and landowners. Welcome to MWP's eNews Issue no. 33 - updating you on our volunteer organisation.

Saturday 4th November Volunteer Trappers BBQ/Workshop

Our Trappers' Workshop, BBQ and Social will be held from **4pm to 7pm** at the Mahurangi West Community Hall, **this Saturday, 4 November**. A sausage sizzle and drinks will be provided. Anyone new to trapping is welcome to come along too. Please RSVP for catering via our [Facebook page](#) or phone trap coordinator Jeff Marsh Mob. 027590 9245.



Pre-feed
pest paste

Sunday 26th November Children's Afternoon / Workshop

With the assistance of some keen parents, we are holding a workshop at the Mahurangi West Hall for our youngsters, between **1pm and 3pm, Sunday 26 November**. There will be educational and fun activities such as constructing pest monitoring tunnels with ink cards, to help us detect what pests are active in our backyards. See [MWP's Facebook page](#) to find out more.

Refreshments, as well as tunnels and traps to take home, are being provided through a generous \$3,000 grant from [Predator Free NZ](#). This year, their programme is focused on backyard trapping.



Trap.NZ Data For October

Please check and bait your traps, its breeding season!



Possum



Rat



Hedgehog



Mustelid



Other

Total Traps in Field:	1065		
Bait Stations:	320		
Monitoring Stations:	1		
	Total	365 Days	30 Days
Possum:	1890	621	52
Rat:	1388	652	39
Hedgehog:	216	106	8
Mustelid:	83	37	1
Other:	607	252	8
Total:	4184	1668	108

Please consider making a donation to MWP. If you wish, tag your donation, e.g. pest control tools, weed control, or native plants. Thank you for your generosity!

DONATIONS TO MWP: BANK A/C 06-0483-0894183-00

Sunday 19th November Buffer Zone Weedathon

Community advocates Gay Miers and Nada Cottrell will hold a weed identification session on **19 November** from **10am to 1pm**, along the berm at 2 Barr Road (the western boundary of the buffer zone). There will be tips for digging out asparagus fern and other targeted weeds, and alternative-use herbicide pens provided by the Auckland Council will also be demonstrated.

Please bring tools (secateurs, trowels etc) and gloves with you. Refreshments will be provided. We are giving away to a lucky winner a NZ-made tool known as a flax cutter, which is useful for cutting other vines and grubbing out weeds. Also to giveaway are six NZ-made garden implements called the Original Weeder, which "hooks out weeds roots 'n' all."

RSVP to Gay (see below) if you can join us.

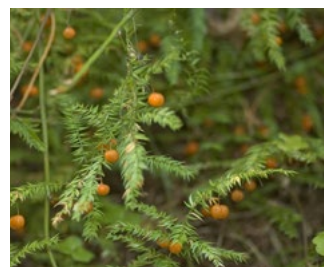


Buffer Zone Weed Liaison Update

The spray contract liaison team (Gay Miers and Nada Cottrell), has been working with residents in the 500m buffer zone to advise on and help limit the spread of asparagus fern species which threaten the Mahurangi Regional and Te Muri parks. Asparagus fern is a significant threat as it smothers the undergrowth and strangles and kills trees.

A good time to remove asparagus is now while flowering and before it produces its orange berries (below left), which the birds readily spread.

Please note that the spray contractor Scrub will be spraying in the buffer zone in the near future. If you would like one of the large EcoMatters weed bags (below right) or some black plastic bags - provided by the Auckland Council - to help rot down your weeds, please let Gay know. For bags please RSVP to gay.miers@gmail.com or Mob: 021 0468 352.



Above: asparagus fern berries



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