

Kia Ora Mahurangi West and Hungry Creek residents and landowners. Welcome to MWP's eNews Issue no. 34 - updating you on our volunteer organisation.

Inaugural Volunteer Trappers Social

The positive vibe at our Trappers' get-together, with close to 40 attending, points to this becoming an annual event. Thanks to Mike Neil for not only setting up a workshop there, but also donating the beverages. Jeff Marsh's organisational support was appreciated, as was [Predator Free NZ](#) for funding our catering costs from a recent grant.



Trap.NZ Data & Masting Events

A mast event begins with prolific flowering of native trees, followed by the production of numerous seeds. The sudden abundance of food leads to a huge spike in the numbers of mice, rats, and – crucially – stoats, which feed on the mice and rats.

In 2015 a mast event led to DOC's *Battle for Our Birds* campaign, to combat it. Let's redouble our trapping efforts to help combat this year's expected mast. Please keep checking and baiting those traplines!



Total Traps in Field:	1093		
Bait Stations:	332		
Monitoring Stations:	1		
	Total	365 Days	30 Days
Possum:	1946	613	47
Rat:	1425	657	34
Hedgehog:	222	105	6
Mustelid:	88	35	5
Other:	614	256	6
Total:	4295	1666	98



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Pest Monitoring & Trap Workshop



Clockwise from top left: Andrew Finlay helps Juno with stencilling; Archer's trapbox is a work of art; stoat and possum on loan from the Regional Park; and Frankie transforms a pest-footprints tracking tunnel with eye-catching artwork.

Thanks to [Predator Free NZ](#) for providing artists' supplies, trap boxes from the Men's Shed, track monitoring tunnels, catering and wildlife posters for each participant.

Buffer Zone Weedathon

Thanks to those few that braved the weather to attack the asparagus fern and other weeds at our Barr Road Weedathon. Mike Jenkin was the winner of the flax cutter, with weeding tools also going to Di Schnauer and Sonja Giles. Thanks to Auckland Council Environment for its continued support with prizes and providing hot drinks and refreshments.



Mike Jenkin and Di Schnauer fill Auckland Council bags with weeds.

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