

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. 39 - updating you on our volunteer organisation.

Informative Community BBQ

Our annual joint event at the Community Hall with the Community Response Group was a huge success.

Jared Anderson, Mahurangi Regional Park ranger, spoke knowledgeably about Mahurangi West's ecological taonga. We're also grateful to Jared for the loan of taxidermied predators, such as mustelids, which are key pests under New Zealand's Predator Free 2050 Strategy.



Norma Neil and granddaughters kindly donated their sales to MWP.

We are indebted to pest control coordinator Mike Neil for making us a great donation box from a wooden trap, and to Michelle Spooner for designing the eye-catching 'please donate today' sign and event poster. Donations and sales from our trading table netted \$70 for MWP.



Another Hub For Hugh

Hugh Kininmonth has agreed to take on another area coordinator role and will assist Ann Cook with Hub 6 (from SH1) West Mahurangi West. See trapline area or hub coordinators contacts below.

Trap.NZ Data For April

We celebrate the capture of over 5,200 pests recorded on Trap.NZ since we began several years ago. Rat baits taken from 300+ bait stations push that figure higher.



Total Traps in Field:	1163		
Bait Stations:	345		
Monitoring Stations:	1		
	Total	365 Days	30 Days
Possum:	2206	695	73
Rat:	1799	794	139
Hedgehog:	287	113	9
Mustelid:	116	51	8
Other:	801	364	90
Total:	5209	2017	319



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 over the past year - it is much appreciated and put to good use!

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

Massive Attack On Bay's Weeds

At the Jamieson Bay Esplanade Reserve cleanup on April 14th, 13 volunteers dealt a blow to the noxious weeds on its steep slope, as well as behind the boatlockers, finishing with a lunchtime BBQ.



Above: Julian Vos and Jeff Marsh (the chainsaw brigade) race against the incoming tide; Left: Di Schnauer and Darryl Brigham took 1260kg of weeds to the dump - a great effort!

Please diary our next weed and plant-athon which will be held on **Sunday, June 9th** - details in our next issue.

Bait The Traps It's Peak Rat Season

Two weeks after being baited, one of our traplines recently caught 15 pests - that's 7 possums, 5 rats, 2 stoats and 1 feral cat.

There's still plenty out there to be caught and we're coming into the main season for catching rats. So please go out and rebait your traps. If you need any assistance or advice, see contact details below for each trapline area coordinator.



Predator Free NZ provides an [online letter](#) you can send to your local MP to let them know that you support a **National Cat Act**, including desexing and micro chipping cats. PFNZ also publish trouble-shooting tips for getting [better possum trap results](#).

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