

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. 38 - updating you on our volunteer organisation.

RRE Hosts Us At The A&P Show

Our thanks to Tim Armitage and Sarah Churchouse from Restore Rodney East (RRE) who provided us with a stall at the A&P Warkworth Show on March 16.

Thanks also to Jared Anderson, Mahurangi Regional Park ranger, for loaning taxidermied predators targeted as key pests under New Zealand's Predator Free 2050 Strategy, "to mobilise, innovate and accelerate delivery of a predator free New Zealand by 2050."

We are grateful too, for our new donation box fashioned from a trap by Mike Neil, one of our pest control coordinators and to Michelle Spooner for designing the eye-catching 'please donate today' sign.

One Date Two Events Coming Up

On **Sunday April 14**, there's a cleanup at Jamieson Bay, which includes our plantings on the foreshore - starting at 9am and finishing with a lunchtime BBQ. At 3pm head to the joint Community Response Group / MWP annual event and BBQ at the Mahurangi Hall.

Trap.NZ Data For March

Our volunteers recorded 40 more possums than last month and 40 more rats too! The 10 mustelids that were caught in March is a new record. Well done team MWP.

 67 Possum	Total Traps in Field: 1145
 87 Rat	Bait Stations: 332
 12 Hedgehog	Monitoring Stations: 1
 10 Mustelid	
 68 Other	
	Total 365 Days 30 Days
	Possum: 2133 661 67
	Rat: 1662 716 87
	Hedgehog: 278 114 12
	Mustelid: 108 44 10
	Other: 715 309 68
	Total: 4896 1844 244

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



Predator Free NZ Backyard Grant

Local resident Diana Winter has been assisting us with the Predator Free NZ Backyards trapping project, following the grant we received last year. She has hosted a trail cam, as well as using tracking tunnels to monitor the types of pests and where efforts in our rural village backyards can best be targeted. In the last two months Diana has recorded over 20 captured rats on Trap.NZ, which is great work.



Diana Winter,
Opahi Bay resident.

Issues With Recording Trap Data?

Volunteer pest control coordinator Jeff Marsh, has set up a dedicated email mwp.results@gmail.com for anyone having difficulty recording his or her pest control results, for example when you've not been able to access the Trap.NZ app on a mobile phone.

Emails are regularly checked and the numbers of each species (rat, possum, stoat, weasel, etc.) are then entered onto the Trap.NZ site. If you need any help with Trap.NZ, Jeff says to get in touch with him, or your hub coordinator for some pointers.

Todate, our trapline volunteers have recorded over 4,640 pests on Trap.NZ which is a tremendous effort.



Above: Logging pest data onto Trap.NZ using the mobile app.

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