

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 40th Issue - updating you on our volunteer organisation.

Myna Social Event & Workshop

Look out for an upcoming event at our Community Hall to stay abreast of what we all do to keep the peninsula pest free, and an opportunity to enjoy a mid-year social event. The focus will be on the introduced myna because they damage crops and aggressively threaten native birds.

We are not alone with having mynas in record numbers. Qatar, in the Gulf of Oman, recently reported capturing over 8,800 of this introduced pest, as part of its strategy to preserve the country's ecological balance. [Source: *The Peninsula* newspaper]



EnviroExpo

We are joining Restore Rodney East and co-hosts The Forest Bridge Trust, at their fun, family-friendly environmental event on **Saturday 22 June**, at the Warkworth Town Hall.

Register for free tickets and a chance to win a local trip at [events.humanitix](https://events.humanitix.com/).



First Quarter Bird Counts



Fran Ashton reports, "after a somewhat neutral year in 2023, our March count of native birds was 278 'seen and heard' compared to 235 in March last year, so a very pleasing result."

The same increase showed up with the total number of birds counted (both native and introduced) with 541 birds this March and 419 last March. Once again tui topped the

list for most commonly 'seen or heard' native bird. Myna topped the 'introduced' bird list. *Tui pic: Geoff McKay.*

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!

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We are indebted to Dan Marrow, community park ranger with the Rodney Local Board for organising over 200 native plants for our **Sunday 9th June** plantathon, followed by a BBQ. We hope you are able to join us!

A big thanks also to Michelle Spooner for donating her time by designing another eye-catching poster for this event.

PLANTING MORNING

JOIN US

After working to remove the pest plants on Jamieson Bay embankment, we're now ready to plant it up with native flora.

When: Sunday 9 June
Time: 9am – noon
Where: Jamieson Bay esplanade
Bring: Bring spade, trowel, gloves
Food: BBQ provided





Join Dotterel Protectors In Spring?

Caring locals who camped out during the 2023/2024 season to help protect dotterel hatchlings, are interviewed on Alistair Owens' marvellous doco [Waiwera Dotterels](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=15.33). View on YouTube [15.33 minutes].



Above: Screenshot of a dotterel chick feeding on Waiwera beach in the company of an oyster catcher.

Trap.NZ Data For May

This month our volunteer trappers added 44 traps to our total of 1,207 traps in the field as well as 29 more bait stations.

We are continuing to make a dent in the mustelid (e.g. stoats and weasles) numbers, which is good news.

Total Traps in Field:	1207		
Bait Stations:	372		
Monitoring Stations:	1		
	Total	365 Days	30 Days
Possum:	2278	711	67
Rat:	1933	807	130
Hedgehog:	293	108	4
Mustelid:	124	58	8
Other:	855	369	48
Total:	5483	2053	257



67 Possum



130 Rat



4 Hedgehog



8 Mustelid



48 Other

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