

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 45th Issue - updating you on our volunteer organisation.

## Annual Trappers BBQ Social At Hall

We had such fun at our inaugural trappers social and workshop in November 2023, that we decided to make it an annual event, to thank our wonderful volunteers. Partners are welcome too. This year's BBQ / workshop will be held at the **Mahurangi West Community Hall on Saturday, November 16 from 5pm to 8pm.**

A sausage sizzle and drinks will be provided. Anyone new to trapping is welcome to come along too. Please RSVP for catering purposes either via the MWP Facebook page or phone MWP trapping coordinator Mike Neil, Mob. 027 474 1160.



## 400+ Myna & Counting

This month 414 myna were logged on Trap.NZ's database, with some previous tallies of these pests not been previously recorded. Mike Neil, Hub 4, and Harjit Sidhu, Kauri Ora Farms, captured 65 myna using live 'decoy' myna to attract other birds (see pic opposite). MWP is planning for additional live-capture cages.



## Cutting The New Ridge Track



Above: MWP Chair Brian Bramell, cuts a new 2km-long trapline track near Windy Ridge (Hub 7) with trapping coordinator Mike Neil. This arduous work continues, with side tracks also underway. This month our volunteers have laid 44 new traps for possums and mustelids and 21 bait stations for rats.

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

Thanks for your continued support - we're putting it to good use. Please tag new donations to MWP for 'pest tools', 'weed control', or 'native plants' etc.

## Autotrap Success Protecting Nature

Four possums were caught in just one AT200 trap in the first six days of operation, thanks to a grant provided by Foundation North, and our volunteer trappers.



Compare the bright green leaves of the tanekaha in Mike Neil's photo above, with the tanekaha leaves stripped from a tree by possums and discarded on the forest floor (the picture is from a [Pest Control Aotearoa](#) video).



## Trap.NZ Data For October

Logging catch results is so important, says trapping coordinator Jeff Marsh, "If for some reason you can't log your catches, then please email your results to: - [mwp.results@gmail.com](mailto:mwp.results@gmail.com) and we will log them for you."

Please remember to check your traplines, and re-bait if necessary - a lot of young male possums are being trapped at present - and will be seeking out new territories.

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|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Total Traps in Field: | 1341         |                 |                |
| Bait Stations:        | 426          |                 |                |
| Monitoring Stations:  | 1            |                 |                |
|                       | <b>Total</b> | <b>365 Days</b> | <b>30 Days</b> |
| Possum:               | 2563         | 648             | 95             |
| Rat:                  | 2262         | 866             | 44             |
| Myna:                 | 467          | 53              | 414            |
| Hedgehog:             | 303          | 85              | 1              |
| Mustelid:             | 142          | 59              | 2              |
| Other:                | 1633         | 825             | 28             |
| <b>Total:</b>         | <b>7,370</b> | <b>2,483</b>    | <b>583</b>     |



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