

Control, Monitor, Adapt, Enhance and Repeat to Protect Mahurangi West

Kia Ora Mahurangi West and Hungry Creek residents and landowners to MWP's 46th volunteers update.



Trappers BBQ & Workshop

A notable trappers' workshop and social event at the community hall this month. Our thanks to Mike Neil for organising tubs and spray bottles of different pest lures. We appreciated Ian Cheesman's efforts on the BBQ, and the event poster done by Michelle Spooner.

Have Your Say On Cat Control



Councillor Richard Hills, of the Policy and Planning Committee, is urging Aucklanders to have their say in the 'Let's Protect Our Environment' consultation, which **closes on December 8** - click on the link below.

Carl Morgan, regional conservation manager for Forest & Bird,

says cats should be desexed, microchipped, and kept at home to protect native fauna from extinction. He said, feral cats kill millions of birds each year and there is an urgent need for us to help shape [Auckland Council's 10-year regional plan](#) for cat management to help safeguard native wildlife.

What's Up With Myna On What's App?

Instead of buying a myna cage, costing up to \$340, pay a once-off fee of only \$50 and borrow a cage whenever one is available. We've set up a **Myna Control Group on What's App** to give you support and let you know when one of our 8 cages is free.



Join us to help protect native fauna from the exploding numbers of myna on the peninsula. Special thanks to all our paid up members, and volunteer manufacturer Darryl Bigham, for getting the ball rolling.

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.

Society Member Rosanna Waanga

With Rosanna Waanga's recent sad passing, we send heartfelt condolences to MWP society member Mel Whaanga and their whanau.

Acknowledging the challenging health situation of Rosanna, we had made her an honorary member of our society at our AGM, in October.

We are extremely grateful for all Rosanna's efforts and support since MWP began. We were honoured this month to receive a generous \$1,000 donation from Rosanna, who is of local Ngati Maraeariki Ki Mahurangi lineage.



Mel and Rosanna Whaanga at a MWP field day in 2021.

Are You Passionate About Plants?

Join our volunteer team as a weed control and planting coordinator, a vital biodiversity role formerly held by Gay Miers. If you love natives and can help us plan 2-3 planting events a year, please contact Nada Cottrell, see details below.



Ngaira flowers & bee.

Trap.NZ Data For November

Our volunteers put 81 more traps in the field this month and 21 more bait stations. Well done with the trapping too, with almost 100 more possums than last month and 85 more rats. Keep baiting those traps - a great effort!

Total Traps in Field:	1422		
Bait Stations:	447		
Monitoring Stations:	1		
	Total	365 Days	30 Days
Possum:	2752	787	184
Rat:	2391	958	129
Myna:	661	247	194
Hedgehog:	315	93	12
Mustelid:	144	56	2
Other:	1657	843	137
Total:	7,913	2,984	658



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