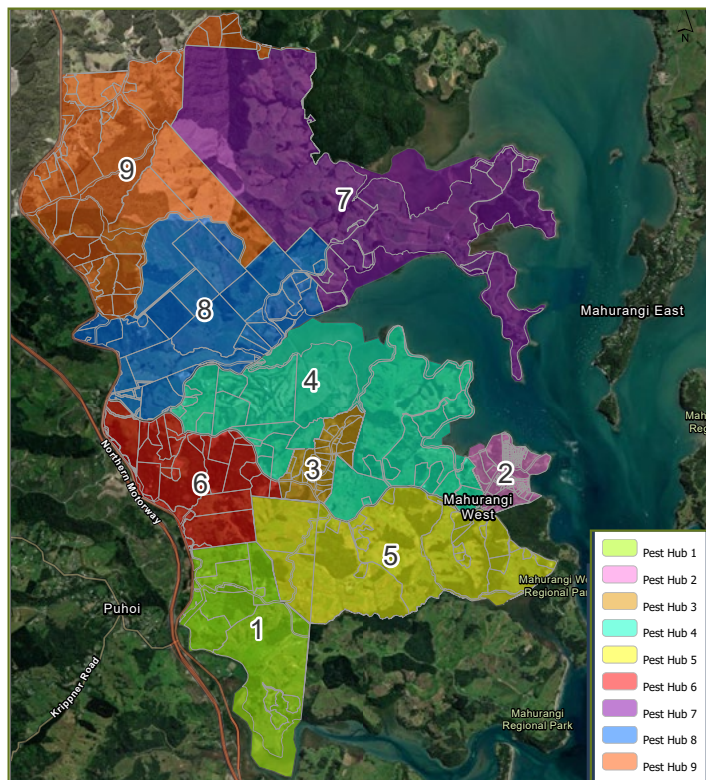


Control, Monitor, Adapt, Enhance and Repeat to Protect Mahurangi West

Kia Ora Mahurangi West and Hungry Creek residents and landowners. This is MWP's 47th update on our project to eradicate pests and improve our natural environment.



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

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

We're indebted to local resident Krissy George, who says, "I've really noticed an increase in the birdlife, which is wonderful, and high praise to all the team." She recently set up a regular payment to MWP to go towards a full-time trapper for our new traplines, as her way of helping us.

Council's Northern Team Visit

Wanting greater insight into the work we do, Auckland Council's senior conservation advisor Rebecca Kemp recently organised a Mahurangi West field day for eight northern team members. Brian Bramell began the tour at Opaheke Pt (cliff plantings, area maps), then the pine-felling project, Huawai Bay (iwi land rehabilitation); the Albert Dennis Reserve (weeds, access) and the new ridge traplines at Pohuehue (pest control) led by Mike Neil, pictured opposite.



Wanted Volunteer Hub Coordinator

Hub 7 Pukapuka (see map on right) has been split into three new hubs 7, 8, & 9 (view map on left), bringing the number of hubs on the peninsula to 9. Mick Cleland, who recently worked on our ridge trapline track, is the new coordinator for Hub 9 (Pohuehue), Stephanie Herron



continues as the coordinator for a smaller Hub 7 - now Pukapuka East, and still to find is **someone for Hub 8** (Pukapuka West). Please contact Jeff Marsh M 027 590 9245 if you are interested.

Kaka At Gemini Golf

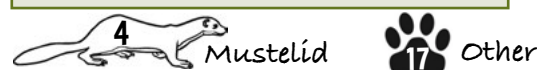
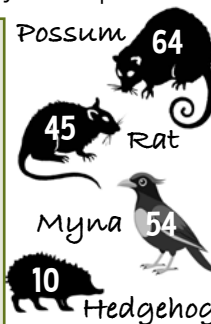
Noticable at the Gemini Golf course, Pukapuka Road, are new signs with a silhouette of a kaka in flight. These native parrots are making a comeback to our area thanks to MWP's extensive trapping. Owners Janet and Kevin Johnston say, "We get lots of comments from golfers about the abundance of birdlife at our course." Matt Doel of [Ultimo Group](#), was one such golfer and opted for some free games in exchange for his eye-catching fairway signs.



Trap.NZ Data For December

Thanks to our volunteers who put an extra 10 traps in the field this month and 16 more bait stations (for rats). Recorded catches were only 1/3 of last month's figures, so please keep checking and re-baiting your traplines.

Total Traps in Field:	1432		
Bait Stations:	463		
Monitoring Stations:	1		
	Total	365 Days	31 Days
Possum:	2,816	851	64
Rat:	2,436	1,003	45
Myna:	715	301	54
Hedgehog:	325	103	10
Mustelid:	148	60	4
Other:	1,674	860	17
Total:	8,114	3,178	194



If you'd like a digital copy of MWP's **Annual Report** (1 July 2023 - 30 June 2024), adopted at our AGM in October, please contact Nada Cottrell (Comms).



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