

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

Kia Ora Mahurangi West and Hungry Creek residents and landowners. This is MWP's 49th update on our project to eradicate pests and improve our natural environment through greater biodiversity.

One-Hour Weed Cafe Schedule

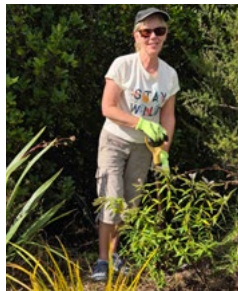
On Sundays from 8.30am to 10am, please give just 1-HOUR of your time to help weed, water, or mulch one of Jamieson Bay's foreshore sites or the top of Opahi Bay Road (corner site). Refreshments provided.

9 March - Cnr Opahi Bay Rd

16 March - Jamieson Bay

23 March - Cnr Opahi Bay Rd

30 March - Jamieson Bay



Thanks Allison Milne, for the flaxes and turning up twice!

Asparagus Fern Control Update

Property owners within the 500m Mahurangi Regional Park Buffer Zone, particularly Opahi Bay and the top side of Barr Road, will soon get a letter from us, outlining the Auckland Council's ongoing support to help you control asparagus fern (pictured opposite) and its 'host' Kahili or wild ginger. Both plants are on the list of six pest weeds that you must control on your property. If we all help to reduce weeds, it prevents them from entering the park, e.g. from wind blown seeds, expansion of tubers or rhizomes, as well as birds eating and depositing seeds.



Volunteering Can Slow How You Age



Health experts in a *Social Science and Medicine* article, say that volunteering has physical, social, and psychological benefits. According to their results, just an hour a week slows biological aging. There are other benefits too - creating a sense of purpose, improving mental health, giving you a psychological lift, boosting your social connectedness, and knowing you're making the world a better place. All you have to do is volunteer. [Published Jan 03, 2025, by StudyFinds]

Hugh Offers Wasp Control Service

Is your home being overwhelmed by wasps? Beehives under attack? After a relatively warm winter, all species of wasps are on the increase. Both paper wasps (easily controlled by household fly sprays) and German wasps (more difficult) are on the rise.

"Irritated by months of increasing wasps numbers, I've become an approved Vespex user to help control German wasp nests," says Hugh Kininmonth. "It's a relatively easy process, and although it won't eradicate them completely, it will control their numbers. The beauty of Vespex, is that you don't have to get that close to the nest," he adds.

"With the help of local beekeepers and a neighbour, we are getting on top of the 2m sq. nest in our bush (circled). If you have a wasp problem, I'm happy to come and look at your Mahurangi West property. All I ask is that you make a donation to Mahurangi West Pest and tag it as *wasp control*," says Hugh. Please feel free to call him on 021 979 350.



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

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

You can set up a regular payment to go towards a fulltime trapper, as your way of helping us. Use the tag 'trapper'.

Trap.NZ Data For February

Volunteers put an extra 14 traps in the field and 18 more bait stations (for rats) this month. Catches were lower in February. If you need any help with traps, peanut butter, or lures please contact your area coordinator, or Jeff Marsh.

Total Traps in Field:	1479		
Bait Stations:	491		
Monitoring Stations:	1		
	Total	365 Days	30 Days
Possum:	2,933	866	48
Rat:	2,516	937	29
Myna:	895	481	0
Hedgehog:	347	81	10
Mustelid:	156	58	2
Other:	1,218	785	4
Total:	8,065	3,208	93



Mustelid



Other

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