

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

Kia Ora Mahurangi West and Hungry Creek residents and landowners. This is MWP's 52nd update on our project to eradicate pests and improve our natural environment through greater biodiversity.

Innovative!

Beth Harper (opposite) a local landowner and trapper demonstrates a ladder made from wood off-cuts, for getting over fences and reaching high up possum traps to reset or rebait them.

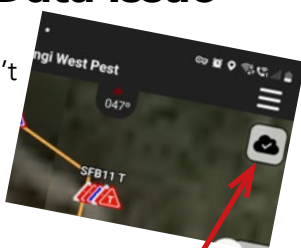


Possums Eat Meat

One possum eats 2.8 to 3.5 kilograms of vegetation each week. However, they are also meat eaters, like this possum (above) caught in a meat-baited SA2 cat trap. Possums also eat native birds' eggs and chicks.

Resolving Trap.NZ Data Issue

If you're NOT logging catches on your mobile app because you can't see a trap(s) on your app - please check out this quick fix! Traps sometimes disappear from view on your app and normally a quick sync will get them back.

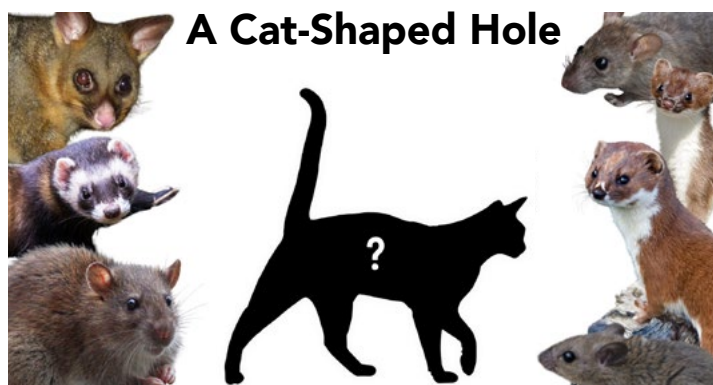


To sync your mobile app first push the 'sync button' on the map screen (shown), then choose which network for syncing - WIFI or Cellular or both. Then press the 'Synchronise Now' button near the bottom of screen.

We're better resourced by funders and the council when they see our results, so logging catches is vital! And we really appreciate all your great work protecting native species from predators.

Not able to log catches? Email mwp.results@gmail.com and we'll log them, or text 027 5909 245 with your trapline name and catches. If you're keen to get your app going and a sync didn't work, then call Jeff Marsh who has kindly offered to sort it out with you.

Our Mazda-sponsored Trappers Social & BBQ is on Saturday, 7 June, at the community hall. Invitees, please RSVP for catering purposes to [MWP's Communicator](#), if you haven't already.



A Cat-Shaped Hole

Feral cats are apex predators and leaving them off the Predator Free 2050 strategy's list of targeted species, while trying to save vulnerable native species, creates a gaping hole in the strategy, says Predator Free NZ.

The Department of Conservation's Predator Free 2050 strategy's review submissions close at 5pm on 30 June 2025. You can use [DOC's online form](#) or email your submission to pf2050discussion@doc.govt.nz.

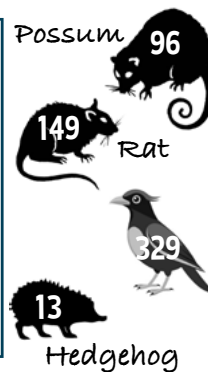
Trap.NZ Data For May

Thanks to Mike Neil, Hub 4 coordinator, who got the ball rolling with myna live-captures this month, we've gone from zero to 329 this month and largest ever number of rats!

Pest Control Tools in the Field: 2,108

Includes 518 Bait Stations
Monitoring Stations: 1

	Total	365 Days	30 Day
Possum:	3,186	907	96
Rat:	2,798	865	149
Myna:	810	810	329
Hedgehog:	384	91	13
Mustelid:	172	48	7
Other:	1,782	729	73
Total:	9,132	3,450	667



Mustelid



Other

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'.

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