

"Understand the specifics of our peninsula's ecosystem, and design programmes to best support, protect and enhance it." - MWP Vision

Kia Ora Mahurangi West and Hungry Creek residents and landowners. This is MWP's 53rd update on projects to eradicate pests and improve our natural environment through greater biodiversity.

Mazda Foundation Sponsored Our Trappers' Event in June

This year's Mazda-sponsored Trappers' Social and BBQ at the community hall (below) was a huge success. The filling station for lure and bait was popular with our volunteers keen to trial rabbit jerky in false eggs, a new item to help catch those wily stoats. Thanks to the generous grant of \$2,355 from the Mazda Foundation we also bought health and safety gear for our trappers.



Above: Beth Harper's niece Suzie with H&S field gear and lure for 'Trapping Tuesdays', which she really looks forward to. Above right: Mike Neil gives traps, lure and bait to Andrew Finlay at the volunteer trappers' filling station.



Trap.NZ Data 10,000+ Pests!



We reached over 10,000 pests on Trap.NZ this month, doubling the number of mynas and catching the largest number of rats ever!

Harjit Sidhu (left) of Kauri Ora Farms received a certificate from MWP Chair, Brian Bramell at our Trappers' Event, for his significant contribution to myna captures.

Pest Control Tools in the Field: 2,059

Includes 518 Bait Stations
Monitoring Stations: 1

	Total	365 Days	30 Day
Possum:	3,327	968	71
Rat:	3,031	983	166
Myna:	1,427	1,427	617
Hedgehog:	399	104	14
Mustelid:	180	52	5
Other:	1,862	793	154
Total:	10,226	4,327	1,027



NZ-Made Herbicide Gel Pens An Alternative To Spraying Weeds

We still have a supply of herbicide gel pens and large EcoMatters compost bags, from Auckland Council's Environment section, for anyone who wants to tackle pest weeds on their properties, i.e. within the 500m Buffer Zone around the Mahurangi Regional Park. The Cut'N'Paste gel pens are great for ginger rhizomes and woody stemmed weeds like Cotoneaster and Rhamnus. Phone or email [MWP's Community Coordinator](#) for the above items and if you are wanting any eradicating weed pests fact sheets.



There's nothing like a bit of friendly competition to get great results. Mike Neil has tried for months to beat Harjit Sidhu's huge myna counts and finally did so this month - but only by one pesky bird!

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'. If setting up a regular payment to go towards a fulltime trapper, as your way of helping us, use the tag 'trapper'.

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