



"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 our 57th update on projects to eradicate pests and improve our natural environment through greater biodiversity.

Our Annual Event A Success!



The weather held for the joint annual neighbourhood event with our Community Response Group on Sunday 12 October, which attracted over 60 locals and numerous frontline responders, such as the firefighters maze.

Pest control coordinators Mike Neil and Jeff Marsh had a busy afternoon running the volunteer trappers' filling station with sponsors' giveaways (above). With spring here and predators rapidly increasing in numbers it was timely for getting lure and bait to our trapline volunteers.

WhatsApp Trappers Group

Our new Trappers Group on WhatsApp is a great way to share what is or isn't working for you, to get trapping tips, expert assistance, or perhaps to find someone to maintain your trapline when you go on an extended holiday.

We have volunteer trappers and hub coordinators on WhatsApp already. If you'd like to join this group, please email: mahurangiwestpest@gmail.com



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', 'native plants', or 'wasp control'. If setting up a **regular payment** to go towards a fulltime trapper, as your way of helping us, please use the tag 'trapper'.

Paper Road Volunteer Planting Day

Put **Sunday, 9 November** in your diary if you'd like to help with a last ditch effort to get all the council-funded native plants in the ground. Bring your chainsaw if you'd like to trim that fallen tree in the dell, below the new plantings.

The Auckland Council's Environmental Service has agreed to keep funding asparagus fern removal in the Buffer Zone. Get in touch with [Nada Cottrell](#) if you need any advice, weed bags or assistance.



Pest Controllers

Wanted! Coordinators for two of our hubs - could this be you? Pest Control Hub 5 (South Mahurangi West) and Hub 8 (Pukapuka West) need community minded people to distribute lures and bait to volunteers, encourage regular trapline checks, teach others effective trap-setting and keeping a register. Interested? Please contact Jeff Marsh.



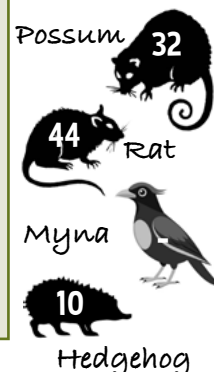
Mick Cleland (Hub 9) and Mike Neil (Hub 4), out laying traplines on Windy Ridge, Pohuehue.

Trap.NZ Data For October

Pest Control Tools in the Field: 2,072

Includes 523 Bait Stations
Monitoring Stations: 1

	Total	365 Days	30 Day
Possum:	3,608	861	32
Rat:	3,270	921	44
Myna:	1,870	1,791	-
Hedgehog:	451	143	10
Mustelid:	192	47	2
Other:	1,976	417	29
Total:	11,367	4,180	117



Mustelid



Other

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