

"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 61st update on projects to eradicate pests and improve our natural environment through greater biodiversity.

Resignations & New Appointments

Following Nada Cottrell's resignation after five years of dedicated work, we're pleased to announce MWP's new Community Coordinator and Facilitator, Joanna Gullet (right). She moved to Mahurangi West at 12 years old, after many years of holidays here. She has a Bachelor of Business and a Diploma in Design. Her most recent work was as a Demand Planner, but she has since stepped away from fulltime work to concentrate on raising a young family. For the past three years she has been volunteering as Treasurer for Puhoi Playgroup, and she enjoys gardening in her spare time.



Hugh Kinninmonth (left), who is working on the pine felling project in Huawai Bay, has also taken over the bookkeeping role from accountant Kylie Watt after her request to stepdown from MWP's day-to-day financial tasks. Our thanks to Kylie for undertaking this important role over

the past year. Hugh continues to provide support for our volunteer trappers in hubs 3 (Bullock Track) and 6 (West Mahurangi West), but we are still hoping that someone else can step up and take over as coordinator for hub 6.

Regional Park Buffer Zone Contract

Nada Cottrell's contract (4 to 8 hours per week) with Auckland Council's **Regional Park Buffer Zone** needs a replacement person. If anyone is interested in this role, which involves providing advice and resources to in-zone residents please contact Brian Bramell, mob. 021 0257 5957.



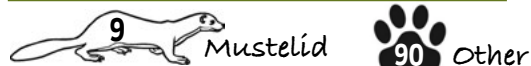
Photo: *Asparagus fern* is a key pest plant throughout Mahurangi West.

Trap.NZ Results For February

Recorded trap numbers for this month have risen with 78 possums recorded, as well as 6 myna and 9 mustelids (both 0 in the previous month). As mustelids are on the rise at this time of the year, it's important to rebait your mustelid traps, ask your hub coordinator for advice.

Pest Control Tools in the Field: 2,089
Includes 525 Bait Stations
Monitoring Stations: 1

	Total	365 Days	30 Day
Possum:	3,819	663	78
Rat:	3,521	915	73
Myna:	1,876	1,676	6
Hedgehog:	490	136	17
Mustelid:	212	52	9
Other:	2,460	539	90
Total:	12,378	3,981	273



Stoats In Search Of New Territory

According to The Forest Bridge Trust (which we have a Memorandum Of Understanding with), during January and February, young stoats disperse in search of new territory. This is a critical time for our native wildlife, as these juveniles are relentless hunters targeting vulnerable fledglings, kiwi chicks, lizards and other taonga species. Thanks to the vigilance of our volunteer trappers we can prevent them from establishing new territories. [Photo: Mike Neil]



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

Thanks for your continued support - we put your donations to good use. Please tag donations as 'pest tools', 'weed control', 'native plants', or 'wasp control'. If you set up a **regular payment** to go towards a fulltime trapper, as your way of helping us, please use the tag 'trapper'.

We are grateful to The Rosser Foundation for their very generous donation. These funds will provide critical pest control tools and expand our trapping network.

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