

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

Farewell Nada

Mahurangi West Pest extends a heartfelt thank you and farewell to Nada Cottrell, who is stepping down after five years as Community Coordinator and Facilitator. Nada has been instrumental in shaping Mahurangi West Pest into the successful initiative it is today. She secured key funding, became the trusted face of the organisation in the community, and inspired widespread involvement in local environmental efforts. From organising planting days to supporting our dedicated trappers, Nada brought energy, warmth, and commitment to everything she did. Behind the scenes, she kept things running smoothly and provided invaluable support to our chairperson, Brian. Her ability to connect people and keep projects moving forward has left a lasting impact.



Nada Cottrell

We are incredibly grateful for Nada's contribution and the strong foundation she leaves behind. While we are sad to see her go, we wish her all the very best as she moves to Wellington to be closer to her sister. She will be greatly missed.

Trailer Needed

Mahurangi West Pest occasionally needs to borrow a trailer to transport an ATV for trapline work. Must have a ramp and be at least 1.65m wide. Can you can help? Contact Mike Neil 027 474 1160



Project Birdsong Nature Walk



Saturday April 11th 2pm - 5pm. 597 Mahurangi West Road. Join us for a nature walk through two local properties from a regenerating bush to Waha Ridge. Enjoy birdsong, a glamping tent tour, and the old Oyster Factory. Refreshments provided at the end. Wear sturdy shoes. RSVP Beth Harper 027 441 1759

Wanted Hub Coordinators

We're looking for two volunteers to support Pest Control Hub 5 (South Mahurangi West) and Hub 8 (Pukapuka West). The role involves distributing lures and bait to volunteers, encouraging regular trapline checks, sharing effective trap-setting techniques, and maintaining a register. Keen to help? Contact Jeff Marsh 027 590 9245



Trap.NZ Results for March

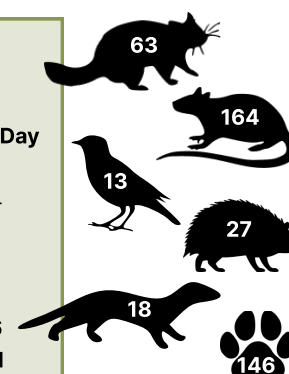
Volunteers have added 23 traps and 12 bait stations this month. Possum catches were down whilst all other catches were up including 18 mustelids. If you need any bait or lures please contact your area coordinator, or Jeff Marsh 027 590 9245

Traps in the field: 1,587

Bait Stations: 537

Monitoring Stations: 1

	Total	365 days	30 Day
Possum	3,858	638	63
Rat	3,641	969	164
Myna	1,889	1,689	13
Hedgehog	509	143	27
Mustelid	221	55	18
Other	2,529	582	146
Total	12,647	4,076	431



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 full time trapper as your way of helping us, please use the tag 'trapper'.

Monthly Spotlight

In March we captured a remarkable 18 mustelids. A real tribute to Mike Neil's redesigned double traps!

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Planting Coordinator (Pending)

Website: <https://mahurangiwestpest.wordpress.com/>

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Trapline Area Coordinators

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8 To be decided (Pukapuka West)

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