



Mahurangi West Pest Incorporated

Annual Report

1 July 2023 - 30 June 2024



Foreword

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

We wonder whether the concept of climate change is so broad and overwhelming that people feel helpless, looking only to large government solutions. Instead, we want our volunteers, especially the young ones, to understand that their individual efforts truly make a difference.

A possum can eat 3.3kg of vegetation every single day. The almost 2,500 possums we have eradicated would have eaten nearly 3,000 metric tonnes of leaves this year alone. Imagine how many seedling trees we would need to plant every year to replace that many leaves? Clearly, predator control is a cost-effective way to prevent the damage and sequester carbon dioxide.

Forest & Bird data states that a coastal wetland can sequester carbon 35-57 times faster than a tropical forest. With all the planting and wetlands restoration we do, how much carbon have we captured? In addition to all the other benefits, the work we do identifying and restoring native forests and wetlands is a valuable climate action.

We struggle for resources to do the good work we do, yet we get no credit for the positive impact we have on climate change. We receive no carbon credits and no climate-targeted funding. One goal for this year is to answer the question... How do we change that?

This year we also have been taking a hard look at our unique circumstances. Our new vision is:

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

What we have discovered is that:

We have matuku-hūrepo/Australasian bittern in our community.

We have verified that pekapeka tou-roa/long-tailed bats still exist.

Rare pirita/green mistletoe exists in our bush.

We have anecdotal evidence that kiwi have returned to our community. Verification is underway.

We do not have to be completely pest free to provide "relative safety". We are reaching a tipping point where it is safe enough for our flora and fauna to recover. We can now begin to target our efforts according to our unique circumstances on the peninsula to benefit the most vulnerable species.

So... we will continue our overall pest-control programmes, invasive-plant control, planting programmes and wetlands restoration. We will continue to work with the team at Mahurangi Land Restoration to complete all the projects we have in the works. All the things we have been doing for the past five years are ongoing.

But... we are now undertaking the additional challenge of understanding and protecting the three vulnerable species mentioned above in particular. We are in the process of seeking funding for grad students to help us inventory, understand habitats, assess risks, identify what we can do to help, design species-specific programs and implement those programmes.

Please remember our trapping programme is core to the success of all these programmes. Checking traplines regularly and logging results does not take a lot of time. But consistency is crucial to success.

Thank you one and all for everything you are doing.

Brian Bramell
MWP Chair

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Executive Summary

Mahurangi West Pest Incorporated (MWP) comprises some 100 local pest-control volunteers (75 active in the field) and over 80 biodiversity volunteers. The latter carry out weeding, planting native shrubs and trees, bat research, native-bush recovery checks and quarterly bird counts. Our key aims are to reduce both invasive plants and pest animals through the development of our longterm sustainable control programme.

MWP, which includes Hungry Creek residents, was started in 2020 by Brian Bramell, who is currently the organisation's Chair. It was formed to develop and implement a plan for controlling both plant and animal species, in line with the Auckland Council's Pest Free Auckland conservation guidelines, and has grown to cover 3,500 hectares, from an initial 2,100 hectares.

MWP was registered as an incorporated society in 2021 and given charity status the same year. In August 2023, we opened a bank account with the ANZ and continue to receive donations from both the public and private sectors. It is only through charitable donations, gifts and services in kind, and successful grant submissions that we can continue to make progress on achieving our goal of a pest-free peninsula.

We collaborate with *The Forest Bridge Trust* (TFBT) to concentrate pest-control efforts around Pukapuka and Cowan Bay roads area. As part of its strategy, TFBT is committed through a joint Memorandum of Understanding with MWP, to support our trapline expansion into Hub 7 (refer to map opposite), combining with our existing volunteers, providing training in recording stats and growing the area under pest control by reaching out to the farming community.

TFBT are custodians of McElroy Scenic Reserve, and a key aim is to encourage adjoining landowners to buy traps for their own land in order to quickly get adequate coverage of previously under-trapped areas. We have also benefited by gaining some of their experienced trappers to assist our volunteer force.

We value our relationship with Restore Rodney East (RRE), which encompasses a diverse range of over 40 environmental groups in the eastern coastal areas of the Rodney District, from Puhoi in the South to Te Arai in the North. RRE supports and empowers local community initiatives, providing resources to local groups and their respective conservation projects.

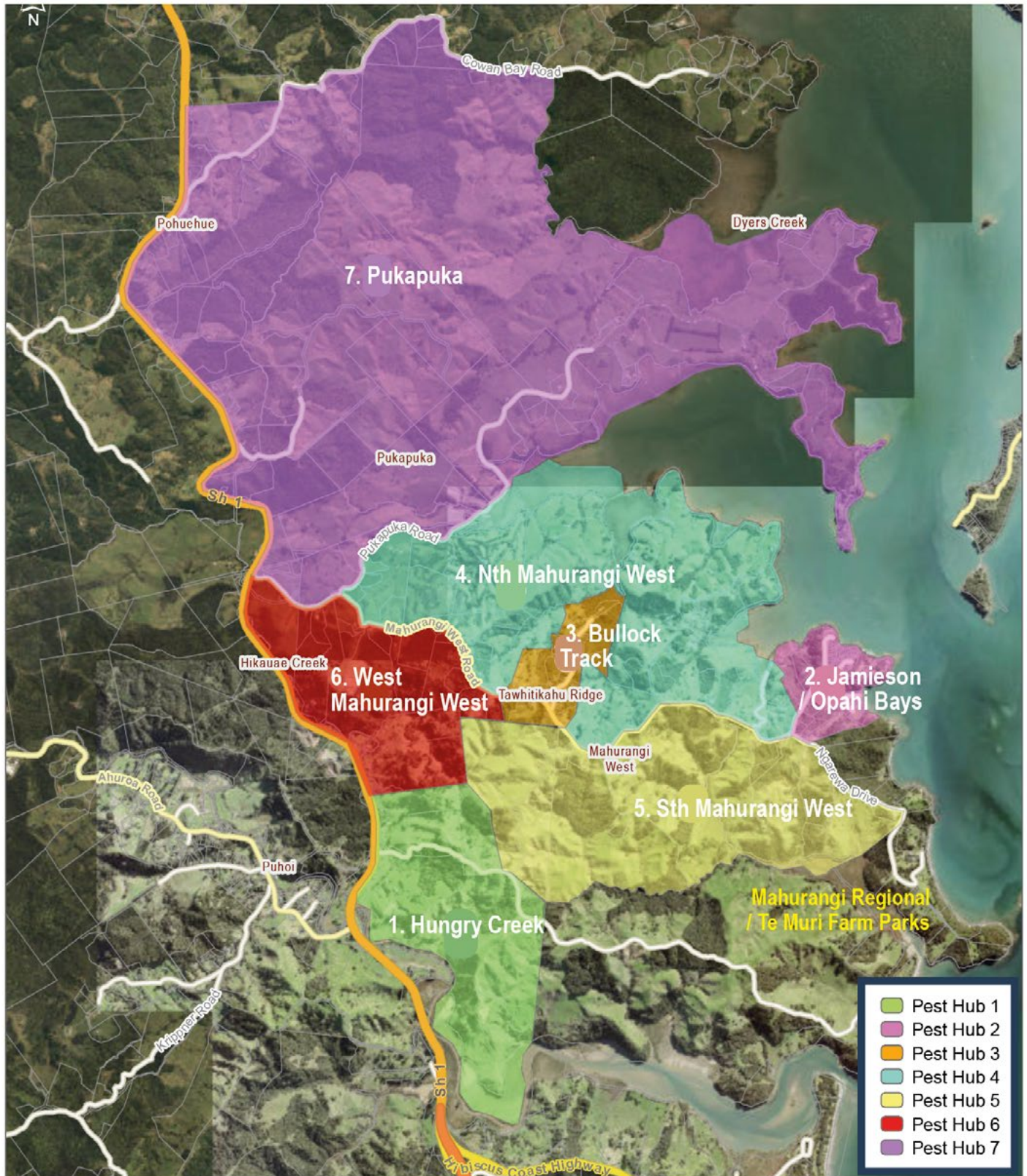
We can't underestimate the monetary value that our volunteer workforce provides by working in all weathers to provide the necessary laying out and maintenance of traplines and varied biodiversity services. Even at the most basic wage, our pest-control volunteers are donating well over \$50,000 of value to MWP, and our research assistants and weeders/planters a further \$3,500 of invaluable environmental aid.

The past year has seen MWP reach several milestones, such as 6,000 animal pests (twice the number recorded in 2023 on Trap.NZ). We also recorded increased numbers of native birds across the peninsula. In addition, we consistently achieve large turnouts for weed eradication and planting events.

A banded rail (moho pererū), pictured with its chick, is an endangered species living on the Mahurangi West peninsula.



Pest-Control Trapping Hubs



Mahurangi West

Team Mahurangi West Pest



It is only through community-led teamwork and the generous efforts of our many volunteers that we can realise our vision of pest eradication, restoring our natural ecosystems, and enhancing the indigenous biodiversity and special character of the Mahurangi West peninsula.

Incorporated Society - Members (18)

Brian Bramell - Member
Stephanie Herron - Member
Jeff Marsh - Member
Nada Cottrell - Member
Fran Ashton - Member
Rosanna Whaanga - Member
Mel Whaanga - Member
Ian Cheesman - Member
Gay Miers - Member (resigning)

Lyn Ladyman - Member
Hugh Kininmonth - Member
Mike Neil - Member
Peter Johnson - Member
Ann Cook - Member
Lex Marshall - Member (Membership)
Kathryn Ashworth - Member
Paul Jamieson - Member
Michelle Spooner - Member (Social Media)
Beth Harper - Prospective Member

Executive Members (7)

Fran Ashton - Biodiversity Monitoring
Brian Bramell - Chair
Stephanie Herron - Secretary
Jeff Marsh - Treasurer

Mike Neil - Pest Control
Mel Waanga - Iwi Advisor
Rosanna Waanga - Iwi Advisor

Pest Control Coordinators (8)

Jeff Marsh - Manager, Hub 2, Jamieson Bay
Ian Cheesman - Hub 1, Hungry Creek
Lyn Ladyman - Hub 2, Opahi
Hugh Kininmonth - Hub 3, Bullock Track

Mike Neil - Hub 4, North Mahurangi West
Peter Johnson - Hub 5, South Mahurangi West
Hugh Kininmonth - Hub 6, West Mahurangi
Stephanie Herron - Hub 7, Pukapuka

Vounteers

Pest control volunteers number 100, with 75 currently active in the field. Biodiversity volunteers number 80, comprising 24 bird monitors (eBirders); 8 bat researchers (including 2 outside experts providing expert support); and 40 rehabilitation/biodiversity weeders and planters.

We thank Gay Miers, Weed Control and Planting Programme Coordinator, for her dedicated work, but unfortunately for us, she had to resign mid year.

We are grateful to Hugh Kininmonth for taking on the coordination of an additional hub earlier this year (Hub 6).

Community Coordination

We thank Nada Cottrell for her continued efforts in her role as community coordinator for a fourth year. We are grateful to the Auckland Council's Grants and Incentives section for providing the funding for this essential role (1.5 days per week). In line with her key responsibilities Nada provides team support for our community volunteers; seeks and manages grants and support in kind, as well

as additional funding as per recommendations set out in the Auckland Council's Overarching Biodiversity Plan 2020. She continues to collaborate with organisations crucial to a regional approach to 2050 Pest Free New Zealand, such as Predator Free NZ, The Forest Bridge Trust and Restore Rodney East.

Thanks To Our Stakeholders

THE AUCKLAND COUNCIL

Rebecca Kemp of the Environmental Services Biodiversity Team, has gone out of her way to provide supplies and traps in a difficult funding period. We thank her for ongoing programme support and advice.

Bryony Smart has continued to support community liaison work on the Mahurangi Regional Park Buffer Zone project. This is to help eliminate asparagus species (climbing and bushy) on land within 500m of the park's boundaries. The current project has been extended until December 2024.

Megan Young, Senior Conservation Advisor Natural Environment Delivery (North), has provided workshops on the nationally endangered matuku hūrepo (Australasian bittern) and liaison regarding the regional possum-control project, which is part of Auckland Council's Long-term Plan objective to achieve sustained control of possums.

MAHURANGI LAND RESTORATION PROJECT

Special thanks to consultant Holly Fleming MSc, Director Terra Pura Consulting Limited, for untold hours of commitment to restoration projects and grants, as well as helping us with ongoing projects, such as Opaheke Point's slips and cliffside replanting.

MAHURANGI REGIONAL AND TE MURI REGIONAL PARKS

We owe a huge debt of gratitude to park ranger, Jared Anderson (and his partner Jacinda) for their continued support.

Jared has been working closely with MWP on our new Strategic Direction - to aid both our organisations in achieving common goals.

He also provides us with information on bird recovery and sitings, and is an enthusiastic supporter of our ongoing bat-research project.

RODNEY / HIBISCUS AND BAYS DISTRICTS

Dan Marrow, community park ranger, has provided great support for our Jamieson Bay Esplanade Reserve project, with a delivery of native plants for the foreshore planting area. See more in the Rodney Local Board item on page 7.



Above: Volunteers Mike Jenkin and Di Schnauer bag asparagus fern in the Mahurangi Regional Park Buffer Zone, during our November weedathon.



Above: Jared Anderson, centre, helps locate possible long-tailed bat/pekapeka tou-roa sites within the Te Muri Regional Park.

Thanks To Our Stakeholders continued

NGĀTI MANUHIRI SETTLEMENT TRUST

Consultation is ongoing with Ngāti Manuhiri regarding the extension of the Jamieson Bay/Korotangi Esplanade Reserve's seawall by 13m to help protect our biodiversity plantings. We value their detailed assessment Kaitiaki Report, following a site visit in September 2023. We also appreciate the availability of cultural induction for members of our organisation.

RESTORE RODNEY EAST

RRE continues to support us with our environmental projects and pest control to help strengthen the biodiversity of the region. Tim Armitage, RRE Chair, provides invaluable advice for our key submissions. Sarah Churchouse, RRE Facilitator, provides opportunities and guidance for us to showcase our work at significant public events. We appreciated the project that swapped old rat traps for new Victor traps, held in late 2023.

THE FOREST BRIDGE TRUST

We are indebted to TFBT for providing 60 wooden trap boxes in September 2023, as well as educational events for our volunteers. Liaison with the trust, to check progress and discuss how to increase the uptake of traps and trapline maintenance on land adjacent to the McElroy Scenic Reserve on our northern boundary, is ongoing. We thank the trust's Tris Bondsfield, Community Liaison Team Lead, Claire Mitchell and Helen Jamieson, Community Liaison, for their advice and support.

FOREST & BIRD

Forest & Bird Warkworth Area Branch covers the area between Puhoi and Maungaturoto. It has been placing nesting boxes for the little blue penguin/kororā from Ti Point to Goat Island and at Leigh. Reports show that kororā are nesting within the Mahurangi Harbour too. We are grateful for Forest & Bird's continued mentoring and support.



Above: Ngāti Manuhiri foreshore site visit, with MWP. Inset: Kaitiaki Report.



McElroy Scenic Reserve (shown above) borders Mahurangi West to the north and is administered by The Forest Bridge Trust. Left: The Trust's 2023 1/2 Year Update confirms that there are kiwi in the general area.

Goods And Services In Kind

AUCKLAND COUNCIL ENVIRONMENTAL

Thanks to the Enviromental Services staff members who continue to support us with advice and information handouts, as well as weeding tools (prizes), drinks and refreshments for our weedathons.



GRANTLEY IMPORTS LTD

Over the past year, this vendor has provided us with 70 pest-control traps and lure (bait) at greatly discounted prices. And special thanks to Carol Johnson too, for her ongoing support and advice.

ITM WARKWORTH

We are grateful to ITM for its marvellous support over many years, supplying us with quality timber for making traps and accessories, used for capturing rats and mustelids. Our thanks to Carl Pauling (left), shown with Brian Bramell, MWP Chair.



PIC'S PEANUT BUTTER WORLD

Special thanks to our supplier Pic's from Stoke, Nelson, who has again provided us with 20 kg of peanut butter byproduct to use in our traps as rat bait. Pic's even paid for the freight.



PREDATOR FREE NZ

As a recipient of a Predator Free Backyard Trapping grant, we were reimbursed for the catering costs of our inaugural Trappers' Social held in November 2023 (see photo below). The grant also covered wooden traps, tracking tunnels with ink-print cards, pest-chew cards, and art supplies, including stencils, paints, and brushes for our Kid's Workshop, also held in November 2023.



RODNEY LOCAL BOARD

In June 2024, we held a cleanup of the Jamieson Bay Esplanade Reserve, which included planting 150 native plants on the foreshore and finishing with a lunchtime BBQ. Our thanks to the Rodney Local Board and park ranger Dan Marrow who organised the delivery of all the plants, as well as the BBQ food supplies and loan of a portable gas BBQ for our team of volunteers.



WARKWORTH BUTCHERY

Many thanks to the local butchery in Warkworth for donating lamb fat for our traps, it works a treat.



Funding Overview

FUNDING SOURCES

GRANTS

The balance of the \$5,000 biodiversity grant for pekapeka or bat research from the Regional Environment and Natural Heritage Fund was \$1,385 at 30 June 2024. This project is ongoing, and further funding is being sought.

The Community Coordinator wages grant from Auckland Council received a top-up of \$8,000 to 31 August 2023, leaving a balance of \$1,870 at 30 June 2024.

Foundation North provided a grant of \$11,439, with \$5,000 tagged for pest control tools (photo A) and \$6,439 to cover wages for a part-time trapper (see next page).

DONATIONS

Donations - General 1862.50

Donations - Plants 125.00

Donations - Traps 734.14

A total of \$2,721.64 was donated to our organisation for the year ending 30 June 2024.

DISPLAY AREAS AND GEAR LOANED

Hiring gear is expensive, so we're indebted to all those organisations and individuals who loaned equipment over the past year. This includes two trail cameras from Restore Rodney East; and a microphone modification to convert a bat-listening device to a kiwi-listening device from Neil Henderson, Auckland's Kaipatiki Project (photo B).

RRE also provided us with a display table under its gazebo for the A&P Lifestyle Show, in March, 2024. This was held at the Warkworth Showgrounds (photo C).

In June 2024, we were given a display area in the Warkworth Town Hall for the joint RRE and The Forest Bridge Trust's highly successful Enviro Expo (photo D).

A



B



C



D



Pest-Control Programme

An adult possum eats 3.3 kilos of leaves each night, that's 3,000 tonnes of leaves every year.

OVERVIEW

At the end of June 2024 we had 1,215 traps in the field, as well as 374 bait stations, bringing the total to 1,591. Our volunteer trappers have removed 1,921 pests from the environment this financial year (including 594 possums, 814 rats, 99 hedgehogs, 55 mustelids, and 359 other pests).

Altogether since trapping has been recorded our volunteers have caught 5,589 pests.

Our data is collated by Pest-Control Manager Jeff Marsh, using the kill figures that our dedicated team enters digitally into the Trap.NZ app throughout the year.

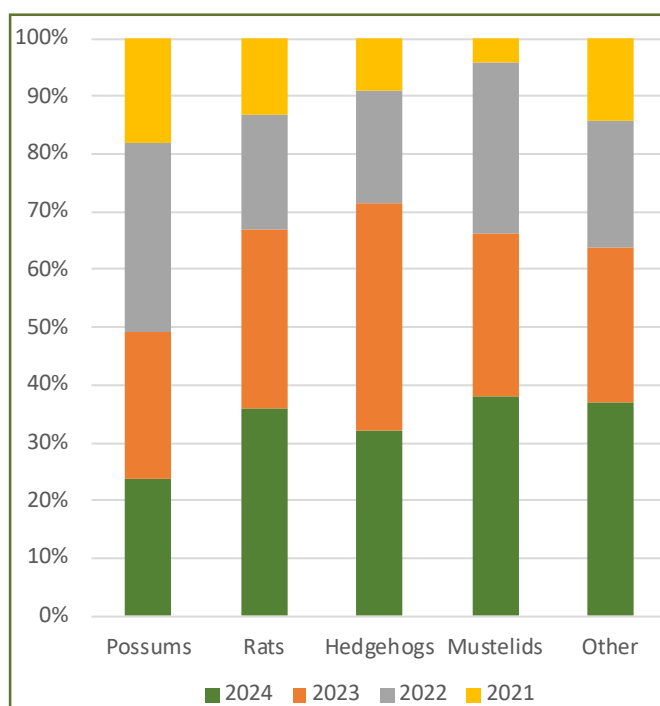
Our goal is to deploy over 500 additional pest-control tools, including autotraps purchased from grants and donations, over the next 12 months. We just need sufficient volunteers to implement this plan. It only takes about 30 minutes to walk a trapline. Not a lot of time committed for such a huge benefit.

TRAINEE TRAPPER

Thanks to a grant from Foundation North that provides for a part-time trapper, we were able to secure the services of Alex Hardy (pictured). He has been trapping since May this year and is currently checking 3 traplines once per fortnight (an average of around 7 hours per fortnight).



Possums eat 3.3 kg of vegetation each night, such as this possum eating kiekele fruit.



Graph: Comparison of animal pests removed from 2021 to 2024

Key Projects

COMMUNITY RESPONSE GROUP & MAHURANGI WEST PEST ANNUAL EVENT

In April 2024, MWP and our Community Response Group enjoyed a big turnout at our joint event, held at the Mahurangi West Hall. Our thanks to Jared Anderson, Mahurangi Regional Park ranger, who spoke knowledgeably on Mahurangi West's ecological taonga. We're also grateful to Jared for the loan of taxidermied predators, such as mustelids, which are key pests under New Zealand's Predator Free 2050 Strategy.

We are indebted to pest-control coordinator Mike Neil for making an ingenious donation box from a wooden trap, and to Michelle Spooner for designing the eye-catching 'please donate today' sign and event poster.

COTONEASTER-CONTROL PROJECT: JAMIESON BAY

Maintenance of both Barr Road and Jamieson Road, with emphasis on cotoneaster removal and chipping, is planned for alternate years, with the next big attack on these invasive weeds planned for the 2024-2025 financial year.

INTERSECTION: OPAHI BAY & MAHURANGI WEST ROADS

We held a volunteer planting bee on the roadside reserve at the top of the Opahi Rd/ Mahurangi West Rd junction, in August 2023. Our thanks to Tris Bondsfield, Community Liaison Team Lead, The Forest Bridge Trust, for organising native plants for this event.

JAMIESON BAY ESPLANADE RESERVE

In April 2024, MWP held a joint cleanup of the reserve with the Jamieson Bay Assn, with 13 volunteers weeding and planting part of the foreshore. In June 2024, we had a great volunteer turnout for an infill-planting morning, finishing with a lunchtime BBQ (also see Rodney Local Board, page 7).

Right: Thanks to Michelle Spooner for her event flyers and advertisements, such as this one for our esplanade reserve planting morning.



Above: Norma Neil and granddaughters kindly donated their Annual Event sales to MWP.



Above: Thanks to Restore Rodney East for the loan of its gazebo, and to volunteers Fran Ashton and Gay Miers for erecting it in time for the roadside reserve intersection planting bee in August.

PLANTING MORNING



After working to remove the pest plants on Jamieson Bay embankment, we're now ready to plant it up with native flora.

When:	Sunday 9 June
Time:	9am – noon
Where:	Jamieson Bay esplanade
Bring:	Bring spade, trowel, gloves
Food:	BBQ provided



Key Projects

LONG-TAILED BAT RESEARCH PROJECT

From April to May 2024 we enlisted the Kaipatiki Project to undertake a comprehensive survey of the current status of pekapeka tou-roa (long-tailed bats) on the peninsula. This was a follow-up to our original research on pekapeka carried out in 2022, after we received a Regional Environment and Natural Heritage Grant of \$5,000.

In early June 2024, the opportunity arose to set out a few bat recorders to follow up on some tentative results we got earlier in the year. The earliest passes occurred at around 6.40 PM, sunset time 5.10 PM. Bat passes included a few feeding buzzes, particularly on Cowan Bay Road and close to the McElroy Scenic Reserve (also refer to page 6).

We would like to thank Neil Henderson and Chris Burton of the Kaipatiki Project, Community Waitakere, for their ongoing support, and to all our landowners along Mahurangi West Road, who agreed to have bat-listening devices installed on their trees and fenceposts for a few weeks.

OPAHEKE POINT RESTORATION

Work on Opaheke Point under the grant from Mahurangi Land Restoration Project has been completed. Over 10,000 plants were planted, with more than 3,000 dug into the cliff face to help prevent further slips and to suppress the growth of weeds and invasive plant species. Much of the work was completed by volunteers abseiling down the cliff to clear invasive species and do the planting. Maintenance work will continue to remove remaining weeds and prevent new growth of unwanted plants. In a few years, we hope to see mostly native bush emerging on the point.

TRAP.NZ APP

Two online tutorials for trappers were held in February 2024 on how to record trap data to the Trap.NZ app, as well as tips on how to simplify the process. We would like to thank The Forest Bridge Trust's data expert Charlie Montgomery for facilitating these sessions.



Above: Neil Henderson (left) and Chris Burton installing a bat-listening device and recording its GPS location, within the Te Muri Farm Park, April 2024.

Below: Simon, a volunteer, abseils down the cliffs at Opaheke Point, to help replace pest plants with native species.



Key Projects continued

REGIONAL PARK BUFFER ZONE: WEED CONTROL

A park buffer zone is a 500m area surrounding a park with special ecological values. In park buffer zones there are restrictions on selected highly invasive pest plants to prevent them spreading into the parks. These pest plants degrade native habitats by smothering native plants and killing them, and removing habitat and food sources for our native animals. By controlling these pests we are helping the native habitats to flourish, supporting healthy ecosystems and a wide range of Auckland's indigenous wildlife.

There are numerous private properties around the Mahurangi Regional Park's buffer zone (see map below). The Auckland Council is controlling pest plants on the park, and is also assisting landowners in the buffer zone to do the same.

Control of climbing asparagus and bushy asparagus in the buffer zone began in 2021,

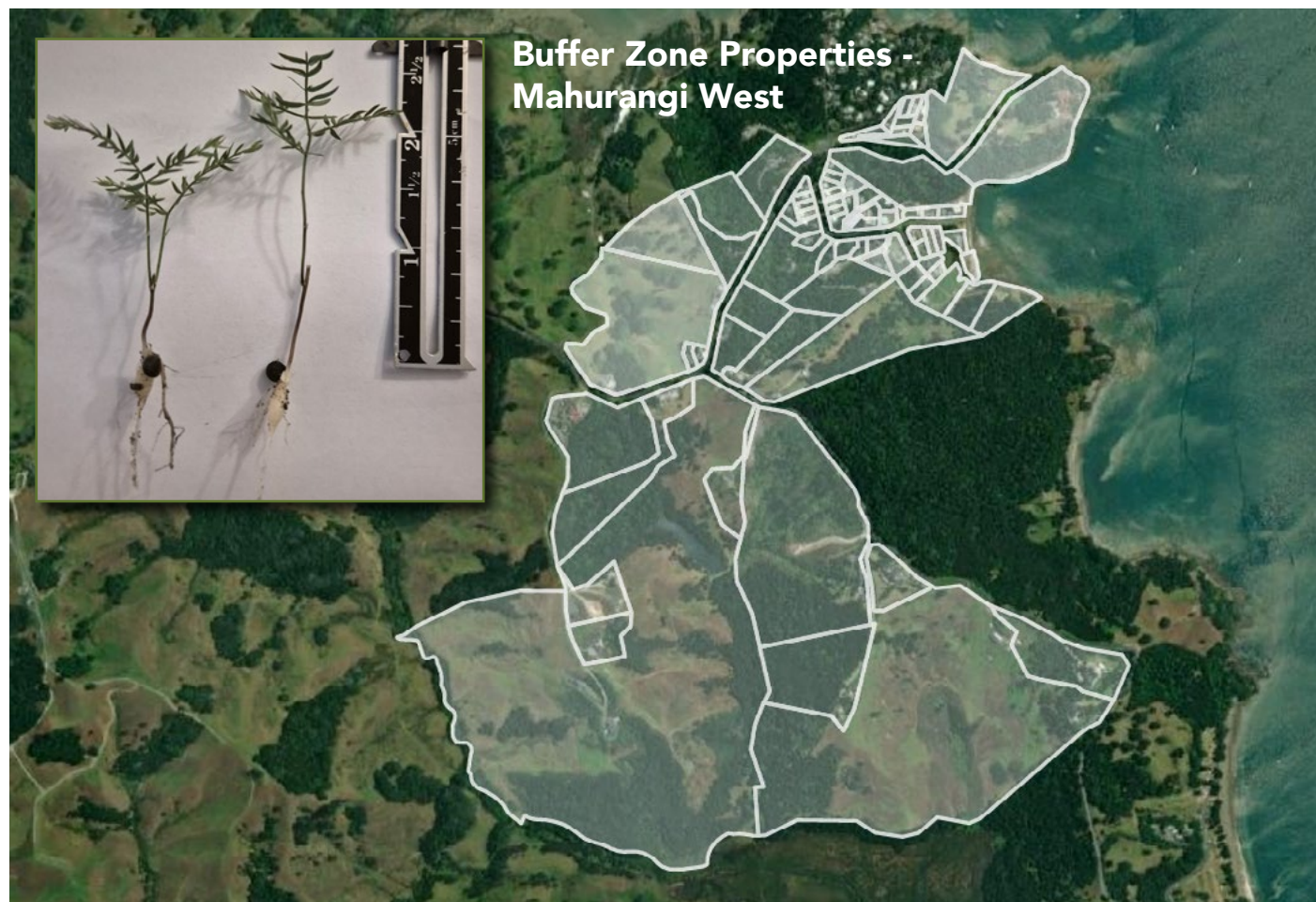
with the Spray Contract community liaison team, made up of MWP's Nada Cottrell and Gay Miers. It was implemented in late 2022 and by mid 2024 had been extended until the end of December 2024.

It has been good to see many property owners requesting weed bags and herbicide gel pens, i.e. wanting to undertake their own weed control.

We have concentrated on trialling various removal tools/techniques to help 'rescue' several hectares of the Auckland Transport land, managed by the council, on the corner of Mahurangi West and Opahi roads. This is a remnant forest of mature totara and puriri where almost all regrowth (kohekohe, tanekaha, totara, puriri etc.) is being strangled by both asparagus fern and climbing jasmine.

With the Auckland Council's weed control compliance team ready to do follow-up visits within the zone, our liaison work continues.

***Inset:** 6 cm-high asparagus fern seed sprouts.*



Biodiversity Monitoring

BIRD-COUNTING VOLUNTEER GROUP

This group covers the peninsula from Pohuehue Road (old State Highway 1) at the end of Mahurangi West Road to the eastern coastal communities of Jamieson Bay and Opahi Bay.

Our number of bird-counting volunteers has increased to 22. The tūi continues to be our most frequently recorded native/endemic bird across the entire peninsula with the silvereye as the second most recorded. Despite recent attempts to deal to the predatory myna birds, they are still our most frequently counted introduced bird.

Bird numbers overall have shown a steady increase in the December 2023 and March and June 2024 quarters compared to the previous year. The percentage of native birds in the total count has risen slightly compared to last year. The number of endemic/native species identified has risen by one from 19 to 20, while the number of introduced species identified has remained constant at 15.

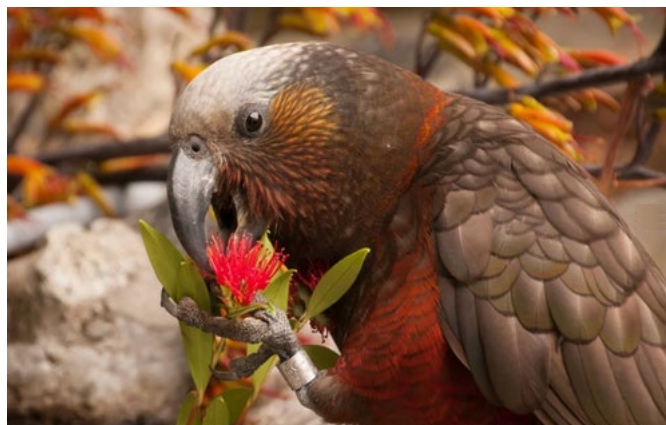
The kākā (native parrot) is now turning up in the count every quarter, somewhere on the peninsula. It was never recorded at all during our first year and a half of monitoring.

Our thanks to Fran Ashton for managing this group and to Nada Cottrell for uploading results onto Trap.NZ.

We are also grateful to Phil Yates for continuing to improve our data-management system which enables us to undertake the bird monitoring and thereby reducing the time spent using a manual system.

FLORA RECOVERY PROJECT

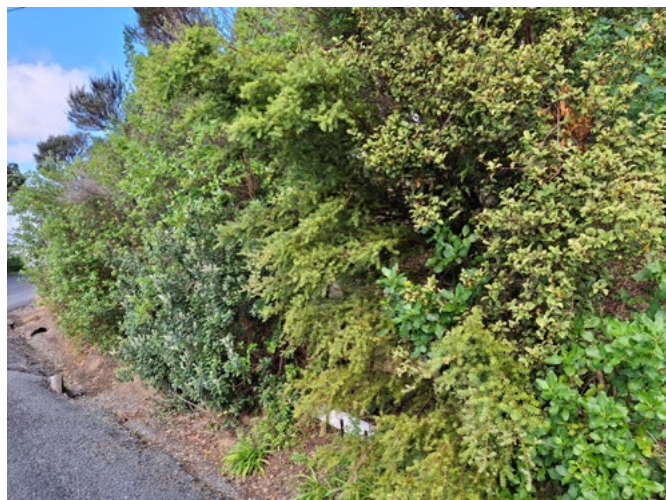
The recovery of Barr Road biodiversity in Jamieson Bay, is evidenced by our before-and-after photographs (see opposite). The first was taken prior to our working bee in 2018, to clear out the cotoneaster which formed a solid wall along most of the road and totally blocked all native seedlings from growing more than a few centimeters tall. The second photo was taken in 2024.



*Since concerted trapping efforts are having an effect, the kākā, hammered by predators such as cats, rats and stoats, are now making a comeback.
[Photo credit: Sarah Stirrup, DOC]*



*Above: The right-hand-side of Barr Road was predominantly cotoneasters in 2018. Below: By 2024, the cotoneasters have been totally replaced by karamu, totara and pohutukawa.
[Photo credit: Fran Ashton]*



Social Media

FACEBOOK AND WEBSITE CONTENT

The number of people who 'liked' and/or commented on Mahurangi West Pest's Facebook (FB) was 107 in 2021, 229 in 2022, 436 in 2023 and 337 so far in 2024. Posting on a FB page is a balance of posting enough content to interest people versus posting too much causing user fatigue. Internet research suggests that a FB page should post no more than three times per week to strike the balance between interest and fatigue.

We appreciate those who 'like', 'comment' and also share our posts and comments. We also appreciate those who supply content such as event photos and pest-control successes. The average number of FB viewers for each post is fairly low at 6, but many posts had between 12 and 28 views.

Posts about upcoming working bees or public talks in the community generally have a greater uptake if they are advertised on FB.

Our social media and news editors, volunteer Michelle Spooner and Community Coordinator Nada Cottrell, between them, add posts several times a week.

It's worth noting that MWP's website has a comprehensive list of invasive weeds and how to get rid of them.



MAHURANGI WEST PEST ENEWS

Our monthly newsletters are a great source of content for posting on social media, where we can expand on both content and images. Newsletters are emailed to all homeowners and residents on the peninsula, including Hungry Creek residents.

We appreciate receiving photos related to pest control on the Mahurangi West peninsula and any improvements to its environmental regeneration and biodiversity. Ideas for content are often suggested by volunteers working in the field.



Above: Our first eNews for this financial year featured the feral cat debate.

Left: Some of the most popular Facebook posts were on the kororā or little blue penguins, photographed by local park ranger, Jared Anderson.

Balance Sheet



Mahurangi West Pest Inc.

As Of 30 June 2024

Assets

Current Assets

Bank Accounts

ANZ

\$38,151.32

Total Bank Accounts

\$38,151.32

Total Current Assets

\$38,151.32

Total Assets

\$38,151.32

Liabilities

Long Term Liabilities

RWT

-\$75.86

Total Long Term Liabilities

-\$75.86

Total Liabilities

-\$75.86

Net Assets

\$38,227.18

Equity

Retained Earnings

\$18,246.02

Current Year's Surplus/Deficit

\$19,981.16

Total Equity

\$38,227.18

Profit and Loss Statement



Mahurangi West Pest Inc.

1 July 2023 To 30 June 2024

Income

Foundation North Grant	\$11,439.00
Donations General	\$1,862.50
Donations - Plants	\$125.00
Donations - Traps	\$734.14

Total Income	\$14,160.64
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Cost Of Sales

Trap Purchases	\$5,133.41
Bat Consumables	\$1,385.67
Spray Contract Consumables	\$2,214.21
Spray Contract Labour	\$4,662.50
Biodiversity Costs	\$343.22
FN Purchases	\$1,480.10
FN Wages	\$173.63
Weed Costs	\$3,115.00

Total Cost Of Sales	\$18,507.74
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Gross Profit	-\$4,347.10
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Expenses

General Expenses

Advertising & Marketing	\$147.22
Dues & Subscriptions	\$51.11
Coordinator Fees	\$14,737.00
Printing & Stationery	\$61.19

Total General Expenses	\$14,996.52
Website	\$262.06

Total Expenses	\$15,258.58
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Operating Profit	-\$19,605.68
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Other Income

Interest Income	\$857.82
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Total Other Income	\$857.82
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Total Other Expenses	\$0.00
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Net Profit/(Loss)	-\$18,747.86
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Statement of Receipts and Payments



Mahurangi West Pest Inc.

Year Ending 30 June 2024

Opening Bank Balances 1-07-2023

Funds held by Forest & Bird		
ANZ Bank	38151.32	38151.32

Revenue

Foundation North Grant	11439.00	
Donations General	1862.50	
Donations - Plants	125.00	
Donations - Traps	734.14	
Interest Received	857.82	
Creditors	719.55	15738.01
		<u>53889.33</u>

Expenses

Payment Creditors		
Trap Purchases	5133.41	
Bat Purchases	1385.67	
Biodiversity purchases	343.22	
Foundation North Expenses	1653.73	
Spray contract expenses	6876.71	
Weed Expenditure	3115.00	
Advertising	147.22	
Coordinator Fees	14737.00	
Printing & Stationery	61.19	
Registration Fees	51.11	
Website	262.06	
RWT	150.11	33916.43
		<u>33916.43</u>

Closing Bank Balances 30-06-2023

ANZ Bank	19972.90	19972.90
		<u>53889.33</u>

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Reserved Funds

30 June 2024

Funds Available as at the 30 June 2024

Bank Balance at 30 June 2024		19972.90
Funds Earmarked @ 30 June 2024		
Bat Grant	1029.52	
Coordinator Grant	1870.30	
Foundation North Grant	9785.27	
Spray Grant	5714.63	
		18399.72
Total Unreserved Funds		1573.18

Contact Us

ANZ Bank Account No: 06-0483-0894183-00

Please consider making a donation to Mahurangi West Pest. If you wish, tag your donation, e.g. pest control, weed control, or native plants.
Thank you for your generosity!

Mahurangi West Pest Registrations

Registered Incorporated Society: NZBN 9429049973433
[Date of incorporation: 13 /10/ 2021]

Registered Charity No: CC59676
[Date of registration 26/11/2021]

Incorporated Societies No. 50080430

Registered Address

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Nada Cottrell, Community Coordinator for MWP, at the joint Restore Rodney East and The Forest Bridge Trust's Enviro Expo, held at the Warkworth Town Hall in June 2024.



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