

Mahu West Pest Inc.

Annual Report



1 July 2021 – 30 June 2022



Foreword

“First and foremost we want to thank all of our volunteers. Without you none of the great things we’ve achieved in 2022 could have happened.”

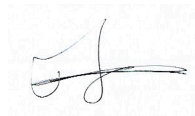
Mahu West Pest is a diverse group of over 120 volunteers. Trappers and trapline engineers. Bird counters and number crunchers (bookkeepers). Trap builders and trap calibrators. Newsletter writers and proof-readers. Social media bloggers and contributors. Planters and weeders. Board members and working group strategists. Grant writers and grant spenders. Fauna and flora researchers and monitors. Bat monitors and crazy bats (like your founder).

We also acknowledge the assistance and support of other not-for-profit and environmental organisations and trusts, Auckland Council, Rodney Local Board, Restore Rodney East, the Department of Conservation, The Forest Bridge Trust, the Forest and Bird Society and Takatu LandCare – all of whom regularly share their thoughts, research and advice. It’s these interactions and through generous grants that have allowed us to grow from a trapping area of 2,100 hectares in January 2021 to the current land area of 3,500 hectares.

The following report showcases the great work Mahu West Pest has achieved with donations, equipment on loan, and the supply of construction materials, from its residents and local businesses. We have more than doubled the size of our volunteer base since early 2021.

I would like to thank everyone for their commitment. And I ask everyone who reads this report to help support and sustain our main goal of a 2050 Pest Free New Zealand. It is only through planning well, investing in the right training, tools and equipment and through sharing the work that we can continue to reach the objectives of pest eradication, land rehabilitation and greater biodiversity throughout the Mahurangi West peninsula.

Thank you one and all.



Brian Bramell
MWP Chair

Cover photo: Brian Bramell discusses a trapline map with volunteers at a Field Day event.

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Executive Summary

Mahu West Pest Inc. a group of Mahurangi West volunteers, including Hungry Creek residents, is the brainchild of Brian Bramell, currently its Chair. Formed in 2019 to develop and implement a plan for controlling invasive plant and animal species, in line with Pest Free Auckland guidelines, it has grown from its initial 2,100 hectares, to now include some 3,500 hectares, with seven hubs (refer to map on page 5).

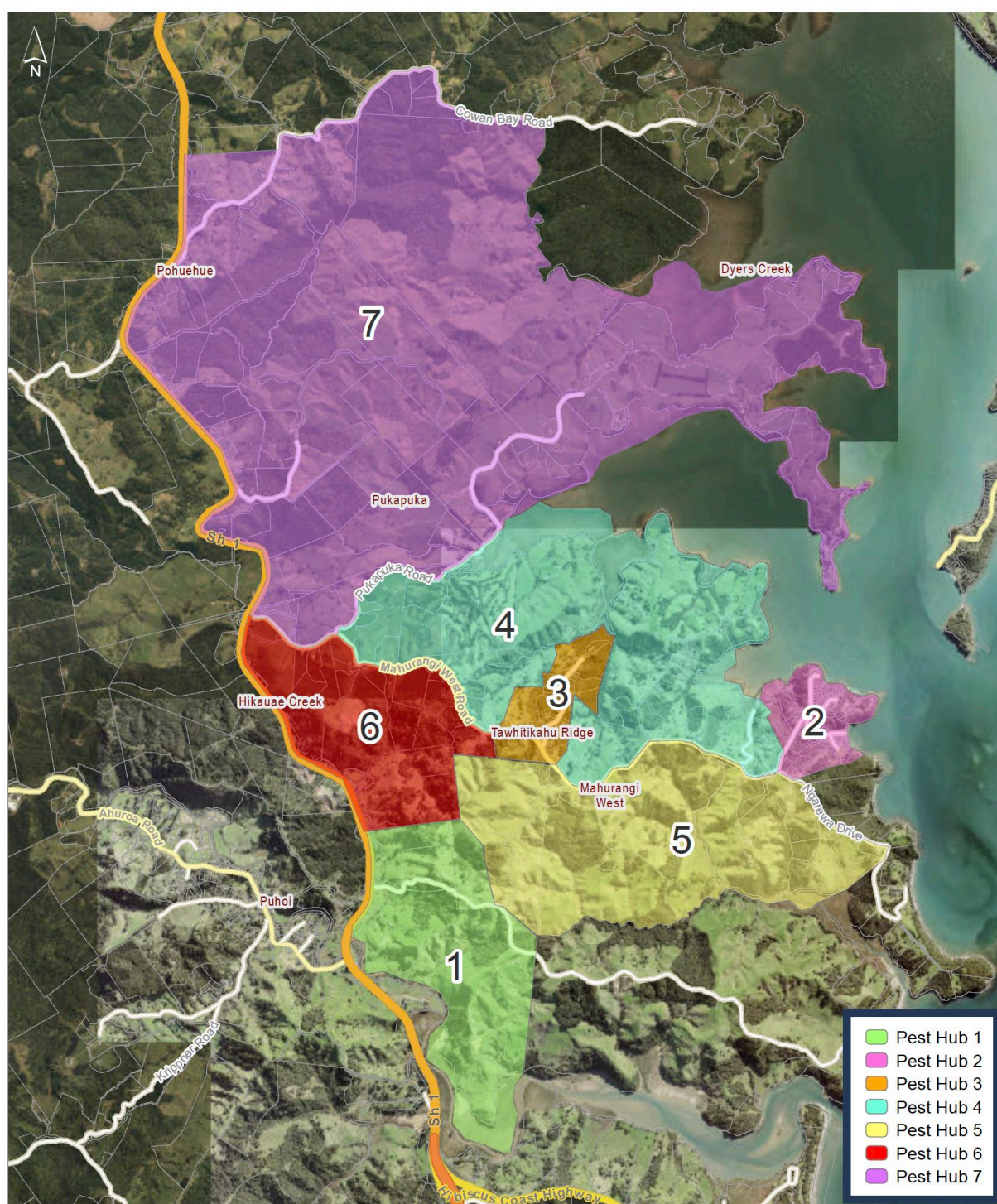
The extended area has been necessary to stem the tide of pest animals breeding within the area and those entering the area to forage and breed over large areas of currently under-trapped farmland, scrub and native forest remnants. Likewise this strategy also gives greater protection to Te Muri and Mahurangi Regional Parklands to the south and McElroy Reserve to the north.

Mahu West Pest's Vision from the outset has been to: *Recruit, Train, Equip, Motivate and Support a sustainable long-term community team of volunteers*. We are indebted to all our volunteers, and particularly to those who stepped into strategic roles as executive members, volunteer coordinators and working group members.

Mahu West Pest operates on the principle of “many hands make light work” to avoid anyone feeling burdened by their involvement. We believe small but sustained contributions of our time will ensure the success and continuity of Mahu West Pests’ projects. In just one year it is gratifying to see that our volunteer numbers have increased two-fold and new areas for rehabilitation and biodiversity research have opened up.

This year saw our volunteer group registered as an incorporated society and given charity status on the 26th of November 2021. We are indebted to Fran Ashton and Deb Farquhar for preparing our Constitution through all its iterations over a period of months.

Mahu West Pest brings together locals with a diverse array of backgrounds and experience to: Control invasive plant and animal species through the development of a long term sustainable control program. To achieve a substantial reduction of invasive pest species the program is being maintained long-term. We can already see the results with healthy re-establishment of native bush and thriving native wildlife. It is through public and private sector support that we can continue to meet goals.



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Mahu West Pest Hubs

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Kilometers

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Team Mahu West Pest

“It is only through community-led team work 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 (15)

Stephanie Herron	Secretary/Pest Control Coordinator Area 7
Jeff Marsh	Treasurer / Pest Control Manager
Nada Cottrell	Community Coordinator & Facilitator
Fran Ashton	Monitoring
Rosanna Whaanga	Iwi Representative
Mel Whaanga	Iwi Representative
Ian Cheesman	Pest Control Coordinator Area 1
Lyn Ladyman	Pest Control Coordinator Area 2 - Opahi
John Hill	Pest Control Coordinator Area 3
Mike Neil	Pest Control Coordinator Area 4
Peter Johnson	Pest Control Coordinator Area 5
Ann Cook	Member
Lex Marshall	Membership Database
Kathryn Ashworth	Fundraising
Brian Bramell	Chair

Executive Members (7)

Fran Ashton
Brian Bramell
Jeff Marsh
Mike Neil
Stephanie Herron
Mel Whaanga
Rosanna Whaanga

Deb Farquhar stepped down from the Executive on 11 August 2021. She was a key member of the working group instrumental in drafting legislation for Mahu West Pest’s Incorporation, finalised in November 2021.

Pest control volunteers number 78 and includes 7 coordinators. Biodiversity volunteers number 44, comprising 19 eBirders or monitors; 11 bat researchers (4 are outside experts providing advice); and 16 land rehabilitation/biodiversity weeders and planters. Social media, accounting and editorial services number 4. Equipment maintenance 1. Total volunteers 127.

Thank You

“The considerable work undertaken this financial year could not have been accomplished without the dedication of our 120 plus volunteers and the equally generous financial and in-kind support from residents, local businesses and the environmental sector.”

Restore Rodney East - Pest Control Collaboration

Restore Rodney East (RRE) supports locally based environmental projects to realise their full potential, collaborating with community groups, landowners and organisations to strengthen the biodiversity of the region.

In April this year, RRE awarded us 22 pest control traps giving our volunteers the opportunity to get these trapping tools out in the field, to target all three of the main pest groups. As possums and other pests are particularly active at that time of the year, this donation was well timed.

Brian Bramell is a founding member of RRE, and Fran Ashton is Mahu West Pest’s representative on the Board. Mahu West Pest was voted a member organisation in June 2022.

Special thanks to Tim Armitage, Restore Rodney East’s Chair and Sarah Churchouse, Facilitator, for their ongoing support.



Sarah Churchouse, Facilitator for Restore Rodney East, delivering pest control traps for possums, rats and stoats to Mahu West Pest in April 2022.

Thank You

Ngāti Manuhiri

Mahu West Pest is also grateful for the support and endorsement of Mook Hohneck, Chairman of Ngāti Manuhiri (Pakiri) for the work we are doing in pest control and biodiversity. He visited the peninsula in May 2022, to learn about our program. And thanks to our members Rosanna and Mel Whaanga for making this happen.

Also, a huge shout out to Ngāti Manuhiri for their kūtai mussel restoration program in the vicinity of the Mahurangi Harbour.



Brian Bramell, Mahu West Pest Chair (left) and Jonathan Peacey, NZ Program Director, The Nature Conservancy, giving a hand at Ngāti Manuhiri's Mahurangi Harbour kūtai mussel restoration program.

The Nature Conservancy

We thank another significant endorser of our projects, the New Zealand Program Director Jonathan Peacey of The Nature Conservancy, which operates in 70 countries and territories across the world. Jonathan visited our project in August this year.

Thank You

Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society

We are most grateful to the Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of NZ Inc., Warkworth Area Branch Chair, Sally Richardson for mentoring our organisation in its initial stages. Our special thanks too, to Elizabeth Clark, Branch Treasurer, for providing financial services for Mahu West Pest over the past two years.

Mahu West Pest is also indebted to David Bowden, Manager National Projects, Auckland Office for helping to set up Forest & Bird as our umbrella organisation with a MOU; and for its Warkworth office to handle our day-to-day banking requirements.



The combined Forest & Bird and Mahu West Pest displays, at the Mahurangi Community Hall in March 2021, generated a lot of interest.

Community Coordination and Facilitation

We thank Nada Cottrell for her continued efforts in her role as Community Coordinator & Facilitator for the second year, with funding provided by the Auckland Council's Grants and Incentives section. In line with three key responsibilities Nada has provided team support for a sustainable long-term team of community volunteers; has successfully sought several grants and additional funding as per the recommendations set out in Section 5 of the Auckland Council's Overarching Biodiversity Plan; and collaborated with those entities crucial to a regional approach to 2050 Pest Free New Zealand, such as assisting with the signing and publicising of the MOU between TFBT and MWP.

Thank You

The Forest Bridge Trust

“By combining our efforts and resources in the area, the two organisations will be able to better support the local community to achieve their pest free goals. This will benefit native flora and fauna so they can flourish once more, and we are thrilled to be able to support and work collaboratively with other conservation groups in our area in this way”. Tracy Tristram, TFBT chair

Mahu West Pest is grateful for the support of The Forest Bridge Trust (TFBT) to help us concentrate pest control efforts around Pukapuka and Cowan Bay roads area. TFBT has the vision of “a connected landscape with healthy forest and flourishing indigenous wildlife from the Kaipara Harbour to the Pacific Coast”. As part of its strategy, TFBT has committed to support Mahu West Pest with the planned expansion into Hub 7 (refer to map on page 5), combining our existing volunteers and growing the area under pest control.

A Memorandum of Understanding between MWP and TFBT was signed on the 9th of December 2021. By February of this year we were starting to see results with kereru and other natives returning, and trees previously decimated by possum recovering - their canopies now lush with new growth.

The collaboration between Mahu West Pest and TFBT, custodians of McElroy Reserve on our northern boundary, was key to get landowners to commit financially to supplying traps for their own land in order to quickly get adequate coverage of previously under-trapped areas. We also gained some of their experienced trappers to assist our volunteer force.

More volunteers are learning of the initiative and joining all the time and will be led by Mahu West Pest with TFBT providing traps, advice, and training support to help the protected land area expand.



Thank You

Auckland Council - Environmental Services

Special thanks to Hana Aickin and Rebecca Kemp of the Biodiversity Team for carrying out site visits, to assess and advise on our many and varied projects on the Mahurangi West peninsula. Also for tools and equipment, writing the Overarching Biodiversity Plan for Mahu West Pest, helping with the design of traplines, and providing important support items such as kauri dieback kits.

Mahurangi Land Restoration Project

Special thanks to Shelley Hackett, Senior Healthy Waters Specialist, Healthy Waters Department, Auckland Council, and consultant Holly Fleming MSc, Director Terra Pura Consulting Limited for untold hours of commitment to land restoration projects and grants. They have guided us through the evaluation and design of important projects for our community and the preservation of the harbour. Also refer to Key Projects page 19.

Mahurangi Regional Park / Te Muri Regional Park

A big debt of gratitude to Jared Anderson for freely sharing his knowledge regarding everything from possible pekapeka (bat) foraging and roosting sites, teaching our ebirders to identify bird species, imparting his knowledge of noxious weeds spraying, native seed collecting, plant nurseries, and how and what to plant in wetlands, farmland and estuaries.



Jared Anderson provides an informative lesson in bird identification in the field to Mahu West Pest ebirders in March 2021.

Rodney / Hibiscus and Bays Districts

Our thanks to Rose Crooks, Community Park Ranger, who did a sterling job of recommending a plan of action for two difficult sites on the Jamieson Bay Esplanade Reserve. Following a site visit, she drew up plants lists for each site and had the shrubs and saplings delivered to the reserve in time for our volunteer planting bee. Also refer to Key Projects, page 16.

Thank You

GOODS AND SERVICES IN-KIND

ITM Warkworth

A big thank you to ITM for its ongoing support supplying timber for making our wooden traps and accessories, which are used for capturing rats and mustelids. Special thanks to Carl Pauling.

Men's Shed Warkworth

Thanks to this volunteer group for constructing our wooden mustelid and rat traps, it is very much appreciated.



PLYMAN

Another donor we really appreciate is PLYMAN. This supportive Henderson company is supplying us with plywood for our trap bases. Special thanks to David Hoff.

Grantley Import

A vendor providing us with pest control tools (and advice) at greatly discounted prices. A special thanks to Carol Johnson.

Takatu LandCare

Our special thanks to Ngaire Wallen – for her ongoing mentoring and for organising training of our fledgling bird monitors. Now, with twice the number of volunteer ebirders, we were recently treated to a comprehensive slide show by veteran ebirder and shorebird expert Marie Ward, followed by a guided walk in the Omaha Shorebird Sanctuary at the Omaha Spit.



Our ebirders at the entrance to the Omaha Shorebird Sanctuary.

Funding Sources

FUNDING OVERVIEW

Grants

Biodiversity grant for pekapeka or bat research (\$5,000 - Regional Environment and Natural Heritage).

Community Coordinator wages grant (\$10,056 2021; \$10,056 2022; and \$8,000 'top up' to 31 August 2023 – Auckland Council).

Pest Control grant (\$15,000 – Foundation North).

Opaheke Point (\$6,988 – Auckland Council).

Forest Remnant & Streams Fencing & planting grant at 339 Mahurangi West Road (\$58,194 – Agreed by Auckland Council - however, not cosigned by the property owner as not wanting us to proceed).

Donations

Tagged for pest control tools (\$10,994)

Tagged for weed control (\$3,115)

Community Shop Warkworth (\$2,000).

Mahu Trading Post (\$3,500)

Provision of Safety Gear

Our thanks to Auckland Council, Environmental Services Unit for organising these goods from its discretionary budget: 12 MWP branded safety vests; and branded 'Volunteers in Action' Sign Board.

Gear Loaned

Hiring gear can be expensive, therefore we're indebted to all those individuals and organisations who've loaned us equipment over the past year and including: two Trail Cameras (Restore Rodney East); and two Bat Listening Devices (Auckland's Kaipatiki Project).



Social media volunteer, Michelle Spooner models a Mahu West Pest branded safety vest, beside the branded notice board, both supplied by the Auckland Council.

KEY PROJECT

Animal Pest Control

It has only been possible to expand our trapping area from 2,100 hectares in January 2020 to 3,500 hectares in December 2021 through the significant grants we received over the past year. We received a grant for Foundation North in the amount of \$15,000 specifically for the purchase of pest control tools. We then asked the community to match that \$15K with community donations earmarked for pest control tools. We are thrilled that the community stepped up and we have so far received \$10,994.02. Just a little more go!!!

At the end of June 2022 we had 705 traps in the field and a further 281 bait stations. Our volunteer trappers had removed 1725 pests from the environment (including 963 possums, 445 rats, 30 mustelids, 63 hedgehogs and 224 other pests) over the course of the year. Altogether since trapping has been recorded there has been 2,147 pests trapped. Our data is collated by Pest Control Manager Jeff Marsh, using the kill figures that our dedicated team of volunteers enter digitally into the Trap.NZ app throughout the year.

Our goal is to deploy another 1000 pest control tools in next 12 months. We have the commitments from Council and grants to supply the tools. Now we just need the team to implement. It is all about our volunteers and how we organize ourselves. Many well organized hands made light work. Well organized, it only takes about 30 minutes to walk a trapline. Not a lot of time committed for such a huge benefit.



One of our younger volunteers, Cameron Davey helped unload this significant purchase of pest control tools in August 2021.

KEY PROJECT

Animal Pest Control continued

How do we organise?

Each of our seven trapping hubs (see map on page 5) has a volunteer pest control coordinator: Ian Cheesman, Area 1; Lyn Ladyman, Area 2 – Opahi; John Hill, Area 3; Mike Neil, Area 4; Peter Johnson, Area 5; Area 6 is currently vacant; Stephanie Herron, Area 7. These people recruit volunteers in their areas, set up traplines and monitor results.

Within a hub a volunteer takes responsibility for a trapline. By taking ownership of that trapline that volunteer either walks the line or finds another volunteer to do the job. We know that “life happens” and sometimes it gets in the way. But again many hands make light work and sharing responsibility means the line always gets checked. We have all kinds of situations here. Resident owners, tenants, batch houses and absentee owners. We have old and young and families and jobs and conflicting commitments. Our 90 plus year old resident is happy to let us trap on his property and happy to buy the traps, but he cannot walk the line. But his neighbours are happy to walk the line. As a motivated team we make it work.

We also need to refine our techniques this year. In the beginning we used a shotgun approach to trapping and control procedures. Just get tools in the field and start controlling pest. Now we need to fine-tune the type, design and location of pest control devices. To this end we are attending classes (thank you Cam Speedy), redesigning trap boxes to very specific standards and modifying deployment techniques. Our thanks to Mike Neil for organising this. Additionally we are now able to purchase state of the art pest control devices for more difficult sites thanks to some generous donations.



Possums eat the leaves, berries and flowers of native trees, rare NZ land snails, native eggs and chicks.

KEY PROJECT

Jamieson Bay Esplanade Reserve - Enhanced Biodiversity Project

After two applications of herbicide by council contractors on invasive weeds on the foreshore esplanade was unfortunately unsuccessful - particularly on some 17 Mauritius hemp plants - we asked for additional help from Reserves and following a site visit, we were provided with a planting plan for two sites and the donation of some 200 native plants.

Clearance of the first site took place from May to June 2022 by community volunteers. A digger time for clearing Jamieson Bay Esplanade Reserve of invasive and pest weeds was donated. In July a significant turn out of 14 Mahu West Pest volunteers cleared the second site and planted both sites with healthy natives. Thanks to ongoing volunteer input, the plants are being mulched and well-maintained. Mahu West Pest is grateful for the support of the Jamieson Bay Association for this project. All organised by our Community Coordinator Nada Cottrell.



Mahu West Pest volunteers planting native shrubs on the Jamieson Bay Esplanade Reserve in June 2022.

KEY PROJECT

Region-wide Endangered Long-tailed Bat Biodiversity Research Project

A Regional Environment and Natural Heritage Grant of \$5,000 was awarded to Mahu West Pest for training a small team of volunteers, led by Nada Cottrell to carry out ongoing research into bats or pekapeka on the Mahurangi West peninsula.

Two Zoom planning sessions were held in February 2022 with world renown bat specialist Ian Davidson-Watts, and hosted by Auckland Council biodiversity collaborators. Six Mahu West Pest volunteers attended these sessions to learn first-hand about bats in general, New Zealand's Long-tailed Bat and recording bat echolocation sounds.

Two listening devices are on loan from Chris Burton of the Kaipatiki Project, Auckland, which has allowed our group to monitor potential foraging and/or roosting sites for pekapeka. The grant has allowed us to purchase two listening devices for ongoing research.



Bat research volunteer Loretta Steele, currently completing a BSc at Auckland University, demonstrates a listening device at Mahurangi West.

KEY PROJECT

Opaheke Point Restoration

Opaheke Point is at eastern end of the Mahurangi Harbour and a recipient of an Auckland Council's Mahurangi Land Restoration Programme grant to rehabilitate the coastal edges with removal of exotic trees and replanting with native species. This is an ongoing project with some 1,400 plants already planted, 1,200 from the grant and 200 that were donated. A further 1,800 plants are planned for the 2023 planting season.

Over 20 community volunteers participated in the macrocarpa being turned into firewood and chips. Twelve ute loads of firewood were donated to the community.



Abseiling to remove macrocarpas on steep cliffs at Opaheke Point, Mahurangi Harbour.



The first 200 flaxes planted out on Opaheke Point.

KEY PROJECT

Wilding Pine Removal 35 Jamieson Rd

An important environmental outcome in obtaining a grant from the Auckland Council for wilding pine removal is to stop mature pine trees collapsing onto the foreshore in Huawai Bay, Mahurangi Harbour. The plan is to harvest pine trees on the property, conduct an extensive weed control program and then replant the area in native bush. This will halt the erosion into the Mahurangi Harbour, remove the source of pine needles and resulting soil degradation.

Mahu West Pest volunteer teams will supervise a programme, using contractors, to eradicate invasive species, and organise the replanting of native species, and then maintain them until they are self-sustainable.

The long-term goals are to restore this property to a healthy native lowland coastal forest and restore the harbour's water quality and flounder beds.

Auckland Council staff have provided considerable expertise and assistance through several submissions, and it's looking promising for signoff soon for this restoration project.



*Pine fall on the foreshore at
Huawai Bay, Mahurangi Harbour.*

KEY PROJECT

Cotoneaster Control Project - Jamieson Road

In October 2021, a community-led weed-a-thon to remove invasive trees and creepers along Jamieson Road, had a good turnout of volunteers over a sunny two-day period.

Cotoneasters, Hawthorn, Cape Ivy and other weed trees were cut, chipped and the stumps treated to help prevent regrowth.

Some replanting with native species to assist with biodiversity, including foraging for native birds, fauna and insects, was also undertaken.

This project is an extension of the 2020 and 2021 cotoneaster clearances that took place on Barr Road, Jamieson Bay.



Mahu West Pest volunteers cutting and chipping Cotoneasters along Jamieson Road, Mahurangi West.

KEY PROJECT

Flood Mitigation Project – Opahi Bay

In October 2021, work was carried out by Auckland Council's contractor Downer Construction, to clear a blocked culvert in Rangi Road, Opahi Bay. It had been clogged with weeds, preventing stormwater from running out to sea. Instead, during heavy rain events, the water backed up and overflowed - leading to flooding on surrounding properties.

Thanks to this MWP initiative spearheaded by Cathy Brehmer and a great council team, the culvert now flows freely and copes with large volumes of rain without overflowing.

Weed mat was laid to suppress the growth of weeds and planting carried out with carex grasses, followed after Covid-19 lock-downs by cabbage trees and flaxes. Potential blockages or flooding can be reported 24/7 to the Auckland Council on 09 301 0101.



A Downer Construction employee discusses the work with MWP's Cathy Brehmer.

Biodiversity Monitoring

Bird Counting Volunteer Group

Our bird species monitoring coordinator Fran Ashton has grown the number of ebirders or monitors from 10 volunteers in September 2021 to 19 a year later. In terms of bird numbers - a measure of improved biodiversity - in June 2022 our most frequently recorded native / endemic birds were the tui (76), fantails (64), and silvereyes (57), and the most frequently recorded introduced bird was the myna (40), so our native/endemic birds continue to rule the roost.

In the monitoring locations where trapping had already been underway for some years, the total number of birds seen/heard is consistently higher over the four seasonal quarters than in non-trapped locations. Quarterly results are posted to Cornell University's Lab of Ornithology. The Lab's eBird project plays an increasingly important role in science and conservation.

Even our golf enthusiasts are noticing far more bird activity and bird song in and around the local golf course in Pukapuka Road.



Spoonbills foraging in Jamieson Bay, Mahurangi West in June 2022. Photo: Kathryn Ashworth.

Biodiversity Monitoring

Flora Recovery Project

"It's exciting to see a whole community and separate conservation groups come together to preserve and protect the nature around them and shows what a difference can be made quickly. From one person trapping in their own backyard, to whole networks of people working together to improve biodiversity and reduce introduced pest animal and plant influences. From these simple seeds entire ecosystems of protection can be built."

Fran Ashton is leading a flora recovery project to photograph 'before' and 'after' examples of native forest and individual trees in Mahurangi West that once severely browsed by possums are now showing good recovery. Even after six months of trapping, some recovery is showing rapid results.

Kohekohe (*Dysoxylum spectabile*) is unusual in that it has white flowers in winter that grow directly from the trunk. The flowers provide a nectar source for *tūi* and *korimako* (bellbirds) at a time when other food is not as abundant.



Mike Jenkin noticed in June, that a mature kohekohe was flowering in Jamieson Bay that he'd not seen flowering for 16 years, which he attributes to the absence of possums following our intensive trapping regime. Image: Friends of Tawa Bush.

Social Media

Facebook and Web Site Content

The number of people who 'liked' and/or commented on Mahu West Pest's Facebook (FB) page doubled from 107 in July 2021 to 229 at the end of June 2022.

Posting on a FB page is a balance of posting enough content to interest people and generate an 'engagement' versus posting too much content so that there is user fatigue and people simply either scroll past the content, or in the worst case scenario, unlike or unfollow the page. Internet search suggests that a FB page should post no more than three times per week to strike the balance between interest and fatigue.

We are grateful to volunteer labour for posting several times a week to FB and Mahu West Pest's website. We are also appreciative of those who like, and/or comment on our public posts. And those that share our content. We specially appreciate those who supply content such as event photos and even their pest control successes.

Our monthly newsletter is a great source of content to post on social media, and where we can expand on certain content. While the increase in FB page 'likes' can be hard to measure objectively, they tend to expose a greater number of people to information from pest control tips to dealing with invasive weeds.

Working bees generally have a greater uptake if they are also advertised on FB, as well as posts about upcoming public talks, such as Cam Speedy's, 'Tips and tricks to increase the effectiveness of predator control' in May 2022, at the Puhoi Community Hall.

Please continue to email us with photos related to pest control on the Mahurangi West peninsula and any improvements to its environmental regeneration and biodiversity. Our social media editors, volunteer Michelle Spooner and Community Coordinator Nada Cottrell, endeavour to post up to three times a week.

Social Media

Facebook and Web Site Content



Volunteer Maria Radic provided us with this great photo of her first possum in March 2022, saying, "I started trapping in December 2020 - keep checking those traps folk!"

Financial Reporting

Balance Sheet to June 2022

Mahu West Pest Inc				
Balance Sheet				
As of June 2022				
Assets				
Bank Accounts				
Forest & Bird	18604.82			
Total Current Assets			18604.82	
Total Assets				18604.82
Liabilities				
Trade Creditors		358.80		
Total Current Liabilities			358.80	
Total Liabilities				358.80
Net Assets				18246.02
Equity				
Retained Earnings			15784.00	
Current Year's Surplus/Deficit			2462.02	
Total Equity				18246.02

Financial Reporting

Profit & Loss Statement

Mahu West Pest Inc			
Profit & Loss [With Last Year]			
July 2021 To June 2022			
	This Year		Last Year
Income			
Biodiversity Grant	\$5,000.00		\$0.00
Co-Ordinator Grant	\$10,056.00		\$10,056.00
Donation General	\$545.43		\$1,109.46
Donation Weeds	\$0.00		\$3,115.00
Donation Traps	\$23,844.02		\$11,654.26
Total Income	\$39,445.45		\$25,934.72
Less Cost Of Sales			
Trap Purchases	\$24,544.87		\$9,575.67
Plant Purchases	\$135.00		
Total Cost Of Sales	\$24,679.87		\$9,575.67
Gross Profit	\$14,765.58		\$16,359.05
Expenses			
Advertising & Marketing	\$0.00		\$220.00
Co Ordinator Fees	\$12,105.60		\$0.00
Printing & Stationery	\$18.70		\$355.05
Website	\$179.26		\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$12,303.56		\$575.05
Operating Profit	\$2,462.02		\$15,784.00

Financial Reporting

Statement of Receipts and Payments

Mahu West Pest Inc					
Statement of Receipts and Payments					
Year ending 30 June 2022					
Opening Bank Balances 1-07-2021					
	Funds held by Forest & Bird		15784.00	15784.00	
Revenue					
	Creditors		358.80		
	Bio Diversity Grant		5000.00		
	Co-Ordinator Grant		10056.00		
	Donations General		545.43		
	Donations Traps		23844.02	39804.25	
				55588.25	
Expenses					
	Trap Purchases	24544.87			
	Plant Purchases	135.00			
	Co-Ordinator Fees	12105.60			
	Printing & Stationery	18.70			
	Website	179.26	36983.43	36983.43	
Closing Bank Balances 30-06-2022					
			18604.82		
	Funds held by Forest & Bird			18604.82	
				55588.25	

Financial Reporting

Unreserved Funds

	Mahu	West	Pest	Inc.	
Funds Available as at the 16th September 2022					
Bank Balance at the 16 September 2022					25984.42
Funds Earmarked at the 16 September 2022					
	Pekapeka-Bat Grant			4934.60	
	Coordinator Grant			12779.80	
	Trap Donations			3877.74	
	Weed Control			3115.00	24707.14
	Total Unreserved Funds				\$1,277.28

Contact Us

Mahu West Pest Bank Account Details

Breaking News!

We now have our own bank account - 06-0483-0894183-00

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