

THE FRIENDS OF MANGEMANGEROA

Summer Newsletter 2023



Thank you to all who supported us throughout 2022. We hope your start to 2023 has been full of rest and fun with friends and family. Despite the challenges of Covid, we were able to engage 11 groups from both schools and outside organisations to help with planting and other tasks on the reserve. Our planting days were a great success, with over 5,000 plants being planted and a strong turnout from the community. We are also grateful for the community and volunteer support, which is crucial for the upkeep of the reserve. At the end of 2022 we installed trail cameras with the help of Pest Free Howick, and Daria and her team completed the first year of the bird count project, which we look forward to hearing more about at the AGM this year. Our Wednesday weeding team and watering volunteers have done an amazing job and we are grateful for their efforts. Additionally we are fortunate that we had a successful year with a large number of kowhai seeds producing seedlings which are now in the planting units. I would also like to extend our thanks to our committee whose time and effort are essential to the success of our projects. We look forward to working with both returning and new members of our community in the coming year.

Marion Skelton
Chairperson

We NEED you.
Can you HELP?



VOLUNTEERS WELCOMED

Do you want to be
more active within the reserve

Each Wednesday at 9am our Wednesday
weeders group meet at the barn at
Mangemangeroa Reserve and then
set off to reduce the weed problems.
All equipment is provided

If you would like to help reduce
weeds in the reserve and have a couple
of hours free on a Wednesday morning

contact Sally 0211743938 or
email: sallyannbarclay@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE

2023 Planting Days

10 June Friends of Mangemangeroa and Rotary

17 June Forest and Bird

Groups at the Reserve August to December 2022

RYLA PLANTING 21 AUGUST 2022



Orminston Junior College
21 September 2022



Auckland System Motorway Alliance
19 October 2022



Shelly Park School
12 December 2022



SUMMER AT THE RESERVE



Blackbird nest



A stoat was captured on the trail cameras at the Reserve. Pest Free Howick and Friends committee member Ethan contacted the Auckland Council, who sent out a dog handler and her English Springer Spaniel Zip. Zip is undergoing training to detect stoat faeces. Although Zip was not able to locate any during this visit, it was great to have Zip visit the reserve.



LOT 29 *Karyn Gradon*

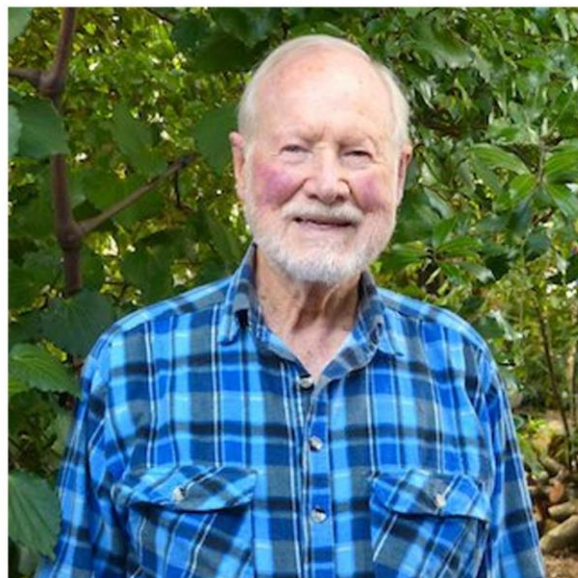
The Ferret that was caught on Lot 29, and the Weasel that was traded for the one we caught have returned from the taxidermist and are now in display cabinets that will be added to the Pest Free Howick pest animal display, which they now have one of each of the animal pests to display. There is a big difference in size between the Ferret and the Weasel, and we have caught rats bigger than the Weasel!! The Stoat's size is between these two, similar colouring to the Weasel, but the Stoat has a black tip on the end of its tail.



Congratulations



Ethan McCormick
New Zealand Biosecurity Awards 2022
Winner - Emerging Leader
Pest Free Howick and Friends of Mangemangeroa



Graham Falla
Ryman Healthcare
Senior New Zealander of the Year
2023 Semi-Finalist

A Big THANK you!



Botany Library for their Expo Day 5 November



Auckland Council Facilities Team for alteration to make easy access at the stile opposite Jane Eyre Place



Wednesday Weeding Team: Craig Brebner, Dean Camp, Warwick Kitchen, Dave Evans, Kevin Cruickshank, Mick Roberts



Grant funding received from the Howick Local Board has gone towards plant propagation, weed and pest control



The generous donation from Workday is being used to replace identification signs in the reserve.



Watering Unit volunteers

Josie Burgess, Sally Barclay, Phillipa Whitehurst, Bev Riley, Kevin Cruickshank, Murray Gleeson, Bruce Keeley Laurie Slee, Clare Davies, Alistair Millbank, Alan La Roche, Marion Skelton, Dean Camp, Craig Brebner

GET INVOLVED

The more people who participate, the more we can achieve

Assistance is always welcome for tasks such as

Plant raising

Weeding seedlings

Weed busting

Help with children on school planting days

Community planting mornings

BECOME A MEMBER

New members are always welcome.

Your financial contributions and practical assistance enable us to achieve more to safeguard the Mangemangeroa Valley and its environment for future generations.

The Friends of Mangemangeroa Society is a registered charity.
All donations over \$5 are tax deductible.

Our annual membership fee is
\$10 individual or \$15 per family

Subscription via bank transfer to the Society's bank account
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Code: Your contact phone number

Reference: Membership/Donation (whichever is relevant)

A receipt for donations will be sent to you.

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