



2024

IMPACT REPORT SUMMARY

**Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi,
engari he toa takitini**

Success is not the work of one, but the work of many



Jenny Hanwell, Project Manager,
Forest & Bird, February 2025

Nature's Highlights

> Pāteke (brown teal) nest and successfully raise young at Gulf Harbour Country Club for the first time on record.

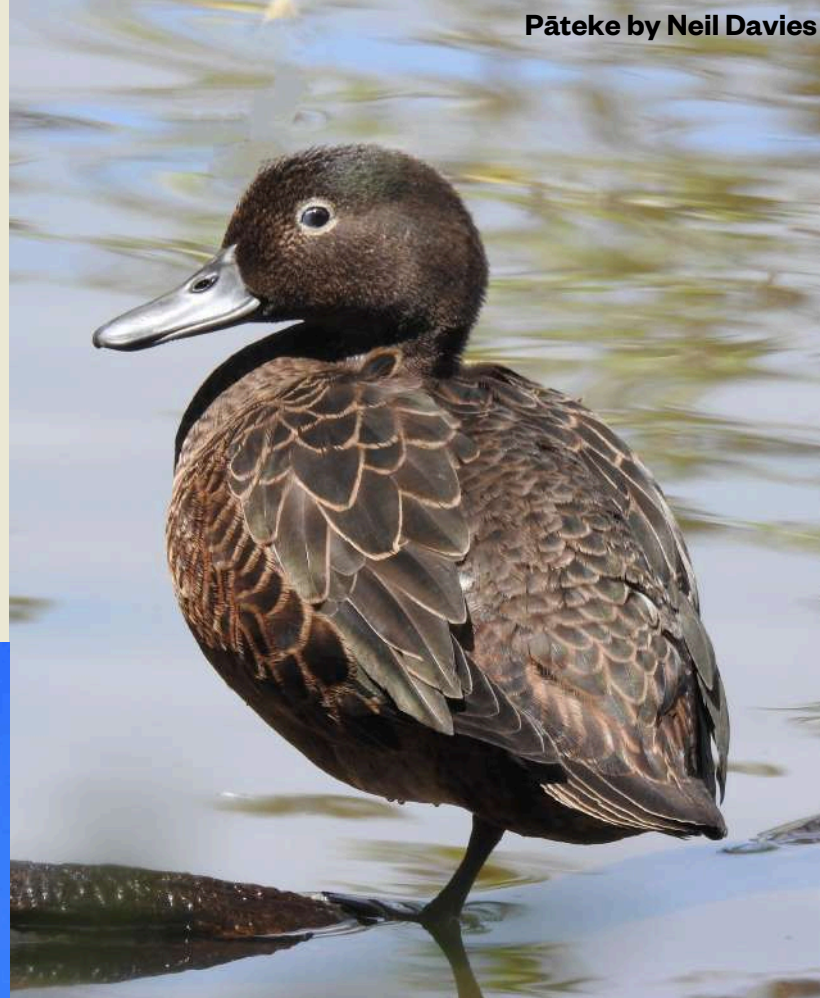
> Kākāriki (red crowned parakeet) are recorded in Manly and Gulf Harbour.

> Korimako (bellbird) continue to be seen outside of Shakespear.

> The community report that kākā are becoming increasingly common visitors.



Pāteke by Derek Kelsey



Pāteke by Neil Davies

> Moko skink recorded for the first time on a peninsula site outside Shakespear. (2nd over all on the peninsula)

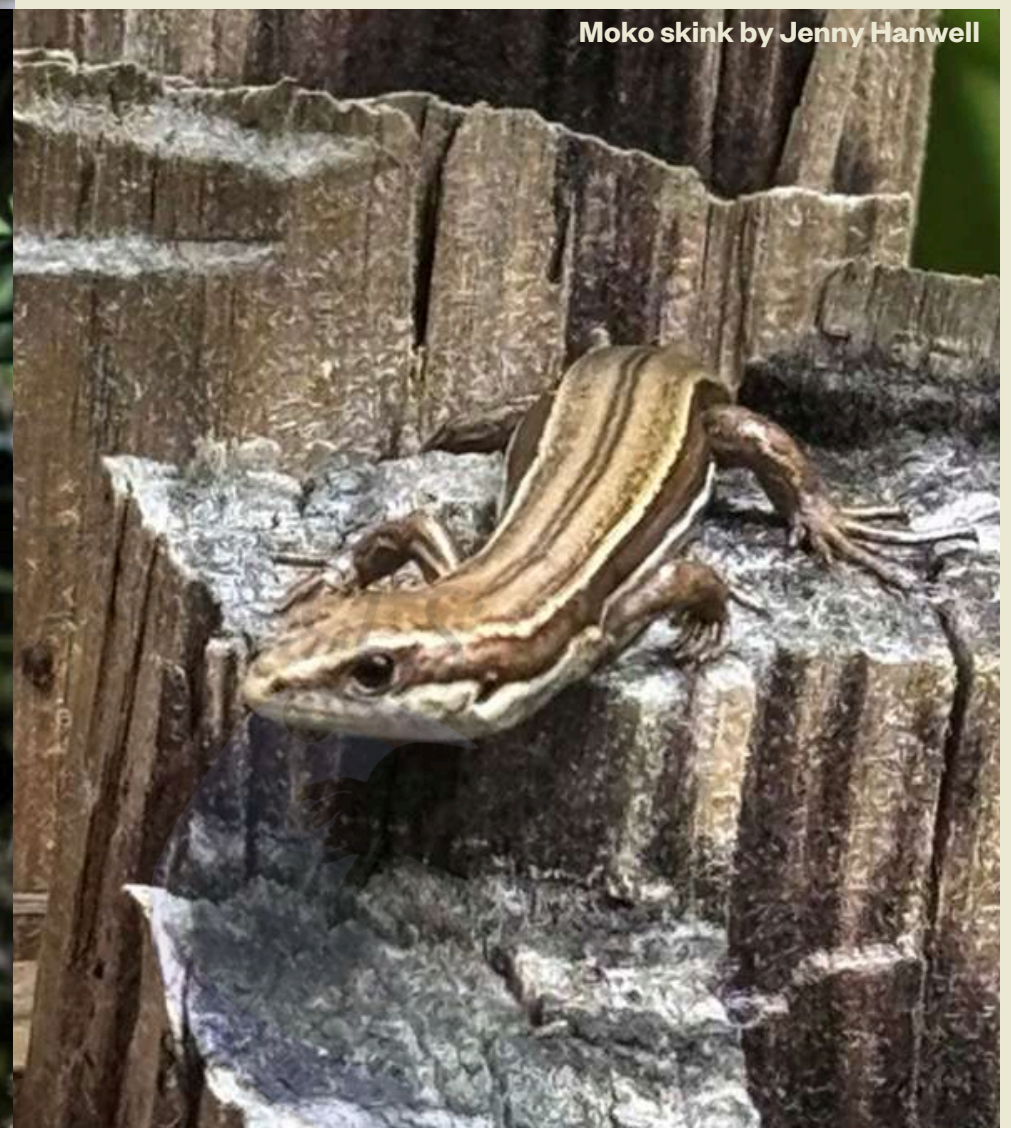
> New sites records for Forest Gecko.



Kākāriki by Anna Arrol

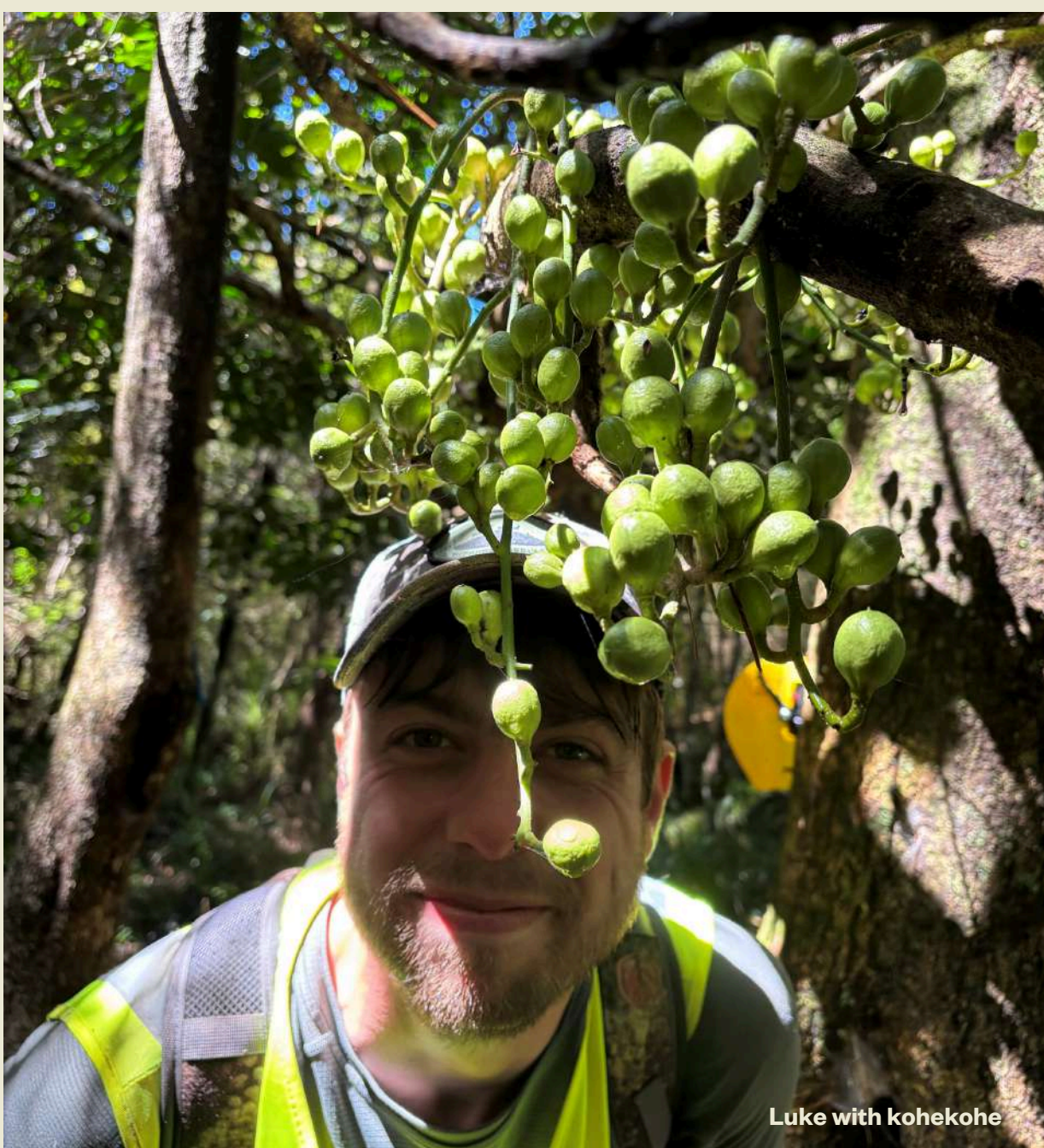


Forest gecko by Jenny Hanwell



Moko skink by Jenny Hanwell

> An abundance of fruiting kiekie and kohekohe on multiple sites indicates low possum numbers.



Luke with kohekohe



Kiekie by Jenny Hanwell



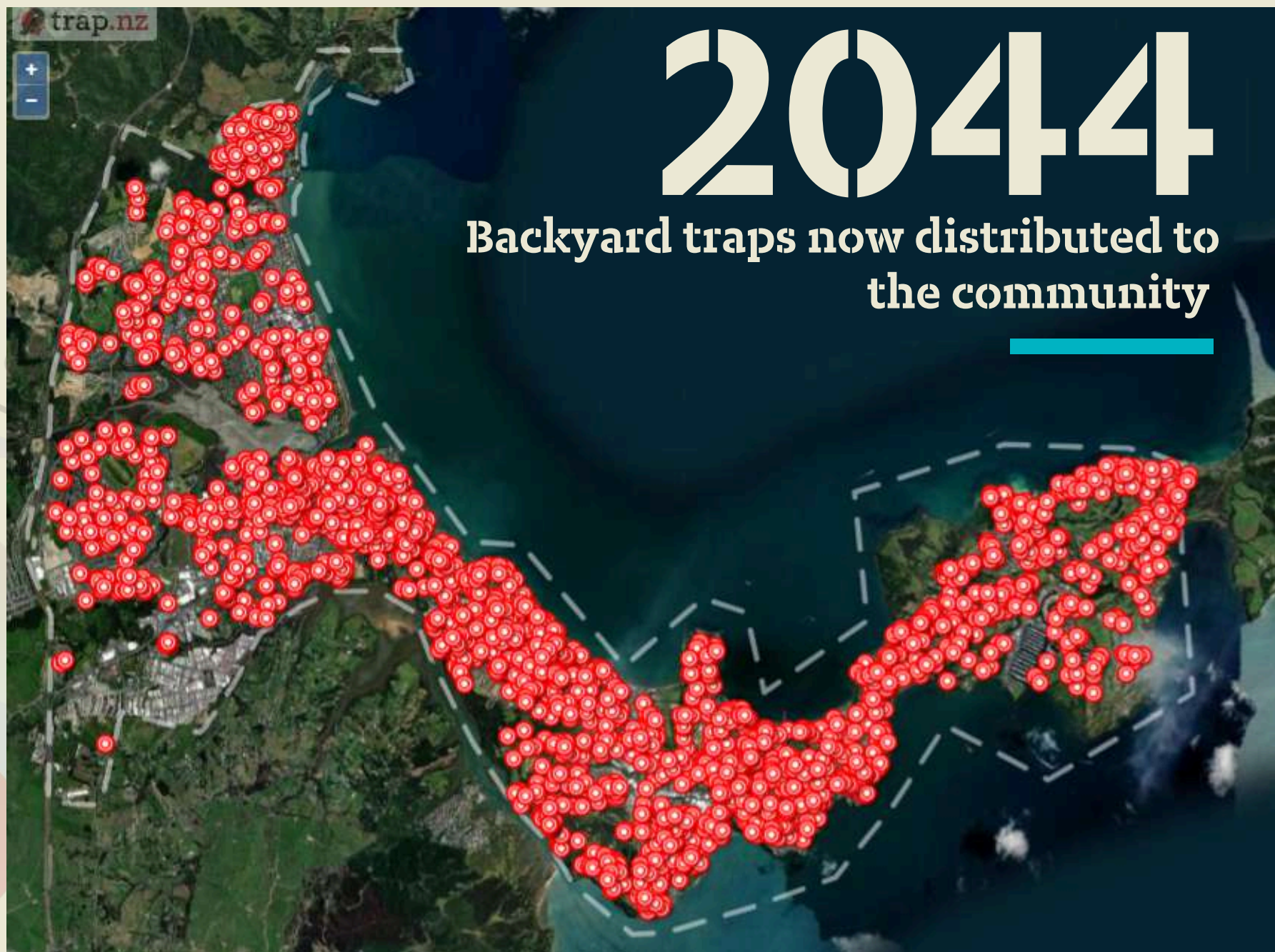
> Auckland tree wētā are a regular feature of night surveys.

PROJECT

Community Engagement:

Whakawhangaungatanga

- > Completed the hub model to ensure wide coverage of the backyard trapping network.
- > Began to follow up with early adopters to ensure ongoing engagement.
- > Expanded the staff team to increase opportunities for people to learn about & connect with nature.



2044

Backyard traps now distributed to the community



Interactive talks given to

> 1100

students across 10 schools

Youth

engagement programme started.

35

Volunteers supporting backyard trapping & helping at events

Community events, talks & workshops reached over

800

people



New Community Activator Charlie is a hit with school groups



Charlie's popular wetland walk



We celebrated 100 years of Forest & Bird by hosting the centennial Big Birthday Bash for Auckland.

We returned to the Ōrewa Santa Parade in front of 10,000+ people and won the "Most Creative Float!"



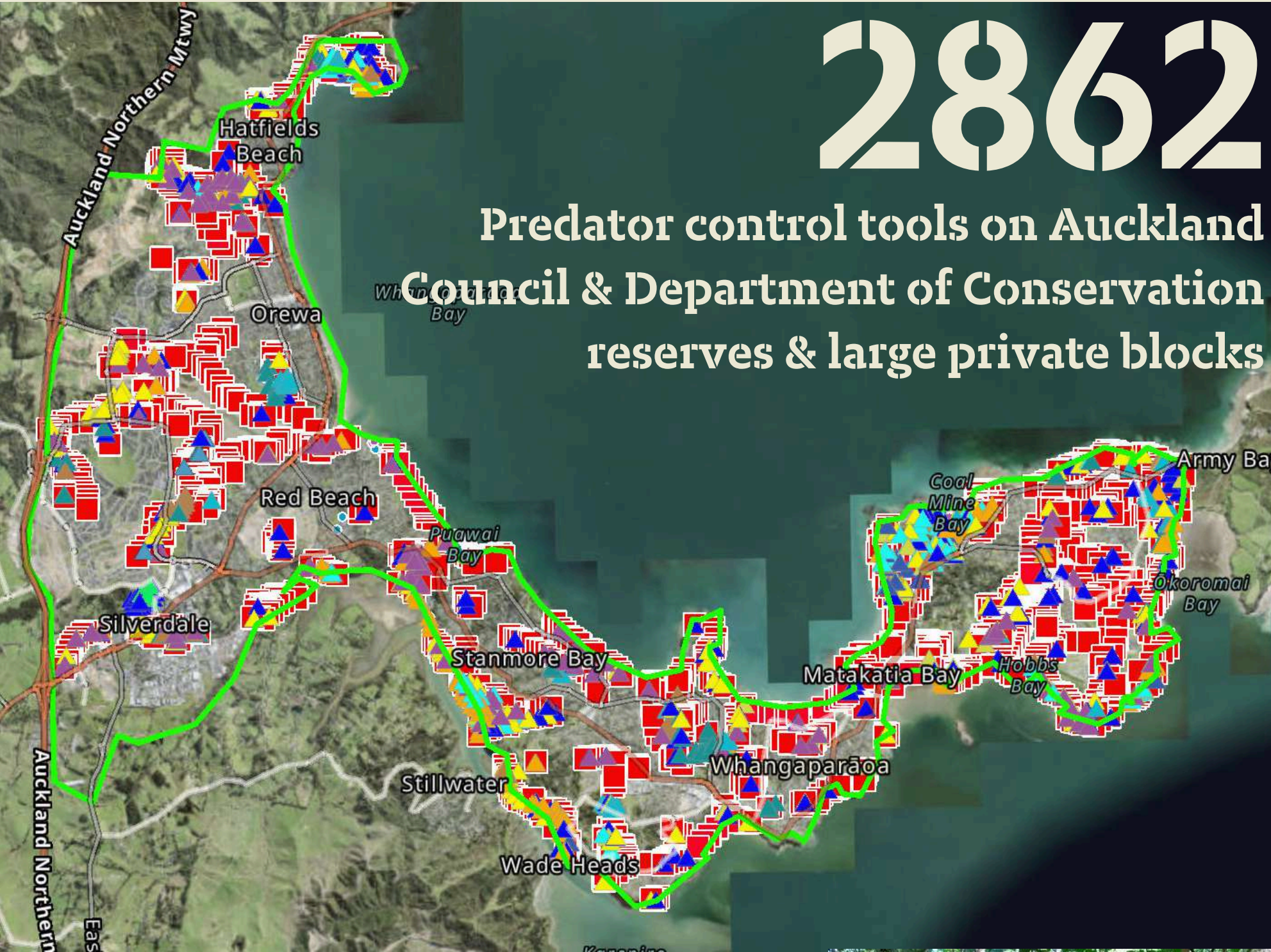
Councillors & Local Board members celebrate 100 years with us.



Predator Control on Parks & Large Blocks:

Tē tōia, tē haumatia.

Increased focus on quality of trapping, volunteer training and expanding team capacity. Welcome Field Support Luke!



644 hectares **↑**
under continuous predator control. Traps serviced weekly, bait stations pulsed 4 x / year.

232 new predator control tools installed.
Including new Beaches Blitz to enable predator control at five more beach reserves.

127 reserves under predator control, in partnership with Ak Council.

> 38,100 trap & bait station services by..

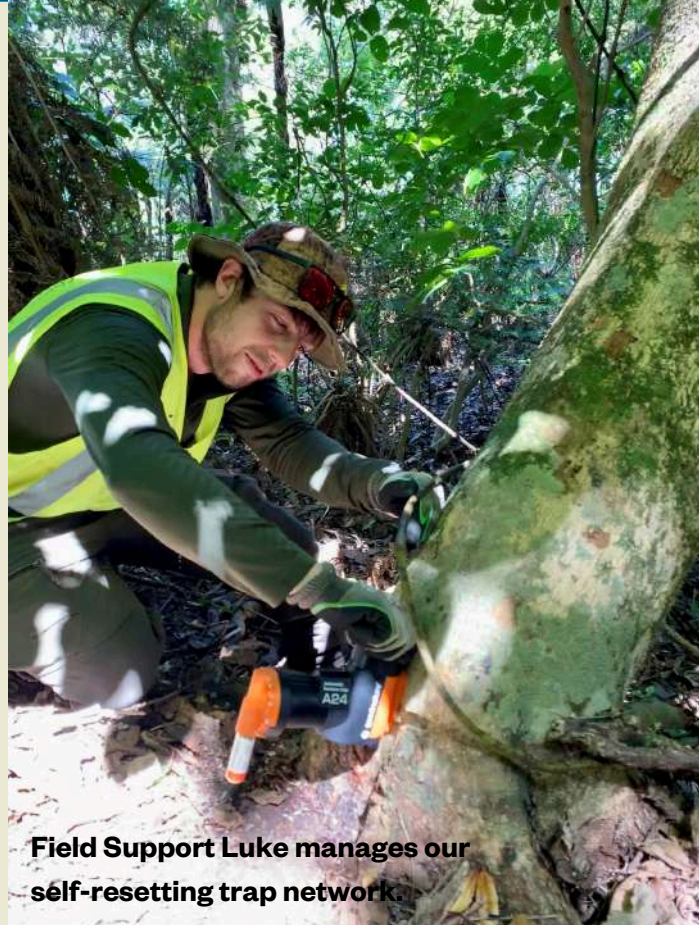
132 active volunteers contributing...

> 8000 hours.

24 new predator control volunteers trained.

Mauri tū, mauri ora!

5 volunteer socials plus...
...celebration & awards event with Forest & Bird CEO Nicola Toki, & sponsored by businesses.



47 residents borrowed possum / hedgehog traps from our library.

47 All data recorded on ArcGIS custom dashboard.

Outcome Monitoring

Ka ora te whenua, ka ora te tangata

Pest Animal Monitoring in April & August.

536 monitoring devices serviced by volunteers.

Trail cameras & ZIP Motolures set up in 11 locations.



Monitoring analysis workshop

Possum numbers reduced:

0% possum detection



216 humanely trapped

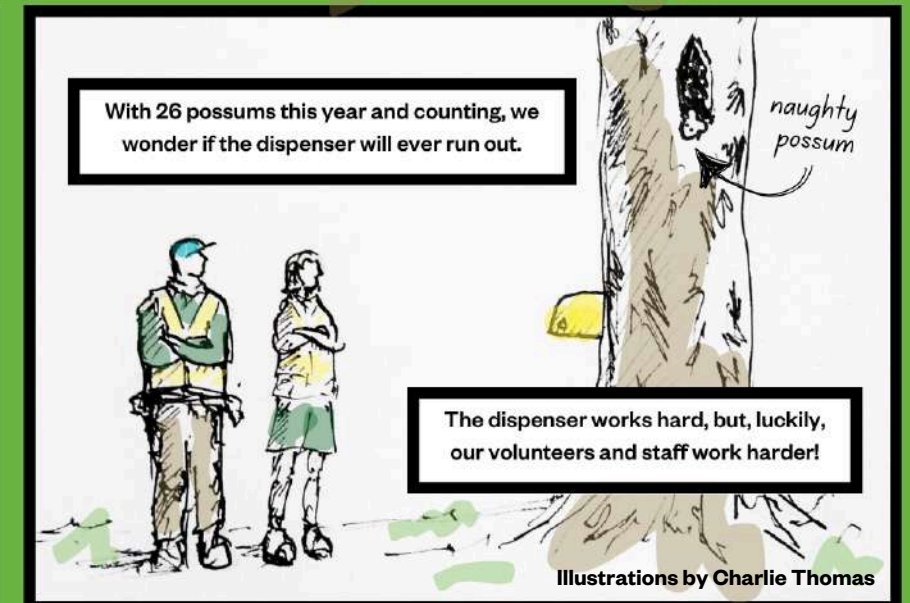
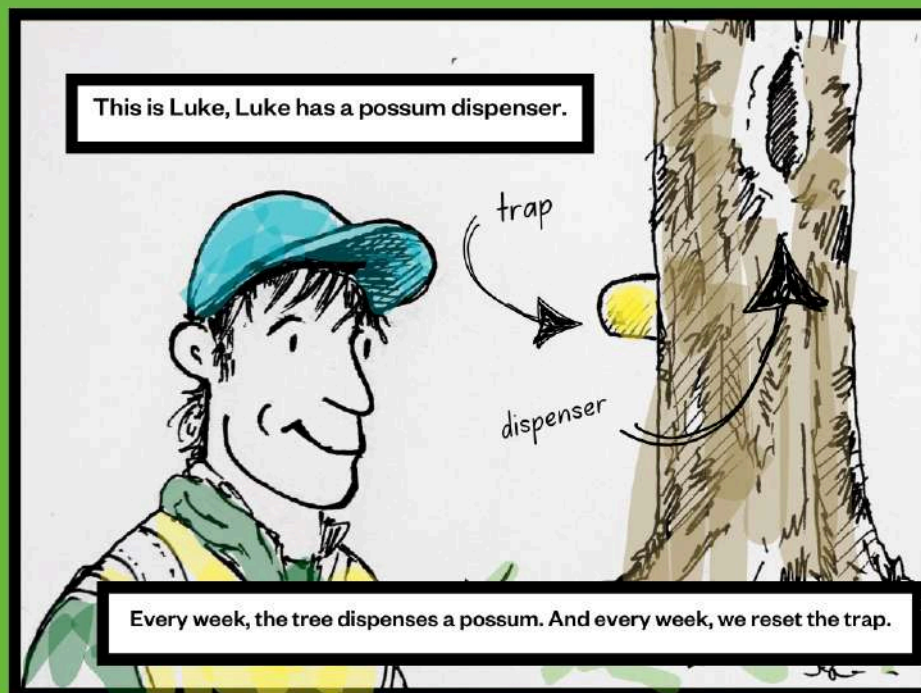
including **73**

caught on a new project boundary line in Silverdale...

...home of the "possum dispenser!"



Photo by Larry Durland



12th Annual Bird Count

457 x 5 minute bird counts completed

45 species recorded

6474 birds counted

Reptile Survey

Training for 15 volunteers.

42 skink & gecko surveys completed

151 reptile covers (ACOs) in place for monitoring.



Bird survey training with Jim Dale



Rat numbers reduced:

rat detection rate (Aug24) **6%**



Hedgehog tracking down to:

from 17% in April 2022. **< 2%**



Mustelid catches increased by: **50%**



Collaboration & Learning

Na tō rourou, nā taku routou....

Shakespear Virtual Fence

Developed with support from Auckland Council, including the team at Shakespear, we installed lines of regularly serviced traps and bait stations through properties bordering the Okoromai Bay wetlands. Thanks to Kiwicare for donating the stations, and TopView Photography for creating our promotional drone video.



Cultural Framework

We worked closely with Ngāti Manuhiri Kaitiaki to develop a Cultural Framework for the project. This advises us on how to incorporate tikanga and mātauranga Māori appropriately into project operations. Through this initiative, mana whenua were able to fulfil their role as guardians of the land within their rohe.

This was a wonderful learning experience for us, and the start of a journey. Mauri ora!

Becoming Predator Hunters

As part of upping our trapping game in 2024 we teamed up with John Bissell from Backblocks Environmental Management to do some specialist training for our volunteers, & advise staff on how to increase the quality of trapping & monitoring across the project. All were truly inspired & have already put into action many of John's recommendations.



Working with others across the community

- HBC Youth Hauora Network
- Te Herenga Waka ō Ōrewa Marae
- Keep Whangaparāoa's Greenspaces
- Gulf Harbour Marina
- Whangaparāoa Golf Club
- Hibiscus Men's Shed
- Massey University

- Restore Hibiscus & Bays
- O Mahurangi / Penlink
- Peninsula Club (Arvida)
- Destination Orewa Beach
- Shakespear Regional Park
- Whangaparāoa & Ōrewa Libraries
- Whangaparāoa Cubs & Scouts.



Telling Our Story

12 articles / columns in our local paper, Hibiscus Matters

>1250 members & followers across our facebook groups & page.

NEW Instagram account #  @pestfreehibiscuscoast

NEW videos & cartoons increase social media engagement.

We also featured in the Forest & Bird Magazine:

www.forestandbird.org.nz/resources/making-difference

Staff Team 2024



Forest & Bird
TE REO O TE TAIAO
Giving Nature a Voice

L-R: Jenny Hanwell (Project Manager), Rhiannon Thomas (Volunteer Coordinator), Naomi Harrison (Field Operations Lead), Andrea Dick (Community Activator), Luke Wafer (Field Support Officer) Charlie Thomas (Community Activator).

Special thanks to Andrea for her work 2021-2024 delivering phase 1 of the backyard trapping model, and wishing her well for the future.

FOREST & BIRD WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE FOLLOWING FUNDERS & SUPPORTERS FOR BACKING OUR VISION & MAHI IN 2024.



Metalbird, O Mahurangi - Penlink, Gulf Harbour Marina, Forty Thieves, Bunnings Warehouse Silverdale, Peter Crook, Benefitz.

For Supporting our Volunteer Awards:

Pak n Save Silverdale, New World Whangaparāoa, Morart, Kiwicare, Kokako Coffee, Bennetto, Dr Beak, Honeywrap, Remix, Thunderpants, Forager Wines, Pure Nature.

