

**Peria Landcare Day on 6 October 2019 at the Bush Fairy Dairy** was really successful with over 120 people attending at some stage in the day. Speakers in the morning and afternoon demonstrations and info in gazebos. With the delicious lunch on offer from Far Out Food, it was a good buzz and networking for Landcare in the wider Peria area.

With lots of interest, the **Peria Landcare Noticeboard** will soon be up at the Bush Fairy Dairy.



## **Kiwi Aversion Training for dogs Sunday 22 March** **at parking area 500 Honeymoon Valley Road**

*All dogs and owners welcome*



**Wild kiwi live in our valley, and have been observed (and killed) on domestic properties over the years. Our pest control is focusing on their successful breeding.**

**We encourage all local dog owners living in the valley to bring their pet dogs and pig hunting dogs. The 15 minute training session with Lesley Baigent, our local trainer and qualified vet ensures they are much more "kiwi aware".**

Observe what your dog does coming across 4 different kiwi temptations full of feathers, scent, stuffed birds etc.

Your dog will then be certified kiwi aversion trained.

Refreshers are recommended every year to ensure that your dog shows continued aversion.

**Preferably book in with Sandra 021 116 4207  
or just come along on the day between 10 am - 1.30 pm**

For dogs outside of our landcare area we ask for a koha donation please.



## Our Community Pest Control Area (CPCA) is increasing

Sponsored by Northland Regional Council our project is now a CPCA which is a 10 year commitment.

**What this means for you:** \* less pests \* more birds \* support for your weed work

We have more traps and materials focusing on catching stoats, ferrets, weasels and feral cats.

Bernard and Pai have expanded our trap line network, and we have attracted further funding to pay our professional pest hunters for the next two years. Catches are recorded online as part of the NZ

wide [www.trap.nz](http://www.trap.nz).

**We are always looking for sponsorship for doing one months pest trap line = \$350 per round.**

Our present project area is nearly 1000 ha, the long term project area is the whole of Honeymoon Valley stream catchment.

Recently we began a contract for pest control of the surrounding Dept of Conservation land as a buffer area to our valley project.

Summit Forests in Dutton Road are also very supportive.

**Map shows our intensive trapped area in upper valley catchment:**



**There are 600 less possums in our valley thanks to efforts of 5 key hunters this summer.**

**Fur earnings** are up to \$110 kg and help cover the hunters time and quad use. Every possum plucked is worth a cafe coffee = \$4.50 per animal! The fur buyer is in Kaitiāia every second Tuesday to buy your fur. Contact Wayne for more info.

As our pest control track loops increase, it is easier for the possum hunters to get around.

**We encourage an Autumn and Spring focus on possum hunting together so we keep numbers down - a great time now with the dry weather to get out there.**

### Maungataniwha Project Planning Walk

Lesley Baigent and Ngaire Tyson from Kiwi Coast spent the day up on Maungataniwha and around our project. They were encouraged by our progress and their key kiwi care recommendation was to ensure all our possum and feral cat traps are up on ramps above 70 cm height.

### Native reserve area increases

Additional QEII native reserve status is in process on several other land owners properties this year. This means the land is reserved in perpetuity as native reserve and can not be subdivided. This commitment to looking after our beautiful wild land and water quality for future generations helps our landcare fund raising and the long term health of our river catchment for future generations.





## Weed Action

Our focus is on maintaining our native stream side vegetation and healthy native bush ecosystems.

**We have 3 weed priorities at present that are invasive:**

**1. GINGER follow up** was done in November 2019 by our professional contractor John Sala clambering around the hills looking at the previous summers work on two of the nine affected properties that had previous large infestations. He reports it has all died on the two properties he surveyed in November.

**Can all affected land owners go for a walk in their bush to check for ginger outliers as soon as possible? Check fence lines, river bed and sunny edges where the birds deposit the seed. Please take a tube of Met gel, a flax/ ginger knife and a sack with you so you can deal with the odd plant you may find on the walk.** Leaves cut off can be left behind to rot, but don't leave seed heads in the bush - cut off and place in sacks and burn. If you need help with this contact Yvonne.



### 2. PRIVET mother plants

Thanks to a couple of valley land owners who are tackling their old privet bit by bit, and getting instant satisfaction. We supply the gel and saws. We have an electric Recipro saw available for loan also. First tackle the big seeding mother plants, then in following years get onto the younger ones. We can help. Two or three dry days are ideal for the Cut'n'paste work.

**3. JASMINE climbing weed** is a problem on several properties in the valley. *Our weed contractor will be available in late March if you would like free help with jasmine on your property.*

**Contact Yvonne for a demo, tools, or gel supply 09 4085588. 027 6999 063**  
**Thanks to all who helped at our recent working bees:**



October 2019  
November 2019  
January 2020

Wetland area at corner Peria Valley and Honeymoon Valley Rd  
Privet on corner Duttons and Honeymoon Valley Roads  
Fund raising track and road work at Puhoi Reserve - thanks to the 18 helpers

## AUTUMN LANDCARE DATES

**Sunday 22 March** Kiwi aversion training for dogs with Lesley Baigent at 500 HV Road 10am - 1 pm  
Weed work on Privet on Duttons Road - contact Yvonne 027 6999 063  
10 am - 1 pm All welcome, tools provided

**Sunday 19 April** (in school holidays) **Track work on pest control routes up in the bush**  
Family friendly, bring a picnic, tools provided, contact Bernard 021 206 6719

**Monday 20 April** **Honeymoon Valley LANDCARE MEETING** 5 pm at Gerlindes  
520 Honeymoon Valley Rd All welcome, **BYO and food to share**



## Kiwi care for pet owners recommends

**Dogs not roaming**

**Dogs and cats contained indoors or in kennel at night**

**Don't walk your dog in the bush unless on a leash**

**Be responsible with your visitors dogs**

**Have your dog Kiwi aversion trained, which is 65% - 95% effective**

## FIRE IN THE VALLEY in November

*Thanks to fast and effective action of the volunteer fire fighters and helicopter work with monsoon buckets, this fire was put out after a few hours.*

### BURNING RULES for the Northland Region

**Consider your neighbours and the environment**

- It is not permitted to burn** plastics, rubber, tyres, coated metal wires, treated timber, construction or medical waste, paint, oil, motor vehicle parts, or any other hazardous materials. **Reduce consumerism, recycle, compost and do the right thing for the planet!**

**Phone NRC Environment hotline 24/7 for environmental concerns. 0800 504 639**

**Doubtless Bay Landcare** are a newer group up and running out at the coast now. We umbrella them at present and opened another bank account for their funds. They have trap lines out to help protect the kiwi in Cable Bay and Coopers Beach areas. Friend them on Facebook.

### Honeymoon Valley Landcare Trust

*Working together to create a sustainable, healthy Honeymoon Valley ecosystem, for the enjoyment of all community members and for the benefit of present and future generations.*

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