

Our Pest Control Project is phasing into a Community Pest Control Area (CPCA) that is sponsored by Northland Regional Council (NRC). This will give us a 5 - 10 year forward looking framework to really expand what we are doing. We submitted our 40 page proposal and the bureaucracy for this expansion is taking a long time! We hope our NRC funding, which is only for materials and traps will come through soon. We are concentrating on an intensive area at the head of the valley.

Our traplines were monitored in autumn by Kiwis for Kiwi, with Glen Coulston sharing his extensive experience. We are expanding our pest control traplines to cover a larger area, more comprehensively in 2019 - 2020. We also have some funding to pay our professional trapper for the next year.

Spring is one of the most effective times to reduce possum numbers, and that is NOW! They make good stoat bait, dog tucker and compost. Track work will continue this summer once the ground dries up.



Pest Control Project contact Bernard Coogan 021 206 6719

Rubbish on the roadside has been cleaned up by residents and FNDC - thanks! Whiteware and recycling is free, so save the planet and Papatuanuku. We still need to do a river walk and clean up some more in the gorge and corner of Peria Valley Road.

AGM and spring Landcare Meeting

Monday 7 October, 6-8 pm at Gerlindes 520 Honeymoon Valley Road

We have just 2 meetings per year **All welcome** BYO drink, and food to share

Free Kiwi Aversion Training for Dogs Sun 13 October 9am - 2pm

corner Honeymoon Valley and Peria Valley Roads **All local dogs and owners welcome**



We are prioritising our valley and local pet and pig hunting dogs to do the 15 minute training session with Lesley Baigent, our local trainer to ensure they are "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 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

Spring into weed action!

Dry weather is around the corner, and spring is the ideal time to cut those pest weeds out before they complete their flower and seed cycle. Target those big mother seeding privet trees to stop the birds flying the seeds around, they especially like road margins and sunny edges. Forestry cut-over areas need observation as to potential weed spread. **"One years seeding, seven years weeding"** ...

Cut'n'paste method for Privet and Ginger outliers in the surrounding bush and along the roadside is quick and easy. Cut the top off and leave to decompose, paint the horizontal stump with gel. Dry weather 24 hours before and 24 hours after is needed. **Drill and frill** method for larger privet and cotoneaster trunks, wild pines, acacias.

Jasmine and other climbing weeds can be tackled also, the Landcare group can arrange a free professional solution. Let us know if you need help with this. We have tools and gel available to valley residents. Contact Yvonne 4085588 027 6999 063



WEED WORKING BEES 10 am - 1 pm

Sunday 13 October - corner Honeymoon & Peria Valley Roads

Sunday 20 October - corner Dutton & Honeymoon Valley Roads

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