



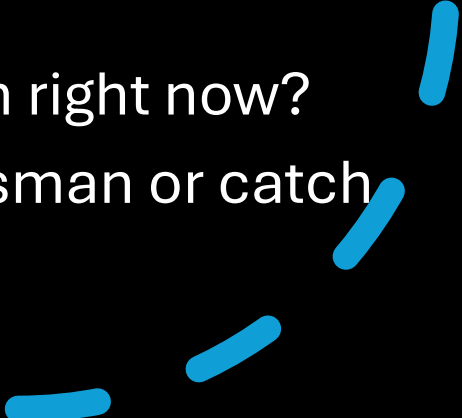


Predator Free Wellington

What will I cover?

- How we started?
- Why were we successful?
- What lessons have been learned?
- What are we doing that others might be able to use?
- What are the future challenges for us and other groups?

What do I want you to take away?

- What can we start to change and work on right now?
 - What is going to be the uniting force, talisman or catch cry that communities can get behind?
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**5 eradication
phases over
30,000
hectares**

Overall Native Birds

+136%

Increase in native bird detections
from 2017 to 2024

Riroriro / Grey Warbler

283% increase



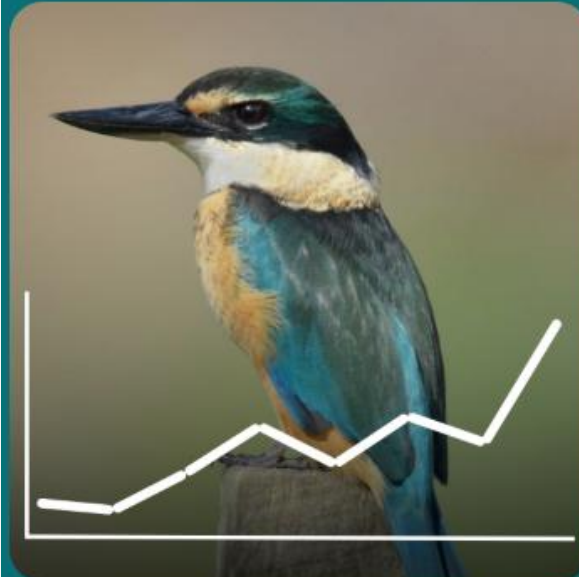
Tūī

210% increase



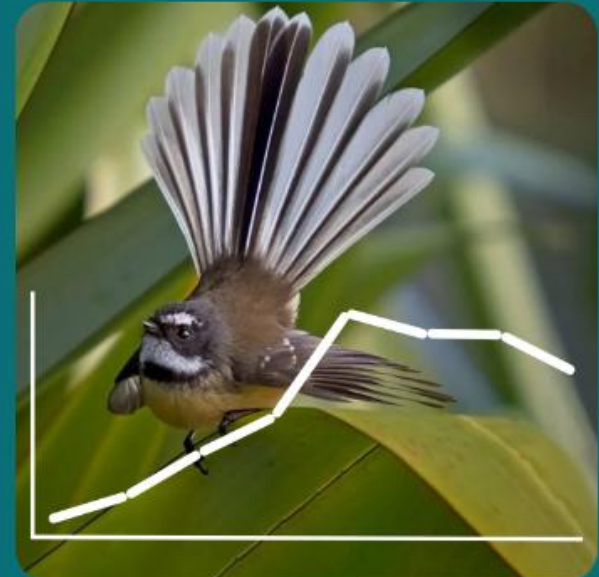
Kōtare / Kingfisher

550% increase



Pīwakawaka / Fantail

400% increase



Phase 1

1,086 ha of urban, suburban, bush and steep
coastal escarpment,
12 schools,
19,230 residents

Why did it work?

- Community at the heart of it
- Predator Free Miramar
- Honest and open
- Built trust
- Lots of Community Meetings and Engagement
- Wellington's History
- A desire to be part of something groundbreaking
- Early and visible signs of success
- Lots of options for people to contact us

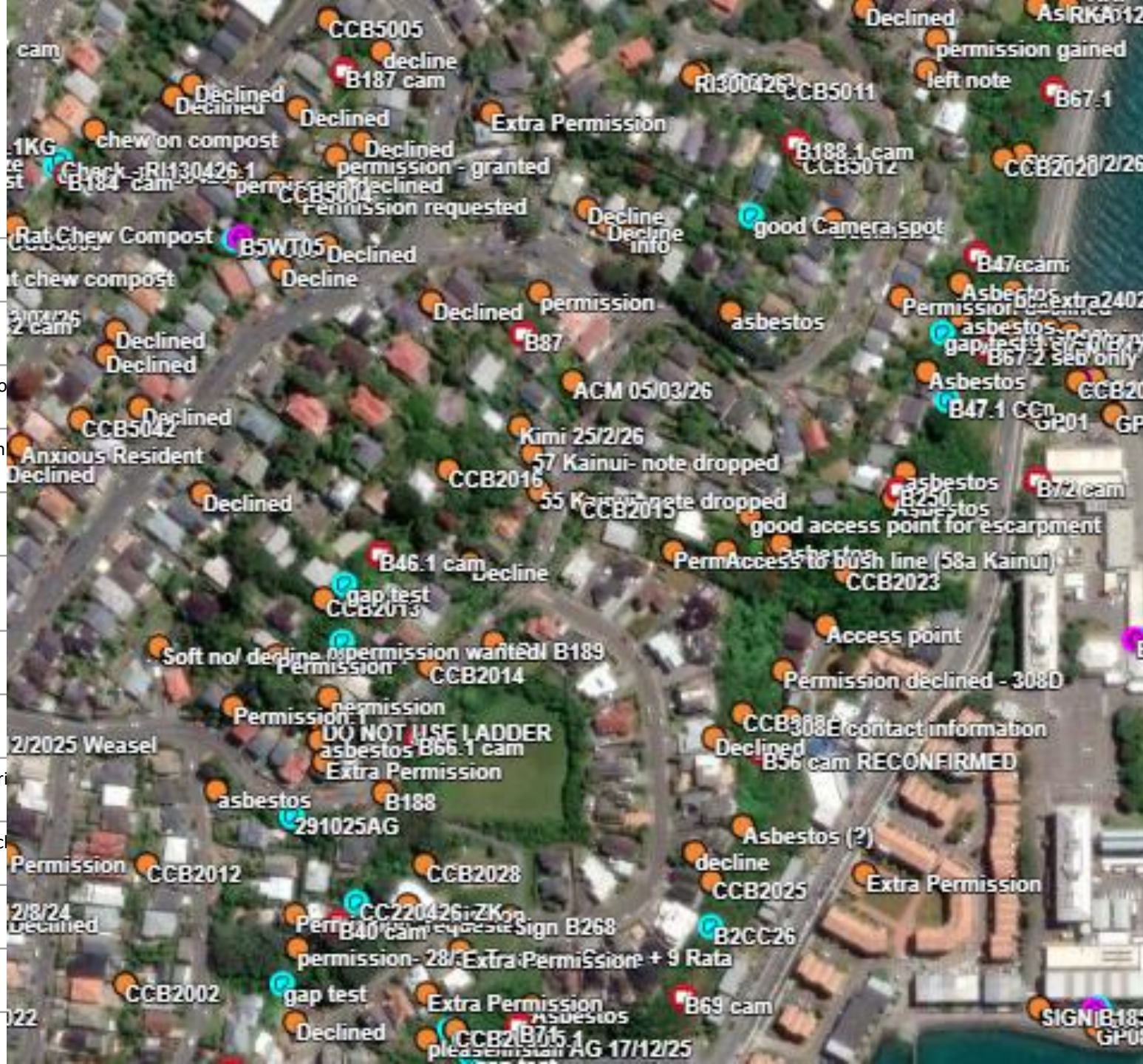
Permissions are Key

- WCC, GWRC and PFM onboard early as partners
- Door knocking and paper based at the start
- Added fulcrum as a permission gathering tool
- Migrated data from Fulcrum to TrapNZ
- TrapNZ now developing an app for permission gathering



Monitoring & Lines

	Hotspot	1-2 weekly servicing
	Monitoring	3 weekly camera and chew card monitoring
	Biosecurity	Predator-free areas that are being monitored for
	Buffer zone	Serviced areas to defend biosecurity areas from
	Districts	Outline of Phase 2 districts
	Zones	Outline of Phase 2 zones
	Access tracks	Public walking tracks or PFW access lines
	MTB tracks	Public tracks open to bikes – use with caution
	Asbestos	Warning radius around possible asbestos materi
	No-go area	e.g. declined permission, dangerous property, cl
	Hazard area	e.g. dog must be put away
	Camera zone	Zones for routine camera servicing
	Special requirements	Special/restricted access requirements



POI

	Do not visit	e.g. decline, dangerous property
	Food source	e.g. compost bin, chicken coop, fruit tree
	Good habitat	Potential risk area for rats
	Info	e.g. public toilet, access point, office
	Txt/Call ahead	Advance warning needed before visits or specific times
	Hazard	e.g. wasp nest, warning
	Dog hazard	Known dangerous dog
	Community hub	Civil defence emergency hub, or lockboxes



Phase 2

- 1,300 hectares
- around 60,000 people
- Schools
 - WC, WEGC, WHS and many primary schools
- Large stakeholders
 - Wellington Zoo,
 - Government House,
 - Te Toi Mahana and Kaianga ora,
 - Massey University
 - Wellington Regional Hospital
 - Property management companies



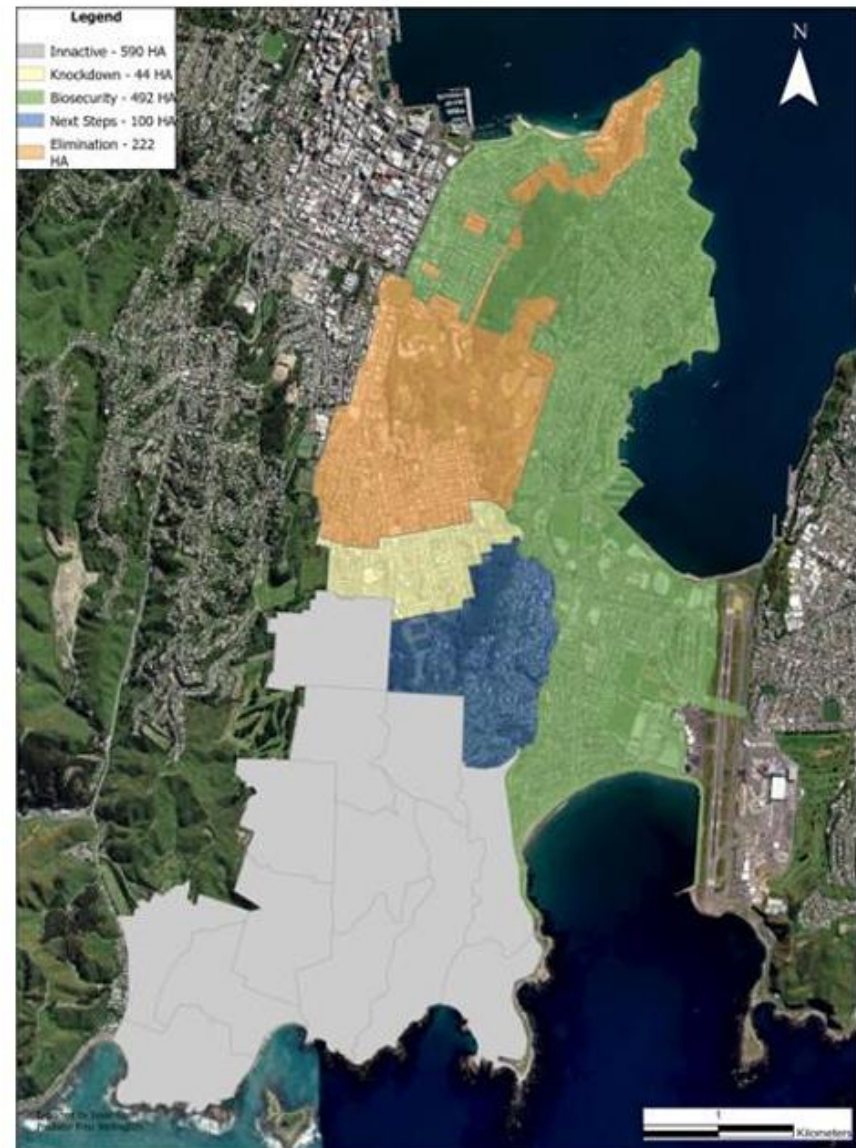
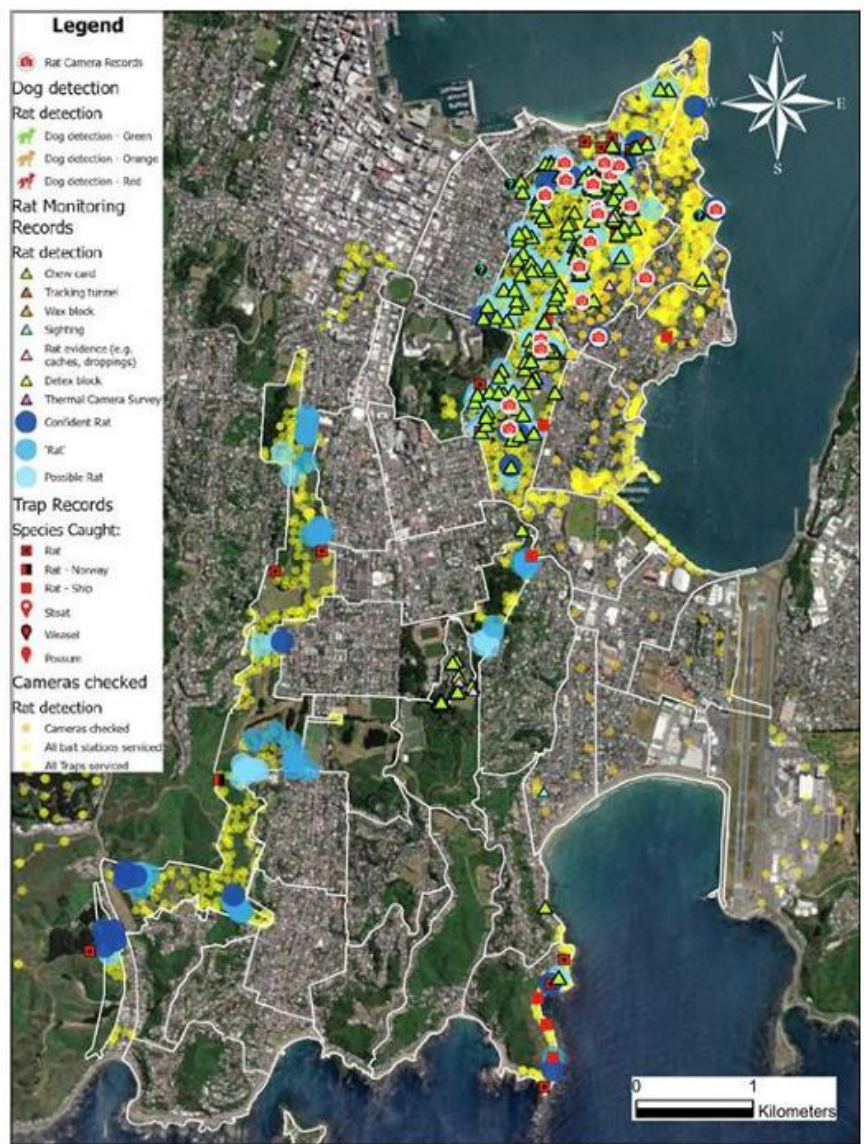
Phase 2

Highlights

- 7200 permissions across phase 2
- Just over 200 declines
- Refining the Remove and Protect model
- Good notes are critical. Everyone needs to be contributing data
- Adapting/refining the device for the habitat
- Volunteers: refining training, training the trainers, Biosecurity

Collaborations with:

- Partner projects: Govt house, Airport, Hospital, Te Papa Massey University, Vic Uni, Property management companies,
- Schools



Stats Volunteers

Approximately

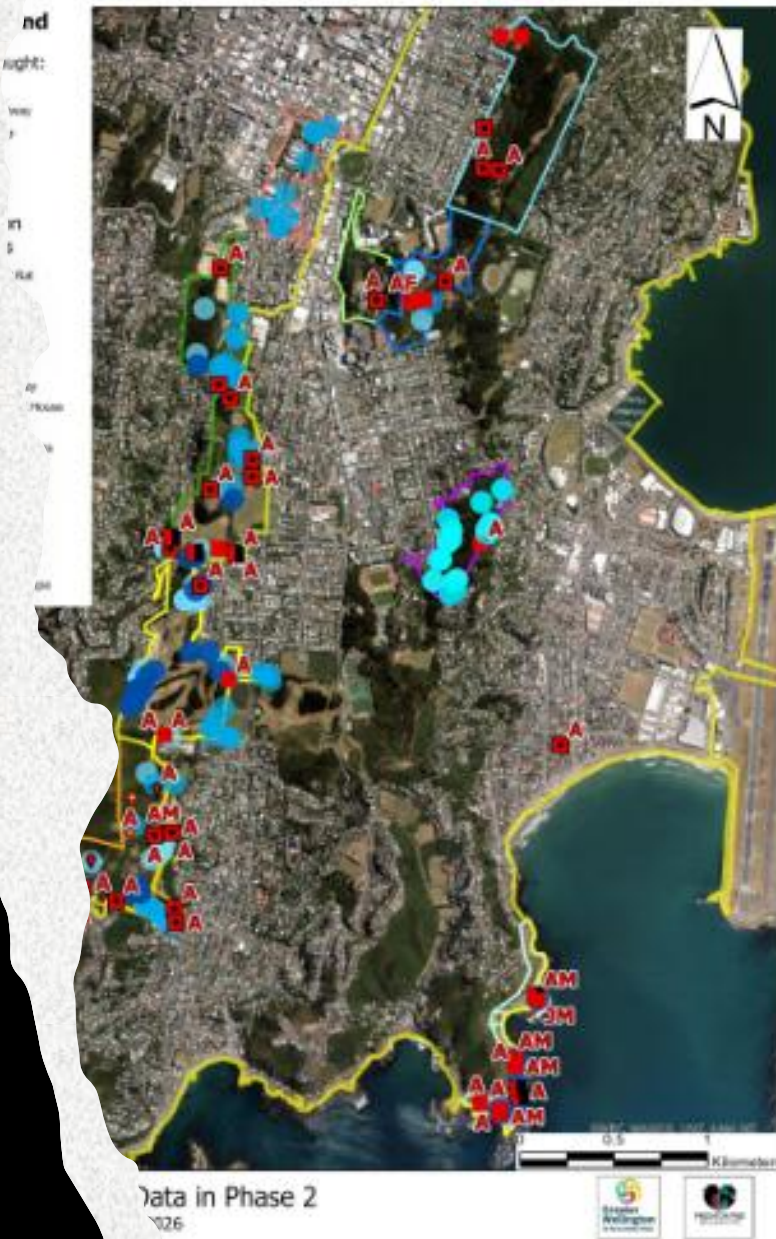
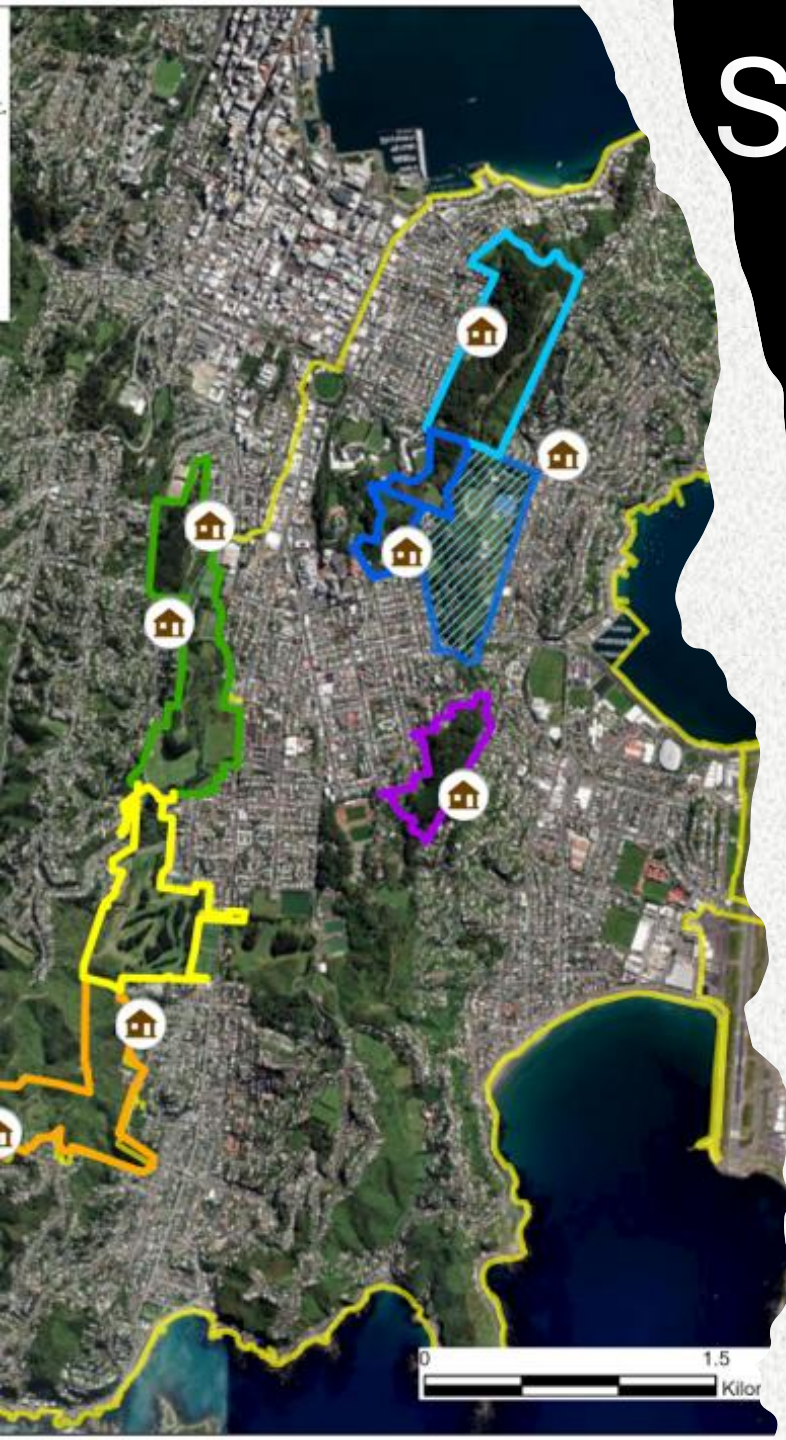
P2 buffer estb
2021

120 volunteers

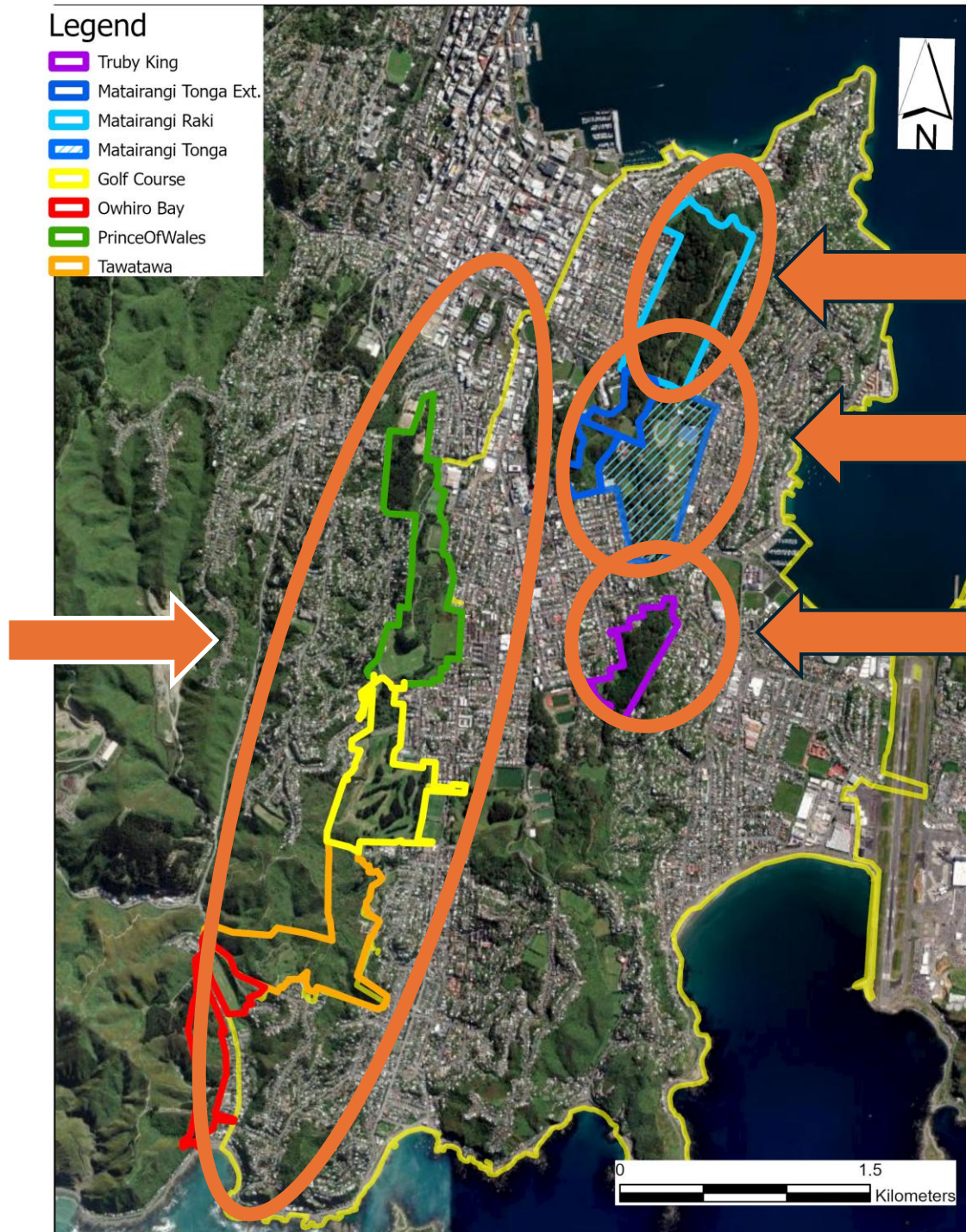
1000 traps and BS

9 zones

250 ha



Phase 2 buffer Established in 2021



Phase 2 Volunteer Areas:

Matairangi Raki (Mt Vic North)

Matairangi Tonga (Mt Vic South)

Truby King

- These areas implement the “knockdown phase” of our process, then our field team complete the final sweep through the zone
- The work is also very important for helping our team working in adjacent suburbs.



Devices used by Volunteers in phase 2

Pelgars and LOLAS

Pros and Cons with both. Only Block Bait used.

Lockboxes



Lines: 8-12 devices, 1-2 hrs



☒ Massey - Te Papa

☐ Owhiro Bay

☐ Phase 2 Barrier Golf

☐ Prince of Wales



Tawatawa Manawa Karioi



Share something with the team...

+ Image

+ Document

Post



Sandra Haluza

1 month ago

Hi all,

We have found a bug on trap.nz where records aren't uploading. Check your project logs in the trap.nz app menu. If there is either a cloud icon or a yellow icon with an exclamation mark, these records have not been synced.

If this is the case, please export the debug logs to support@trap.nz and they can manually upload them.

Let me know if you have any questions 😊

Exporting Debug Logs on Trap.NZ



Alastair Henshaw



Massey - Te Papa

TEAM CODE

HX338108

COACHES

P&

Paul & Rachel Touhey

Team admin

PLAYERS

DL

David Lewis

Team admin



Alastair Henshaw

Team admin



Sandra Haluza

Team admin

KB

Kate Blair

3:21

Prince of Wales

MembersTeam InfoFeesSettings

JDJanet Davis

2 days ago

One slightly maggoty rat in Liardet lockbox

👍1

14/46

Add a comment

Lee Rowland

5 days ago (Edited)

My preferred way of transporting maggoty bags to the Pavilion freezer 🤔😂

Gentle... more

Team setup complete

Explore what else Heja can do

Team

Schedule

Messages

You

3:21

Past

+

🕒 Sync

⚙️ Attendance stats

JUNE 2025

PRACTICE

MASSEY UNIVERSITY WELLINGTON CAM...

JUN 29

Volunteers and Supporters BBQ

Sunday, 12:00 PM, Ended

DECEMBER 2024

PRACTICE

1 WESTLAND ROAD

DEC 15

End of Year Social

Sunday, 3:00 PM, Ended

NOVEMBER 2024

PRACTICE

LIARDET STREET PARK

NOV 10

DOC200 Install Day!

Sunday, 10:00 AM, Ended

OCTOBER 2024

OTHER

INNERMOST GARDENS

OCT 13

Community Ranger and Volunteer BBQ

Sunday, 12:00 PM, Ended

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3:21

Chats

Team Chat

Jemima: Kia ora, I have just deposited... 16 Aug

JVJochem Vink

Thanks Alastair 😊 16 Jan

GAGraeme Aitken

The gate latch malfunctioned (froze on l... 8 Jan

Lee Rowland

Ok thanks, we'll try to remember not to... 6 Nov

NMNick Mouat

Correct! It'll be a work thing to take on t... 2 Nov

NONaomi O'Connor

Hello. For when the work week resumes... 1 Nov

DWDouglas Wood

Thanks again. I have just sent somethi... 26 Feb

Team setup complete

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Messages

You

3:22

Team Chat

Someone has also put a smelly hedgehog in there.

07/23/2025

Nick M.

NMOne fresh Norway Rat in Liardet lockbox. Bagged, labelled & deposited just now.

❤️1

😊

Owen M.

OMCheers Nick

08/02/2025

Janet D.

JD Slightly maggoty rat added to Liardet st box

👍1

😊

08/16/2025

Jemima H.

Kia ora, I have just deposited a fresh rat in the Liardet street lockbox.

👍1

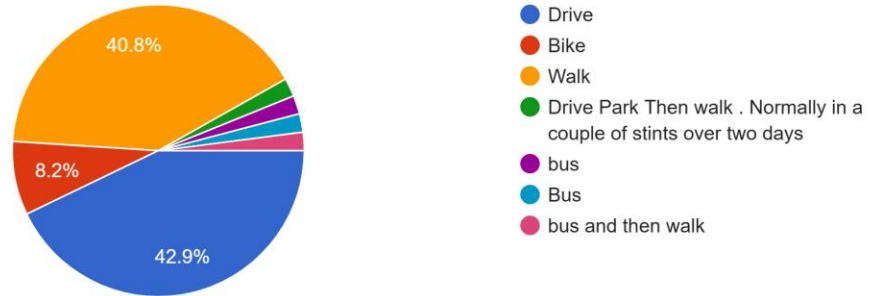
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Type a message...

Volunteer Survey

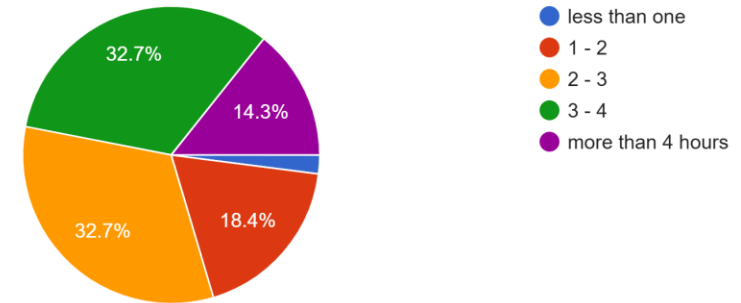
How do you generally get to your line?

49 responses



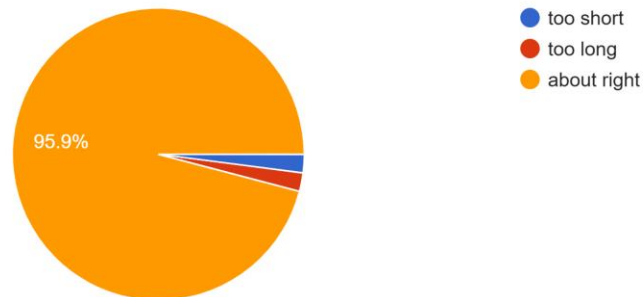
How many hours do you dedicate to volunteering with Predator Free Wellington per month (including travel time)?

49 responses



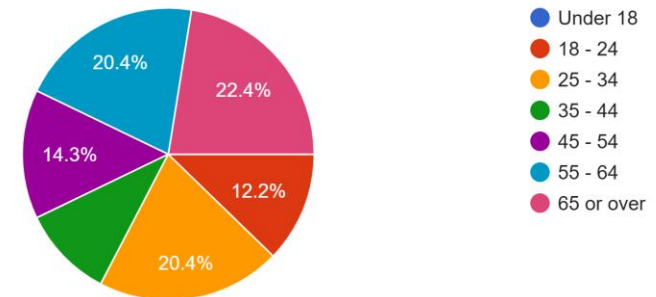
Is your trap line

49 responses



How old are you?

49 responses



Biosecurity

High med and low priority zones

Trap lines

Chew cards

Cameras

Public reporting

email

0800 number

report a pest

<https://www.pfw.org.nz/our-project/contact-us/#sighting>

A work in progress



Northern Miramar Biosecurity Zones + Camera Network

Phase 3

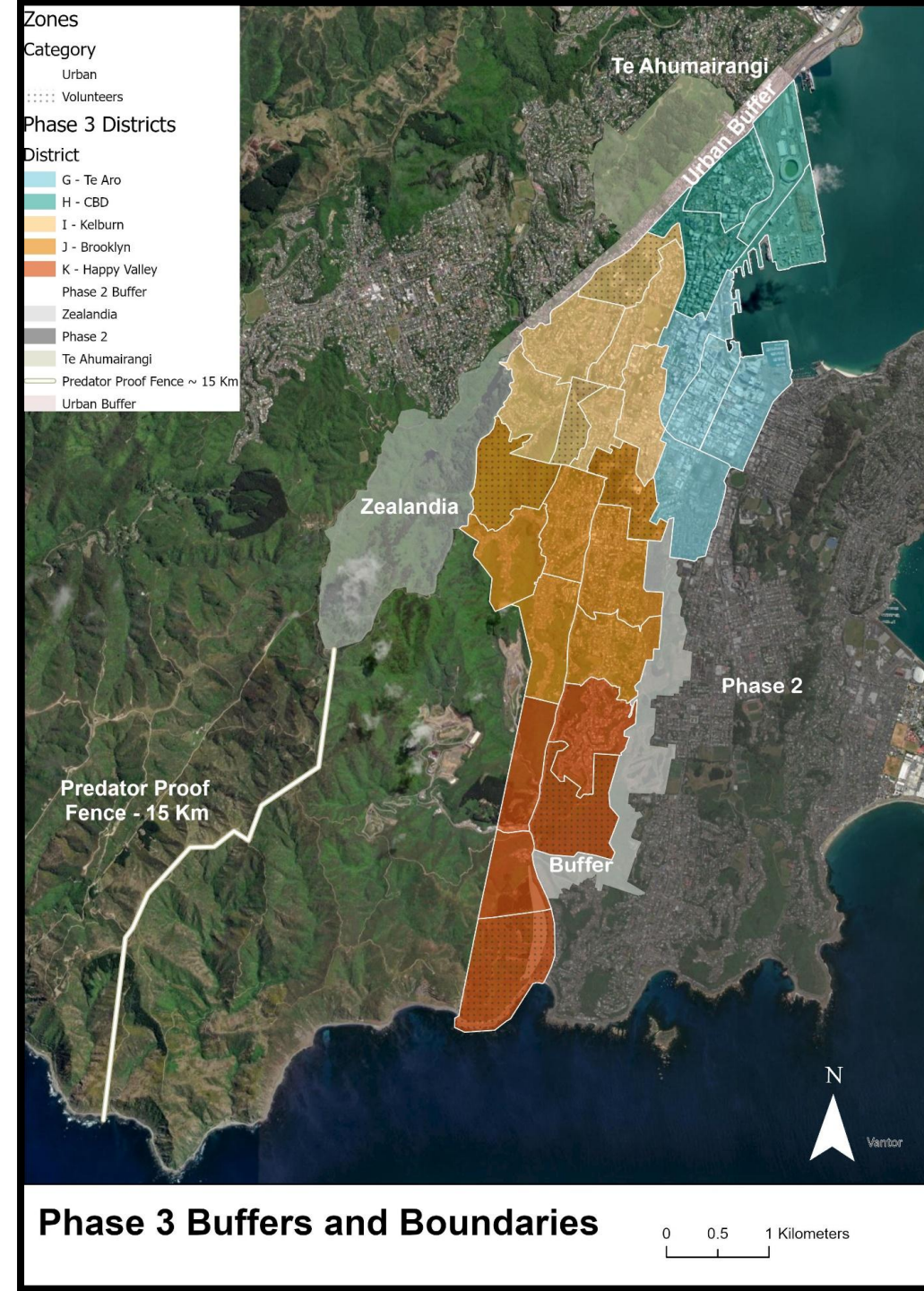
Suburban

CBD

Te Kopahou

New challenges

- contractors
- earthquake prone buildings
- Multistorey buildings
- New habitats



Useful Stuff

For Events

- Stickers
- Magnets
- Taxidermy

For residents

- Stickers
- Magnets
- SWMY cards
- Welcome to the team cards
- Call and text aheads

For Schools

- Stickers
- Magnets
- Taxidermy
- games

For Volunteers

- Volunteer ranger hats and beanies
- BBQs
- Golden Pelgars
- Operational reports for volunteers
- Social media
- heja

What's next?

- PF2050 is not just an ecological mission but an economic and social one
- PF2050 is coming to everyone. Wellington will be the first city in the world to have eliminated rats stoats and possums.
- Start thinking about how you want to communicate the vision to your communities
- Who are your future leaders? Begin a succession plan.
- What collaborations are not being fully explored or taken advantage of?
- Be patient and start early esp WRT to volunteers
- The work you and volunteers are doing makes a difference and is critical for the wellbeing of your communities
- Reinforce your networks. Volunteers, trap builders (Menz Shed), suppliers (mitre 10, landscapers etc), politicians, councillors, DOC

Challenges

- Biosecurity
 - Never been done before by volunteers in an urban space
- Funding
 - This is going to continue be an issue however we can get a lot done with volunteers
- Access
 - How do we get everywhere? Private and public
- Speed
 - New devices needed