



Best wishes for the holidays from Pest Free Warkworth

Thank you to all our amazing trapline volunteers and backyard trappers. We have achieved much success this year.

- We have welcomed many more backyard trappers, thank you for joining us and helping to protect our native environment.*
- 69 fewer possums call Warkworth home.*
- 289 rats caught along the riverbank from the cement works to Mahurangi College*
- A staggering 245 pests caught in Kowhai Park thanks to 1 dedicated trapline volunteer*
- Backyard trappers have notified me that 146 rats, 24 possums, 25 mice and a few hedgehogs have been caught. Well done, backyard trappers.*
- Walking in our lovely parks and reserves show many native seedlings establishing from seeds left untouched by predator feeding.*
- Many native trees planted in local reserves*
- A huge number of weeds removed by a small but dedicated team*

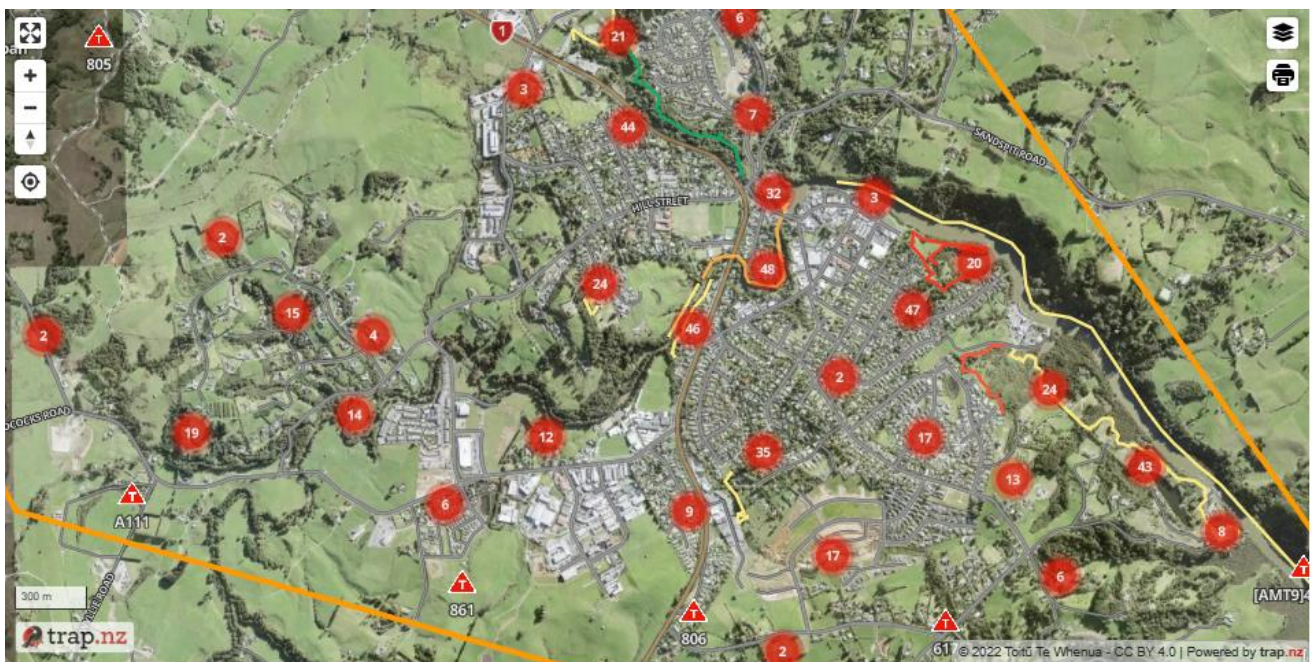
- *Schoolchildren both secondary and primary continue to be engaged in learning and volunteering in their local environment*
- *Two halo projects of trapping and baiting have been started and well supported by landowners to the north and south of the township.*

We can be very proud of these achievements and celebrate the help we have given to our native flora and fauna.

On the negative side, I think our main concern is the funding crisis impacting on all environmental organisations such as ours.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

I close with a record of our involvement in Warkworth



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