



EAST HARBOUR REGIONAL PARK

SEPTEMBER 2011

Annual roundup 2010/11

Events

- Great Outdoors Summer Events: 2 x Lighthouse and Lakes, Back of the Bay Forest Walk, Baring Head Opening, Giant Rata Journey, Gollans Valley Adventure, Mt Lowry Challenge, Robin Trail



Baring Head opening

- In the mainland island area, contractors replaced the bait in the rodent bait station grid every two months. Rat monitoring showed low numbers were maintained throughout the year (between 2% and 6% tracking), while 22% to 44% tracking was recorded outside the intensively controlled site. An extra 145 bait stations in and around the mainland island were installed in July 2010
- MIRO successfully released 40 robins from Kapiti Island into the area in April 2011
- The Mackenzie Track has been upgraded with 15 metres of new boardwalk installed, track shaping and surface metalling. Kowhai Street track has had work done with a new retaining wall constructed, handrails installed and a more robust water table system. All structures within EHRP are now in line with the NZ Walking Track Standards

Parangarahu Lakes Area (formerly Pencarrow Lakes Block)



Lake Kohangapiripiri

Northern Forest

- MIRO volunteers continued to trap the northern forest for possums. Possum monitoring this year recorded a residueal trap catch of 1.4%
- Intensive pest plant control was completed for many species such as climbing asparagus, boneseed, banana passionfruit, Japanese honeysuckle and tradescantia. While the list of species controlled is long, the number and size of plants found is getting smaller with each visit
- Four deer and 15 pigs were professionally culled as a result of complaints from local residents. Hunters taking part in the Roar ballot culled one deer

- Mustelid trapping resulted in a tally of 11 weasels, 10 stoats, 17 hedgehogs and 1 cat. Biosecurity staff culled 12 goats
- Gorse patches on the coastal escarpment between the two lakes were sprayed to keep gorse away from the vulnerable cliff plant communities. Beggar's ticks infestations around Lake Kohangatera were also controlled



Pencarrow lighthouse

- MIRO planted up a fifth restoration plot and infill planted the other four plots in the area as part of the restoration plan for the block
- Fencing at the Lakes Block continues with 600 metres of 8 wire stock fence installed

- A new replacement gate and stile was installed at the main Coast Road access bridge
- Marker poles and directional signs were installed
- Attention/danger/caution signs was installed around the WWII lookouts and associated structures



New fencing around Baring Head structures

- A new entrance sign and map/information board was installed
- The cattle grazing lease at Baring Head was terminated. Sheep continue to graze the property at this point

Baring Head

- A successful open day was held on 13 February 2011
- A new Friends group was set up – Friends of Baring Head



Memorandum of Understanding was signed with Friends of Baring Head



Baring Head

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