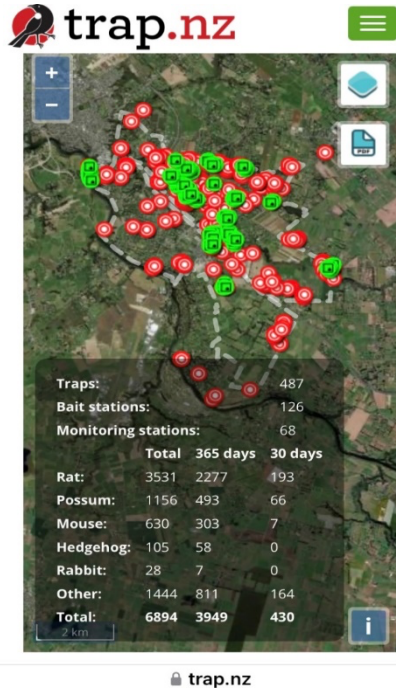




## Monthly Project Report for Predator Free Tamahere

Reporting Period: Nov 2024

### Activities:



### Gully-Focused effective predator control

Our latest tally stands at 6894 pests removed, including 1156 possums. This spring has seen an expected increase in reinvading possums, following a particularly quiet winter. The AT220 autotraps have proven invaluable and help mitigate against the complacency of rebaiting & resetting single-kill traps.

### Community Engagement and Collaboration

- Continued work with **Tamahere School**, Go Echo, Enviroschools, and WDC to improve bat signage in local reserves. This initiative aims to raise awareness of the long-tailed bat population in Tamahere.
- Successful **Tamahere Preschool** visit on November 14th, talking with children about pest control and traps.
- We continue to connect **gully owners** with local restoration companies, who are expanding their

workforce to meet the increasing demand for private gully restoration and pest control.

- New maildrop pamphlets and posters introducing PFT have been designed and will be distributed in the New Year to further raise awareness.
- November has been a key month for pulsed baiting, and we have been encouraging the community to place the correct bait out safely and responsibly.
- **Community meeting on December 9th at the Tamahere Community Centre**, featuring AnneMarie Robb from WRC, who will discuss plant pest control.

### Tangible Impact

Bird photographers are increasingly visiting our gullies, apparently attracted by our growing reputation as a prime location for bird photography. This feedback is a strong indication that our predator control and local gully restoration efforts are making a real impact. Hopefully, the community's ongoing efforts will also attract larger native bird species and further enhance local birdlife.