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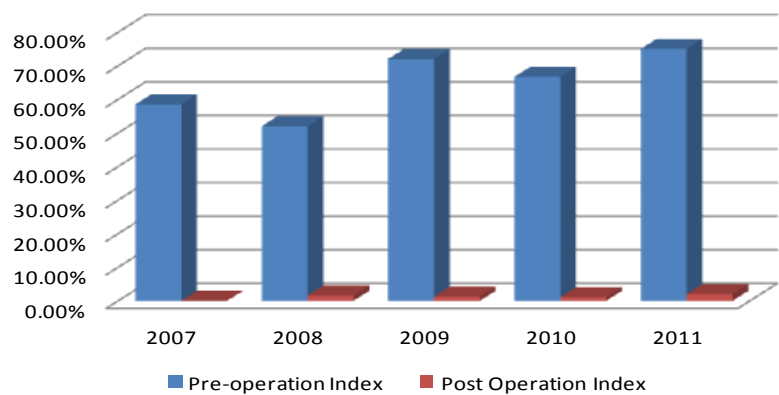
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Monitoring Results

Monitoring of rat populations was completed in the last few weeks and showed a reduction from the pre-operational index of 75% to a mere 2%. This is a fantastic result for protection of birds raising their young and equates to only 2 sets of rat prints over the whole 850 ha of bait stations.

Rat Monitoring Results



Mangakaraa Project

With the completion of another successful season of pest control, which has seen incredibly low rat populations achieved for 5 consecutive years, the committee is planning to approach the Department of Conservation for a 154 ha extension next year, as depicted in the map on the right. The new areas will be to the west of the Ruapane track and around the Ruapane peaks. This extension has huge significance to the committee as it will take us over the 1,000 ha mark. This has been a long term goal of ours as it is the minimum area needed for Kōkako. Therefore, once the extension has been completed we intend to look at how we can become eligible for returning the Kōkako to the maunga.



Envirocentre Project

At long last, our efforts to obtain a permanent site for the envirocentre building have borne fruit. A huge 'thank you' must go to Waipa District Council, the Department of Conservation, Tainui and local iwi for supporting us in our efforts to set up an environmental activity centre based in Pirongia Village using a surplus double classroom block from Pirongia School. We are also immensely grateful for the patience and generosity of Peter and Shirley Kewish in giving the building a temporary home while the permanent site was secured. It is proposed that the building will be located on Rangimarie Reserve off Crozier Street in the village.

Stop Press: Waipa Networks have just confirmed they will provide \$4,107 for resource consent costs. Thank you Waipa Networks for such awesome support!



