



Restoration Society Inc

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Mangakaraa Project

Spurred on by the outstanding results for pest control in 2009, another extension is being planned for this year. Covering an area of 182 hectares, it will extend our grid southwards from the O'Shea Rd end of our control area. Because it will abut a bait station grid in native bush on private land adjacent to the forest park, this will boost the total area under control to over 700ha. Our goal of 1,000ha is within sight!

Robins

Preliminary discussions with DoC have given us the green light for our first species re-introduction - North Island robins (toutouwai), known for their friendliness and fantastic birdsong. We will be working through the red tape as soon as we can. Our initial enthusiasm has been confounded by Kate and Dean from Pirongia Forest Park Lodge assuring us that there are robins already on the mountain. Still, this exercise will be an important preliminary step to

reintroducing other species, especially the Kokako.

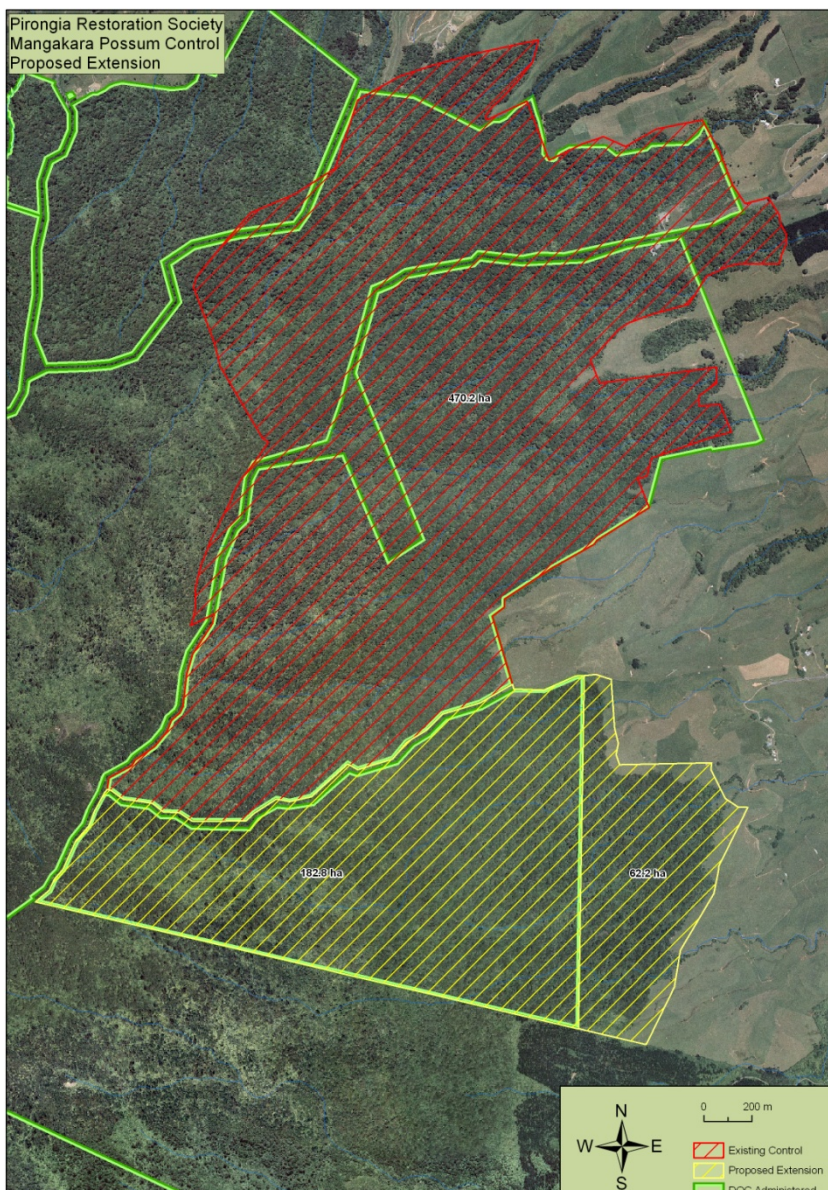


Figure 1 above: Map showing existing bait station grid in red and planned extension in yellow

New Information Panel at Grey Rd Visitor Kiosk

The Southern Trust has funded a great information panel detailing our pest control project and listing all our sponsors, both corporate and individuals. Your name may be on it so check it out! Thank you Southern Trust.

