

Predator Free Napier Hill



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WHAT IS IT

Predator Free Napier Hill is a volunteer community effort to rid Napier Hill of pests (rats and mice), and provide a safe habitat for birds in our gardens. Our neighborhood was eradicated of possum thanks to a programme run by the HBRC and the community in 2008 -2014, and we know with energy from our community we can work towards the Aotearoa goal of Predator free as a country by 2050.

The goal is to record a reduction in rats annually and increase in bird numbers.

The Grant we have received will pay for traps, bait, repairing broken traps, and fliers. We have set up a bank account, email address (predatorfreenapierhill@gmail.com) and website that will be used as an information resource.

HOW DOES IT WORK

We're creating a community of backyard traps. We want people to put a trap in their back yards, keep it baited, and report their catches. Simple.

THE PLAN

Having a rat trap in just one in 5 back yards, will reduce the rat population to under 5% . There are approx 2200 households on Napier Hill, which means we need around 500 backyard traps to meet the target. We also need to work with the council to set up trapping on our reserves on Napier Hill. But we are not aiming to get it done overnight;we well roll out traps in stages.

COST

The traps and protective timber tunnels will be subsidized for households. With our Grant from PredatorFreeNZ the traps cost us approx \$28 per trap or \$40 unsubsidized. We plan to sell the traps to households for \$10 each (Victor) \$15 for T Rex or a Koha . The sale of traps at the subsidised rate will allow us to purchase more. We plan to applying for Grants, sponsorship and support from local businesses to grow our trapping programme

Predator Free Napier Hill bank account BNZ

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NOT SURE ABOUT THIS YET?

There is an additional service cost if you would like your traps checked, cleared and reset monthly.

We will offer the service to clear, rebait and reset the traps monthly (Note"we need a minimum of 20 people to sign up for this to make it viable). The cost of the trap + clearing is \$25. After the first year there would be an annual fee of \$15 per trap.

Our experience is that once the traps are in the garden people get busy and forget to check and they often go for months without being looked at and reset. We can't catch rats without traps being set!

Our plan is to engage a student from Napier Hill to check the traps clear, rebait and reset monthly and enter the data into trap NZ. We would pay them \$25 per month

WHY PREDATOR FREE

We want to bring back the birds and in the future the bush (plantings are already started up Sturms Gully). Rats, Mice and stoats are destructive to our natives but with your help we can have the Kaka and Kereru make their homes here again. Rats are also destructive. Rodents chewing through electrical wire, getting into backyard compost etc

