



Predator Free Waiheke



# The Journey

- The Collective was formed on Sept 16. Look at the Whole environment but start with predators.
- HGCT, WRT, Forest and Bird, AC, Ngati Paoa, Waiheke Local Board, DOC and other parties.
- Harmony and Passion versus Disharmony and Passion. All wanted same outcome.
- AC had done a heap of work in the background as had other agencies.
- Collective all about Community engagement
- First meeting threw it out there to apply for funding.





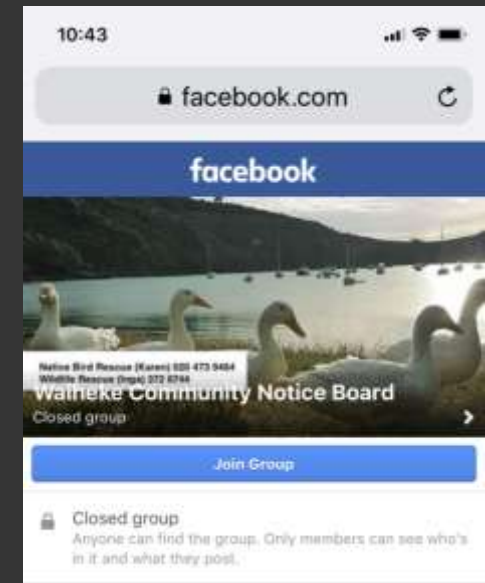
# What are we aiming to do?

- Control vs Eradicate
- World first and many unknowns.
- Staged Approach for create greatest probability of success
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  1. Eradicate Mustelids (Stoats, Weasels and Ferrets)
  2. Pilot case study on Rat Eradication. In center Onetangi to Whakanewha Industrial, Urban and Rural
  3. Island-wide Rat Eradication



# Next Steps

- Lock down Funding
  - Inform Community
- Appoint team
  - Inform Community
- Prepare peer reviewed Eradication Plan for a world first
- Prepare for Stoat Eradication and Rat Pilot
  - Inform and Engage Community
- Start
  - Inform and Engage Community



# Barriers and Constraints

- Jerry McGuire-ism
- Time – EOI to RFP in 8 weeks (including summer holidays, Xmas and Xmas)
- Trust – pressure cooker environment
- Challenge was about personal relationships
- Geography – evening meetings on and off island when we had FT jobs
- Funding Gaps and how to deal with those





# Observations & Improvements

- Social engagement and comms critical to success. Comms to visitors with ferries so frequent. 1m+ visitors per year.
- 8 year project and sustained effort imperative
- Making sure that Manu Whenua are involved from day one. Respecting their tohunga.
- For collective to function need to spend time with each other to create trust rather than fighting for the same money for the pot
- Stepping outside comfort zone
- Be OK with uncertainty
- Funders have been extremely good given unknowns
- Governance Board appointment. Advisory Board to recommend.
- Never underestimate the importance of good relationships amongst all parties (don't have to always agree)
- Life Lesson. Be Bold and Providence will follow!

