



RAT FREE KARAKA BAY

Karaka Bay is a unique place in suburban Auckland, only 15 mins from the CBD. But it is an isolated enclave where nature is trying to survive in suburbia.

It is of significant historical and cultural value to Auckland and New Zealand being one of the places the Treaty was signed.

It needs to be looked after and respected for what it is.

It is loved by the 11 households that are able to call it home, and enjoyed by everyone that knows of its existence.

It is only accessible by a footpath down a steep windy footpath to a flat public beach. On the beach are 10 houses with mainly permanent residents.

There is no road access and hence no cars.

The sections back onto a steep cliff and the next house are 50m above the bay on the top of the cliff.

This makes it a unique enclosed environment that would be ideal for a rat free area in central Auckland.

We are already lucky enough to have people engaged with the environment they are living within.

There is however a rat and possum problem.

Many of the household already set rat bait and possum traps, but the rats still have the upper hand.

We are caught between feeding the birds and feeding the rats!

We are lucky enough to have a reasonable range of native and sea birds, but it could be so much better.

We have fantails, tui, grey warblers and silver eyes as regular visitors.

We have very few kereru and a predominance of sparrows and increasingly, mynas.

We have oyster catchers, herons and Caspian terns.

The government has announced the target of pest free NZ by 2050. It is an incredible goal and we want to be part of it.

Karaka Bay would be a wonderful place to work with and it could be an urban area in Auckland that could be pest free.

It is an area used by the local schools, scouts and guides already and it would be amazing to make it pest free.

It would be a wonderful place to teach them about pest control and demonstrate how the native birds, insects and reptiles could recover.

Imagine the bird song as you walked down the path through the majestic pohutakawa trees.

We will use the A24 Goodnature rat traps as they are non toxic and unlikely to cause injury to the resident children and pets or to the local people using the bay and public beach.

The A24 rat trap is a superb piece of local Kiwi design. It is locally made and designed in partnership with DOC. It is self resetting and non toxic. Each trap can last 6 months before it needs replenishing.



See <http://www.goodnature.co.nz/>

I would love to coordinate the project to make Karaka Bay rat free.
I have the support of all the residents.

This is the perfect project to help Auckland start moving towards Pest Free 2050 in an urban area.

The residents of Karaka Bay want to be involved and want to make a difference to a very special enclave where nature is struggling to survive.

LETS HELP IT.

IT'S THE LEAST WE CAN DO TO PRESERVE IT FOR THE FUTURE AND THE NEXT GENERATION.

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