

You're invited to join the

Herekawe Community Possum Control Programme



Controlling possums will benefit our native birds, vegetation, insects and other native animals such as lizards. The programme will also reduce possum damage to private gardens and orchards in your area.



If you live in the area (see map) and are interested in joining the Herekawe Community Possum Control Programme please contact the **Taranaki Regional Council** on **0800 736 222** or **biosecurity@trc.govt.nz** with your name, address and contact details.

Join the programme and make your neighbourhood a friendly place for native plants and animals.

The Herekawe programme covers parts of Whalers Gate, Ferndale, Hurdon, Westown, Frankleigh Park, Lynmouth, Moturoa, and Spotswood.

The possum control programme

The Taranaki Regional Council is working with interested landowners and the New Plymouth District Council to increase possum control in the New Plymouth urban area. Participation in the programme is voluntary but a good level of community involvement is needed to ensure the success of the programme.

The New Plymouth District Council already carries out possum control in parks, reserves and walkways in the area. The Taranaki Regional Council works with residents in targeted areas to establish a network of possum control on private properties around the areas of possum habitat.

The Council will engage skilled contractors to contact interested residents on suitable properties. The contractors will carry ID cards.

The contractors will discuss the range of efficient and safe control methods and residents can decide on which control method they want to use.

Signs in key places will advise the public of the possum control operation, the control methods being used and advice to supervise children and dogs in public areas.

The Taranaki Regional Council will meet all of the costs of establishing and carrying out initial possum control on private properties.

The contractor will begin working with residents in the coming weeks and it is planned to begin the initial control operation in early February and complete by mid 2016.

Please support this exciting initiative and see your natural surroundings flourish.

Ongoing possum control

After possum numbers have been reduced by the initial control operation the Council will support the residents in the programme to regularly service the network of control sites and keep the possum population under control. So we'd like the residents that join the programme to be willing to continue controlling possums on their individual properties.

The Herekawe programme will build on the success of the Waiwhakaiho and Huatoki programmes which have reduced possum and rat numbers in those areas.

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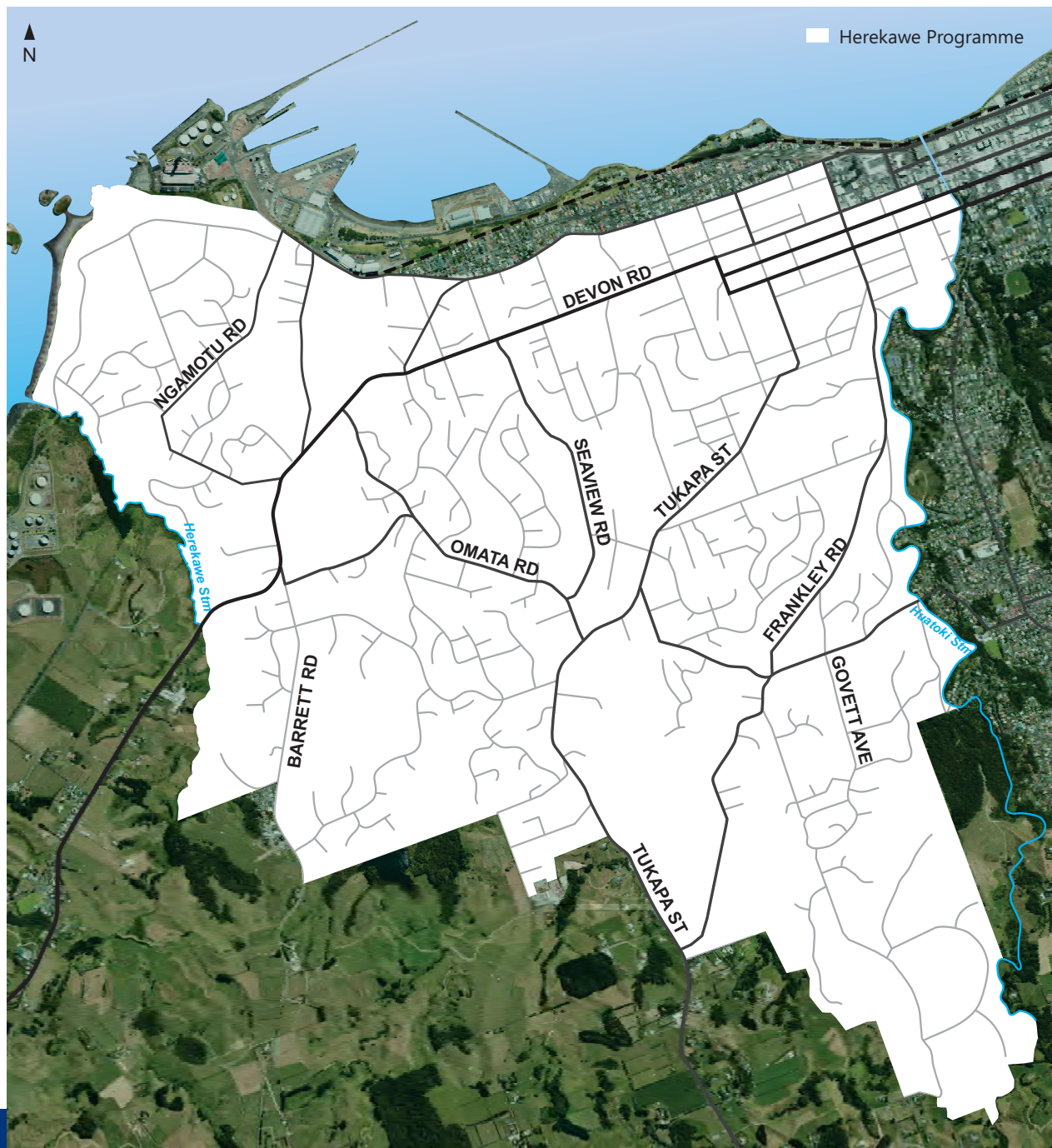
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