

Cockle Bay Residents and Ratepayers Association webpage

Pest Free Howick

We are an organisation devoted to connecting community with the environment. Our vision is of East Auckland being a living and working example of a beautifully restored environment, complete with vibrant and healthy native trees and wildlife. Some of our most well known projects include the ever popular Moth Plant Competition, Pest Cadetships in local schools, Carbon Accounting and Crediting in local schools, the Native Trees for Native Birds project, community engagement workshops and the Bucklands Beach Peninsula Predator Free project. We aim to help the general public to achieve restoration and conservation goals and to take steps to protect wildlife in our own backyards.



Pest Plants in East Auckland

Auckland has previously been considered to be potentially the weediest city in the world. We currently have at least 300 species listed as invasive plants according to [Auckland Council](#). The spread of these plants is a severe issue facing our native flora and fauna. Thankfully, we as residents can slow or even stop the spread of these pest plants around Auckland.

Follow the links to find out more about these invasive weeds common in our area:





Feel free to reach out to Pest Free Howick Ward with any questions regarding invasive plants and how to control them.

If you notice any of these invasive plants while you are out and about or on neighbouring properties, feel free to report your sightings to us through our [webpage](#). We have teams that are able to go out and control such plants, if you are unable to do so. If you are in a position to do so, we recommend a friendly chat with the landowner to offer your help or PFHW's assistance.

Backyard Trapping

Aotearoa's ecosystems are being devastated by rodents such as rats, which compete with native wildlife and plants, spread various diseases and contribute to the extinction of many bird species. In combination with other animals such as mustelids (stoats, weasels etc), possums, hedgehogs, domestic cats and dogs, our native flora and fauna are significantly threatened. Our goal is to have 1 in 5 households in our area actively trapping for pest animals in their backyards. Pest Free Howick Ward also offers free rat traps to residents in the Howick Local Board (from Flat Bush to Pakuranga and everywhere in between). All we ask in return is that you report your catches to us via CatchIt or email, so we can report on the great work being done in our community. [Get started today!](#)

You can find us at:

