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Family Notices

Deaths

ANDERSON, Patricia (née Clode).
Passed away peacefully at home surrounded by the love of her family on 15 June 2025, aged 73. Pat was a devoted mum and mother-in-law to Sherie and Dominic, Shayne and Kate (Poppy), and Natasha and Triton, a treasured nan to Kaylin, Brooklyn and Hunter, and a cherished friend to many. She will be remembered for her strength, loyalty, kindness, and unwavering determination. The family extends their heartfelt thanks to the many friends and family for their generosity and support, and to Rotorua Hospice for their compassionate care in recent weeks. A celebration of Pat's life will be held at the Novotel Rotorua Lakeside on Thursday, 19 June 2025 at 1:00pm

Collingwood FUNERAL HOME

DAVIDSON, Michael Anthony (Dak).
Peacefully on 11 June 2025, aged 83. Dearly loved husband of the late Mary Ann (née Hillas), and partner of the late Joan (Amon). Treasured Dad and 'Michael' of Deb and Mark, Pen and Craig, Jane and Ben. Beloved Grandad Michael of Guy, Anna, George, Isabel and Harvey. Heartfelt thanks to the extraordinary team at Cashmere Heights Home, Johnsonville. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Age Concern Whanganui. A farewell for Michael will be held at his home at 109 Karaka Street, Castlecliff, Whanganui, on Thursday 26 June, 2025, at 1pm, following private cremation.

Lychgate Funerals
FDANZ 04 385 0745
www.lychgate.co.nz

In Memoriam

NELSON-MOORE, Betty.
Passed away 18/06/2024
Treasured wife of the late Ken.
Much loved mother and mother-in-law of Anne & John and Judith & Steve.
Very special nana, Great Nana and Great-great nana.
We all miss you so much

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Public Notices



Protecting native species from introduced predators in Hihitahi Forest Sanctuary

The Department of Conservation (DOC) in Tongariro is going to control stoats, rats, and possums over 2220 ha. This is scheduled for clear weather between June and early July 2025 (weather depending).

Native wildlife and forests need protection

Native species are fighting for survival due to predation from rats, stoats and possums. Without protection, we risk losing the unique natural heritage and biodiversity within the Hihitahi Forest Sanctuary.

In Hihitahi Forest aerial control is essential to supplement the existing ground-based work.

Native species living in the forest include karearea/New Zealand falcon, kākārīki, kākā, kererū, koekoeā/long-tailed cuckoo and potentially pekapeka-tou-roa/long-tailed bats.

Our plan to protect native species

Through sustained predator control using 1080, there is a big increase in breeding success for native birds, their food source is more abundant, and the forest canopy is healthier.

The safest and most effective method we have to control possums, rats and stoats over large areas is to use biodegradable cereal bait pellets containing 1080. This bait targets rodents and possums. Stoats are also controlled through secondary poisoning as they feed on the carcasses of the dead rodents.

Helicopters distribute bait pellets across the forest area along pre-determined and monitored flight paths using technology that enables accurate placement. This is the only viable method to control predators in Hihitahi Forest Sanctuary due to the vast and rugged terrain.

This operation begins with the distribution of non-toxic pre-feed bait pellets (approx. 16mm in diameter & sandy coloured). This prepares possums and rodents to eat the toxic bait (approx. 20mm in diameter & dyed green) that is applied afterwards. Both baits are cylindrical shaped.

Consultation and permissions

DOC has consulted with hapū, iwi and key stakeholders including landowners adjacent to the treatment area.

DOC is delegated authority by the Environmental Protection Agency to decide applications for permission to use 1080 on land administered or managed by DOC. Permission has been granted for this operation. Permission from the Ministry of Health has been granted for this operation. DOC ensures that all legal and policy requirements are met, and that any potential risks of the operation are managed.

Managing risk

1080 is poisonous to humans, domestic and game animals. In areas where the toxin has been applied, dogs are highly at risk until poisoned carcasses have disintegrated. This takes four-to-eight months or longer.

There will be warning signs placed at entrances to the treatment area immediately prior to the operation.

Risks can be eliminated by following these rules:

- DO NOT touch bait
- WATCH children at all times
- DO NOT EAT animals from this area or within the buffer zone outside the treatment boundary. The buffer zone is 2 km for deer and pigs, 200 m for rabbits, and 1 km for hares, tahr, wallabies and possums.
- Poison baits or carcasses are DEADLY to DOGS

Observe these rules whenever you see warning signs about pesticides. These signs indicate pesticide residues may be still present in baits and poisoned carcasses. When signs are removed, normal activities can resume. If in doubt, check with your local DOC office. Please report suspected vandalism or unauthorised removal of signs.



Map of predator control area within Hihitahi Forest Sanctuary

This map shows the area we are controlling predators to protect native species. You can also see operational updates and detailed maps of predator control on public conservation land on the DOC website. www.doc.govt.nz/nature/pests-and-threats/pesticide-summaries



Department of Conservation
Te Papa Ataturu

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