

Huka Trapping Strategic Plan August 2023



Vision:

To enable a thriving population of native birds in the Waikato River Corridor and Craters Mountain Bike Park

Mission:

To make a significant contribution to the enhancement of bird life within the Waikato River Corridor and Craters Mountain Bike Park through ethical and effective trapping solutions. This will benefit both the greater Taupo community and the tourism sector by providing an enhanced visitor experience.

Core Values:

1. **Community Collaboration:** We have partnered with Bike Taupo and operators in Wairakei Tourist Park to develop trapping solutions that align with the needs and values of our area.
2. **Sustainable Approach:** Our trapping systems will have minimal impact on the local ecosystem, supporting long-term ecological balance.
3. **Innovation:** We continuously seek to improve trapping technologies, ensuring they remain effective and relevant.

Goals and Strategies:

1. Tailored Predator Solutions:

- Goal: Utilise trapping systems to effectively manage predators in our local area.
- Strategies:
 - Collaborate with national experts to understand the behaviour and movement of predators.
 - Use traps that are efficient in addressing specific local predator challenges.
 - Provide guidance to volunteer trappers on utilising the right trapping solutions.

2. Community Education:

- Goal: Raise awareness about the benefits of trapping practices within the community.
- Strategies:
 - Organise regular workshops to inform members about best practice.
 - Share educational materials through social media and newsletters.

3. Ethical Standards:

- Goal: Maintain the highest ethical standards in all trapping activities.
- Strategies:
 - Train volunteers on ethical trapping guidelines and practices.

5. Collaboration and Partnerships:

- Goal: Foster strong relationships with local organisations and authorities working in the trapping area.
- Strategies:
 - Participate in community events and conservation initiatives to demonstrate our commitment.

- Support local conservation projects through partnerships.

6. Continuous Improvement:

- Goal: Maintain a culture of innovation and improvement within the trapping group..
- Strategies:
 - Encourage volunteers to contribute ideas for improving trapping technologies and practices.
 - Regularly review and update our trapping solutions based on feedback from volunteers and Bike Taupo members.
 - Seek out new technologies and techniques for more effective and ethical trapping.

Measurement of Success:

- Trapping tallies on trap.nz
- Number of community members adopting ethical trapping practices.
- Positive feedback and testimonials from Bike Taupo members and others using our trails.
- Strengthened partnerships with local conservation groups and authorities.
- Participation in and impact on local conservation and community events.
- Integration of sustainable practices into our trapping solutions.