



# November 2024

## Mega Moth Plant Movement

The Whangārei Heads Mega Moth Plant Movement is underway - join us?

We believe with a concerted 5 year push, we can minimise the impact of moth plant in the Whangārei Heads area.

How?

- STOP THE PODS now - look for moth plant vines and leaves and pull or cut stump application the stems
- Join our Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1566980417516589>
- Let us know if you need help - [info@weedaction.org.nz](mailto:info@weedaction.org.nz)
- Report major infestations to us so we can map them for future control
- Come help out at a Moth Plant Mission community weeding event this summer - look out for event announcements here and on Facebook

# JOIN THE WHANGAREI HEADS MEGA MOTH PLANT MOVEMENT!



Let's make it our mission to minimise Moth Plant over the next 5 years



Contact [info@weedaction.org.nz](mailto:info@weedaction.org.nz) for free tools, herbicides and advice

With Thanks To:







## Weed of the Month - MOTH PLANT

To coincide with our Mega Moth Plant Movement launch and also align our

calendar with the fantastic work being done by [Tiakina Whangārei](#), we have brought Moth Plant's starring role as Weed of the Month forward, from February to November.

This reflects the fact that moth plant will be starting to flower and become easy to spot this month, and that now is a much better time to deal to it than waiting for the pods in February.

Have a look at our tips here <https://www.weedaction.org.nz/november-2/> and get out there and cutting those stems before Christmas! Future you will thank you.



## Manaia Bush Recovery Group Report

In early October, eight keen members of the MBRG set off to work on what was to be a very warm morning.

The work was broken into several components: Jan and Michelle concentrating on The Green, Mike releasing around the recent plantings and controlling half a dozen pines in the plantation forest above, Wayne, Rick and Brian battling the thorns and hundreds of flame tree saplings and branches (as well as arum lily), and Logan Pia and Hans winding their way through the very thick 3-4m native planting in a maintenance weed sweep.

It was not the glamour and romance of working in mature forest, but it was dirty work that needed doing. The flame tree was out of control, having fallen and created a monster of new growth from branches and stems. The old planting area was thick with hundreds of moth plant, Queen of the Night seedlings and masses of arum lily amongst others. Great progress getting to about two-thirds of each of these areas.

The riparian plantings that have been cleared around look really great and the pohutukawa are now over three metres tall and bringing shade to the stream.

Report and photo: Mike Urlich.





## Parua Bay Art, Craft and Food Show

We had a great day talking weeds with the community at the Parua Bay Art, Craft and Food Show on Labour Monday. It is always heartening to meet so many locals fighting the good fight against invasive weeds in their backyards.

We will be coming along to more community events over the summer, so pop by and say hi and let us know if we can help at your place.



## Cut 'n' Paste Support for Weed Action

As part of the Mega Moth Plant Movement we wanted to be able to offer locals a half-size bottle of Cut 'n' Paste Met Gel. This product makes controlling moth plant easy

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size bottle of Cut 'n' Paste Met Gel. This product makes controlling weeds simple, easy and accessible, even for people who are unsure about using other herbicides.

The amazing people at Cut 'n' Paste have really got behind this effort and we can't thank them enough for supplying Met Gel and 100 bottles for us to hand out.

Get in touch if you would like to pick up a bottle - [info@weedaction.org.nz](mailto:info@weedaction.org.nz)

Or, if you wish to purchase your own, they have also made available a 10% discount on any Met Gel ordered directly from them.

#### How to get 10% off Cut'n'Paste weed gels

Go to <https://cutnpaste.co.nz> - add items to cart, proceed to checkout and enter the coupon code **weedaction** to **receive 10% off**. Redeemable once per customer.



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## Weed Action Website Updated

For the last couple of months we have been working on getting our new website design ready for launch. Have a look here: [www.weedaction.org.nz](http://www.weedaction.org.nz)

Thank you to Brockdin from [Catchlight Design](#) for the cool new look and usability and to WANHRT Trust member Simon Gurnsey for driving this project.

Our new cover image was taken by Weed Action's own Mike Urlich up Reotahi one day - he did not notice at the time the shot included a bird in flight!



## DOC Volunteer Wednesday

A regular highlight of our year is having volunteers from the Department of Conservation's Volunteer Wednesday group come out to Whangārei Heads and participate in some weed control work. This October was our month and as in previous years we targeted a large and weedy area of Darch Point along the Reotahi Coastal Walkway.

Our numbers were significantly boosted when staff from the environmental consulting company [WSP](#) also signed up as part of their annual Community Day. On the day there was a grand total of 20 people working together for 5 solid hours, no mean feat! A wide suite of weeds were controlled including madeira vine, moth plant, queen of the night, elaeagnus, Cape honeysuckle, Japanese honeysuckle, and wild ginger.

Thank you to Abby from DOC and all of the participants for your hard work.



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## Last events for the year

As we roll on towards Christmas, many groups will be holding their last or second-to-last weeding events for the year.

**Sunday 16 November - Reotahi Working Bee**, meet at the Beach Road carpark at 9:15am.

**Thursday 21 November - Ocean Beach Landcare Group**, meet at the lower carpark at 9am.

**Tuesday 26 November - Tamaterau Landcare Group**, meet at the Tamaterau Reserve carpark at 9am.

**Friday 29 November - Conservation Community Christmas BBQ** - McLeod

Bay Hall, 5pm, please RSVP to [todd.hamilton64@gmail.com](mailto:todd.hamilton64@gmail.com) by 24 November.

**Sunday 1 December - Smugglers Maintenance Crew**, meet at the Urquharts Bay carpark at 9am.

**Saturday 7 December - Manaia Bush Recovery Group**, meet at The Green, McLeod Bay at 9:15am.

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With thanks to our community, ratepayers and major funders at Northland Regional Council, Foundation North, Department of Conservation, World Wildlife Fund, Lottery Grants Board and Whangārei District Council.



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