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Trap checking on Mt Karioi Raglan.

Some years ago I joined the team placing the first pest trap Line over Mount Karioi in Raglan.

Heavy wooden box traps were cumbersome on one's back! I was glad to reach the allocated point for number 10 trap, marked with a yellow ribbon.

Then recently I took a team of trampers to check and re-bait the traps. After receiving instructions, we ascended the very same route, safely unsetting, removing dead rats and resetting each one. It was special to revisit the No 10 trap, the one I had placed there some years ago!

It was very timely to reset these traps that had not been checked for some months with lengthy track closures. A very satisfying exercise!



At No 10 trap.



Taking a look at the trap workings.

Eastview Journey

As part of a recent church visioning programme our Mission team members shared enthusiasm for Creation Care and accessing Eco Church resources.

We began with practical ideas.

One member started a community garden and shared the produce with her helpers. Her husband led us in a local Mangemangeroa track maintenance activity. Around 15 people

brought gardening tools and enjoyed removing invasive weeds and making a noticeable difference!

A second working bee was held the next year.

We decided to formalise our interests, and use a church assessment form to consider further areas to pursue sustainability and Creation Care. Targets have been set for the coming year which include joining Eco-church and inviting a NCNZ speaker/ presenters to share Biblical perspectives on renewal of creation and our responsibility.

We hope to involve our children and youth in Creation Care programmes too.

We plan to improve gardens on the church property but it's just the start of our environmental journey!



The Enviro team at Mangemangeroa track.



Weeds break down in black bags.