



Friends of Rotoiti News

July 2011

Kia Ora - well winter has well and truly arrived with quite a dumping of snow on the village. Thankfully it's not as much as we had here in St Arnaud back in August 2008, but it has brought back a lot of memories such as digging out our driveway. The other difference is that it's frozen solid and with the cold frosts at night, will probably be around for a lot longer.

This newsletter is going to focus on our trapping efforts over the past 9 ½ years, with some new graphs to showing seasonal variance. Enjoy!

What's new?

- Storage area up at workshop (storage shelves moved from ATV bay to around the corner from our room). Used for spare rat tunnels, stoat traps and boxes, and box components.
- Reflective strip on the side of the DOC200s and DOC250s. This enables us to check whether the trap has gone off from quite a distance away and/or travelling past in a vehicle.
- All stoat trapping is now using polymer baits (dried and preserved fish based).

Friends of Rotoiti - Captures from December 2001 to June 2011

Total Pests = 15,772

	Rat	Mouse	Hedgehog	Stoat	Ferret	Weasel	Cat	Rabbit	Possum	Bird
Stoat traps	1,177	7	1,054	725	64	28	24	144	151	11
Rat traps	1,456	10,349	32	20	1	14	0	3	0	16
Possum Traps									523	
Totals	2,633	10,356	1,086	745	65	42	24	147	674	27

Supporters

Thank you to those who are supporting us this year. As at the 15th of July we've received \$3,260, being :

- \$720 (\$20 memberships),
- \$165 (feeding Fen our kiwi dog),
- \$200 for egg baits,
- \$400 for polymer meat baits,
- \$400 for a kiwi transmitter, and
- \$1,375 in general donations.

This certainly will go a long way towards improving our pest control over the next year - thank you very much!



