



THE OWAHANGA OBSERVER

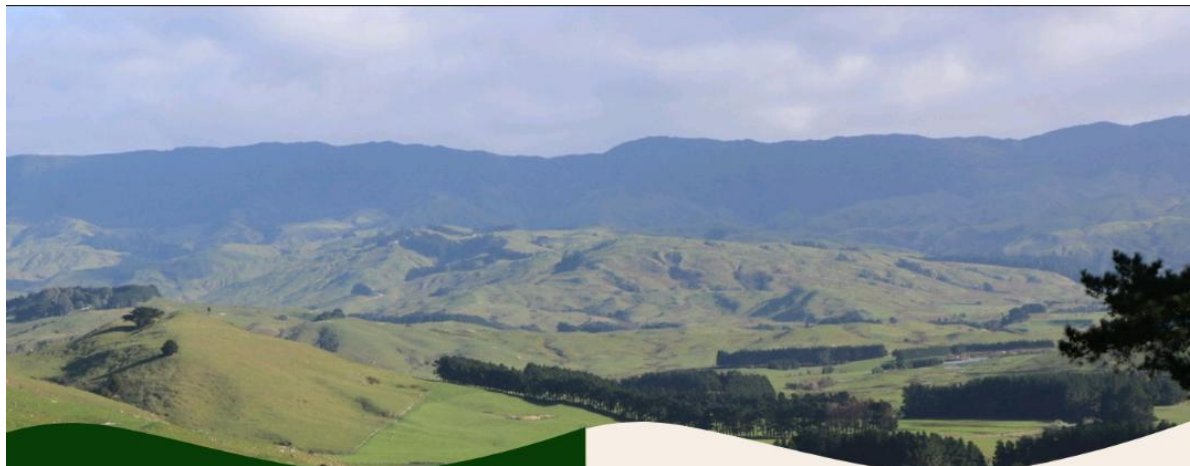
August 2026



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Its AGM time



PUKETOI TO THE PACIFIC
CATCHMENT GROUP

AGM & Pest Monitoring Results

Date: Friday 28th
August 2026

Time: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Venue: Akitio Fishing
Club, Akitio



Puketoi to the Pacific
CATCHMENT COLLECTIVE INC.

We warmly invite members and non-members of the Puketoi to the Pacific Catchment Collective to join us for our 2026 Annual General Meeting.

Following the AGM, we'll also share the latest Pest Monitoring results, with refreshments provided. We hope to see you there.

What's on the Agenda:

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of the 2025 AGM
4. Matters arising from the previous meeting
5. Annual Chairperson's Report
6. Financial Report
7. Election of Board Member
8. General Business
9. Closing of Meeting
10. Presentation of Pest Monitoring results

We look forward to seeing members there and continuing to work together for our catchments and communities.

Puketoi to the Pacific Catchment Collective Inc.

I suspect the most interesting part will be point 10 and the ensuing discussion

Media Attention on pest animal Impact

Open any farming paper and even the national media and you will come across articles on the proliferation of pest species and the financial and environmental impacts that they have.

With all this attention we have an opportunity to capitalise on this sentiment when it comes to what we need to do in this district and perhaps do something like this to attract some attention.

Waimata catchment

Great initiative from these guys maybe we can work something like this in next year, possibly with help from the Pongaroa, who have expertise in this area.

The important thing to note is that some forestry companies are on board.



WAIMATA CATCHMENT CULL

28TH AUGUST TO 6TH OF SEPTEMBER 2026

WEIGH IN Waimata hall

**SEPTEMBER 6TH 12 PM
FOLLOWED BY BBQ AND PRIZES**

-  Shooting or trapping allowed
-  Forestry blocks are available on a limited basis
-  Registered teams can receive \$10 over market rates for hand plucked possum fur from East Coast Wools Ltd
Valid until the 30th of September



GREAT PRIZES TO BE WON!

PRIZES

1ST, 2ND AND 3RD FOR MOST POINTS,
SPOT PRIZES, HEAVIEST POSSUM,
AND OTHER CATEGORY FAVOURITES

ENTRY FEE

\$50 per team
Due: 21ST AUGUST

 2 adults +
up to 6 kids
per team

 All proceeds will go
to the Catchment group

 Forestry blocks are
available on a
limited basis

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- ABC Design Ltd
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- Country to Coast Power Limited
- Cranswick Enterprises Ltd
- East Coast Wools Ltd
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- Fergus Rural
- Forest Enterprises
- Harvest Transport
- Hunting & Fishing
- Juken New Zealand
- Matawhero Transport
- Native Garden Nursery
- Rural Support Trust
- Unichem Bramwells Pharmacy
- VetEast Gisborne
- Walter Findlay Ltd

**REQUEST YOUR
ENTRY FORM**

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“Flying Mice”

A chance conversation during the roll out of the last of the cameras with QE11 staff on one of our farms raised the possibility that short tail bats could be present in a reserve on the property.

Accordingly, cameras were diverted from looking for terrestrial animals to hoping to catch aerial ones.

The short tail bat or *Mystacina Tuberculata Aupourica* if you're zoologically inclined, is described as being about the size and colour of a mouse, but with wings.

They are an endangered species so finding them would be quite a coup.

Unfortunately, despite being sensitive enough for the task the cameras failed to capture any during the two weeks they were deployed.

Specialist listening equipment that picks up their ultrasonic chatter is being sourced and once it arrives more camaras will go out alongside them in the hope of getting a few pictures.

In the meantime these from the DOC website show what they look like just in case you have them hanging around the house.

