



Restoring Takarunga Hauraki Charitable Trust seeks a passionate and collaborative individual to join our ecological restoration team!

Predator Free Lead

- Part time. 24 hours per week.
- Devonport Peninsula, North Shore, Auckland.
- 6-month fixed term agreement with an option for immediate renewal.
- Salary range \$43K - \$46K (\$72K - \$77K FTE).
- Suggested commencement date of 9th March 2026.

About Us

Restoring Takarunga Hauraki Charitable Trust (RTH) is a community-led ecological restoration and biodiversity education programme. We work to protect and enhance the unique terrestrial and marine ecosystems of the Takarunga Hauraki Peninsula (Devonport Peninsula) and surrounding areas by removing animal and plant pests, restoring habitats, and supporting the return of indigenous wildlife. Our initiatives include hands-on conservation projects, eco literacy education, and community engagement.

We are committed to integrating biculturalism and Tikanga Māori practices throughout our work and building strong partnerships with Mana Whenua. Our community-led teams and efforts are powered by our passionate and dedicated volunteers.

Our vision

We envision native wildlife flourishing in Takarunga Hauraki (Devonport Peninsula) in the absence of introduced predators. We are creating a haven for taonga species to thrive within wildlife corridors in urban areas.

Our tamariki will grow up surrounded by the sounds of birdsong and opportunities to learn from Te Taiao and embrace ecological ways of knowing. Through intensive predator control and active restoration, we will protect and enhance our unique ecosystems. The peninsula will also serve as a vital buffer, safeguarding our precious predator free offshore islands from reinvasion by swimming predators.

About the role

As a Predator Free Lead, you will collaborate alongside RTH volunteers, Mana Whenua iwi, Tūpuna Maunga Authority, Auckland Council, DOC, community partners and RTH staff to control and eradicate pest animals (rats, possums, and mustelids) from urban wildlife havens, eco-corridors and key “halo” neighbourhoods.

Key Responsibilities

- Champion and work to accomplish our evolving Predator Free Peninsula strategic plan.

- Maintain and strengthen the volunteer Predator Free Peninsula project teams.
- Coordinate regular educational and skill-building workshops and events for volunteers and potential volunteers (e.g. trapper socials, street parties, network meetings, volunteer celebrations, or informal meetups).
- Use technology effectively to record data, manage reporting processes, and team communications.
- Encourage community-based tracking and facilitate analysis of predator population changes.
- Use trapping data to communicate and inspire further participation in predator free projects and teamwork.
- Acquire any needed animal control and eradication skills and knowledge needed to inspire others, including data collection systems (e.g. Trap.NZ and Microsoft 365)

Desired skills and experience:

To successfully fill this role, you will:

- Be a self-starter, community-oriented, have strong organisational skills and be confident in working strategically alongside a professional team and community volunteers.
- You will provide key leadership and inspiration for this vital RTH workstream.
- Technical knowledge/skills for pest animal control, data systems management, and ecological restoration are required but could be part of the onboarding process of working with lead volunteers and collaborating professionals.
- Your creativity, enthusiasm, and innovation would make a big difference to local volunteers and native wildlife.

Why Join Us?

- Work with a supportive and passionate volunteer community and work team.
- Benefit from a flexible working environment.
- Make a positive impact on native ecosystems and our community.

Requirements

- Current first aid certificate.
- Proof of eligibility to work in New Zealand.
- Full class 1 driver's license.
- Work some weekends and evenings.

How to apply

Applications close at 11.59 pm on Sunday, the 22nd of February 2026.

Email your CV and cover letter to karen@rth.org.nz