

The HALO effect
The 'halo effect' in ecology is where efforts to protect one species radiates throughout the environment and unintentionally protects many others.

OVERVIEW OF HALO'S STRATEGIC DIRECTION

OUR VISION: Creating a habitat where tīeke/saddleback can live and thrive in the heart of Whakatāne

OUR MISSION: Kotahitanga
Working together for the wellbeing of our natural environment



LONG TERM OUTCOMES

The tīeke is a tohu, an indicator species. The real measure of our success will be whether (through our education programme, community engagement and pest suppression) we can provide a natural environment here in Whakatāne that is healthy enough to sustain tīeke.
"Kia whakakotahi ai te hāpori ki te manaaki ia Papatūanuku"

INTERMEDIATE OUTCOMES

Collectively working together within relationships of mutual trust and respect

Building tauria skills and capabilities

Suppressing target pest species to restore and protect native and endemic species

Community engagement

Education

Pest suppression

OUR VALUES

RESPECT – MANAAKI

Community strengths are catalysed and built on. All elements of our natural environment have been embraced, while working together towards a common kaupapa.

ENHANCE – WHAKAREINGA

Participation in events has built community cohesion, a sense of identity, connection and pride of place. Whakatāne is a place where our community culture protects and cultivates the natural environment through experiences and kaitiakiwhenua (care of the land).

RESTORE – WHAKAHOU

The natural balance in the Whakatāne environment is restored, creating a resilient and thriving ecosystem.

WHAT YOU WILL SEE

- Local action, led by the community – Driven locally from the bottom up, supported by government and other leading organisations.
- Development of our strategic outcomes is co-designed by our rōpū (group) and stakeholders.
- Te Ao Māori and Mātauranga Māori integration into project plans, education programmes and objectives.
- A commitment to focus on achieving a thriving indigenous natural environment.
- Promotion of climate change awareness through local action and leading by example.
- Confidence to grasp opportunities to undertake research and trial new initiatives.
- A dedication to equip tauria (youth), with the experience and skills needed for a nature rich future.
- The courage to persevere in the absence of certainty.