

# Pestival

**The life  
and plight  
of the  
pekapeka  
tou roa**



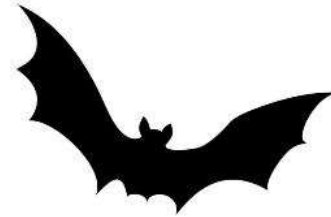
# Ko wai mātou?

“a connected, thriving and sustainable West Auckland”



**Community  
Waitakere**





Pekapeka tou roa



Ngā Puna Manaaki  
Īnanga

*“I didn’t know we had bats in New Zealand!?”*



# **Pekapeka tou roa**

- critically endangered, like the kakapō
- population set to drop 70% over the next few years



# The Aotearoa chainsaw massacre

Charlie Mitchell · 09:11, Jun 02 2019



# WHAT ARE WE DOING ABOUT IT? Raising awareness

## NGĀ HIKOI Ō NGĀ PEKAPEKA

Free, family-friendly bat walks!

### DATES:

Thursday 14th March @  
Henderson Valley Road  
Friday 22nd March @  
Waitākere Golf Club Carpark

Limited tickets from Eventbrite.  
For more info see our events on  
Facebook  
[facebook.com/communitywaitakere](https://facebook.com/communitywaitakere)



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# Not just about the pekapeka...



“Can we do this again, Dad?”

# Bat research – with Lyndsey from AECOM

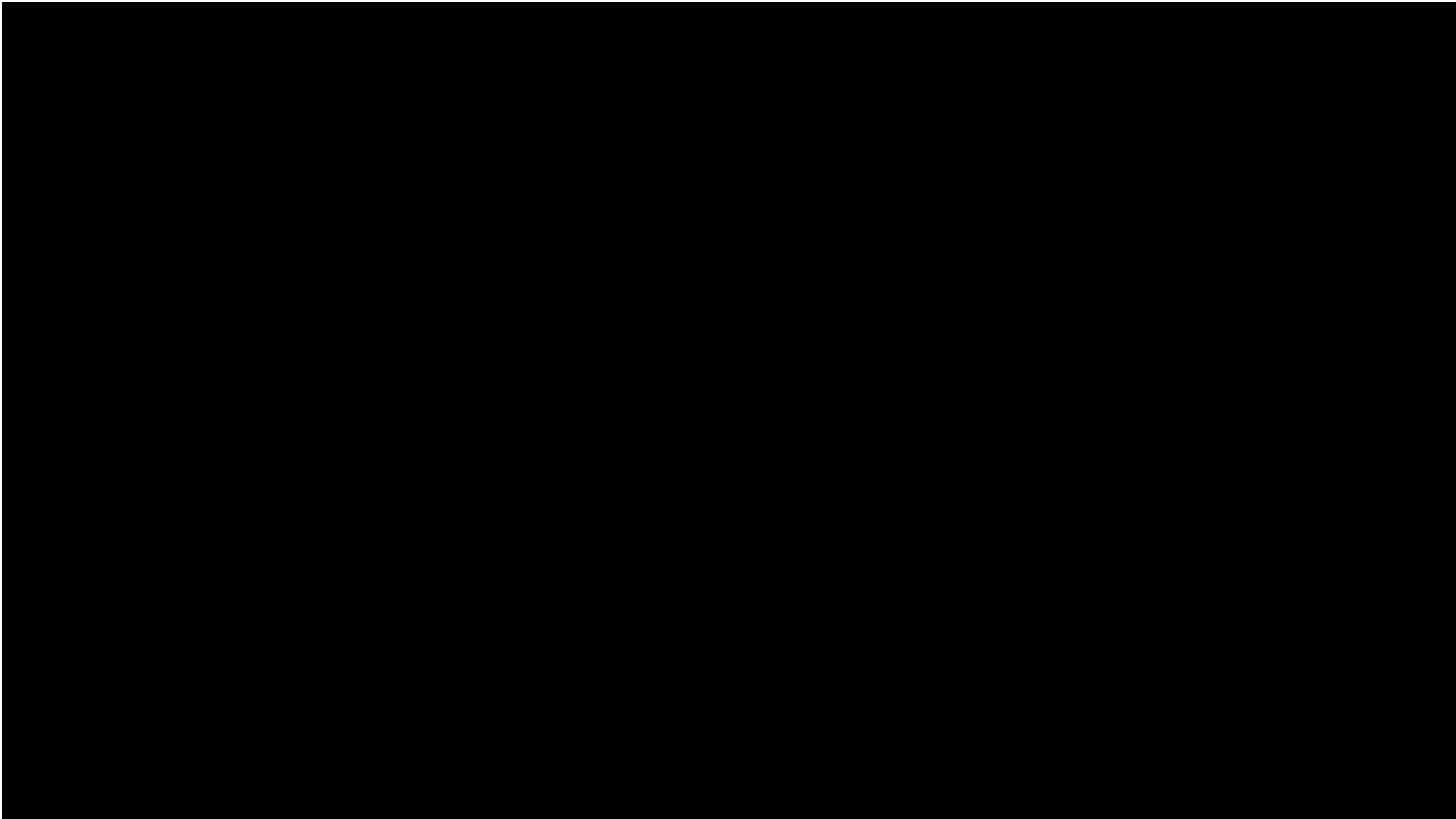
- Three rounds of research; February 2018, November 2018 and January 2019
- Round Three January 2019 – 13 bats trapped, 7 fitted with transmitters



# What did we find out?

- Maternity bat colony in the northern Waitakere's.
- Bats are foraging along the stream gullies that extend from the Waitakere's into Swanson, Henderson and Bethells Beach.
- Bats mean home range was 180 ha, travelling 1.2 – 3.5 km to foraging areas on a night.
- Bat roosts were found in kauri and pine trees.
- Bats are roosting in the Arc where pest control is delivered, but they were also recorded roosting outside in areas where there is no pest control.





# New volunteers



Jermaine Reihana



Mandy Patmore



Erin Forsyth

# Put it in your diaries!

## WHAT'S ON

EVENT

### Pekapeka-tou-roa

Fri 1 November - Sun 10 November

COMMUNITY  
EVENTS  
WORKSHOPS & CLASSES  
TOURS

ALL EVENTS

CORBAN ESTATE  
ARTS CENTRE



# WISE Collective



# What's next?



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Thanks again to Auckland Council and  
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