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GBIET update September 2016

1. Progress with current grants

- *Local Board discretionary grant* - Mulberry Grove Community Rodent Control Project, remote sensing. Despite some delays with equipment, this project has been operating successfully since July, with more nodes yet to be installed. The community is being informed of progress on the project and invited to be involved via local media. The project will operate for one year as anticipated, and be continued into the future if interest demands. Project coordinator, Kathy Scott has given extremely positive feedback regarding monitoring.
- *Regional Environment and Natural Heritage Grant* – The majority of the funds were spent on cat control during the Taiko breeding period last season, with 3K remaining for rodent monitoring. This project has been ‘topped up’ with additional funding from GB LB and will begin in November this year.

2. **Request update on the island’s “Ecological Vision’** and in particular what the next LB will be required to do about its report and recommendations.

3. **Environmental Committee.** The GBIET would like to recommend continuation of the current boards ‘Environmental Committee’ for the incoming board.

4. **Thank you.** The GBIET would like to sincerely thank the Local Board members for their dedication to our community and all they have progressed regarding our natural environment. We look forward to continuing to grow our relationship with the new Local Board and to working together to progress the very important environmental and biodiversity issues evolving in the near future for GBI.

Sincerely,

Emma Cronin (on behalf of the GBIET)