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## FOREVER PROTECTED

*Celebrating 40 years of kaitiakitanga in action*



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*Whaia ngā taonga tuku iho  
Tō tātou ahurei  
Tō tātou whenua  
Manaakitia  
Kaitiakitanga  
Mo ngā whakatipuranga  
E heke mai nei  
Ngā kairauhi papa  
E mihi atu nei*



Cherishing treasures passed down  
our uniqueness (our goal)  
Is to protect land and cultural taonga  
generosity  
protectors  
for future generations  
We as 'Ngā Kairauhi Papa'  
Stand proud.

*Waiata composed for the Trust by  
Piripi Rangihaeata, Kaiwhakahaere*

**The Queen Elizabeth II National Trust was set up in 1977 by visionaries who wanted a way to legally and permanently protect the native biodiversity on their properties. They wanted this process to be voluntary. They also wanted to retain ownership of the land they were protecting. The National Trust was established to help them realise their aspirations.**

The body of covenantors has grown from a handful in the late 1970s to around 4,400 today, located across New Zealand from Rakiura/Stewart Island in the south to the tip of the North Island.

Our covenanting process is a cost-effective, enduring and efficient way to protect our country's most precious spaces and unique biodiversity.

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## A word from the Chair

As we celebrate our 40th anniversary we are proud to look back on our achievements on this important milestone. It is also a good opportunity to look forward and to ensure that we are doing everything we can to help the constantly growing number of landowners who want to protect their natural treasures.

Part of our thinking about the future is about making more New Zealanders aware of what we do. Following extensive research, our stakeholders told us we weren't telling our story well despite the great outcomes we achieve every day. We want to future-proof, modernise and better position the Trust to help us raise awareness of both the Trust and the great work we do beyond our largely rural base of current members.

You will see our new logo in this edition of Open Space. You will see we have kept our name, QE II National Trust, because it has a very high recognition factor nationally. In the new logo we have lent additional weight to the National Trust part of our name and less to the QEII part as we look more towards a future of national prominence, while not forgetting our past.

Our name, you will notice, now comes accompanied with a new positioning statement that embodies our essence: "Forever Protected" alongside "Ngā Kairauhi Papa" (meaning protectors/carers of the land) wherever it is seen.

Over the coming year, we will be undertaking a gradual introduction of our new branding. As that progresses, you will notice updated signage and changes to our website to reflect our new identity. It is important to emphasise that the changes to our logo and positioning statement are not just window dressing but part of a deliberate strategic move to future-proof the Trust to play an expanded role in our

country's environmental protection. The last four decades have provided a tremendous base from which to launch a new era of private land protection.

This special 40th anniversary edition focuses on stories of the people involved in our work and the motivations that drive them. We wanted to couple it with the release of "Forever Protected, 40 years of QE II National Trust" – a brief history of the Trust, our people and the wonderful work we do in partnering to preserve the natural environment on private land. The book is part history and part celebration, a story of common passion and the evolution of our organisation and ever-growing QE II family.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank outgoing Minister of Conservation, Hon Maggie Barry, and to welcome our new Minister of Conservation, Hon Eugenie Sage. Minister Barry's focus on the War on Weeds and Predator Free NZ brought refocused attention to the pest problem in NZ and we have partnered on several successful programmes working towards the goals of pest and predator eradication. We look forward to meeting with the new ministers and to continuing our constructive and productive relationships with the Crown and government departments.



James Guild  
Chair

*"We want to future-proof, modernise and better position the Trust to help us raise awareness of both the Trust and the great work we do beyond our largely rural base of current members."*

James Guild

A photograph of an older woman with short, curly grey hair and a young girl sitting on a large, dark rock in a lush, green forest. The woman is wearing a bright blue long-sleeved shirt and tall, reddish-brown patterned boots. She is leaning forward, looking intently at a small green plant held in the girl's hands. The girl is wearing a red and white striped shirt, black leggings, and black boots with red accents. The background is a dense forest of tall trees with sunlight filtering through the leaves, creating a warm, dappled light effect.

# FROM CUTTING IT DOWN TO **PROTECTING IT WITH LOVE**

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*Words Charlotte Hughes Images Mike Heydon*



**Phillip and Anne Woodward of Waikaretu, south west of Tuakau, are some of the earliest covenantors with the QEII National Trust.**

They registered their first block of land in 1984 and since then, this has grown to include three more QEII blocks.

The couple share a deep passion for New Zealand's natural environment and a desire to protect it for the future. But as Phillip explains, this wasn't always the case for him; "when I left school I was cutting it all down - clearing the land for farming." It didn't take long for Phillip's outlook to change as he "came to the realisation of how beautiful our land and native bush was." And in QEII's 40th anniversary year, Phillip couldn't be more proud of the community he's involved in and the work they do: "I think it's marvelous! The more they can covenant the better!"

For Anne, a love for nature and protecting it is "in her blood". Her great grandfather, Thomas Mackenzie, was an explorer, conservationist, politician and prime minister, and an early supporter of the New Zealand Native Bird Protection Society, which became the Forest and Bird Protection Society that we know today. Anne grew up in Weymouth and Huntly, and spent much of her childhood "camping and walking in the wilds". It is easy to see that Anne is most at home in nature. She is excited about the regeneration of the bush around them and seeing more birds every year. She describes where they live as "a real wonderland", with tui, pigeons, kingfishers and fantails flying about and singing all day. To Anne, "it's a very special place to be".

The Woodward's own Nikau Cave and Café, a thriving business and delightful sanctuary on their Waikaretu property. The entrance

to the magnificent limestone caves is on the Woodward's original covenant. They took friends and family through the caves for years before opening them up as a tourist venture in 1994. It is home to thousands of glow-worms and impressive limestone formations. In 2008, they opened the café, and with many of their five children working in the café and cave at some stage, this is a real family business.

The second covenant the Woodward's registered is a 30-acre block high on the farm with views to the coast. The third is a spectacular area that follows the curves of the Waikaretu stream and features limestone bluffs and an ancient pa site. The local school and Sea Scouts have helped the Woodward's with this covenant over the years, assisting with revegetation studies and tree planting.

The Woodward's fourth covenant is home to a waterfall surrounded by native bush. Phillip cut a track to the waterfall, which he called his "labour of love". It is a beautiful and peaceful walk that has been enjoyed over the years by the Woodward family and visitors to their property. To Phillip, this is when their hard work really pays off; "I love sharing what we have with other New Zealanders, and visitors to our country".

In 2014, the Woodward's won the Balance Farm Environment Awards, which recognises sustainable farming practices. Phillip bought the first block of land on their property in 1978 in support of his shearing run and livestock

trading. The farm is now leased, and the couple concentrate on their café and cave business. The judges praised the couple's diversifications of farm income and the "highly self-sufficient, low-energy café business", along with their extensive planting that will ensure the property continues to regenerate. For Anne, this award was more about being inspired by others caring for the environment; "it's exciting hearing that other people are doing it too and that you're part of a community - it makes your own work seem so much more worthwhile."

And for the next 40 years with the QEII National Trust, it's business as usual for the Woodward's - they will continue to enjoy the peace and beauty of their land, fight the pests and keep planting. There's a key word that guides them in the life and business they have created - manaaki - which means to support, give hospitality to, take care of and protect. As Phillip puts it, "you want to leave the land in a better state than when you found it".

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*Anne Woodward*

Once a year the regional representatives gather from around the country to meet with head office staff and the board of the Trust for our annual conference. Held in Wellington in September, this year the conference had a special feel to it as we marked the 40th anniversary.

It's nice to take time to acknowledge the milestones - looking back lets you see where you want to go - and this year's conference has provided much inspiration for the future.

The National Trust's head office recently undertook a te reo Māori course with Piripi Rangihaeata, Kaiwhakahaere, who also composed a waiata for the Trust and opened the conference with an interactive te reo course and teaching of the waiata.

Water was a popular topic this year with Paul Franklin from NIWA; Mark Sutton, QEII National Trust Regional Rep/ Waiau Trust; and Amber McEwen, Riverscapes Freshwater Ecology, presenting on Wetlands, Fish Passage, and

Native Fish - later in the week supported by a field trip to Lake Kohangapiripiri, Pencarrow Heads, with George Gibbs (Covenantor), Mark McAlpine (GRWC Ranger) and Trevor Thompson (QEII Regional Rep).

We were also lucky to have Nerida Bradley (Queensland Trust for Nature) speak on Private Land Protection in Australia; Ric Cullinane (Walking Access NZ) on unformed legal roads and covenants; Jenna Reid and Lizzie Barone (Overseas Investment Office), who gave an overview and introduction to their work and the Office; Julie Deslippe (VUW) on mycorrhizal fungi in plant community dynamics and Rebecca Martin (MPI) who presented on Myrtle Rust and Bio Security in New Zealand.

An annual highlight is hearing from our reps themselves, and our week was rounded off with a few field stories and solutions from four of the QEII regional representatives - Bill Wallace, Rob Smith, Alice Shanks and Miles Giller. Although our reps cover the length and breadth of the country and are often presented with challenges that are very region specific, there is great value to hearing from each other and learning from each other's experience.

This year we started what will become a tradition of recognising long service to the Trust. James Guild and board members presented 10 reps with certificates to mark their long service on our 40th anniversary. Our longest-serving rep, Nan Pullman, has

been with us for 19 years and is featured in this magazine. James Guild said, "we are a small organisation and our people and relationships are our strength and biggest asset, to have such a large proportion of our staff having been with us for 10 years or more is a real advantage." We also took the opportunity to mark our milestone year with a celebration for staff and the board at a rural venue. Despite unseasonal coastal fog obliterating any chance of enjoying the view (or seeing where your golf shot ended up), I think it's fair to say we had a great night and we all learnt the hard way that you should never take on our Chair at clay-bird shooting!

Planning has already started for next year's conference - watch this space!

**LEFT TO RIGHT**  
Nerida Bradley from Queensland Trust for Nature, Gina Solomon and Miles Giller, long-serving QE II staff; QE II staff embark on field trip.



We were pleased to launch the Stephenson Fund for Covenant Enhancement in May this year. The Fund was established to support strategic enhancement projects and to help covenantors recover from extreme natural events and other serious challenges to maintaining the values of their covenants.

The Stephenson Fund takes its name from Gordon and Celia Stephenson, who together were the first people to register a QE II covenant with the National Trust in 1979. Gordon was one of the leading visionaries for, and a key founder of, the National Trust. He was also and a leader in a wide range of other environmental and sustainable farming organisations and projects.

Ongoing management of covenants is generally the responsibility of the landowners and a recent study has shown that they are collectively spending around \$25 million annually on covenant maintenance and enhancement to protect natural values.

The Fund recognises that there are circumstances where some landowners need assistance to meet the cost of major improvements or challenges to the values of their covenant. A minimum of \$150,000 will be budgeted for the Fund annually, using National Trust funds from donations, bequests and investment income. We are hoping to grow the

Fund through donations and sponsorship over time and as resources allow.

So far the Stephenson Fund has helped landowners from the Far North to Southland. The bulk of funds have been allocated to covenant management and enhancement, with substantial assistance also provided for fencing upgrades, help with hardship including the impact of extreme natural events, and species recovery work.

Some of the projects to have received support include fencing to exclude deer from covenants, support for recovery planning following the Port Hills fire in Christchurch, pest control in Northland and Coromandel forests, wetland restoration on the Kapiti Coast and in Golden Bay, Hawke's Bay and Taranaki, and support for rebuilding fences around covenants after the Kaikoura earthquake.

If you have any questions about the Stephenson Fund, you can contact us on [thestephensonfund@openspace.org.nz](mailto:thestephensonfund@openspace.org.nz)

Over 4,400 covenants registered since 1977

# 4,400



## We share a fighting spirit

**This is John Lamb, pictured with a 900-year-old rimu tree on the Waikato covenant, Te Waotu Whenua Lamb's Bush. John was the original covenantor: the property is now owned by Andrew Lennox and his family.**

John recalls a day in 1967 when a logging contractor visited him and offered \$4,000 to log the bush on his block. Back then the money might have bought John a brand new Holden. And what was John's response? "Well, in 20 years from now, that Holden will be a rust bucket and all these trees will be gone. So you guys can clear off."

Five generations of the Lamb family have now been able to view and share this covenant, from John's dad through to John's great grandson.

This tale epitomises the collective spirit of everyone in the QEII National Trust community who are working together to protect our native environment forever.

**Cheers to you, and all like you, John Lamb.**



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—  
John Lamb

## People, places and plants the drawcard for longest-serving rep.

Ask the QEII National Trust's longest-serving regional representative why she's still going 20 years on and she's quick to answer. For Nan Pullman "it's special people, places and plants that have kept me at it". And Nan has met a lot of people in her time as the Whangarei rep, a position she took on in December 1997. "Back then, it was Whangarei and Kaipara in my region with about 100 covenants, now Whangarei has 341 and counting, plus I have a team of monitoring assistants to help".

Nan spent some time working in conservation and advocacy before taking on the role with the Trust. She and her husband had young children and the part-time rep position offered Nan the flexibility to work around her family's needs, while enjoying putting her passion for the environment to use. It's a role she grabbed with both hands, "I just enjoy being out in the bush encouraging people who are looking after their covenants. There are some amazing people out there working generously to protect and share their special places, and some of them face major challenges." Along the way she has also completed a Master of Science in Environmental Management.

There have been many covenants registered, fences built, weeds quashed, pests culled and plants grown in Nan's time with the Trust.



One of her proudest endeavours is being part of the Kiwi Coast – a community-led conservation project that is turning the tide on kiwi survival on the east coast of Northland and has seen kiwi most recently being released into the QEII covenanted Tawapou Farm.

When Nan started with QEII, she was one of 12 reps. There are now 27 regional representatives around New Zealand. Over this time, Nan has noticed changes in how they work. "Thanks to the electronic world, communication is easier between reps and head office staff these days. There's more information sharing, more camaraderie and less isolation. We really work as a team – this is a real strength of where the Trust is at now."

Nan says that recent increases in funding to assist with land management has also made her job even more rewarding because it allows her to provide assistance and engage practically with landowners on issues that may otherwise overwhelm.

Looking back to her early years with the Trust, Nan recalls the biggest question was often "can we fund it?" Nan is heartened by where the Trust is at today with more funding available than before. "It's exciting, it means we are readily able to help landowners with management. And that inspires people – they can see that we're there to help them".

Nan has met some wonderful people in her time so far as a rep. She recalls a generous group of people – the Whangarei Native Forest and Bird Society. "They grew plants to sell at a stall in town and many early covenants exist only because they gave money towards fencing and surveying. It's a great example of the collaboration and community spirit that surrounds the Trust".



Twenty years as a rep and Nan shows no sign of stopping. "It's just something that needs doing. So while I'm still enthused, I'll keep going." While interest in new covenants in the area continues to grow, Nan hopes that "thinking more strategically like other regions, will ensure we protect more of our regionally important biodiversity. Most importantly though you still need to have landowners who want to protect their land. One of the best things for me is going back to a covenant after 15 years, seeing the positive changes and sharing that with landowners. It is incredibly satisfying knowing I've been able to help a landowner protect and manage something that is special to them and acknowledge them for that."

*"The best thing for me is going back to a covenant after 15 years and seeing the change. The land is almost unrecognisable because it is flourishing where it once was bare."*

**Nan Pullman**

bird species found in  
QEII National Trust covenants

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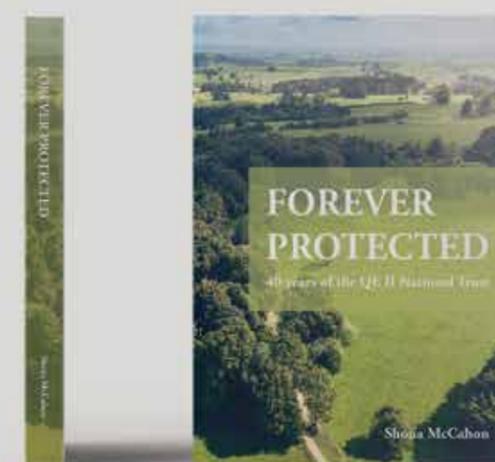
Recognising our 40th anniversary, we commissioned a book to record the history of the Trust. Forever Protected is about private nature conservation in New Zealand. It is the collective story of thousands of private landowners who, assisted by the Queen Elizabeth the Second National Trust, have protected natural, historic and cultural heritage sites on their land - in perpetuity.

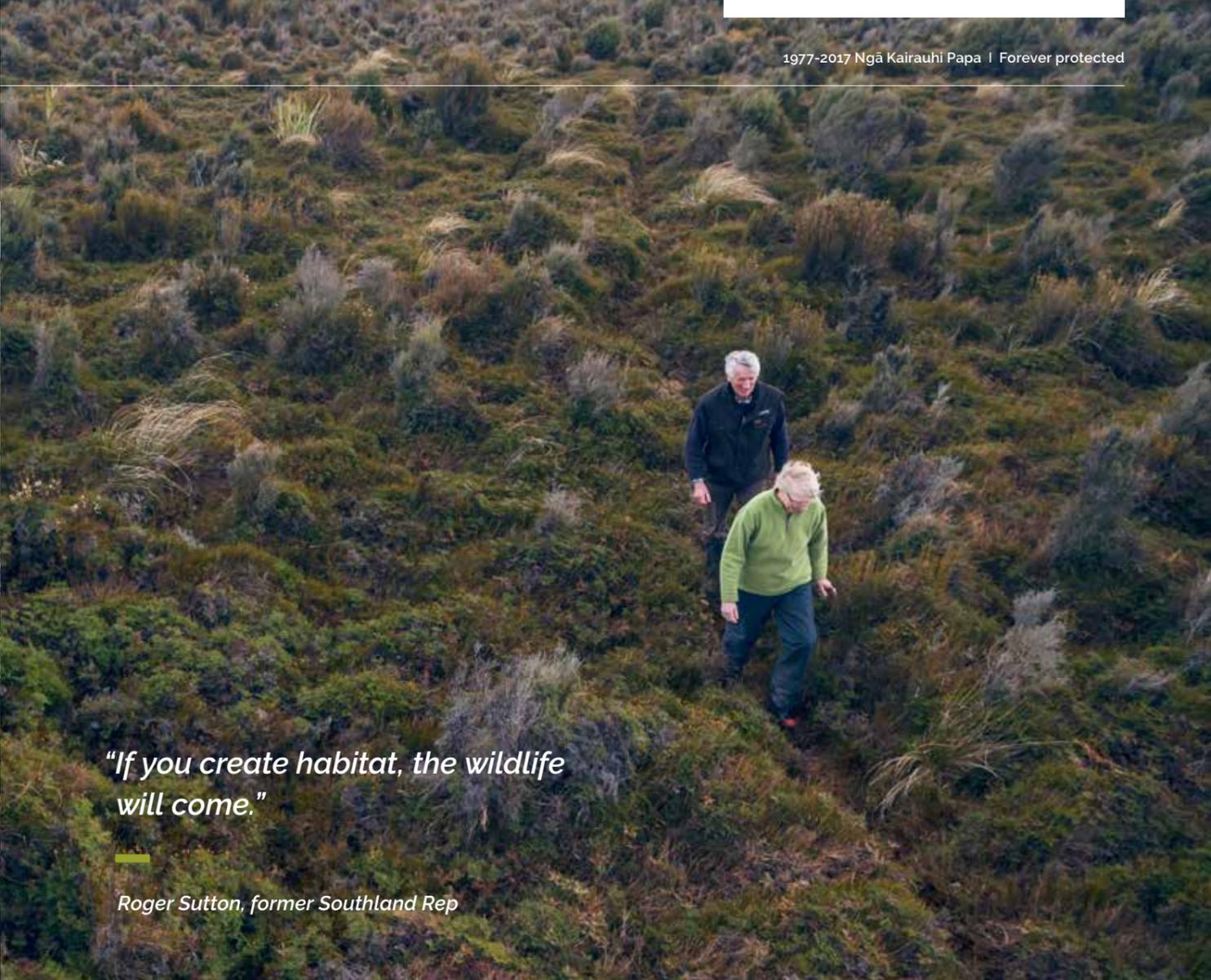
This book marks the 40th anniversary of the Trust. It is the story of an organisation that was set up by act of parliament in 1977 to protect New Zealand's open spaces. It describes how the farming community, led by the visionary Gordon Stephenson, lobbied to have a legally binding mechanism that would enable private landowners to permanently protect features on their land without relinquishing ownership - the open space covenant.

The book traces the extraordinary success of the idea: how covenanting gradually proliferated and how the Trust developed as a respected and independent perpetual trustee for the covenantors. The story unfolds against the backdrop of increasing global and national concerns about the state of the environment and loss of biodiversity, and the recognition that conservation on private land is crucial to conserving New Zealand's unique ecology.

Forty years after large-scale land clearance was still being promoted by the government of the day, the Trust and its covenantors have demonstrated that lasting nature and heritage conservation can be integrated into productive landscapes and needs to be for a sustainable future.

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*"If you create habitat, the wildlife will come."*

*Roger Sutton, former Southland Rep*

### Passion and innovation protecting our treasured land.

Gay and Ron Munro have been farming sheep in Southland since the 1980s. Ron bought his first two blocks of land in the 1970s and together they bought another two blocks over the next two decades to form the 303-hectare property they own today. The couple have two covenanted areas, one on their farm (64 ha), the other a wetland area (89 ha), wholly covenanted, 10 kilometres away adjoining Department of Conservation's Toe Toes Reserve. They are passionate about protecting their diverse native environment and Ron has a particular love for open water wetlands and native waterfowl.

Gay grew up in the Wairarapa, spending much time in the small bush remnant on her family's farm at Mount Bruce, where her love for the natural environment bloomed. This love for nature has stayed with Gay and in her words, "you can find peace in nature".

Gay was thrilled to turn her passion into a day job, when she had the chance to become a QEII National Trust Regional Representative in 1997. Says Gay, "it was a dream job for me." She spent 12 years as the Southland Rep guiding and assisting covenantors in her community. Gay's words echo the sentiment of other QEII reps, in her feeling of privilege having the chance to "visit people's special places."

The Munros registered their first covenant in 1990. They have always shared a love for conservation and as Gay remembers, "Right from the start, we decided to protect the peat bog and regenerating forest." Their home farm covenanted block features many open

water areas, much of this created by dams Ron designed. The waterways are home to eels and are a stronghold for the giant kokopu – a rare native New Zealand fish and the largest member of the Galaxiidae family. Gay recalls the Southland Rep at this time, Roger Sutton, saying: "If you create habitat, the wildlife will come."

One of the most distinctive and unusual features of the Munro's first covenant is the moat system Ron devised to border the area. A young farmer in the lean years of the late 1980s, Ron had little time to be doing extra fencing, so he came up with the innovative idea to dig five-metre-wide trenches around the entire block. The trenches are tiered, to ensure the water is retained in the block rather than draining out and damaging the peat bog.

The moat also created an ideal breeding space for Ron's much-loved waterfowl. He ensured the moats feature curves, creating 'private spaces' and more opportunities for pairs of

ducks to breed. Gay describes their covenants as land that looks after itself – "we're lucky that because they are big enough and quite intact, they don't take too much management." There is some gorse and animal pests to contend with, but the Munros enjoy a holistic perspective and are pleased to see that at the end of the day, "the forest is regenerating".

These days, Gay and Ron are able to pass on their love of nature to their family. Their daughter, Sally, and son-in-law, Grant, farm the land in partnership with the Munros. Sally and Grant have three children and Gay enjoys the chance to take her grandchildren for a bush walk in the covenant, saying: "I hope to engender a love of nature in them too."

It's Ron and Gay's wish that the family's passion for their land and their desire to protect it can live on in generations to come. Because to the Munros, "it's not just a farm, it's a way of life, and very special to us."

*LEFT TO RIGHT  
Gay & Ron Munro  
and family enjoy their  
wetland covenant.*

## Inspiring and supporting our urban covenantors

The QEII National Trust's newest regional representative, Paul Goldsmith, describes his role as a dream job – "I get to see some magnificent areas of bush and it's a real privilege to be working in these spaces." Paul looks after the South and West Auckland region, where there are 130 covenants.

He describes these as a little different to others in New Zealand. "Whereas the rest of the country's covenants are predominantly in farming areas, ours are more likely to be lifestyle blocks and smaller urban properties."

Paul started with the Trust in August 2017 and just a few months into the job, has caught up with 10 of his region's covenants so far. The aim is to check in with each covenant once every two years. In Paul's words, it's about "monitoring the ongoing health of the covenant through working in partnership with the covenantor: encouraging and inspiring them, and facilitating help when they need it."

Paul relishes this chance to inspire people. "I really love the social contact I have as a rep, and am lucky to find a job that satisfies the heart as well as the bank. I consider it a real privilege to have a job that is meaningful, and to be able to contribute to something that protects the environment."

While relatively new to the Trust family, Paul is no stranger to the great outdoors. "I've always had a love for our environment and since I was young, enjoyed getting out in the bush.

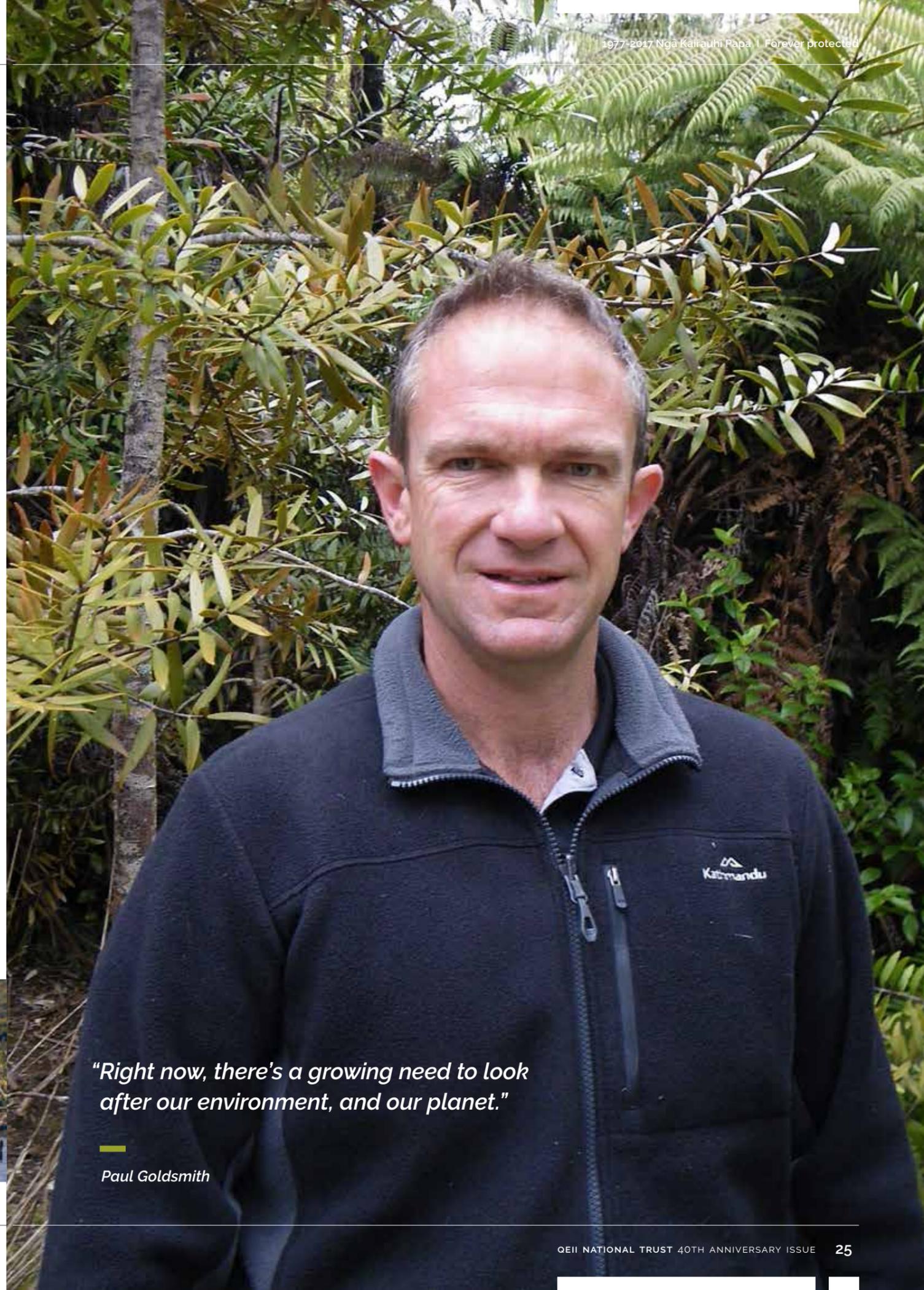
The landscape we have in New Zealand is so unique and diverse, and it's imperative that we look after it." Paul is a keen trumper and traveller and has spent time around the world both working and exploring.

It was after returning to New Zealand and seeing his three sons engaging with the bush as he once did, that Paul's desire to help protect our native landscape really solidified.

Paul brings relationship management and communication skills to the Trust from a long career in business from marketing to finance, along with five years in a marketing role at World Vision. But he has had no trouble transferring from desk job to the outdoors office. This was helped in part by Paul spending the last two years managing his family's 10-acre feijoa orchard in West Auckland.

Passionate about the great outdoors and protecting important New Zealand biodiversity and landscapes, Paul is excited about his future with the Trust. "Right now, there's a growing need to look after our environment, and our planet. The best thing for me is visiting our covenantors and seeing a good, healthy covenant. I am really looking forward to seeing how the areas improve and to seeing the native bush regenerating."

Joining the Trust in its 40th year is significant for Paul – "to think that this started with an idea and a few pieces of land 40 years ago. Now look what it's resulted in. We have land protected that is equal to the size of Stewart Island, and one percent of private land. Who knows what that percentage could be in years to come! The work that was begun by the Trust is visionary and it should be celebrated."



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Paul Goldsmith

## Recently registered covenants

Summary of covenant registrations from 25 February to 1 November 2017

District Council	Name	Covenant name	Area (ha)	Main open space type
Ashburton	Mt Hutt Adventure Park Ltd	Dry Creek North Branch	20.5	Lowland modified primary forest and sedgeland, and secondary scrub
Ashburton	Jaine Limestone Creek	Limestone Creek wetland	3.3	Lowland modified primary sedgeland, rushland and herbfield
Ashburton	The Presbyterian Church Property Trustees (Staveley)	Staveley Camp	9.7	Lowland modified primary forest
Auckland	Land Development Group Ltd (Hall)		18.9	Lowland modified primary forest
Auckland	Edwards		2.0	Lowland modified primary forest and revegetated shrubland
Auckland	Dalton	Olivia Niven Bush	1.7	Coastal modified primary podocarp/ broadleaved forest
Buller	Taylor	Tom Baxter Covenant	3.9	Lowland modified primary forest
Central Hawke's Bay	Hobson	Ngawaka	15.4	Lowland modified secondary forest
Central Hawke's Bay	Wedd	Glentui	7.4	Lowland modified secondary forest and sedgeland wetland
Central Otago	Accolade Wines (The Claim)	The Claim 431 Covenant Area	4.6	Dryland shrublands, grasslands and herb fields
Central Otago	Attfield Waikerikeri	Attfield Kowhai Covenant	11.4	Lowland secondary treeland and rockland and modified secondary shrubland and herbfield
Christchurch	Causer - Royd Petit Carnage - Opakia	Opakia	23.5	Semi-coastal modified primary forest and sedgeland and modified secondary forest
Christchurch	Torcross Kanuka	Torcross Kanuka	28.6	Lowland modified primary, secondary forest and exotic grassland and subalpine shrubland
Clutha	Stoney Summits Ltd [QCCC]	Wrigley Woodlands	86.1	Lowland modified primary forest and modified secondary shrubland
Clutha	Pearson-Stephens	The Ken Stephens Covenant	29.0	Lowland modified primary forest and secondary shrubland
Dunedin	Shields	Shields Salt Meadow		Coastal modified primary herbfield and exotic grassland
Far North	Bigwood	Bigwood	1.1	Lowland modified secondary forest
Far North	Bowker and Pearson	Pipitauri Covenant	7.1	Coastal modified secondary treeland, forest and artificially created reedland
Far North	Finlayson [3]	Open Space Covenant	0.7	Lowland reedland wetland and modified secondary scrub
Far North	Blunden (Tokoeka Trust) [2]	Arakitahi Raupō	1.3	Lowland modified secondary reedland
Far North	Blunden (Tokoeka Trust) [QCCC]	Maungatokoeka	47.7	Lowland modified secondary forest and shrubland
Far North	Finlayson [2]	Open Space Covenant	0.1	Lowland reedland wetland

Grey	Baillie [QCCC]	Omoto 1617	10.9	Lowland modified primary forest
Grey	Landcorp- Ahaura Wetland	Ahaura Wetland	6.3	Lowland modified primary mossfield and secondary shrubland and exotic shrubland
Grey	Artson Farming Ltd		14.7	Lowland primary wetland, lacustrine margin and modified primary forest
Grey	Landcorp - Kotuku Farm - Deep Creek Covenant [2]	Landcorp - Kotuku Farm - Deep Creek Covenant	18.2	Lowland forest, landscape and streams
Grey	Landcorp - Bell Hill Farm - Deep Creek Covenant	Landcorp - Bell Hill Farm - Deep Creek Covenant	57.9	Lowland forest, landscape and streams
Hastings	Landcorp-Waitere II	Landcorp- Waitere II Covenant	101.6	Lowland rockfield and modified primary sedgeland and secondary forest
Hastings	MacFarlane	Waiterenui	2.3	Cabbage tree treeland
Hauraki	Nash	Arapito	37.8	Semi-coastal modified primary forest
Hurunui	Wilding (Southern Sawpit Creek)	Frank Wilding Bush	12.9	Lowland secondary forest and scrub, and submontane secondary scrub
Kaikoura	Trolove & Butchard (Ballyams)	M W S Trolove Covenant	2.0	Semi-coastal modified-primary podocarp-hardwood forest and secondary shrubland
Kaipara	R & R Drake Ltd.	Pohoatua Bush	4.6	Lowland secondary forest and modified reedland
Kaipara	Amesbury [QCCC]	Amesbury Family Covenant	12.4	Lowland secondary forest and reedland
Kaipara	Mason	Mason's Bush	1.6	Lowland modified secondary forest
Kaipara	Landcorp-Omamari - Eagles Scrubland	Landcorp-Omamari Station - Eagle's Scrubland	13.0	Coastal modified secondary scrub and exotic grassland
Kaipara	Landcorp-Omamari - Read's Bush	Landcorp - Omamari Station - Read's Bush	24.2	Coastal secondary scrub and reedland and exotic grassland
Kapiti Coast	Empson Bush	Empson Bush	7.9	Lowland secondary totara forest remnants
Kapiti Coast	Deane - Te Hapua	Te Hapua	6.4	Semi-coastal modified primary forest and modified secondary sedgeland
Kapiti Coast	Deane - Te Maimai	Te Maimai	5.7	Coastal revegetated shrubland, forest and sedgeland
Mackenzie	Airies Station	Airies Station Covenant	412.2	Montane modified primary tussockland & scrubland
Manawatu	Todia Farm Limited		35.7	Lowland secondary forest
Manawatu	Lee and Guinness		3.3	Lowland modified secondary forest
Manawatu	Todia Farm Ltd		7.0	Lowland secondary forest
Manawatu	Symes	Te Rakehou Bush	3.1	Lowland primary forest
Manawatu	Makoura Lodge Ltd (McIntyre)		1.6	Lowland secondary forest
Marlborough	Spraypoint Station Ltd	Spraypoint Station Covenant	42.1	Montane modified primary and secondary forest and shrubland
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Masterton	Christensen & Birch	Fernhill covenant	13.4	Lowland modified primary and secondary forest, wetland swamp and stream
Masterton	Wingate Gorge [QCCC]	Wingate Bush	18.3	Lowland primary forest
Masterton	Falloon	Bowlands	9.3	Lowland riparian podocarp/hardwood forest remnant
Masterton	Falloon	Bowlands	4.3	Lowland primary totara-matai-maire forest
New Plymouth	Brooks & Fanthorpe	Jolly's Ridge	114.0	Lowland modified primary forest
New Plymouth	Hooker	Maitahi Wetlands	3.5	Modified primary semi-coastal forest and reedland
New Plymouth	Plymouth Road Farms Ltd (Plymouth Road block)	Fred & Nell Morris Bush	3.4	Lowland modified primary forest
New Plymouth	Plymouth Road Farms Ltd (Right Side)	David Morris Wetland	1.7	Semi-coastal modified primary forest and flaxland (wetland)
New Plymouth	Plymouth Road Farms Ltd (Frankley Road)	M S and F A Morris Bush	7.9	Lowland modified primary and modified secondary forest
New Plymouth	Tongaporutu Grazing Company Ltd (Lobb & O'Sullivan)	O'Sullivan, Lobb & Saunders Covenant	56.1	lowland modified primary and secondary forest and secondary manuka scrub
New Plymouth	Waiongona Flats		1.9	Lowland modified primary forest
New Plymouth	Jury Farms Ltd	Jury Bush	16.1	Modified primary forest
New Plymouth	Luxton across road	Moerangi Remnants	2.7	Semi-coastal modified primary forest
New Plymouth	Royal Forest & Bird Protection Society of NZ Inc		0.8	Lowland secondary riparian forest
New Plymouth	Luxton House	Moerangi Remnants	6.6	Semi-coastal modified primary forest
Queenstown-Lakes	Phiskie	Rock Down Terrace	5.5	Lowland modified secondary grassland and shrubland
Rangitikei	Cummings		4.3	Montane modified primary forest
Rangitikei	Gurney-Carlyon	Gurney-Carlyon Covenant	1.0	Lowland modified primary forest
Rotorua	Roe Farms Trust Ltd		2.7	Lowland modified primary hardwood/podocarp forest
Rotorua	Roe Farms Trust Ltd [2]		2.2	Lowland modified primary hardwood/podocarp forest
South Taranaki	Bishop, Davey & Raudino - Swampy Bush	Swampy Bush	10.4	Semi-coastal modified primary and secondary wetland forest
South Taranaki	NZNFRT Omoana [2]	Omoana Bush	224.1	Lowland modified primary forest and secondary scrub
Southland	Munro	Munro Covenant	4.0	Semi-coastal modified secondary forest
Southland	Landcorp - Mt Hamilton - Dean's Shrubland Extension	Dean's Shrubland Extension	64.6	Lowland modified primary tussockland, shrubland and stream system

Southland	Glenlapa Lands Ltd (Smail)	Glenlapa	52.6	Lowland modified primary and secondary beech forest, modified secondary scrub and shrubland
Southland	Buckingham		7.0	Semicoastal modified secondary forest
Southland	Cockburn	Dawson City Stream	28.2	Lowland modified tussockland, scrubland and wetland.
Southland	Road Block 2 - Mt Prospect Station	Road Block 2	50.9	Lowland modified primary shrubland, treeland, peatfield, lichenfield and stream
Southland	Cockburn (Mt Prospect - Road Block 1)	Road Block 1	8.7	Lowland modified tussockland, scrubland and wetland.
Southland	Cockburn	Stony Creek Wetland	14.6	Lowland modified primary shrubland, flaxland and open water stream system
Southland	Landcorp - Mt Hamilton Station - McKenzie's Covenant	Landcorp - McKenzie's Covenant - Mount Hamilton Station	1,456.6	Lowland modified primary forest, shrubland, tussockland, sedgeland and lichenfield
Tararua	McLachlan Farms Ltd (Brooklands Station) [2] [QCCC]		45.7	Lowland modified primary and secondary forest and secondary scrub
Tararua	McLachlan Farms Ltd (Brooklands Station)	The Glens	29.3	Lowland modified primary and secondary forest and secondary scrub
Tararua	Morrison [QCCC]	Morrison's Bush	7.8	Lowland modified primary forest, modified secondary forest, sedgeland, rushland and mossfield
Tararua	Fenemor (Castle Hill Covenant)	Castle Hill Covenant	31.9	Lowland modified primary podocarp tawa and secondary kanuka forest
Tararua	McLachlan Farms Ltd (Brooklands Station) [3]	Roundtop Bush	4.3	Lowland modified primary and secondary forest
Tararua	Percy [2]	Percy Wetland	2.0	Lowland revegetated wetland, lowland revegetated treeland and lowland modified primary forest
Tasman	Rameka Forest Restoration Charitable Trust	Rameka Carbon Forest	88.4	Lowland secondary forest, shrubland and rockland and artificially created forest
Waimate	Gregan		2.2	Lowland modified primary forest
Waimate	Frenchmans Gully	Frenchmans Gully	5.7	Lowland modified primary treeland and forest
Waimate	Meares		1.8	Lowland secondary forest
Westland	Birmingham (Kohuamaru Preserve)	Birmingham	2.9	Coastal primary rushland, coastal modified primary forest and coastal exotic grassland
Whakatane	McCann [2]	McCann Bush	4.5	Semi-coastal secondary forest
Whangarei	Gillett	Gillett Family Trust	12.5	Lowland modified secondary podocarp-broadleaf forest, and carex sedgeland
Whangarei	Guitry	Reta & Harry Parkin Sanctuary	3.8	Lowland modified secondary forest
Whangarei	Guitry [2]	Reta & Harry Parkin Sanctuary	3.8	Lowland modified secondary forest
Whangarei	Pepper	Pepper	2.3	Lowland modified secondary forest, sedgeland and rockland

Conservationist, QEII covenantor and all-round good guy  
**Arthur William Hinds, 2 June 1946-23 September 2017**

**Respected Coromandel farmer, conservationist, QEII covenantor, politician, and good bastard Arthur Hinds, was killed in a tree-felling accident on his family farm at Whenuakite on 23 September, aged 71. I've been privileged to know Arthur for 20 years, and many would be forgiven for thinking he had several clones, such as his involvement in his many spheres of interest. With his usual wit, Arthur explained this using a twist on an old saying, that "the devil finds work for idle Hinds".**

Arthur farmed at Whenuakite all his life. He was a long-time Justice of the Peace, a respected member of the farming community, and served 15 years on dairy company boards, including as a director of the NZ Dairy Board. He had a long-standing concern for the environment, saying: "Farmers can do a lot for the environment because they are working very closely with it... it's only as you get older that you realise we've destroyed a lot and it really worries me the legacy we are leaving for our great-grandchildren."

In the mid-1990s, Arthur's dog killed a kiwi on the farm. With typical directness, he discussed this with Adele Smaill, then the BNZ Save the Kiwi Trust's Coromandel Kiwi Advocate. He later credited the ensuing conversation as one of the defining moments in his involvement in conservation. A discussion with DOC's Fin Buchanan was another, and it led to the Hinds property being included in a DOC possum control operation. This led to the 2001 hatching of the Whenuakite Kiwi Care Group (WKCG), which Arthur chaired from its inception, leading it to be one of New Zealand's most successful community conservation groups. The Hinds, two QEII covenants are a core part of WKCG's operational area, from which kiwi were recently transferred to Motutapu Island to help establish a

Coromandel Brown Kiwi population on the island.

Arthur became involved in a range of conservation and environment activities, including 11 years on the Waikato Conservation Board (6 years as chair), being the Waikato Regional Councillor for the Coromandel, chair of Council's Advisory Committee for Regional Environment (ACRE), a member of Council's Coromandel Catchment Committee, a member of the Lake Taupo Protection Trust, and a staunch supporter of the Waikato Biodiversity Forum and the Maungatautari Sanctuary Mountain project.

A long-time member of Forest and Bird, in 2013 Arthur was awarded the Old Blue award for his service to conservation. He was a strong advocate for 1080 to control possums, and in 2012 said that three aerial 1080 drops over the previous 12 years had produced "stunning results", with flocks of over 150 kereru now grazing his paddocks.

Arthur's no-nonsense approach to conservation did draw its detractors, including an anti-1080 protester assaulting the then-chairman of the Waikato Conservation Board outside a community meeting in 2011, and strong criticism from some quarters on his

policy of shooting dogs on sight on the farm.

I was honoured to be invited to the "small family service" for Arthur, as I knew Diane and family would be torn between a private service, and wanting to invite the hundreds wanting to pay their respects. Journalist Des Williams wryly commented the resulting compromise was "probably the largest small family funeral in history". It was held amid swooshing kereru and, as one swooped low across the gathering to alight in the cherry tree directly above Arthur's casket, the resulting cascade of pink blossoms onto the casket caused a hush to fall. Speaking at the time, Ngāti Hei kaumatua Joe Davis noted in its silence the kereru spoke volumes as a fitting farewell to its iconic benefactor.

Among the keenest of duck shooters, Arthur departed for his final rest amid a stirring haka from the Ngāti Hei and Mercury Bay Area School's kapa haka groups, and a volley of shots from family-wielded shotguns. As one speaker noted, "The pen is mightier than the sword, but Arthur was good with both." He is survived by his wife Diane, children Gary, Susan, and Janice, and eight grand children.

**Jason Roxburgh**  
 (Coromandel Regional Representative)



*"The pen is mightier than the sword, but Arthur was good with both."*

Renowned illustrator, naturalist and covenantor  
**Sheila Natusch, 14 February 1926-10 August 2017**



Sheila Natusch, MNZM, owned a covenant on Stewart Island (85 ha) and was a well-known illustrator, naturalist and historian.

Jesse Bythell, our Southland Rep, regrets that she never got to meet Sheila. "Sadly, I never got to meet Sheila, but I have lots of her books, and am a huge fan of her work. I spoke with her in March 2016 when arranging to visit her covenant and then called her afterwards about it. She was as passionate about conservation and the natural beauty of her covenant

as she was about many things in life. Sheila is a great loss to the worlds of conservation and literature."

As reported in Stuff.co.nz, Sheila Natusch was born in 1926, and lived most of her early life on Stewart Island. She became one of the country's most famous illustrators and documenters of the wildlife of the country.

She studied in Dunedin where she became friends with the writer Janet Frame before discovering her love for the creatures and plants of the country.

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