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## Governor General Opens Covenant

**T**he Governor General, Sir Paul Reeves, formally opened a newly registered open space covenant over 40ha of forest and wetland in Southland in February 1987. The covenant protects an outstanding podocarp forest remnant combined

with significant wetlands in old stream bed oxbows. Known as the Turnbull Family Reserve, the covenanted area is part of the 257ha Sherwood Farm, at Tussock Creek 20km north east of Invercargill city. It is owned by Derek and Pat Turnbull who have always been



The Turnbull Family Reserve, at Tussock Creek, 20 km from Invercargill. From left to right, Hon. L. W. Gandar, Trust Chairman, Sir Paul Reeves, the Governor General, and the Trust's regional representative in Southland, Roger Sutton. Sir Paul Reeves unveiled the sign, which was carved by Hamilton woodcarver Derek Kerwood. Photo: Southland Times.

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keen for people to share the bush and wetland. "We really bought the farm ten years ago because we like the bush" Derek Turnbull said. The Turnbulls have encouraged groups such as youth groups to use the area and they have had formal camps of up to 200 people.

The forest remnant is dominated by several large matai and kahikatea, up to 3.9 metres in circumference. There are also many large pokaka and lowland ribbonwoods, kowhai, broadleaf and weeping mapau, with occasional specimens of kaikomako and totara. There are typical forest birds and in the wetlands there are shoveler, paradise and mallard ducks, black swans, herons, and marsh crake. The overall combination of large trees, pasture, and water gives the area a park-like atmosphere with a high visual impact.

The reserve is in the Southland Plains ecological district and while there are areas of similar forest type protected, there is only one other as large as this block.

At the opening ceremony Sir Paul

Reeves said that the Trust Board had established credibility as a trustee of privately owned land. He congratulated the Trust for its work and the Turnbulls for covenanting the reserve, which he said would now be available for enjoyment by everyone, particularly younger people.

The handsome carved wooden sign by Derek Kerwood of Hamilton was unveiled and Sir Paul declared the covenant reserve open. The ceremony was attended also by Trust Chairman Hon. L. W. Gandar, the Trust's Southland Regional Representative Roger Sutton, members of the Turnbull Family and guests. The Trust's display was set up on site.

Thirty two covenants have been approved in Southland, including the Kauana kowhais, Redcliff's Wetland developed by the Southland Acclimatisation Society, 64ha of Kamahi podocarp forest near Riverton, and 66ha of unlogged podocarp forest at Waimahaka.

Roger Sutton said that the Turnbull Reserve is one of the finest remaining stands of forest on the Southland Plain.

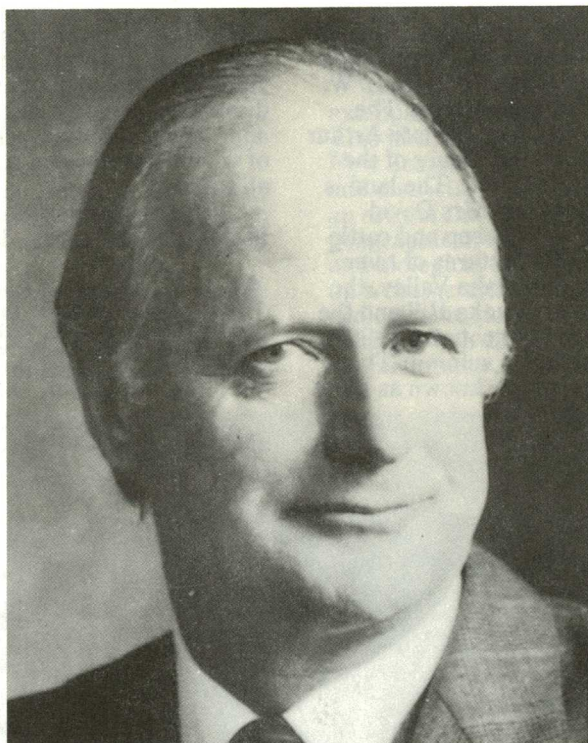
## Staff Members, June 1987

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Mr Tim Porteous, landscape architect.  
Ms Sue Stannard, resource assistant.  
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Ms Anna Woolhouse, resource assistant.



## New Trust Chairman



**Peter Elworthy, the third National Trust Chairman.**

**P**eter Elworthy has been appointed the third National Trust Chairman, following the end of the Hon. L. W. Gandar's term as Trust Chairman. Announcing the appointment in May, the Minister of Conservation, Mr Russell Marshall, said that Mr Elworthy's appointment coincided with the transfer of responsibility for the National Trust to the new Department of Conservation. Mr Marshall said that Mr Elworthy's strong identification with the farming community, with which the Trust works closely for the protection of open space, will be of great benefit to the Trust.

Peter Elworthy farms at Craigmere, 20km west of Timaru, in South

Canterbury. The farm, which has been in the Elworthy family since the 1860s, now has two open space covenants protecting significant landscape features, including approximately 100 hectares of a dramatic valley with striking rock forms, and a set of caves with Maori rock drawings.

Past positions held by Peter Elworthy include Founding President of the New Zealand Deer Farmers Association, and Founding Chairman of the Ravensdown Fertiliser Co-op Ltd. Peter Elworthy is on the Reserve Bank of New Zealand Board, on the Board of the Land Development and Management Co-operation, and is particularly well known for his recent presidency of Federated Farmers.

## Harwood Lookout

**T**he A.D. Harwood Lookout on the top of Takaka Hill, Nelson, was officially opened by Hon. L. W. Gandar, then Trust Chairman. The lookout is in memory of the late Arthur Dick Harwood, former owner of the property where it is sited. The land is now owned by Mr and Mrs David Harwood, who run a sheep and cattle farm on the 12,000 hectares of river flats in the Upper Takaka Valley, the steep west side of Takaka Hill and the rolling but very rocky country at 900m above sea level on the summit. The limestone outcrops are known as karst

topography and are formed by the action of water on the limestone. Karst landscapes are characterised by disappearing rivers, caves, sink holes, and curiously fluted rock outcrops, all of which occur on the Harwood's land at Takaka.

An open space covenant protects 153 hectares of this rocky, dramatic and

**Harwood Lookout, at the top of Takaka Hill, looking down the Takaka Valley towards Golden Bay, with the Tasman Mountains in the background. Such dramatic views make this a popular place for locals and visitors alike.**



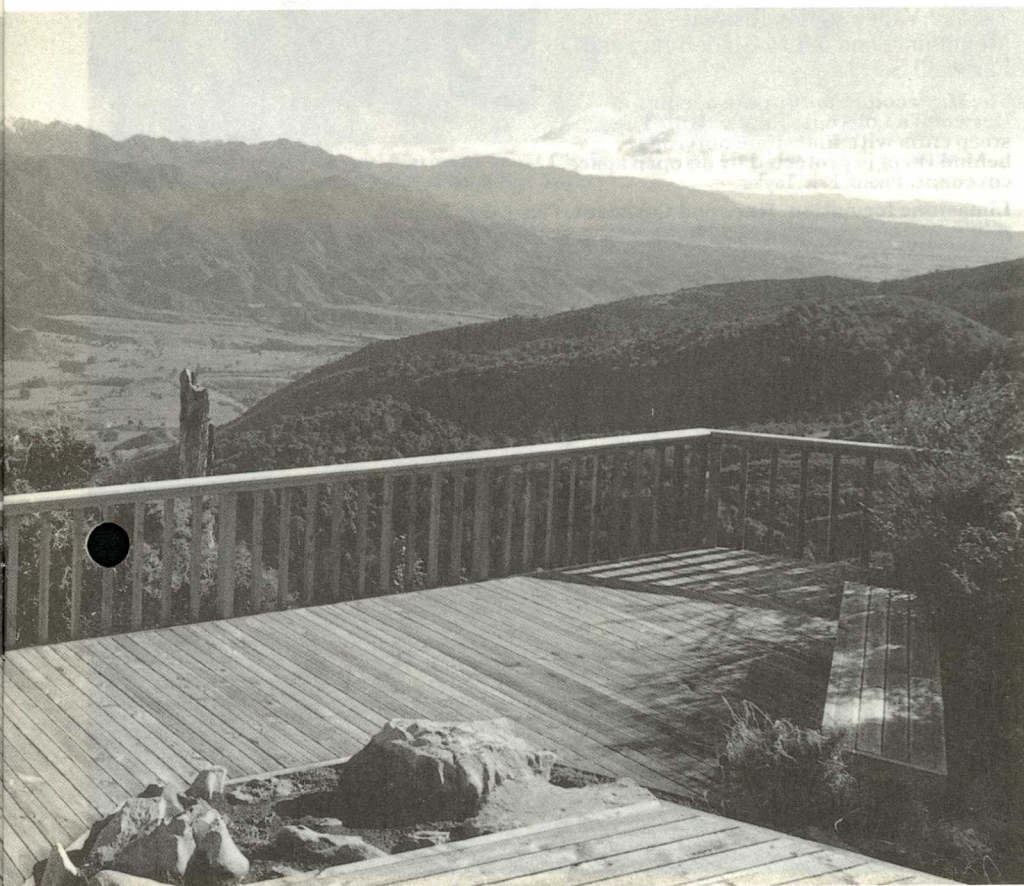


rugged landscape, with rocky limestone outcrops interspersed with native shrubs and small stands of beech forest. A second open space covenant protects the 2 hectares around the lookout.

The construction of the lookout, co-ordinated by the National Trust, involved many local people. The Harwood family contributed to the cost of construction, Baigent Forest Industries, Nelson, supplied the timber, the Golden Bay County Council through its PEP gang helped with the track, and a Nelson botanist and a Nelson photographer provided material for the lookout's interpretation panels. The lookout was designed by landscape consultants Boffa Miskell Partners, and

built by a local builder, Rex Bolwell. The interpretation panels provide the viewer with an interpretation of both the immediate landscape, of outcrop and vegetation, but also of the wide landscape beyond.

The Harwood Lookout is an example of "ecological signposting". This idea is based on the division of New Zealand into ecological regions and districts. An ecological district is an area of the countryside where geographical, topographical, climatic, and biological features together make up a characteristic landscape. An ecological region is a group of adjacent districts with clearly related characteristics. The Harwood Lookout

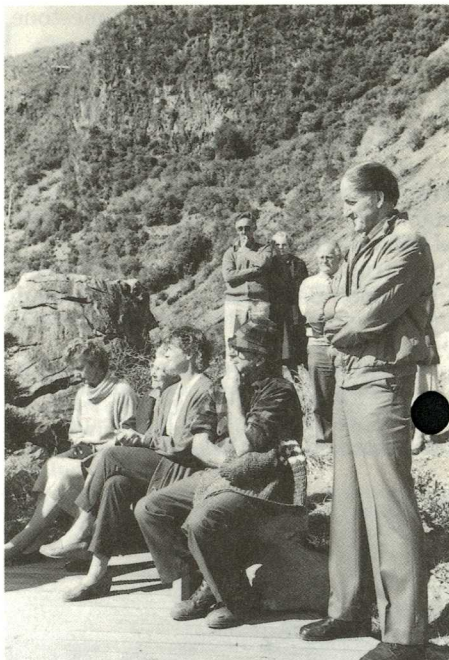




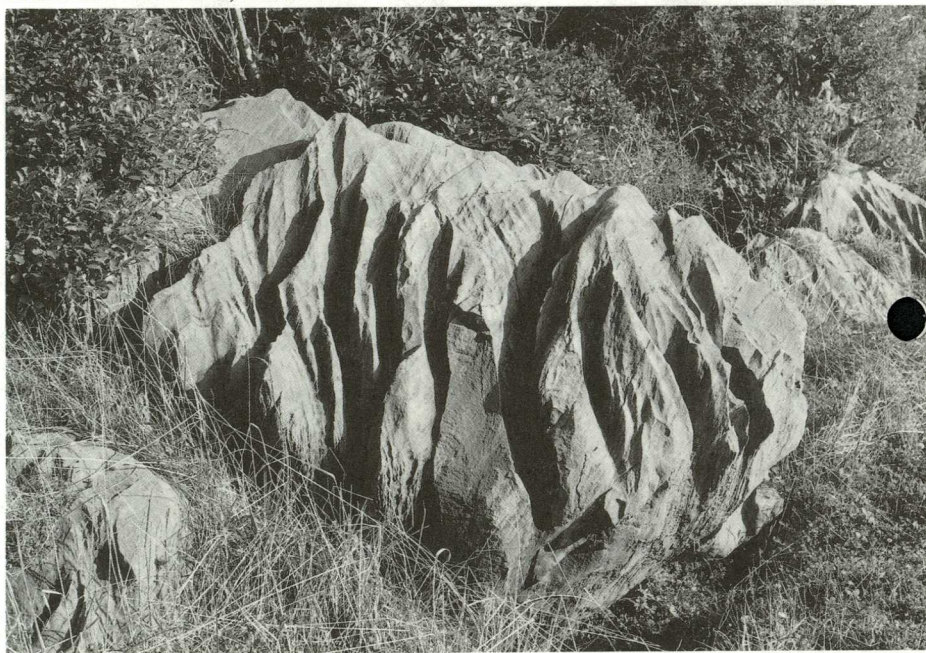
is on the boundaries of three ecological districts: Wangapeka, Arthur and Golden Bay. There are nine districts in the Northwest Nelson Ecological Region. The Trust is committed to the idea of ecological signposting as a means of helping both New Zealanders and overseas visitors understand the nature of the New Zealand landscape. Harwood Lookout is the first example of the Trust's promotion of the idea. It was entered as a contender for the 1986 Tourism Design Awards.

The Harwood Lookout has attracted much attention and is visited by many people, both local and overseas. It is particularly significant because of its position high on the Pikikiruna Fault scarp, with dramatic views across the Takaka Valley to the Tasman Mountains, and out to Golden Bay and Farewell Spit.

**The Harwood Family at the opening of Harwood's Lookout, Takaka Hill. The steep cliffs with limestone outcrops behind them is protected by an open space covenant. Photo: Eric Taylor.**



**Limestone formation, Harwood Covenant. Photo: G.R. Roberts.**



## Hon. L. W. Gandar, Second Trust Chairman.



Hon. L. W. Gandar, second National Trust Chairman, with Her Majesty the Queen at Taupo Swamp, February 1986. Photo: Eric Taylor.

**H**on. L. W. Gandar completed his term of office as the second National Trust Chairman in May 1987. Mr Gandar chaired the Trust during a period of rapid expansion. This was not just in the negotiation of open space covenants, but also in the receiving and managing of gifts and bequests to the Trust, and the promotion of landscape awareness through projects that also publicised the Trust's work throughout New Zealand.

In order to cope with the increased workload and range of activities, new administrative structures were developed by Mr. Gandar. Of special significance was the establishment of the Whenua Toitu Committee. This provides a focus for and advice on the Trust's involvement with Maori land protection, particularly through open space covenants. Mr Gandar's extensive knowledge of Maori culture and of the Maori language has been essential in this regard.

Under Mr Gandar's Chairmanship, the Trust has added considerably to the properties that it owns. Tupare at New Plymouth and Taupo Swamp are important examples of the wide variety of open space that the Trust is able to protect through ownership.

Mr Gandar put considerable energy into making the New Zealand public aware of the role, work and importance of the Trust. He spoke on many occasions to conferences and meetings of organisations such as the Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society.

With his personal commitment to the Trust's objectives, Mr Gandar took a most active role as Chairman, initiating projects, promoting the Trust, and working closely with the staff. His enthusiasm for the Trust's work, his awareness of the importance of protecting our natural heritage, and his extensive knowledge of New Zealand society, farming, and politics, have been of great value to the Trust in its expanding activities.



## Hollard Gardens Update

**T**he Hollard Gardens at Kaponga, Taranaki, are at present being managed by Alistair Duncan, the Tupare manager, while Mrs Jenny Oakley is on maternity leave.

The completion of the amenities building, the public shelter, and the interpretative signs was officially recognised at a gathering at the gardens. It was attended by Trust staff, Mr and Mrs Hollard, the Kaponga Lions, neighbours, Trust members, and the others who assisted with these developments, such as the architects

and builder. The new facilities building includes public toilets, a workshop and store room, and an office for the garden staff.

The building was designed by architect Paul Goldsmith of the New Plymouth firm of Boon, Goldsmith and Co., and it reflects the low key, informal quality of the garden. It features exterior cladding of coloured steel and trellis work.

The original shed and workshop in the old part of the garden were converted into a public shelter which



Mr Bernard Hollard making a speech at the opening of the new facilities at Hollard Gardens. In the background, left to right, Dr. Alan Edmonds then Trust Manager, Mrs Rose Hollard, and Hon. L. W. Gardar, then Trust Chairman. Photo: Eric Taylor.





The new office/workshop building at Hollard Gardens, and the guests and staff at the opening ceremony. Photo: Eric Taylor.

contains information panels about the Trust's work generally, and the gardens.

Trust chairman Hon. L. W. Gandar opened the new building and on behalf of the Board of Directors presented National Trust certificates of appreciation to Mr Graeme Smith, Mr Alan Jellyman, and the Kaponga Lions Club for their special contribution towards the development of the gardens. Mrs Rose Hollard planted a native tree near the new building to mark the occasion. Mr Bernard Hollard, in reply to Mr Gandar's speech, talked about when and how he began the garden, Te Ngaki Mara.

From this new garden, visitors can enjoy views of Mount Taranaki. The shape of the new building echoes the form of the mountain, and the new garden has grown well since it was planted three years ago.

The development of the new facilities will increase the attraction of Hollard Gardens for tourists, both local and overseas. The gardens are one of the special features of the region that along with other gardens such as Tupare provide an impetus and focus for tourism in Taranaki.

## Tupare

Tupare attracted international attention recently when an American television company made a video of the garden. The company, the Victory Garden, screens a national weekly programme about gardens around the world. Tupare was one of the three gardens chosen in New Zealand. The video was shown on American television and since then there has been a noticeable increase in American visitors.

## Annual Report

The Trust's 1986 annual report to Parliament provides a summary of Trust activities up until April 1986. It is available free to members, who can telephone or write to the Trust. The 1987 report to Parliament will be available later in the year.

# Changes and Activities

## Trust Secretary



**Linda Stone, Secretary.** Photo: Eric Taylor.

**L**inda Stone started working as the Trust's secretary at the beginning of last year. She competently and energetically undertook to organise the office and kept things running smoothly in the face of numerous difficulties. These included xerox machines that broke down, putting the Trust's mailing list onto computer, and coping with the constantly changing demands that characterised the Trust's work.

Linda trained as a secretary in England, her country of birth, and first came to New Zealand with her family in 1974. She worked in Sydney for three years, then returned to New Zealand in 1983. Working for the Wildlife Service developed Linda's interest in nature conservation and this was followed up by her job at the Trust. Now Linda has moved to a challenging position in an Australian based company which involves regular travel to Australia for job training.

## Receptionist/Typist

**M**rs Prue Arnold has been the Trust's receptionist/typist since May last year. She is trained in secretarial work and word processing, and worked as receptionist in several organisations, including a firm of solicitors before coming to the Trust.



**Prue Arnold, Receptionist/Typist.** Photo: Eric Taylor.

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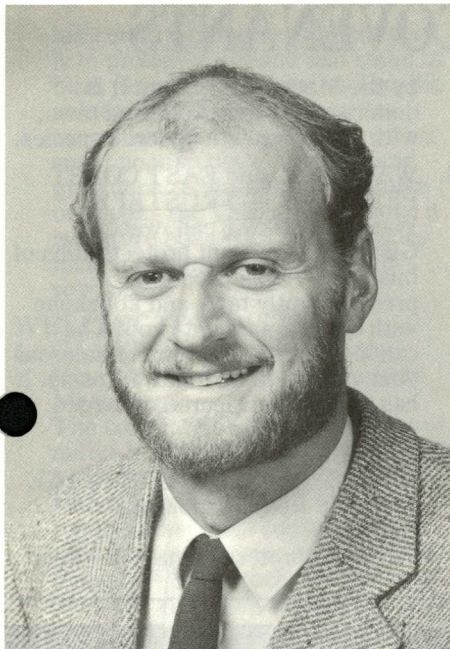
## Landscape Architect

**T**im Porteous has been seconded from the Department of Conservation to the National Trust as Landscape Architect, replacing Boyden Evans who left the Trust last year.

Tim Porteous has a BA in Geography, a Diploma in Horticulture, and a Diploma of Landscape Architecture from Lincoln College.

Prior to training as a Landscape Architect, Tim worked as a horticulturalist. He started working





**Tim Porteous. Landscape Architect.** Photo: R. Woolf.

with the Trust as a vacation worker, assisting the Landscape Architect from November 1981 to February 1982, and again from November 1982 through June 1983.

From July 1983 to February 1987, Tim was employed as District Landscape Architect in the Wellington District Office of the Lands and Survey Department.

During his time with the Department, Tim Porteous was involved with landscape planning, design, and management services to the Wellington Land District. This included the Tongariro National Park and National, Scientific, Scenic and Recreation Reserves, and also Farm Settlements. An example of this kind of work which is of particular interest to the National Trust, is the preparation of the implementation plan for the long term restoration of Mana Island, off the Wellington coast. This involves extensive revegetation of Mana Island.

Tim's work with the Trust mainly involves promotion of landscape awareness, advice to covenantors and other landowners on matters such as revegetation, and writing management plans and development proposals for Trust owned land or land that the Trust is otherwise involved with.

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## Resource Assistant



**Sue Stannard, Resource Assistant.** Photo: R. Woolf.

Sue Stannard has been appointed as a Resource Assistant, working with the Landscape Architect, Resource Officer, and Property Officer. This involves Sue in a wide range of tasks including drafting, writing articles, and organising the Trust's display.

Sue has a Bachelor of Horticultural Science (Environmental) from Massey University and her work experience includes three years as a Landscape Designer in Victoria, Australia. There she worked for the Ministry of Housing, the Department of Public

# OPEN SPACE COVENANTS

By the February 1987 Board Meeting 144 open space covenants had been formally registered. Newsletter 13 listed half of the most recently registered covenants. The remainder are listed below

## NEW REGISTERED COVENANTS

### GISBORNE DISTRICT

1. HAYNES, Peter. Mahia Peninsula, 50km south of Gisborne.  
The covenant protects 60ha of native bush on a 896ha property of steep hill country running down to the coastline. The bush is on a steep face 1km from the sea and bounded

by the Mangatea Stream. It is dominated by kohekohe and tawa, with strong growth of scrub species.

2. WATSON, G and EAST COAST PERMANENT TRUSTEES.  
Waimata Valley Road, west of Gisborne. Covenant protects 10ha of bush on a 759ha property, predominantly tawa and kohekohe with one magnificent rimu. The canopy is very dense with numerous young tawa, titoki, and coprosma. It has never been cleared or logged.

### TARANAKI DISTRICT

3. WOODD, R AND McCLUGGAGE  
J. Arnold Road, Pohokura, Stratford.  
Covenant protects 12ha of a 405ha

Works and the Ministry for Planning and Environment. She was involved in a wide range of landscape projects such as inner city residential institutions, parks in Melbourne's Western suburbs, an urban forest and a concept plan for a creek.

On Sue's return to New Zealand she was employed for 15 months by the Department of Lands and Survey, Wellington District Office, working with Tim Porteous, who is now the Trust's Landscape Architect. Sue primarily assisted with the Mana Island implementation plan.

## Asst Covenant Officer

Mrs Della O'Shaughnessy works part time at the Trust as assistant covenant officer, helping process open space covenants from application to the Board through to registration. This includes searching and interpreting land titles, registering open space covenants on land titles, and drafting legal documents related to covenant registration.



Della O'Shaughnessy, Assistant Covenant Officer. Photo: R. Woolf.

Della has trained in secretarial work and word processing, and came to the Trust after nine years with the Audit Office.



hill country property. The purpose is to protect a wetland and stand of bush for wildlife habitat and scenic values. The wetland comprises raupo and other vegetation, with a small population of fern bird and gray duck. A solid belt of manuka overlooks the wetland and above it is mature bush with many species including miro, rimu, tawa and rewarewa.

#### WELLINGTON DISTRICT

4. CAMERON, Hamish. Past the Hinakura Post Office, 32km from Masterton.

The covenant protects two areas of native bush totalling 4ha on a 161ha property of medium hill country with supporting flats. The regenerating bush comprises over 60 varieties of native flora. Both are fenced off from stock. Visible from the road, and easily accessible. The bush supports extensive wildlife.

5. WILLIS, John D. Lake Koputaroa, Himatangi.  
The covenant protects a whole 41ha property, consisting of 24.5ha of lake and wetland, and 16ha of rolling sand dunes with 1.5km of access road. The purpose is to preserve the wildlife habitat. Already a local drainage programme has lowered lake levels.
6. DONALD, Rex. Hikimutu Road, 2.5km from Owango South of Taumaranui.  
Covenant protects 2.5ha of native bush on 61ha property of rolling country suitable for dairying. The bush is dominated by a very large kahikatea tree. There are several rimu, totara, tawa, and matai with understorey ferns, shrubs and seedlings.
7. JACOBSEN, Michael. Moonshine Road, Pauatahanui, North of



Roadside forest edge, near Masterton, owned by Mr H. H. Careron, and protected by an open space covenant.



**Lake Koputaroa, Himatangi, owned by Dr. John D. Willis and protected by an open space covenant.**

Wellington city.

Covenant protects 12ha of regenerating bush on a 32ha medium hill country farm. The regenerating bush is mainly podocarps, with a variety of species in excellent condition, including tawa, rimu, matai, and kahikatea.

There is an unusual area of nikau palms. The bird life includes fantails, wood pigeons, shining cuckoos, grey warblers and moreporks. The covenant is a valuable addition to reserves in the district and is used by school parties for learning about bush on farms.



**Michael Jacobsen and his regenerating bush, Pauatahanui, Wellington.**



## NELSON DISTRICT

8. **HARWOOD A D LTD.** On the summit of the Takaka Hill, 60km north-west of Nelson. 153ha of the 12,000ha sheep and cattle farm in the Upper Takaka Valley is covenanted to protect the unusual limestone outcrops. The rock covers or precludes from farming about 70% of the land surface and is characterised by native shrub growth and small clumps of beech forest. Spectacular views of this karst landscape and of both Tasman and Golden Bays are available from Harwood's land.

See the article on the Harwood Lookout in this issue.

9. **CONWAY, M J & J E.** Palmers Road, Waimea West, Brightwater. Covenant protects a 1ha remnant of lowland forest on 8ha of pasture, in an area planned for intensive horticultural development.

## CANTERBURY

10. **LAMB, P J & J M.** Waikari Valley, Amberley.  
The covenant covers 20ha of a 483ha hill country property in overgrown tussock and mixed grasses. The purpose is to protect rock outcrop of hard Omihi limestone and soft Waikari limestone. Among the rock grows the rare indigenous *Hebe raoulii* var *mackaskillii*. This landscape feature is widely known and appreciated by the public and is listed in the Hurunui County District Scheme.
11. **GRAHAM, J E & L E.** Hawkswood Riding, Cheviot County, 6.5km west of SH1 on Ngaroma Road. 24ha of mixed beech and podocarp forest on a 741ha grass, scrub and tussock hill property is protected by covenant. The bush is predominantly black beech and hybrids, with white and black pine, matai, and miro. There is good regeneration. The main part of the

covenanted area is on a steep bank of Waingaro Stream.

## OTAGO

12. **SERVICE, J.** On Horse Range Road in Trotters Gorge 1km from Trotters Gorge Township, North Otago.  
15ha of bush on rolling farm land is protected. It is mainly cassima, lycopodium, lancewoods and pittosporums. The covenant is clearly visible from Trotters Gorge Road which, signposted as a scenic road, is an attractive alternative to the main coastal route.

## SOUTHLAND

13. **MCCURDY, R L & M A.** Waimatua, 6km east of Invercargill.  
The purpose of the covenant is to protect 3.2ha and 13ha of bush on a 230ha flat, and often wet terrain. The second growth bush is dominated by kamahi. Regrowth has been very impressive since the owners fenced the areas 4 years ago. They are a landscape feature of the Kennington district.
14. **RABBITTE, M J.** Kauana, 16km north of Winton Township.  
The covenant protects a 1ha remnant on a 37ha fully developed flat pasture land farm. The bush is podocarp dominated by kahikatea and pokaka. There is also matai, miro, and totara. Bird life includes pigeon, grey warbler, silvereye, fantail, bellbird, and mallard duck.
15. **AITCHISON, E L.** Kauana, 16km north of Winton.  
A 2.7ha remnant to lowland podocarp forest on a 122ha fully developed property is protected by covenant. Dominant species are kahikatea and pokaka, with matai, totara, and miro. Extensive birdlife includes pigeon, silvereye, fantail, bellbird and Mallard duck. The remnant is a significant feature of the landscape as viewed from SH6.

*“Trees have an important role to play in the continued enhancement of our rural environment. Whether planted for timber production, shelter, soil and water protection, landscape enhancement, or a combination of these functions, the careful planning and execution of woodlot establishment brings both material and aesthetic rewards and satisfactions.”*

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Diane Lucas, 1987.

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