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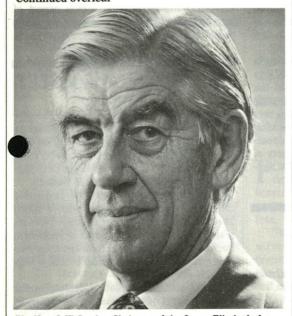
The Hon L W Gandar Prust's New Chairman

he Hon L W Gandar, BSc, DSc (honoris causa) is the second Chairman of the Queen Elizabeth II National Trust.

He is a Fellow of the New Zealand Institute of Agricultural Science, and of the Institute of Physics, and has wide experience in both practical agriculture and politics.

During World War II Mr Gandar served in the RAF and the RNZAF and on returning to New Zealand, took up sheep farming in the Manawatu.

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The Hon. L W Gandar. Chairman of the Queen Elizabeth the Second National Trust. Photo: National Publicity Studios.

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For 16 years, Mr Gandar was a member of the Pohangina County Council, as Chairman for 10, and for 10 years he was on the Manawatu Catchment Board. He is familiar with the way local Government works and how decisions are made at the local level. Mr Gandar also has a wide perspective on land use and open space, recognising from the beginning of his own farming career the importance of balancing conservation and development. Mr Gandar was a member of the Council of Massey University from 1963 to 1975, and was Chancellor for five years. The University conferred on him an Honorary Doctorate of Science

Mr Gandar's involvement in national politics began in 1966 when he was elected to Parliament as the member for Manawatu. In 1972, as the Member for Ruahine, he was Minister of Sciences, Mines and Electricity and Energy Resources. From 1975 to 1978 he was the Minister of Education and Science and Technology.

The Hon L W Gandar was New Zealand's High Commissioner in London from 1979 to 1982, when he returned to farming in the Manawatu. Mr Gandar says that he sees his job as not one of setting the Trust on a new course but instead, developing and expanding the Trust to ensure that it plays an increasingly positive role in the emerging variety of interpretations of open space, especially in respect to private land.

CONFERENCE OF NATIONAL TRUSTS

In March of this year, the Deputy Chairman of the Trust, Mr Gordon Stephenson, accompanied by Mrs Celia Stephenson, attended the third International Conference of National Trusts in Australia.

The conference was organised by the Australian Council of National Trusts and was attended by about 35 delegates. It consisted of lectures, discussions, and visits over 12 days. The visits were mostly to historic places, such as the National Trust property Old Government House in Sydney. The wide ranging discussions included matters of interest to Queen Elizabeth II National Trust, such as ways in which more established Trusts involve members in their activities, e.g. volunteer work parties for tree planting and money raising projects. Also of particular interest was the "National Estate" a register compiled by the Australian Heritage Commission. This identifies places of national importance, and while it cannot give legal status or protection, it affords a moral protection which seems to work.

Mr Stephenson was impressed by the experience and expertise amassed at the conference, and the fact that whatever aspect of actual or possible Trust work was discussed, there was someone with practical experience.

WAIPA PROJECT: BOOKLET NUMBER 2

Vegetation and wildlife, the second in the Waipa series of booklets, will be p lished by the Trust in December. The ma author is Dr Alan Edmonds, Reader in Biological Sciences at the University of Waikato.

The booklet describes the extensive changes in the vegetation and wildlife which have occurred over the last century. New research is included, for example a vegetation map, circa 1865, prepared from historical records and contrasted with a map of todays vegetation.

There are also detailed guidelines for the management of forest remnants, revegetation, and the development of wildlife corridors (or strips of vegetation which link larger forests,



and thus wildlife habitats).

The series is designed for the information and use of landowners in the county, but it has already generated interest in other parts of the country, and the Trust has been invited to undertake similar work in other counties. This is being looked at.

The third booklet, due to be published early in 1984, deals with the Waipa peat lakes, such as Lake Maratoto, and their management.

TRUST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE INSPECTION IN THE WAIKATO

As part of a review of the Trust's open space covenant criteria, the Executive committee met in Hamilton and looked at the venants which have been approved for the South Auckland Land District, as well as those which have been declined in the past.

The visit was to give the Directors the opportunity to actually see the areas under consideration, and to evaluate the criteria, particularly to ensure that the Board was not setting too high a standard and declining worthwhile areas.

The Directors travelled through the Waikato and over to Tauranga to study the proposals which they have previously considered at meetings.

Generally, the majority of the declined de-

cisions were ratified, and the standards accepted. Three were reviewed, and covenants have been offered to the owners.

A suggestion arising from the decision was that a second level of covenants should be considered, with no formal documentation or registration on the land title. The Trust is at present, considering the criteria for these covenants, and is going to prepare a register for them.

HOLLARDS GARDENS

A new appointment to the Trust's Hollards Gardens at Kaponga is Mrs Jennifer Oakley, as horticulturalist and gardener. Mrs Oakley completed a Batchelor of Horticulture at Massey University in 1982, and apart from practical work associated with this, has been in a variety of job related activities. Mrs Oakley lives at Manaia which is handy to the Hollards Gardens.

The Kaponga Lions Club have continued their association with the garden and willingly help out, for which the Trust is very grateful.

AWARD FOR REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Professor Ron Lister, the Trust's regional representative for Otago, was recently honoured with the Alfred O Glasse Award, presented by the New Zealand Planning Institute.

The award recognised Professor Lister's services to planning, locally, nationally, and internationally, over a quarter of a century. He has been prominent in environmental issues, and served on boards, committees, and trusts.

The citation for the award refers particularly to the quality and perceptiveness of Professor Lister's contributions.

Regional Representatives

The Trust's local correspondents are now known as the regional representatives, as this is felt to be a more accurate description of their role. They represent the Trust in their regions, and are the eyes and ears of our Wellington office, reporting on open space matters generally, as well as open space covenants.

As a consequence of the Trusts' increasing work, two new regional representatives have been appointed, Mr Walter Willis as the representative for Auckland and Mr Eddie Suckling for the Manawatu, Northern Wairarapa and Southern Hawkes Bay.

MR WALTER WILLIS

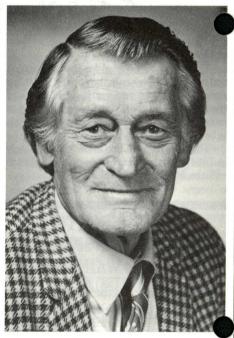
Mr Willis represents the Trust from Wellsford to Franklin County.

Mr Willis pursued a career with the Royal



Walter Willis

New Zealand Navy, and then worked as a town and country planner, mainly with the Auckland Regional Authority. His knowledge of the Auckland area, both inland and the coastlines, the people, and the intricacies of planning in the area, will be very valuable to the Trust.



Eddie Suckling

MR EDDIE SUCKLING

Mr Eddie Suckling has had a long career with the DSIR, as officer in charge of Te Awa Research Farm near Kimbolton and Ballantrae Research Station at Woodville.

His particular interests are pasture management and soil conservation of hill country farms. He brings to the Trust his wide knowledge of the hill country of the lower north Island

NEW REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE IN NORTHLAND: MR MICK PHILIPS

Mr Mick Philips has been appointed as the regional representative for Northland to reace Mr Tony Childs who has decided to rere from Trust activities.

Mr Philips is a retired farmer living in Paihia, and is still involved with the management of the farm which he developed over the last 35 years.

For 12 years, Mr Philips was a member of the now disbanded Marginal Lands Board, and has served for six years as a member of the Land Settlement Committee.

Mr Philips has a wide and useful knowledge of farmers and farming and the rural society of Northland.



Mick Philips (Redired 1986)

MR TONY CHILDS

Mr Childs was appointed to the Trust in May 1980. He had retired as the Department of Lands and Survey's District Field Officer for Northland, and his experience with the farmers and the land was invaluable to the Trust. With his contacts, and with the open space covenants he helped negotiate, Mr Childs put the Trust's name on the map, and built a foundation for successive representatives.

The Trust is grateful for Mr Child's work and his continuing interest.

The new appointments build on the diverse backgrounds of the other representatives around the country. The Trust now has a team of representatives, not only with intimate knowledge of the countryside and people of their own areas, but with expertise in many of the fields associated with open space. Few organisations of the Trust's size could call on such quality within their ranks.

OTHER STAFF CHANGES

The Trust has grown from a staff of three, in 1979, to the present staff of 19, which includes the regional representatives and some part-time people. This indicates the growth in the amount of work and the range of activities which the Trust undertakes in the protection, enhancement, and provision of open space.

Apart from the changes with the regional representatives, there have been changes in the staff of the Wellington office.

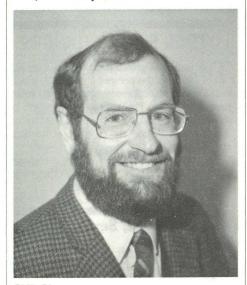
Andrew Simm, Senior Field Officer

Andrew joined the Trust as Senior Field Officer in 1979, as a foundation member. He was seconded from the Department of

Lands and Survey in Central Otago, where he had been stationed at Alexandra. He began investigating and negotiating open space covenants, making inspections himself and travelling extensively. Then, as regional representatives were appointed and relieved him of some of these duties, Andrew co-ordinated their work.

Andrew promoted the field activities, and was also involved with other projects such as the implementation of the Mount Karioi Study, and the Nelson remnant forest covenant proposals.

He produced the field operations manual which outlines the procedures for the regional represenatives. This is very helpful in standardising their work and generally guiding their activities. Andrew's secondment finished in August, and he is now a Senior Field Officer with the Department of Lands and Survey in New Plymouth. The Trust has benefitted from Andrew's energy and enthusiasm during its first, formative years.



Philip Lissaman

Philip Lissaman, New Senior Field Officer

Philip took up the position of Senior Field Officer in July. He holds a Bachelor of Agricultural Science and a Diploma in Natural Resources from Lincoln College, and has considerable work experience which is directly relevant to the Trust.

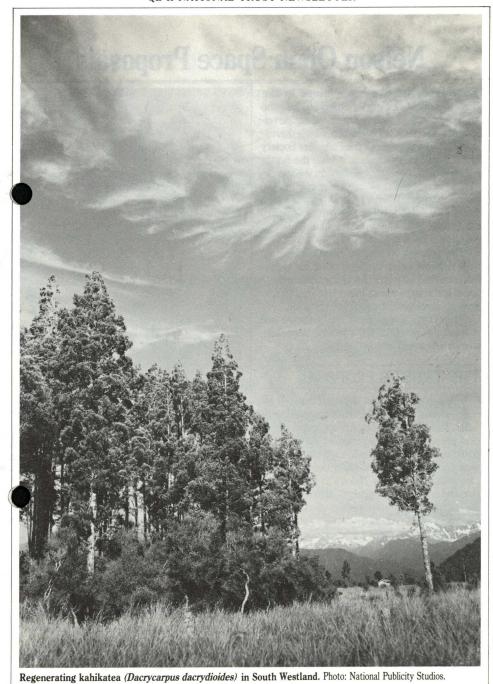
He worked as a Soil Conservator with the North Canterbury Catchment Board and then as a farm advisor in range management, including four years in Zimbabwe. This work partly involved wildlife integration on farms.

On his return to New Zealand, Philip worked with the Department of Lands and Survey doing field work in hill and high country, including reserve protection in the Marlborough Sounds Maritime Park and three land use studies in Taranaki. Before joining the Trust he was reviewing the Egmont National Park Management Plan.

Jane Clendon, Information Officer

In response to the need for co-ordination and Adevelopment of the Trust's publicity a public relations, and publications, a new pos tion of Information Officer has been created. Jane Clendon is to start in the job in November. She has a Masters degree in English Literature (Auckland University) and a Diploma in Librarianship (Victoria University), and her work experience includes research, writing, editing, library work, and a year (part-time) with the Trust, working on such projects as the Revegetation Manual and the promotional brochure. The position also involves organising and developing the Trust's library which, while still small, is becoming a useful resource on open space.

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Nelson Open Space Proposals

Recently the Trust was invited by the Founders Society of Nelson to become involved in their pioneer village development. The reclaimed land on which the village is sited was given to the Founders Society by the Nelson City Council. It is on the northern outskirts of the city, alongside the motorway. It is not the only use proposed for the reclamation: Neale Park is already established, there is a site for a marae, a private residential subdivision is planned, and a nine hole golf course has been suggested.

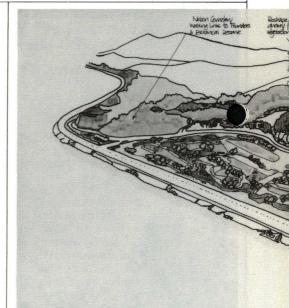
The sparsely vegetated hillside rising up from Atawhai Drive is a focal point for motorists travelling into the city along the northern outlet and could form an important visual backdrop to development on the reclamation.

The Trust investigated the proposal and realised the potential for a more comprehensive development.

THE TRUST'S PROPOSAL

The National Trust believed that the reclamation and its environs needed to be looked at in total. An open space plan was prepared which considered all the proposed uses in relationship to each other, rather than each being planned separately. This is a unique opportunity for Nelson to plan a cohesive and unified development. Although it may take many years for the overall concept to become a reality, planning needs to start now.

The National Trust's open space proposal considers not only the reclamation, but the hillside and beyond. Vegetation patterns would help to unify the uses within the site itself, and with adjacent areas. The hill could be revegetated and the vegetation patterns extended on to the reclamation. Earth mounds could be incorporated over the whole reclamation which would help create a visually more interesting site, strengthen vegetation patterns, and unify the site. The quarry could be reshaped and planted.



INTRODUCTION

The Queen Elizabeth the Second National Trust was established to provide, enhance and protect open space for the benefit and enjoyment of the people of New Zealand. The Trust is an independent organisation which was established by Act of Parliament in 1977 to commemorate the Silver Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen.

Recently, the National Trust was invited to visit the Founders of Nelson village and to meet some of the people involved in the project. The Trust thinks that the Founders' project is an exciting one and when completed will be a fitting memorial to the Nelson pioneers.

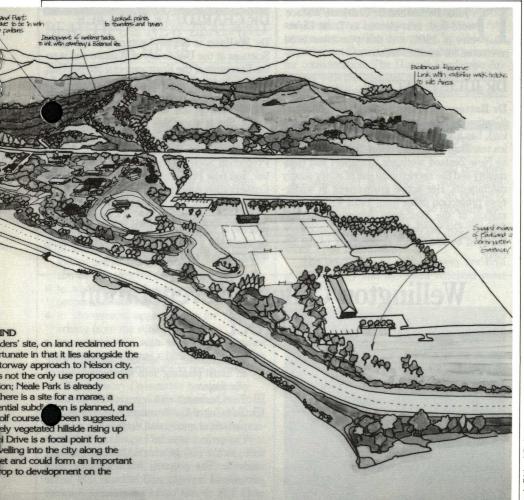
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Walking tracks could be developed, leading from the site up the hillside to link with existing tracks, for example to Botanical Reserve and to the cemeterey. Look out points could be developed from where visitors could view the Founders' village, the other developments and out to the Nelson Haven.

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Motorists travelling into Nelson would sweep past the parkland setting of the golf course, with glimpses of the Founders' village, vistas of Neale Park, and then turn into Trafalgar Street with Nelson's distinctive cathedral as a focal point in the heart of the city.

The Chairman and staff members pre-

Part of the Trust's presentation.

sented the proposal to representatives of the Founders Society, the Nelson City Council and the Wakatu marae. It was well received. Ways of financing the scheme are being investigated by the Nelson organisations.

Sketch: Richard Gyde

Trust Directors Re-elected

r Juliet Batten and Dr Charlotte Wallace were both first elected as Trust Directors in 1980, and this year have been re-elected for another term.

DR JULIET BATTEN

Dr Batten, a lecturer at Auckland University (Continuing Education, and School of Engineering), has a background in Environmental studies teaching, and research on such varied topics as New Zealand wetlands, transport and community and the recreational use of water supply catchments. Her active involvement in wilderness protection dates from 1973 with the formation of the Waitakere Ranges Protection Society. She served four years as secretary, followed by four years as president of the Society.

DR CHARLOTTE WALLACE

Dr Wallace is Senior Lecturer in Biological Sciences at the University of Waikato and is on the Executive of the Environmental Studies Unit.

As a lifelong conservationist Dr Wallace was co-founder (with Gordon Stephenson) of the original concept that led to the formation of Trust. She is a member of the Physical Environment Association (Coromandel), a Committee Member of the Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society (Waikato), long time member, and now President, of the South Auckland Conservation Association.

On the family farm, bush and coast line is strenuously preserved and a covenant is in process of negotiation. Dr Wallace is enthusiastic about the work of the Trust and believes its importance is rapidly increasing.

Wellington College Revegetation Project

ellington College is in the inner city, adjacent to the town belt. A visually prominent hillside (about 25 hectares) forms a backdrop to the college and was once part of Wellington's town belt set aside by the settlers. Recently, the college's Board of Governors agreed that most of this hillside should be returned to the City Council to be incorporated back into the town belt. However, part of it is to be kept to use for a revegetation project.

The revegetation project was prompted by the Trusts' **Revegetation Manual**, which is going to be used as a text book. The Trust has offered the college advice and technical assistance.

The aims of the project are:

☐ To collect, raise, and plant local native plants.

To revegetate the hillside. This will involve
an initial planting with subsequent annual
plantings.

☐ To experiment with revegetation methods.

☐ To monitor the developing vegetation pattern of succession each year.

The project is to be carried out and monitored by the college's horticulture and biology students. The proposal will have long term educational benefits, and because it is in the inner city, it will be an educational resource for the wider community. Revegetation of such a site adjacent to the town belt in time will contribute significantly to Wellington city.

The college applied for a 1983 Mobil Environmental Grant to finance the project and we have just received advice of their success in gaining the \$2,000 Premier Award.

BEAUTIFUL NEW ZEALAND SCHEME

The Advisory Committee for the Beautiful New Zealand Scheme was established by vernment and held its first meeting on 22 ruary 1983.

Its main objective is to promote the enhancement of the New Zealand landscape by funding projects which consist primarily of large scale planting along the broad scenic corridors through which the main tourist routes pass.

Its terms of reference are:

- to advise the Minister of Works and Development on the policies and priorities to be adopted in developing the scheme
- to formulate general guidelines for the selection design and implementation of particular projects within the overall scheme
- to advise on the training and employment potential of the scheme
- to recommend opportunities for research arising from the scheme
- to communicate with individuals, agencies and interest groups which may be able to contribute or participate in the scheme

The Advisory Committee consists of:

Mr F M Warren, Christchurch, Chairman; V Duncan, Hunterville; Mr J E Keaney, Rotorua, Municipal Association of NZ Counties; Mr D J Imray, Wellington, Employment Division, Dept of Labour; Mr D J Liddle, Waikanae, President NZ Nurserymen's Association; Mr B D Chamberlin, Wellington, Federated Farmers of NZ Inc; Mr K E Davidson, Wellington, Queen Elizabeth II National Trust; Mr F G M Parkinson, Palmerston North, National Roads Board; Mr P F Reynolds, Wellington, Assistant Commissioner of Works.

The scheme was funded by Government in June and since then the Committee has approved about 120 projects throughout New Zealand.

The District offices of the Ministry of Works and Development process the applications. Any person, organisation, committee, local body, or Government Department can submit schemes for consideration. The District Landscape Architect with the Ministry of Works and Development will give advice or assistance with any applications.

TRUST BROCHURE

The Trust has published a special brochure designed to give lawyers, other professional advisers, and their clients, an outline of the Trust and its activities. The brochure specifically outlines bequests and gifts, and discusses membership, open space covenants, and other Trust activities.

The brochure was sent to every law firm in the country and has been received most favourably.

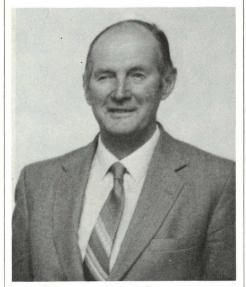


THE LATE MAX SOMERVILLE

Max Somerville, OBE, of Te Kuiti was the Counties Association representative on the Board of Directors. He died suddenly late in July, and his passing has left a major gap in the Trust's ranks.

Max was tremendously interested in the Trust's work, and was a personal friend of the Directors and staff. He willingly gave of his time and effort to ensure the Trust's success. He was a member of the Executive Committee and the Education and Research Sub-Committee, and frequently on behalf of the Trust spoke to local groups and worked with landowners and local authorities.

The Chairman, Mr Gandar, the Deputy Chairman, Mr Stephenson and Mrs Stephenson, the Executive Officer, Mr Thorpe, and the regional representative, Mr Turley, at-



Max Somerville. Photo: National Publicity Studios.

tended Mr Somerville's funeral, held in the Te Kuiti Civic Centre. The Chairman spoke on Mr Somerville's involvement with the Trust.

The Minister of Lands has now asked the Counties Association to nominate a new representative.

TRUST BOARD MEETING IN CHRISTCHURCH AND EXECUTIVE INSPECTIONS

In August the Board met in Christchurch. A tour of Banks Peninsula, organised by Dr Ian Blair and Professor Peter McKelvey, gave the members a valuable opportunity to look at the covenants in the area. These range from tussock grasslands to bush, to rock formations.

The Board also visited Lincoln College, to look at the Trust's demonstration farm project, initiated by the Deputy Chairman, Mr Gordon Stephenson.

There was also a public meeting held for covenantors, members and interested people. Although not a large turnout, this gave the opportunity for the Chairman, staff and Dr Ian Blair to discuss the work of the Trust around New Zealand and in Canterbury in particular.

REVEGETATION MANUAL

Over half of the 5000 Revegetation Manuals have been sold. This response has been greater than the Trust anticipated, and favourable reviews have been received from a wide range of publications throughout the country.

Some schools are using the manual as a text book, which indicates the need for this kind of practical guide for the layperson.

Copies are still available to members at the special price of \$7.95.

Totty Covenant, Ashburton

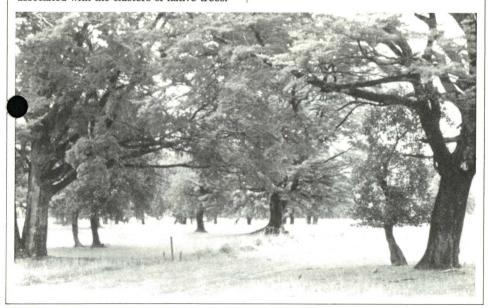
This 183 hectare property is situated on the Canterbury Plains between the Ashburton and Rakaia Rivers, and within two kilometres of Alford Forest on the Canterbury foothills. The farm is all flat, and is intensively managed as a high performance sheep-only unit.

A parklike appearance has been retained ver much of the property because of solitary and clumps of native trees. Within this, a covenanted area of 80 hectares covers the part of the farm with the highest concentration of solitary trees and patches of mixed bush which in many cases are fenced. The solitary trees are mainly black and mountain beech, with specimens of broadleaf, cabbage trees, lancewood, and pokaka. The clumps of trees contain these and other speices, including kahikatea and other more palatable shrub and tree species. Mr and Mrs Totty's reasons for covenanting the area are to protect the native flora and fauna, and to preserve the parklike effect associated with the clusters of native trees.

As such, the parkland probably will not be self perpetuating, so the covenant has been taken at present for a term of only 60 years (most covenants are in perpetuity). A land-scape architect has been retained by the Totty's to advise on replacement and further plantings to supplement the existing vegetation.

For Mr and Mrs Totty, such a covenant presents problems for management — cattle are excluded, at the heavier stocking rates sheep can do damage to some trees especially in the winter, and the individual trees are susceptible to cold damage and wind throw so there can be considerable cleaning up to do at times.

However, the trees provide stock shelter and cause breaks in the snow cover allowing grazing to continue. Also in retaining such an attractive and uncommon landscape Mr and Mrs Totty provide a feature appreciated by visitors to their property.



REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

The following are the Regional Representatives employed by the Trust to help with field work, such as the assessment of land for open space covenants, in the regions:

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Paihia

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Wellington

K. E. Davidson Ph. 694.862 Wellington

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The Ward sisters of Raglan signing their open space covenant.



OPEN SPACE COVENANTS

Since the last Newsletter (March 1983) the following open space covenants have been registered and are now legally in force. Unless noted herwise they all cover areas native bush.

NORTH AUCKLAND LAND DISTRICT

Phyn, G.C. and R.M., Tangiterioria, 14.8 ha.

Anderson, B.S. & H.B., Waihue, North Dargaville, 4.42 ha.

Ross, D.M., Parua Bay, 8.9 ha.

Mansell, R.J., Kaukapakapa, 8 ha.

Flower, A.R., Maungataroto, 4 ha.

SOUTH AUCKLAND LAND DISTRICT

Cowan, J.L. Estate, Rewarewa, 11.5 ha. Ward, D.C.M., N.L.M., M.V.R., Raglan, 31.9 ha.

Ward, D.C.M., Raglan, 25 ha.

Gray, V.M. & J.S., Matata, 92.68 ha.

Gardland, R.V. and R.E., Cambridge, 12.11 ha.

Mortimer, J.B., Waitetuna, 36 ha.

Savory, J.C., Matata, 28.28 ha.

NELSON LAND DISTRICT

Matuku Farms, Takaka, 5 ha.

CANTERBURY LAND DISTRICT

Ahuriri Farm Ltd, Taitapu, 63 ha.

Totty, A.B., Staveley, 79 ha.

WELLINGTON LAND DISTRICT

Collyns, J.P., Paekakariki, 8.4 ha. (Caveated)

White, J.A. & R.P., Kimbolton, 18.9 ha.

Wilson, J.A. (Ngaoiti Farm), Sanson, 6.4 ha.

HAWKES BAY LAND DISTRICT

Gallen, R.B. and Lattey, P.B., Tutira, 11.65 ha.

Talbot, H.J., Ongaonga, 275 ha. (Whole farm covenant with scattered totaras)

SOUTHLAND LAND DISTRICT

Wadworth, W.H., Winton 4.2 ha.

TRUST MEMBERSHIP

Since the last Newsletter was published in March the membership of the Trust has almost doubled and now stands at 430. The recent election of two members to the Trust Board, and an increased publicity programme have helped to achieve this figure.

The present membership is as follows:

Ordinary Members	304
Corporate Members	20

Corporate Special	32
Life Members	34
Junior Members	11
Covenant Life Membership	
Total	430

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NEW ZEALAND'S FORESTS

"No parks and reserves in a district is one thing; but to have no remnants of native vegetation at all in the neighbourhood — no manuka for honey or beansticks, no beech trees or tussock or whatever — no sights, smells or sounds to engender a sense of belonging to the New Zealand biophysical environment — that seems to me thoroughly bad".

Geoff Kelly in "Conservation — a Biologists Viewpoint." Key paper at Land Use Seminar; *Preservation and Recreation*, Dunedin, 8-10 February 1980.

Land Use Advisory Council, and Environmental Council.