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Donna **FIELD**

I am currently your elected member to the QEII board, and thoroughly enjoy the challenges of being a director representing the covenant owners.

I am standing for a further term and consider my strengths as having a strong voice for the covenantor, particularly regarding the importance of support for weed and pest control, succession for covenants and encouragement for new owners.

My strengths are collaboration, motivation, and a passion for conservation. I am committed to demonstrating responsibility and integrity with all decision making.

I recognise the importance of people in privately protected land space and highly value our reps input into covenant management.

Coming from a background in resource management and having a strong interest in the conservation of plants, ecosystems, and landscapes I admire the input that QEII covenants have on ecosystem protection in perpetuity and will continue to be an advocate for this type of conservation model.

As a director of Cleardale a 1400-hectare sheep and beef property in Rakaia Gorge, Canterbury, and Co-Chair of the Whitcombe Landcare group I have extensive experience at sourcing, allocating and governing funds, weed and pest control, and ensuring the protection of vulnerable ecosystems.

We have two covenants on our property.

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Murray **McKEE**

Murray and his wife Juliet are the committed stewards of a 3ha covenant located a few minutes from Greytown in the Wairarapa. Their covenant protects a rare remnant of the great kahikatea/pukatea lowland forest that once extended south to Wairarapa moana.

Murray has a long association with conservation. He served two terms on the NZ Conservation Authority and also served on both the Tongariro/Taupo and West Coast Conservation Boards. He was a founding trustee of the NZ National Parks and Conservation Foundation and is currently a director of the Pukaha/Mt Bruce National Wildlife Centre. He volunteers a morning a week with a group restoring a degraded DOC wetland reserve.

Murray's work experience included senior management and governance roles in the oil and gas, coal, gold and emergency services industries and latterly, rural property management on his own account.

NZ's public conservation lands protect much but not all, of our indigenous biodiversity. Murray considers that the best gains to biodiversity conservation in future will be made through a progressive expansion of the Open Space covenant network on private lands. Murray offers his extensive conservation experience and proven understanding of good governance in tackling this challenge.

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Graham **MOURIE**

Having completed his first term as a QEII director Graham is seeking re-election.

One of his focuses has been to seek to improve the financial sustainability of QEII in the face of increasing demand for Covenanting while ensuring the maintenance of existing services. He currently chairs the QEII Audit, Risk and Investment committee.

Like many Trust members, Graham has a farming background, raised in Coastal Taranaki under the guidance of a tree planting grandfather and trout-fishing father, both with strong environmental consciences. He established his first QEII covenant on the family farm in the 1980s. Early adopters of riparian planting and pest management, his current farm partnership was a Taranaki regional Farm Environmental award recipient in 2012.

A sound strategic thinker, Graham has proven ability as part of successful teams. A Trustee of the Rugby Foundation and The Graeme Dingle Foundation Wellington, he is a former director of New Zealand Rugby and the World Rugby Board where he chaired the Rugby Committee.

Graham is currently Executive Director in charge of farming for Southern Pastures, an institutional dairy fund – check out their Environmental practices <https://southernpastures.co.nz/10-star-standard/>

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