



# **Annual Report 2022**



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## Message from the Chair

### Gillian Bishop



Nau mai ngā hua Nau mai ngā pai Nau mai kia nui Kia Hāwere ai

Welcome all things that have grown Welcome all things that are good May they be plentiful and abundant. Tasman Environmental Trust (TET) has had another very successful and pleasing year. Last year saw the commencement of several significant projects in terms of scope and budget. This year has shown TET can deliver on project goals, despite the barriers associated with managing Covid constraints and the impacts of storms. Restoring The Moutere, a collaborative project that is working with landowners to plant 270,000 trees over three years, has exceeded agreed milestones for both planting and fencing, all thanks to landowner contributions and enthusiasm.

Some projects are in full flight, some still in development phase, and others are focussing on maintenance. TET Hub services take responsibility for ensuring conservation work is supported at all stages with funding and personnel. TET's work to connect people to nature conservation in their communities is a long-term commitment. It's not good enough to plant now and walk away, if we are to achieve our vision of "healthy diverse ecosystems woven through the landscape."

Sustained conservation effort is needed to realise the gains we are seeking, and this means engaging with communities in a way that brings them along with the mahi at all stages.

TET is well supported by the trustees, who have provided strategic guidance throughout the year. We were sorry to farewell Gavin O'Donnell from his role as Federated Farmers representative and deputy-Chair. Gavin had a long history with the Trust and has been an active and enthusiastic. member of the Board. Thank you to the Trustees and also to our funders who make this all possible.

The TET management team and the project leaders are exceptional in their passion for the mahi and the results achieved. The number of projects and community groups being supported has increased and volunteer support is growing.

Working together with the community we know we can make a difference.

Ngā mihi nui Gillian



## **Supporting Community Conservation**



Healthy diverse ecosystems woven through the Nelson landscape.

To connect people with conservation in their communities

Tasman Environmental Trust's (TET) core purpose is the same today as it was when Martin Conway first established it 22 years ago – we are here to help look after Nelson-Tasman's distinctive natural environment. We are here to help protect and enhance valued ecosystems, including sites that are outside public conservation land, protecting these areas from degradation by pests, natural hazards and human use.

As the regional community conservation hub, we provide a welcoming umbrella for community groups, enabling them to focus on their mahi, while we take care of the red tape. We get out there and build partnerships so we can deliver landscape-scale restoration projects with land owners – both public and private. Our independence, responsiveness and relationship-focussed model enables us to support wherever there is a groundswell of community enthusiasm.

We are a national leader in community conservation and have proven what a successful community conservation hub can do.

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#### **Our focus for 2022-2025**

TET looks with excitement to the future of community conservation in the Nelson-Tasman region. The growing awareness in our communities of local conservation issues means that there are more and more people wanting to get involved and find ways to improve the health and biodiversity of their patch of paradise.

In line with the Biodiversity Strategy 2020 – 'Te Mana o te Taiao', the focus for TET for the next three years will be on supporting more community groups, individuals and projects that enhance biodiversity and provide naturebased solutions to climate change.

While we will always encourage and support positive community action, we will endeavour to shine a light on the ecosystems in our region that most need protection, restoration and enhancement and encourage community efforts.

We want as many people as possible out in their favourite local spots, whether it be a rippling riverside, calm inlet, farm or forest to get out there and connect with their neighbours to help restore our precious and threatened ecosystems.

With spade in hand, thermos full and welldirected mahi we can all enhance the Nelson Tasman region.

Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini.

Success is not the work of one, but the work of many



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Coordinate

Align with strategic

priorities

 Build collaborations Create wildlife corridors

Combine resources

Conservation action

plans Link projects

### **Evaluate**

- Incorporate science
- Best practice followed
- Quality assurance



#### Communicate

- Raise awareness
- Celebrate success
- Share information

  - School visits







- Project planning
- Financial management
  - Fundraising
- Volunteer recruitment
- Health and safety
  - Reporting



TET facilitates significant conservation outcomes through providing support to community groups, promoting collaborations, ensuring high quality work, and raising awareness through engagement, communication and education.

### In the last financial year we:

- submitted 18 funding applications
- managed the finances, budgets and plans for 20 groups and/or projects, and another 4 Cobb Mitigation Fund projects
- wrote 58 reports to funders
- highlighted 22 projects on our website .....
- presented at 6 public events
- organised 65 community planting/weeding events
- organised 17 school planting days
- produced 36 newsletter editions for 5 publications
- published 11 media articles
- ran 23 Board, committee and strategy meetings





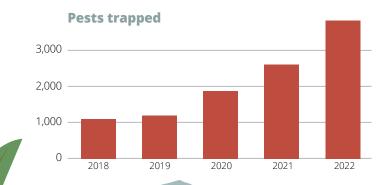




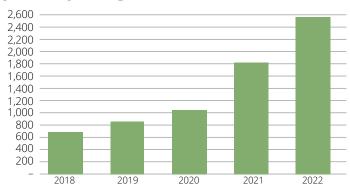
### **Increasing Environmental Outcomes**

### **Progression of TET's outputs**

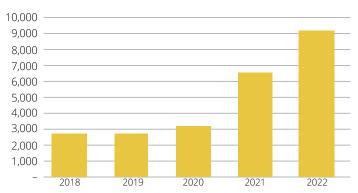
	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Traps as at 30 June	2,569	1,819	1,049	861	681
Number of pests trapped (by financial year)	3,860	2,687	1,089	1,215	1,084
Number of plants purchased and planted (by financial year)	175,757	201,689	31,451	11,662	1,557
Volunteer Hours (by financial year)	9,161	6,561	3,166	2,688	2,671



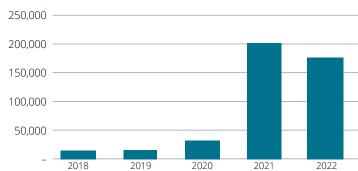
### **Traps actively managed**

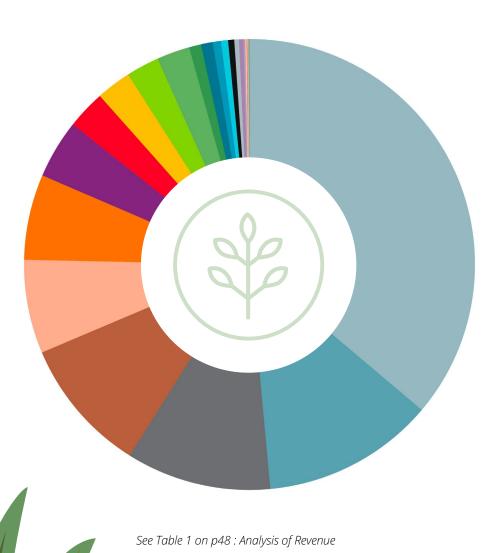


#### **Volunteer hours**



### **Plants planted**





### **Grant sources financial year 2021/22**

Te Uru Rākau – New Zealand Forest Service (MPI)	\$912,442
Ministry for the Environment	\$312,201
Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment	\$262,311
Predator Free 2050	\$244,547
Rata Foundation	\$169,340
Nelson City Council	\$154,566
Department of Conservation Community Fund	\$106,316
T-Gear	\$70,000
Tasman District Council	\$63,052
Hoku Foundation	\$59,972
General Donations	\$59,769
Fundraising and Sponsorship	\$21,947
Lottery Grants Board	\$20,893
Landowner Contributions	\$15,000
Jasmine Charitable Trust	\$12,541
NBS	\$11,189
HealthPost Nature Trust	\$8,496
Fonterra	\$7,948
Network Tasman Charitable Trust	\$3,420
Top of the South Community Foundation	\$2,000
Cobb Dam Mitigation Account	\$2,000
Golden Bay Community Trust	\$1,706
World Wildlife Fund	\$848
Community Trap Sales	\$835
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TET has a proven track record – having supported enduring and large-scale restoration projects in the Tasman region. As a conservation hub, TET brings together the collective resources of local communities, iwi, government agencies, funding bodies and other organisations to achieve community-driven outcomes.

## Some Highlights - Our Trust Manager's Report



It's been another fast-moving year with exciting new landscape-scale projects getting established, and more community groups joining the whānau. With an increasing number of projects and a growing team to support them, we have taken time this year to make sure we are strong at the core.

We ran a series of team building workshops to reflect on our purpose and articulate our underlying values. We had input from project managers, staff, and board members to ensure we are reflecting the whole organisation. The process culminated in the following set of values:

Care for each other and the environment (Manakitanga) – We show respect, generosity and care for each other and the environment. Through our actions, we aim to strengthen the life force, resilience, and integrity of ecosystems, including the people that are a part of those. We aim to tread lightly and enhance the natural environment.

**Collaboration (Whanaungatanga)** – We develop enduring relationships through shared experiences and a sense of common purpose. We are Treaty/ Tiriti allies for Te Taiao. We are approachable, fun, and inclusive. We embrace diversity and deal with differences and conflict constructively, as opportunities to grow and learn.

Being honourable (Ngākau Tapatahi) – We are trustworthy and transparent. We show integrity and accountability with what we say and what we do. We create trust by being fair and honest in our interactions.

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**Supporting inspirational leadership** (Rangatiratanga) – We don't 'take over' – instead we support and amplify community action. We push boundaries and aim higher, whilst weaving communities together.

We focus on getting good work done for the environment – We will be both strategic and pragmatic so as to make a tangible difference. We are looking for the best solution, not just the easiest. We are professional, nimble and able to respond to emerging opportunities.

We aim for these values to underpin what we do – connect communities with conservation.

Ngā mihi nui Sky



Te Reo classes at Hoddy Estuary Park.



## Our Team



Trust Manager:
Sky Davies



Operations Manager:
Abby Boffa



Treasurer:
Kathryn Brownlie



Hub Administrator:
Marios Gavalas



Evaluation and Monitoring:

Craig Allen



Regional Predator Control Co-ordinator: Elaine Asquith



Communications:
Niki Morrell



Fundraising and
Sponsorship Coordinator: **Kat Heath** 

**Our Funders:** 











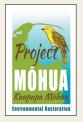


T-Gear Charitable Trust





## **Project Mohua**





Project Mohua Management
Group Coordinator:
Sukie Conley

**Project Mōhua** is a community led steering group in Mōhua/Golden Bay with the aim of supporting local community conservation groups and coordinating new initiatives to conserve and enhance biodiversity. The Project Mohua Management Group was established in June 2019 to take the initiative forward and manage the CMF application process on behalf of TET, the fund administrator.

The community is driving new initiatives, with weed control, riparian planting and communit engagement at the heart. Despite Covid restrictions and storms, Project Mōhua looks forward to welcoming new groups.

## Stream Care Golden Bay

### **Key Achievements:**

	2021-22	2020-21
Total plants (this financial year total)	7,497	4,540

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**Stream Care's** goal is to help create healthy streams and ecocorridors throughout Golden Bay, by providing landowners with access to subsidised native riparian plants. The participating landowners are committed to ensuring the success of their plantings by fencing riparian margins at a suitable width, and through appropriate site preparation, planting and ongoing maintenance.



Stream Care planting provides shade, decreasing water temperatures and increasing habitat for freshwater organisms

## **Cobb Mitigation Fund**

The **Cobb Mitigation Fund (CMF)** was established by Cobb Power Ltd (since transferred to Trust Power) to protect and enhance the freshwater, wetland and riparian areas of Golden Bay. Environmental initiatives which benefit the Cobb and Tākaka catchments (including Waikoropupū Springs) help mitigate some effects of the Cobb Power scheme.

This year the fund contributed to:

- Project Mōhua Stream Care
- Project De-Vine weed eradication for Tākaka Valley
- · Amenity and Restoration Planting for Golden Bay Cycle and Walkways Society
- · Manawhenua Ki Mōhua for Waitapu Restoration.

Cobb Mitigation Fund

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## Restoring the Moutere



Project Manager: Elliot Easton

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### **Key Achievements:**

- Plants: 103,198 (actual number of plants planted to YE June 2022)
- 126 landowners engaged in planting in the catchment
- · 51km of riparian fencing completed

Restoring the Moutere aims to achieve a catchment-scale restoration of native riparian ecosystems and wetlands and improve the water quality for the Moutere River and its' tributaries. With a \$1.9 million grant from Te Uru Rākau, One Billion Trees Fund, we have a target of 270,000 trees to be planted over 3 years (but it looks like we will far exceed this!). This is a massive collaborative effort and a 'once in a lifetime' opportunity for the catchment and local community.

Protecting current and future plantings along waterways in the Moutere Catchment is critical to plant survival and freshwater health. A major achievement this year, with funding from Kānoa Regional Economic Development and Investment

Unit, was to complete 51 km of fencing. This is far greater than the 35km allowed for by the funding. This was achieved with the support of so many engaged and passionate landowners, who were keen to contribute to the cost of the fencing to enable the grant funding to go further, also supporting more jobs for local fencing contractors.

Two further highlights from the 2022 planting season included the starting of the Te Mamaku re-vegetation project and engaging with all landowners on the water way connecting one of our most significant wetlands (Machine Gully) with the Moutere Inlet.



The perfect match – riparian fencing AND planting



Local landowners listen and learn on best practice for ensuring plant survival at a Jester House workshop





### **Key Metrics:**

	2021-22*	2020-21
Total Traps in project area	511	216
Catches (annual figure)	1084	416

\*2021-22 figures include traps on Jackett Island

**Kina Bird Song** is a trapping group focused on reducing the numbers of rats, mustelids and possum in the area between Thorpe's Bush and Kina Golf Club, including Kina and Jackett Island. And with a significant increase in trap catches in the last financial year they are making a difference!

The goal of Kina Bird Song is abundant native bird life and beautiful birdsong all around the Moutere Inlet. The project is well supported by passionate local trappers, the generosity of local donors and the Network Tasman Charitable Trust.



Jackett Island is a major focus for trapping

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## Wakapuaka Mouri



Project Manager: **Sophia Bisdee** 



### **Grant Funding** provided by:





### **Key Achievements:**

- Planted 14,967 native plants
- Eco-sourced native seeds collected for future plantings
- Predator control under way with 430 catches to end June 2022

Wakapuaka Mouri is aiming to plant 13 hectares with over 90,000 native plants, introduce predator control measures, remove weeds, manage invasive weed species, create an onsite nursery and install an access track.

In 2021-22, mapping of the entire project site has been completed and the majority of the project site has been fenced. Planting is ahead of target. Despite two large flooding events, the plantings have held up well and growth and survival rates are positive.

We can already see local bird life is benefiting. In May, a fernbird was seen on site, a positive indicator for the future efforts of the project.



TET's drone captured this image in October 2021 after the first season's planting



Volunteers attended a celebratory Matariki planting day, with hot soup and fire-side conviviality to follow.

## **Stephens Bay Wetland**



Project Coordinator: Helen Forsey

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### **Key Achievements:**

- Commenced construction of walking track linking the mountain bike park with Stephens Bay and Kaiteriteri
- · started weed removal, especially willows and large wildling pines
- 11 resident-managed traps installed
- signage produced to introduce the public to the importance of this area.

The **Stephens Bay Wetland**, with its regular fern bird and little blue penguin visitors, is a special addition to an already beautiful area. The restoration project aims to engage not only the local residents, but the wider community who visit the Kaiteriteri area.

The project started mid-2020 and has come a long way in a short time. From a weedy unknown wetland, it now has a well-used walking track, bordered by native plantings. A planting day was held with Brooklyn School in April, attended by the full school with 100 trees planted and environmental educational activities run by the senior students.



A flourishing raupo and flax thatch provides habitat for wetland bird species



### **Farmers for Whio**



Trapping Officer:
Barry Burger



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### **Key Achievements:**

	2021-22	2020-21
Total traps (cumulative total)	484	393
Catches (annual)	666	416
Volunteer hours trap building (annual)	136	101

**Farmers for Whio** has the goal of bringing whio back to the catchments of the Motueka River. Landowners and volunteers are managing trap lines to reduce stoat predation on vulnerable chicks.

The students of Ngatimoti School are great supporters of the project, helping to both build traps and check trap lines. Check out the stories page on the TET website to watch a **video** of the students sharing their trap building experience.

The 2021 breeding season was a tough one for whio in the catchment with flooding during the nesting period, however the project is optimistic for the 2022 season. Regular whio surveys show that overall numbers are on the increase. Human families swimming near the confluence with the Pokororo regularly see pairs navigating the rapids.



Whio sightings are becoming more common in the Motueka catchment – helped by the trapping efforts of the project and its amazing volunteers.

### **Rare & Threatened Plants**

Many species of lowland plants have become rare or endangered following the clearance of forests and drainage of wetlands associated with settlement. This project intends to ensure that seed from such species is collected from the closest known source, grown on in a local nursery specialising in native plants, and planted into suitable sites in legally protected areas such as QEII covenants, Council reserves and Crown land administered by DOC.

This project has been going for several years with a focus on new at risk species each year. This year, 52 plants of *Deyeuxia lacustris* were planted at Lake Sylvester, Cobb Valley. Seed of *Pimelea villosa*, *Pimelea ignota*, *Scutellaria novae zelandiae* and *Teucrium parvifolium* are growing nicely.



Sand daphne (*Pimelia villosa*) is one of the rare plants currently being propagated in our region

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## **Wasp Wipeout**



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TET provides fund management to **Wasp Wipeout**, a nation-wide initiative started in 2016 by Stuff and the Department of Conservation. The program removes common and German wasps from high priority sites where wasps are a significant threat to biodiversity, health and safety or recreation.

"As someone who loves hiking in our beautiful region and was stung so badly by a swarm this summer that I am now allergic (and have nearly needed to activate my PLB twice from stings), I am so glad and so grateful that you are doing this. THANK YOU I wish I could give more!")

- Anonymous public donation to the givealittle page in 2021/22

Thanks to our fantastic public donations and business supporters, Wasp Wipeout's network of bait stations expanded to 12,000 last summer, enabling the program to deliver 24,000 hectares of wasp control across seven regions of New Zealand.



**Installation of a wasp bait station**Credit: Stuff.co.nz

### **Battle for the Banded Rail**





Project Manager:
Kathryn Brownlie

Trapping Coordinator:
Tracey Murray



#### **Supporter Logos:**











### **Key Achievements:**

	2021-22	2020-21
Total traps in project area (cumulative total)	1,016	931
Catches (annual)	1,332	1,257
Plants	6,956	6,162
Volunteer hours (annual)	2,180	2,156
Maintenance Mornings	20	15
Community Planting Days	14	10
School planting/trap building days	10	4

**Battle for the Banded Rail** aims to increase estuarine birdlife by trapping predators and restoring habitat on the margins of the Waimea Inlet.

The project has a dedicated and passionate group of community volunteers who check and maintain traplines, attend planting mornings and weeding/plant maintenance events. The project also works with schools, clubs and business groups to undertake restoration activities around the inlet.





A comparison of planting sites at Hoddy Estuary Park. left: 2016; right: 2022

An encouraging trend over the last year or so is the increased number of banded rail sighting we have reported to us. This is just one of many reports: "On 11th April we had an outing to Rough Island, hoping to spot banded rail. We struck it lucky, seeing a rail dashing around, apparently catching crabs or similar on the salt marsh flats..... Later we saw a second bird dart across a gap close to the road. I managed to get photos which appear to show the adult bird catching something and then I speculate that it is taking it to a chick hidden in the rushes. Regards, Trevor Lewis"

## Waimea Inlet Restoration Partnership



Project Manager:
Julie Newell

#### **Supporters**









### **Key Achievements:**

	2021-22	2020-21
Total plants (this financial year total)	38,165	30,385
Planting days with businesses and partners	14	15
Volunteer hours	781	1,053

Habitat restoration efforts around the Waimea Inlet have been boosted by a grant from Te Uru Rākau – Ministry for Primary Industries, 1 Billion Trees Fund for \$1.09 million, over 3 years to undertake more planting. The funding grant significantly increases the areas of restoration, as it encompasses the planting and management of over 70,000 plants in partnership with Tasman District Council, Nelson City Council and DOC.

One of the highlights from this year has been the engagement with local community groups and education providers, including Rotary and Keep Richmond Beautiful. Another highlight was a collaboration with TDC and PF Olsen to plant over 17,000 natives on the South Coast of Rabbit Island.



Ready for another planting day!



A family planting trees on the edge of the Waimea Inlet

### Waimea Inlet Forum



Waimea Inlet Forum is a community based organisation that provides information about issues affecting Waimea Inlet and an opportunity for input. This year the Forum held 6 meetings. Close liaison with partners like Forest and Bird and dedicated volunteers, ensures the Waimea Inlet has a voice. Submissions to Councils and other organisations, placing recommendations to protect and improve the Inlet, are at the forefront of efforts. A key piece of work was providing updates to the Waimea Inlet Action Plan.



The serene waters of the Waimea Inlet are threatened from multiple pressures. The Waimea Inlet Forum ensures habitat has a voice

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## Māpua Dawn Chorus



### **Key Achievements:**

	2021-22	2020-21
Total traps (cumulative total)	270	216
Catches (annual)	485	418

The **Māpua Dawn Chorus** aims to achieve rat eradication through active trapping in one in every four backyards in the Māpua township. Households are supplied with humane rat traps at discounted prices and offered technical support, feedback, monitoring and motivation. The efforts of other environmental groups, like Māpua Wetlands, Tāne's Ark and Dominion Flats Restoration complement the efforts.

This year the Māpua Dawn Chorus has started running a monthly 'trap library' day. This is held at the Māpua wharf and is a chance for locals to see what traps are available, get some expert advice and borrow a trap to try out at home. The aim of this initiative is to give the community a place to get support for their trapping and to offer an opportunity to try out different traps to see which people are most comfortable with.



Trapping officer, Tracey Murray, at the first Māpua trap library day

## **Motupipi River Restoration**



Project Lead:
Annette Litherland

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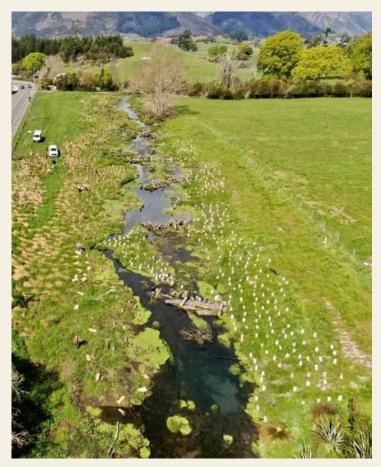






The Motupipi River is a small, spring-fed river that flows beside the township of Tākaka and out to the estuary. The river has a history of issues with willow, weeds and sediment degrading water quality. The project aims to improve the river's health by removing crack willows and weeds, constructing wetlands and lots and lots of planting.

Farmers have been planting the river for many years now, and with the support of the project have planted 90% of the riverbanks and an estimated 30% of the streams that flow into the main river. Plants include large podocarps such as kahikatea, totara, and pukatea, which will provide shading of the river in place of wilding willows. This will help to reduce sediment flows, reduce weed growth, elevate oxygen levels and increase the number of native fish.



'Fish Paradise' on the Motupipi River, constructed by TDC. Credit: TDC

## Farming 2030



Project Manager: **Debbie Pearson** 

Farming 2030 harnesses the vision and knowledge of the community, working with farm owners Wayne and Tyler Langford, to develop practical sustainable farming practices. In the process, it fosters a community that is better informed and unified. Funding grants from the Golden Bay Community Trust, Cobb Mitigation Fund and Ministry for Primary Industries are supporting this project.

Life on the farm has been very busy this year and so the project has been focused on soil testing. A highlight was hosting a planting day for shade and fodder as part of the permaculture plan.



A human chain unloads native plants ready for planting at a working bee

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### Weed Control Abel Tasman Southern Halo



### **Key Achievements:**

	2021-22
Hours of control work:	545
Properties where weeds are being managed:	28
Banana passion vines treated (juvenile and mature):	1,066
Old man's beard treated (juvenile and mature):	7,351

The aim of this project is to remove old man's beard, banana passion vine and Douglas fir weeds from properties in the Riwaka and Mārahau areas to provide a weed-free halo to the south of Abel Tasman National Park.

### **Supporter Logo:**



### **Nelson Tasman Climate Forum**





Coordinator: **Marlene Moreau** 





Áine Byrne

Communications: Volunteer, project and funding co-ordinator: **Christina Simkanin** 

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NetworkTasman CHARITABLE TRUST

The **Nelson Tasman Climate Forum** is a community-led initiative that aims to take action on climate change in the region.

The mission of the forum is to weave individuals, households, civil society organisations, businesses, councils and iwi together around urgent, strategic action on climate change in the Nelson Tasman region.

This year, the Forum:

- · held monthly meetings on different themes, some of which were accompanied by guest speakers including Mike Joy and Max Rashbrooke
- fostered and built relationships with a wide range of stakeholders, including partnership organisations such as Mission Zero, Nelson Tasman 2050 and the Nelson Biodiversity Forum.
- · Currently, there are 8 active groups working on different thematics (waste, energy, transport), and 13 climate action projects (Repair Cafe, Social Marketing Campaign, Earth Emotion Exhibition)

hosted its first Climate Action Week, dedicated to climate change and adaptation, with scheduled events focused on action, workshops, talks and movies. These helped people locally and nationally to become aware of our emissions reductions goals and the importance of the **Emissions Reduction** Plan, and to weave the community together.



Sustainable Māpua art work by local school children

An estimated 500 people registered for and attended the events

- hosted the second student art expo
- further developed the website, with a very high viewership of some of the videos of speakers to the Forum.

### **Motueka Catchment Collective**



The **Motueka Catchment Collective** was initiated in 2020 with a strong desire to weave the communities in the Motueka catchment together, ensuring the wellbeing of the freshwater system and connected environment.

This year, the Collective organised 8 community workshops/meetings, looking at important issues affecting the awa and brought together experts to formulate approaches to catchment management. All this work culminated in a funding application to build on the Collective's aims.

With greater engagement of sub-catchment residents and land owners, the diversity of priorities can be brought together to inform best practices with the health of freshwater first and foremost.



Volunteers celebrate following the replanting of a flood-damaged riverside area. A community pot-luck exchanged spades for forks afterwards.



Spring time on the Motueka River

## Core and Restore Blue Carbon Project



Project Manager: Lauren Walker

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**This project** is all about the whole community coming together to take action on climate change. It brings together a diverse range of collaborative partners from across Te Tauihu to measure how much carbon is stored in blue carbon habitats in the region, and to protect and restore them. Saltmarsh plants growing around the edges of estuaries, and seagrasses growing further out in the estuaries are powerful 'blue carbon sinks', sucking up carbon dioxide from the air and storing it in their roots and branches and the sediment around them.

Our pilot project team including key partners Cawthron Institute, Beca, Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō, Nelson City Council alongside key supporters Manawhenua ki Mōhua, HealthPost Nature Trust and the Department of Conservation, has taken the first blue carbon measurements in Te Tauihu at Waimeha Inlet and Farewell Spit. The team has developed a draft field protocol that we hope will provide a template for culturally appropriate, scientifically robust, community-based blue carbon measurement around Aotearoa New Zealand. The project was included as a case study in the inaugural Aotearoa New Zealand Emissions Reduction Plan.



Core sampling in the saltmarsh habitat in the Waimeha/Waimea Inlet. Further samples were taken at in the seagrass habitat at Onetahua/ Farewell Spit.

Credit: Andrew McDonald

A series of three **videos** were produced to tell people about the project and generate further support.



Project Lead: Brian Alder



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**Pest Free Onetahua** is a partnership between Manawhenua ki Mōhua and TET for a pest eradication programme on Farewell Spit.

Highlights this year have included working with community partners to craft a shared vision for the restoration of Onetahua, of which the pest eradication forms part. The goal is to eradicate pigs, possums, stoats and rats with the outcome of increasing biodiversity and, in particular, provide a safe habitat for the return of nesting seabirds and improved habitat for waders.

We have been talking with locals and partners about the proposed plans (and enjoying lots of cups of tea), taking on the aspirations and concerns of the community. This, combined with a feasibility study, is now being moved into the operational and planning phase.

We look forward to appointing an operational team and getting stuck in.

"Imagine, as the sun sets, thousands— maybe millions—of birds streaming in off the sea to their nests at Onetahua Spit. That's what it used to be like – a raucous celebration of life. We can restore it. But first we need to get rid of the pests that ate their eggs..." Sky Davies, Manager, TET



Onetahua is the longest spit in the Southern Hemisphere Credit: Marios Gavalas



A welcome hui took place on a sunny spring morning at Onetahua



# Mārahau Halo Trapping Project



Project Lead: Chris Palzer

**Mārahau Halo Trapping Project** aims to create a pest-free halo around Abel Tasman National Park.

The project was started in 2020 by local conservationists, who have now placed around 150 traps around the Mārahau area, mostly on private land. Dehydrated rabbit and Pic's peanut butter are luring the pests to the DOC 150 and DOC 200 traps.

This is a great example of how TET's reach can link projects together to create a unified approach, advancing the frontlines of trapped areas. With community mahi and TET support the scale of trapped areas can be increased to reduce predator numbers and help the resident birds.



Local conservationists are increasing the density of traps around the Mārahau area

#### Supported by:



### Friends of Snowden's Bush



**Snowden's Bush** is a rare example of lowland podocarp forest, dominated by matai, titoki and totara. Friends of Snowden's bush have been planting, weeding and trapping to enhance the existing forest.

#### **Supporter Logos:**









Friends of Snowden's Bush aims to foster community engagement to continue protection and restoration



# Performance Report for the Year Ended 30 June 2022

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As at 30 June 2022

#### **Legal Name of Entity**

Tasman Environmental Trust

#### **Type of Entity and Legal Basis**

Charitable Trust and Registered Charity

#### **Entity's Purpose or Mission**

Our vision is healthy diverse ecosystems woven through the Nelson Tasman landscape. Our mission is to connect people to nature conservation in their communities.

#### **Entity's Structure**

Our Trust Deed states we must have between five and eleven Trustees. We currently have five Trustees that constitute our governance board. Staff employed to administer and promote the affairs of the Trust include a General Manager, Trust Administrator, Financial Manager, and a Fundraising Officer.

### Main Sources of the Entity's Cash and Resources

Funding was received from central government:
Te Uru Rākau – New Zealand Forest Service (MPI),
Ministry for the Environment, MBIE and DOC
Community Fund. Grants from other entities included
Predator Free 2050 Ltd, Rata Foundation, Nelson City
Council, Tasman District Council, Jasmine Charitable
Trust and Lottery Grants Board.

### Main Methods Used by the Entity to Raise Funds

Tasman Environmental Trust makes applications to organisations for grants. The majority of funding is by way of grants and donations. Agreements are in place for some provision of funding for specific services from the Tasman District Council.

## **Entity's Reliance on Volunteers and Donated Goods or Services**

Volunteers support us with our various activities throughout the year.

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Website www.tet.org.nz

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Location Richmond, Tasman

Auditor NMA Nelson
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PO Box 732,
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Banker NBS Richmond

Date of

**Establishment** 7 September 2000

#### **Trustees**

Gillian Bishop
Gavin O'Donnell (until 11 April 2022)
Murray Poulter
Christeen Mackenzie
Naomirose Aporo (until 16 August 2021)
Mirka Langford (until 21 February 2022)
Marian Milne
Tom Stein



### **Statement of Service Performance**

For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

#### **Description of the Entity's Outcomes**

Increase in effective habitat

Native plants and animals reach self-sustaining population densities

Increase in communities' participation in work to protect and enhance the environment

Increase in community understanding of environmental health issues

#### **Description and Quantification of the Entity's Outputs**

	2022	2021
Traps as at 30 June	2,569	1,819
Number of pests trapped for year	3,860	2,687
Number of plants purchased and planted for year	175,757	201,689
Volunteer Hours for year	9,161	6,561

	Notes	2022 \$	2021 \$
Revenue			
Donations, Fundraising and Other Similar Revenue Grants	1	151,716	51,856
Grants	1	2,371,623	2,287,999
Interest, Dividends and Other Investment Revenue	1	12,964	11,456
Total Revenue		2,536,303	2,351,311
Expenses			
Costs Related to Providing Goods or Services	2	2,192,272	2,231,995
Other Expenses	2	285,477	160,541
Total Expenses		2,477,749	2,392,536
Net Surplus/(Deficit)		58,554	(41,226)

# **Statement of Movements in Equity**

For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

	Notes	2022 \$	2021 \$
Opening Equity		393,216	434,442
Net Surplus/(Deficit)		58,554	(41,226)
Total Recognised Revenues & Expenses	-	58,554	(41,226)
Closing Equity	-	451,770	393,216

### **Statement of Financial Position**

As at 30 June 2022

	Notes	2022 \$	2021 \$
Current Assets			
Current Account		1,739	6,135
Savings Account		782,831	375,846
Cobb Dam Mitigation Fund		119,024	152,937
TET Term Deposit		300,000	600,000
Petty Cash Account		427	564
Accounts Receivable	3	23,000	402,942
Accrued Interest		524	595
GST Receivable		43,205	62,576
Total Current Assets		1,270,751	1,601,595
Current Liabilities			
Grants in advance	4	624,930	716,224
PAYE payable		3,465	-
Creditors and accrued expenses	5	190,586	492,155
Total Current Liabilities		818,981	1,208,379
Total Trust Equity	6	451,770	393,216

	Notes	2022 \$	2021 \$
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
Cash received from:			
Donations, Fundraising and Other Similar Revenue		151,716	51,856
Grants		2,660,271	2,325,309
Interest Received		13,036	11,878
Net GST		19,371	(61,430)
		2,844,394	2,327,613
Cash was applied to:			
Payments to Suppliers and Projects		2,775,855	1,950,357
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities		68,539	377,256
Cash Flow from Financing Activities			
Cash Flow from Financing Activities		(200,000)	05 201
Movement in Term Deposits		(300,000)	95,201
Net Cash Flow from Financing Activities		(300,000)	95,201
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash		368,539	282,055
Opening Cash Balance		535,482	253,427
Closing Cash Balance		904,021	535,482
Represented by:			
Current Account		1,739	6,135
Savings Account		782,831	375,846
Cobb Dam Mitigation Fund		119,024	152,937
Petty Cash Account		427	564
Net Cash Balance		904,021	535,482



#### **Reporting Entity**

Tasman Environmental Trust is governed by the trust deed dated 7 September 2000 and the Charitable Trusts Act 1957. The Trust is registered with the Charities Commission – Registration No. CC34055

#### **Basis of Preparation**

Tasman Environmental Trust has elected to apply PBE SFR-A (NFP) Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting – Accrual (Not-For-Profit) on the basis that it does not have public accountability and has total annual expenses equal to or less than \$2,000,000 in the preceeding two years. All transactions in the Performance Report are reported using accrual basis of accounting. The Performance Report is prepared under the assumption that the entity will continue to operate in the foreseeable future.

#### **Income Tax**

No provision for Income Tax has been made as Tasman Environmental Trust is approved by the Inland Revenue Department as a tax exempt charity and as a donee organisation.

#### **Unspent Tagged Grants**

Grant funding received is only recognised as income when any conditions attached to the funds received have been met. Any unspent at balance date are recorded as a current liability under Grants in Advance.

#### **Goods and Services Tax (GST)**

All revenue and expense transactions are recorded net of GST. Where applicable, all assets and liabilities have been stated net of GST with the exception of receivables and payables which are stated inclusive of GST.

# Tier 2 PBE Accounting Standards Applied

The Trust has not adopted any Tier 2 PBE Accounting Standards in the preparation of these accounts.

#### **Changes in Accounting Policies**

There have been no changes in accounting policies. All policies have been applied on a consistent basis.

### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

#### 1. Analysis of Revenue

	Notes	2022 \$	2021 \$
Donations, Fundraising and Other Similar Activities			
General Donations		129,769	51,856
Fundraising and Sponsorship		21,947	-
Total Donations		151,716	51,856
Grants			
BASF		-	10,000
Cobb Dam Mitigation Account		2,000	2,000
Community Trap Sales		835	133
Department of Conservation		-	104,547
Department of Conservation Community Fund		106,316	147,849
Fonterra		7,948	7,052
Golden Bay Community Trust		1,706	3,041
HealthPost Nature Trust		8,496	-
Hoku Foundation		59,972	-
Jasmine Charitable Trust		12,541	19,404
Landowner Contributions		15,000	-
Lottery Grants Board		20,893	14,683
MBIE		262,311	689,689
Ministry for the Environment		312,201	120,188

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### **Analysis of Revenue (continued)**

	Notes	2022 \$	2021 \$
NBS		11,189	-
Nelson City Council		154,566	63,029
Nelson Environment Centre		-	557
Network Tasman Charitable Trust		3,420	3,000
New World Motueka		-	3,000
Predator Free 2050		244,547	9,625
Rata Foundation		169,340	63,400
Tasman District Council		63,052	29,460
Te Uru Rākau – New Zealand Forest Service (MPI)		912,442	985,249
Thawley Orchard		-	313
Top of the South Community Foundation		2,000	-
World Wildlife Fund		848	11,780
Total Grants		2,371,623	2,287,999

### **Analysis of Revenue (continued)**

12 267	9,466
697	1,990
12,964	<u>11,456</u> 2,351,311

### 2. Analysis of Expenses

	Notes	2022 \$	2021 \$
Costs Related to Providing Goods or Services			
Project Costs			
Abel Tasman Weed Control Southern Halo		32,548	79,866
Battle for the Banded Rail		71,578	79,250
Check Clean Dry		20,000	-
Cobb Mitigation Fund Projects	8	32,533	53,237
Core & Restore		53,783	-

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### **Analysis of Expenses (continued)**

	Notes	2021 \$	2020 \$
Farmers for Whio		20,076	28,751
Farming 2030		1,791	44,016
Kina Bird Song		7,456	8,469
Kokorua Sandspit		900	3,024
Mapua Dawn Chorus		198	540
Marahau Halo		668	-
Motupipi Willow Eradication		13,877	40,050
Moutere Bird Song		1,319	-
Neimann Creek		2,191	10,896
Nelson Tasman Climate Forum		113,051	52,013
Pest Free Onetahua		244,557	9,625
Project Mohua Streamcare		12,828	11,475
Rare & Threatened Plants		420	-
Responsible Cat Management		-	2,374
Restoring the Moutere		540,789	643,229
Restoring the Moutere Fencing		262,323	689,689
Snowden's Bush		3,283	-
Stephens Bay Wetland Restoration		8,775	7,884
Waimea Inlet Forum		-	1,436
Waimea Inlet Restoration Partnership		369,819	305,549
Wakapuaka Mouri		337,201	120,188
Wasp Wipeout		40,308	40,433
Total Project Costs		2,192,272	2,231,995

### 2. Analysis of Expenses (continued)

	Notes	2022 \$	2021 \$
Trust Hub Expenses			
Accounting & Audit Fees		2,846	2,484
Animal & Pest Control (Regional Predator Control)		4,129	-
Bank Fees		55	108
Communications & Website Design		7,760	19,535
Cultural Liaison		5,233	-
Education & Professional Development		5,855	2,945
General Expenses		1,602	3,195
Health & Safety Costs		898	400
Insurance		2,302	1,572
IT Expenses		10,862	11,782
Monitoring & Reporting		25,594	-
Planning & Research		11,401	4,294
Printing, Stationery, Office Expenses		862	2,634
Rent		15,107	-
Trust Management Fees	9	233,774	193,492
Travel		2,874	4,310
Wages and salaries		32,023	-
Total Trust Hub Expenses before Project Support Recoveries		363,177	246,751
Hub Project Support Recoveries	10	(77,700)	(86,210)
Total Trust Hub Expenses		285,477	160,541
Total Costs Related to Providing Goods or Services		2,477,749	2,392,536

#### 3. Accounts Receivable

Accounts Receivable at year end is \$23,000 (2021: \$402,942). This was for services provided and invoiced in the financial year. The debtor was Tasman District Council. Payments were received after balance date.

#### 4. Grants in Advance

Unspent grants from grants received with conditions attached is \$624,930 (2021: \$716,224). The significant amounts are for:

- Restoring the Moutere (MPI \$329,793)
- Trust Management (Rata Foundation \$114,000, Hoku Foundation \$35,028)
- Abel Tasman Weed Control Southern Halo (DOC Community Fund \$35,205)

#### **5. Creditors and accrued expenses**

Creditors and accrued expenses at year end are \$190,586 (2021: \$492,155).

These are payments made for services during the year paid after balance date. The significant creditors are suppliers for Waimea Inlet Restoration Partnership (\$105,286), Pest Free Onetahua (\$34,240) and Trust Management costs (\$24,335).

### Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

#### **6. Accumulated Funds**

#### **This Year**

	Capital Contributed by Members	Accumulated Surpluses or Deficits	Reserves	Total
Opening Balance	-	393,216	-	393,216
Net Surplus/(Deficit)		58,554		58,554
Closing Balance	-	451,770	-	451,770

#### **Last Year**

	Capital Contributed by Members	Accumulated Surpluses or Deficits	Reserves	Total
Opening Balance	-	434,442	-	434,442
Net Surplus		(41,226)		(41,226)
Closing Balance	-	393,216	-	393,216

#### Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

#### 7. Events after Balance Date

There were no events that have occurred after balance date that would have a material impact on the Performance Report (2021: Nil).

#### 8. Cobb Mitigation Fund

\$269,357 was received in the 2016 financial year and \$200,000 in July 2004. The third and final payment is due in 2028.

The Trust Deed states "Cobb Power Limited has agreed to pay \$200,000 to the Tasman Environmental Trust upon the commencement of the resource consents for the Cobb Power Scheme, with two further payments of \$200,000 (CPI indexed to 2002 dollar values) to be made to the Trust 12 and 24 years following the initial payment".

#### **Analysis of Cobb Mitigation Fund Cashflow**

	2022 \$	2021 \$
Cobb Mitigation Fund Revenue		
Interest	697	1,990
Total Revenue	697	1,990
Cobb Mitigation Funded Project Costs		
Golden Bay Cycle & Walkway Society	2,733	1,875
Lower Takaka MU Pest Vine Control	4,000	16,000
Middle Takaka MU Pest Plant Control	20,000	20,000
Oxbow Restoration	-	13,362
Waitapu Restoration	3,800	-
TET Trust Management contribution	2,000	2,000
Total Cobb Mitigation Fund Expenses	32,533	53,237
Net Cash Flow	(31,836)	(51,247)

#### Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

#### 9. Trust Management

The Trust employs a Trust Manager,
Operations Manager, Trust Administrator,
Financial Manager, Monitoring & Evaluation
Coordinator, Regional Predator Control
Coordinator, Project Mohua Administrator,
Fundraising & Volunteer Support Coordinator
and a Communications Consultant.
The combined total for these roles is
approximately 3.5 FTE.

#### **10. Project Support Recoveries**

Funders are contributing to Trust Management Hub expenses as an agreed amount in project funding deeds.

The projects contributing include Restoring the Moutere (MPI \$25,000), Waimea Inlet Restoration Partnership (MPI \$18,000), Wakapuaka Mouri (MfE \$16,000), Nelson Tasman Climate Forum (\$6,000) and Battle for the Banded Rail (DOCCF \$5,232).

# **Independent Auditor's Report**

#### To the Beneficiaries of Tasman Environmental Trust

#### **Report on the Performance report**

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the performance report of Tasman Environmental Trust, which comprise the entity information, the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2022, the statement of service performance, the statement of financial performance, the statement of movements in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the performance report, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the performance report presents fairly, in all material respects:

- the entity information for the year then ended
- the service performance for the year then ended

• the financial position of Tasman Environmental Trust as at 30 June 2022 and its financial performance, and cash flows for the year then ended

in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting – Accrual (Not-For-Profit).

#### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit of the statement of financial performance, statement of financial position, statement of movements in equity, statement of cash flows, statement of accounting policies and notes to the performance report in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) (ISAs (NZ)), and the audit of the entity information and statement of service performance in accordance with the International Standard on Assurance Engagements (New Zealand) ISAE (NZ) 3000 (Revised).

Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Performance Report section of our report.

We are independent of the Trust in accordance with Professional and Ethical Standard 1 (Revised) Code of Ethics for Assurance Practitioners issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board and the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other than in our capacity as auditor we have no relationship with, or interests in, the Trust.

#### Other Information

The Trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2022.

Our opinion on the performance report does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of audit opinion or assurance conclusion thereon

In connection with our audit of the performance report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the performance report, or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### The Responsibility of the Trustees for the Performance Report

The Trustees are responsible on behalf of the entity for:

- (a) Identifying outcomes and outputs, and quantifying the outputs to the extent practicable, that are relevant, reliable, comparable, and understandable, to report in the statement of service performance.
- (b) the preparation and fair presentation of the performance report which comprises:
  - the entity information
  - the statement of service performance
  - · the statement of financial performance, statement of financial position, statement of movements in equity, statement of cash flows, statement of accounting policies and notes to the performance report

in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting – Accrual (Not-For-Profit) issued in New Zealand by the New Zealand Accounting Standards Board.

(c) for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the performance report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the performance report, the Trustees are responsible on behalf of the Trust for assessing the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the Trust or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### **Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of** the Performance Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the performance report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (NZ)

will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could be reasonably expected to influence the decisions of users taken on the basis of the performance report.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (NZ), we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the performance report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Trust's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the use of the going concern basis of accounting by the Trustees and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the performance report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Trust to cease to continue as a

Evaluate the overall presentation, structure, and content of the performance report, including the disclosures, and whether the performance report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

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#### **NMA Nelson Marlborough**

Audit Limited PO Box 732 Nelson 7040

14 October 2022



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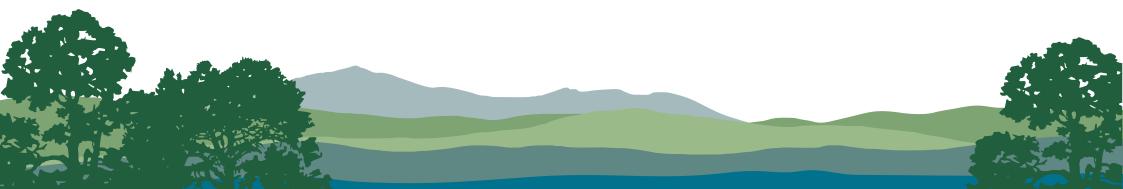












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