



FACT SHEET

1. Established in 2001

The Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust (BPCT) was formed in 2001 and is a registered charitable trust. It is a non-profit organisation set up to promote the conservation and enhancement of indigenous biodiversity and sustainable land management on Banks Peninsula. The Trust's work includes covenanting land, biodiversity workshops and field days, its *Landnotes* newsletter, weed control, and collaboration with landowners, agencies, and other community groups.

2. Vision

The Trust's **vision** is to create an environment in which the community value, protect, and care for the biodiversity, landscapes, and special character of Banks Peninsula.

3. Core activities are:

- a) **biodiversity protection/ enhancement** – conservation covenants with landholders
- b) **biodiversity monitoring** – ecological management plans for covenants
- c) **sustainable land management** – collaboration with landowners
- d) **community education** – e.g., newsletters, events, community workshops
- e) **restoration group** – weed management and some restoration planting
- f) **community partnerships** – working with other community groups and agencies
- g) **special community conservation projects** – e.g., the tui restoration project

4. Conservation covenant authority

The Trust was appointed a covenanting authority in 2003. This makes BPCT the first non-government organisation able to place covenants on to land titles since the QE II Trust began covenanting. The Trust is active in implementing covenants in partnership with landowners so that Banks Peninsula's significant biodiversity is protected in perpetuity.

5. Structure

Volunteer positions	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Trustees2. Finance Committee3. Conservation Covenants Committee4. Wildside Committee5. Various volunteer working groups, e.g., Tui Restoration Group, Bush Restoration Group, etc.
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6. Staff

Staff positions include a General Manager, Covenants Officer, Wildside Coordinator, and Finance Officer. Ecological work is a priority, particularly completing ecological management plans for covenants – professional ecologists are contracted by the Trust to undertake much of this work.

7. Reliance on volunteers

Much of what the Trust achieves is possible thanks to a large commitment of voluntary time from supporters.

8. Working together

We are committed to regular open Trustees Meetings, workshops, inter-agency collaborative projects, and community conservation events.

9. Funding / Donations

Our conservation work, including staff positions, is funded from a variety of sources, including government and local government funders, various charitable trusts, commercial sponsors, and donations from supportive members of the public. In 2015 BPCT will be launching a formal membership scheme catering to corporate, family, and individual members.

10. Professional services given by other organizations

The Trust is grateful for ongoing professional services provided by our corporate sponsors including Anderson Lloyd, Perception PR & Marketing Ltd., and Lincoln University.

11. Some results to date

	Indicator	Result
1.	Conservation covenants (signed and registered on land titles).	= 54 covenants
2.	Total of land area legally protected by covenants.	= 730 ha protected
3.	Conservation covenants in progress with active landowner engagement/ working in partnership.	= 12 totalling 600 ha
4.	Ecological surveys completed.	= 39
5.	Feral goat strategy/ partnership programme implemented with DOC, ECan & CCC. The programme is now considering the threat posed by feral deer and feral pigs.	= over 5000 feral goats controlled
6.	Two years planning, approval of Tui translocation proposal, pest management of 100 hectare core release area at Hinewai, release and monitoring through radio tracking for 4 months.	= 72 tui released in total in 2009 and 2010 = ongoing monitoring of tui population & predator control
7.	Newsletters (distributed twice per year throughout peninsula).	= 4,100 households
9.	Restoration Group weed control.	= regular events
10.	Community meetings and workshops e.g. Banks Peninsula Biodiversity Workshop.	= 2 - 3 per year
12.	Representation and stalls at Banks Peninsula A&P Shows	= 2 per year
13.	Joint publications include Introduction to the Trust, conservation covenants, Kaupapa Kereru, Tui Tucker, Action 10, War on Pests-weed and pest management strategy, Bush birds of Banks Peninsula, <i>Natural History of Banks Peninsula</i> (book by Hugh Wilson) and BPCT Celebrating Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust.	= 9
14.	Awarded a 2010 Ministry for the Environment Green Ribbon Award for "Protecting our biodiversity: for outstanding work with landowners to conserve biodiversity on private lands and efforts to establish a sustainable tui population on Banks Peninsula".	= Green Ribbon Award, 2010, presented by the Ministry for the Environment
15.	Predator control & habitat protection programme on the Wildside (south-eastern bays) managed by local community and agencies.	= 700 traps = 2900 ha protected = 7 organisations collaborating led by BPCT = 1304 population of white flippered penguin colony

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