



**ANNUAL REPORT 2016**  
Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust





Annual Report and Financial Statements for the  
12 months ended 31 March 2016.

This Annual Report will be presented to the Annual  
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Trust to be held on Tuesday 27 September.

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# OUR VISION

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To create an environment in which the community values, protects, and cares for the biodiversity, landscapes, and special character of Banks Peninsula.

## OUR TRUSTEES

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**Amy Carter** is a managing partner at public relations firm Perception PR & Marketing. Her communications and public relations experience includes work with some of New Zealand's iconic charitable organisations including Surf Life Saving New Zealand, Swimming New Zealand, and St John. Amy lives with her family at Taylor's Mistake and has been involved with the Trust since 2011.

**Mark Christensen (Chair)** is a natural resources lawyer, specialising in biodiversity issues. He became involved with the Trust when working on a Ministerial Advisory Committee on the protection of biodiversity on private land. Mark is a consultant to the World Conservation Union, and the Project Champion for the Sustainable Business Council's Business, Biodiversity, and Ecosystem Service Project.

**David Collins** has an MSc from what was the Joint Centre for Environmental Science (Canterbury and Lincoln universities) and works as a Resource Management Act hearings commissioner around the country. He has a lengthy record of local government service on the Peninsula, serving as chairman of the former Mt Herbert County Council and deputy mayor of the Banks Peninsula District Council. Over the last 20 years or so he has been steadily re-vegetating his 11acre property at the north end of Governors Bay, propagating all the plants.

**Francis Helps** is one of the founding members of the Trust. For 40 years he has been heavily involved with Little Penguin and Yellow-eyed Penguin conservation on the Peninsula including introduced mammalian predator control (since 1991), penguin nesting habitat management, penguin breeding, and supervising Massey, Lincoln, Waikato and overseas student penguin studies projects in Flea Bay. Francis currently runs a 600 hectare sheep and beef farm on the Peninsula in partnership with his son Daniel and is a shareholder/part owner of Banks Peninsula Track Ltd. Francis chairs the Trust's Covenants Committee.

**Philip Helps** resides in Port Levy. Married to Jane, they have jointly farmed their Port Levy property for in excess of 40 years. Other interest includes active involvement in a marine farming partnership. Philip's family has had a continuous association with the land as farmers on Banks Peninsula, dating back to the late 1830s. Philip is an active member within the Banks Peninsula branch of Federated Farmers.

**Ingrid Kerr** is a chartered accountant and the Financial Controller for C Lund and Son. She lives on Mt. Pleasant and enjoys a family holiday home in French Farm. Ingrid became a trustee in 2015.

**David Miller** lives in Decanter Bay, where he has owned his farm since 2001, and was one of the earliest covenantors with the Trust. David has a background in clinical psychology and public health. He has worked in these fields in many regions for the United Nations and as the Ombudsman for the World Health Organisation and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB, and Malaria, in Geneva.

**Rebecca Parish** is the Property Development Manager at Foodstuffs South Island. With a background in town planning, business, resource management, and governance. Rebecca divides her time between a home in Governors Bay and their 130 acre property on a ridge above Okains Bay. Rebecca chairs the Wildside Committee.

**Pam Richardson** farms in partnership with husband Ian and son Andrew a 710 hectare Banks Peninsula hill country property. In 2007 they won a Ballance Farm Environment Land and Life Award. Pam is a founding member of the Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust, Chairperson of the Akaroa Wairewa Community Board, a community member of the BP Zone Implementation Programme, as well as a member of the Goat Eradication Working Group & Banks Peninsula Pest Liaison Committee.

**Richard Simpson (Deputy Chair)** lives at Fishermans Bay on the eastern side of Banks Peninsula where he and his wife Jill farm 402 hectares, running beef cows and dairy replacements. They have Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust covenants totalling 76 hectares and have been involved with the Trust since its inception in 2001. Richard chairs the Trust's Finance Committee.

**Kate Whyte** lives with her family at Oashore in the southwest corner of the Peninsula, on a farm she has managed as a privately owned ecological restoration project since 2001. Kate has been actively involved in the Trust's work since its inception and is committed to ensuring it remains a community-led organisation.

## OUR STAFF

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**Maree Burnett** – General Manager

**Marie Haley** – Wildside Coordinator

**Marie Neal** – Covenants Officer

# REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

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The 2015/16 financial year has been another successful year which saw us launch our first ever members and supporters network. The support received from the community was double what we targeted in the first year demonstrating what high regard the Trust is held in.

Building on our Business Plan 2015 – 2019, we have, with the advice of a number of ecologists, drafted a Banks Peninsula Ecological Vision for 2050. To be formally launched in November 2016, this Ecological Vision is not just about the Trust's work – it represents a wider vision for the entire Peninsula including the urban part. We are confident that the Vision heralds a new and exciting period where the various agencies and community organisations working on conservation and sustainable land management on the Peninsula are able to collaborate and align our work towards shared goals.

The Trust's vision is "to create an environment in which the community values, protects, and cares for the biodiversity, landscapes and special character of Banks Peninsula." When we refer to Banks Peninsula it extends to the base of the Port Hills on the city side. We are only starting to involve landowners in this part of the city and we see huge opportunities to better link conservation and sustainable land management of the 'urban' city with the 'rural' Peninsula.

In general terms, the role of the Trust is to: Covenant areas of significant biodiversity and open space and assist landowners with the management of covenanted areas; and Provide leadership, education, and coordination of conservation and sustainable land management actions.

To fulfil these roles, the Business Plan sets out five key results areas:

- (a) Protecting biodiversity and open space by supporting collaborative relationships with landowners, providing covenants

for landowners, and providing practical assistance and advice for ongoing management of covenanted areas.

- (b) Facilitating the implementation of joint agency initiatives (e.g. City Council, Environment Canterbury, Department of Conservation etc.) in partnership with landowners and the local community.
- (c) Facilitating the implementation of the Wildside Project.
- (d) Providing education and information about the biodiversity and sustainable land management of Banks Peninsula and providing opportunities for the community to be actively involved in contributing to support biodiversity outcomes.
- (e) Operating an effective and efficient governance and management structure.

This report briefly comments on each of these goals and the various outcomes the Trust is seeking to achieve.

## **Protecting biodiversity and open space**

The Trust continues to have covenanting and support for Peninsula landowners as our core functions. The development of the Banks Peninsula Ecological Vision 2050 will allow us to become more strategic in our decisions about which areas to covenant and how we prioritise our support to landowners. It will mean that decisions about future covenanting activity are made against clearly defined criteria that are consistent with biodiversity priorities agreed with other agencies and embrace landscape scale considerations. Significantly better protection of biodiversity will be achieved through increased connectivity, consideration of representativeness of indigenous species and ecosystem types, and size of areas covenanted.

Effective management of our covenant and ecological information will be key to making

well-informed conservation management decisions. To achieve this, Vicinity Solutions have been working with us to build a database to manage all of the information associated with the covenanting process. Having readily accessible, accurate ecological information will allow us to take a more proactive and strategic approach in our covenanting work. We are very grateful to Vicinity Solutions for their support with this project.

This year we have been developing a covenant support programme that will see trained volunteers visit covenants to provide the landowners with advice and assistance on the management of weed and animal threats in their covenant. This programme is currently being field trialled and will be rolled out later in the year. We hope to have the capacity for each covenant to receive a visit two-yearly, with records from each visit being helping build a more comprehensive picture of how our covenants are changing over time.

### **Facilitating the implementation of joint agency initiatives, in partnership with landowners and the local community**

The Trust's Tui Project is one of our two 'flagship' conservation projects. The national population of tui has declined since human habitation of New Zealand, although exactly why this has occurred is not completely clear. It is probably due to a multitude of factors, including the introduction of mammalian predators, loss of habitat and food sources, and disease. The Peninsula is one area of the country that has seen a major reduction in tui population size. By the 1980s it is believed that there were no tui permanently residing on the Peninsula, although there were occasional sightings. A key factor in their disappearance was likely to have been the loss of 99% of native forest on the Peninsula.



*Banded tui "Emma" at feeder.  
Photo credit: Trevor Bedford.*

Tui releases in 2009 and 2010 were undertaken by an inter-agency collaboration with birds sourced from Maud Island in Marlborough Sounds. The original birds were fitted with bands for identification and transmitters for radio tracking and we have continued to run an active community monitoring programme.

Over the last year the tui population on Banks Peninsula has enjoyed both successes and losses, but the birds appear to be holding their own in both Akaroa and Okuti Valley. Monitoring work has been bolstered by 2014/15 summer scholar student Bryn Williams, followed by MSc student Vanessa Mander. Our regular monitoring work focuses on Akaroa and Okuti Valley but we continue to

receive reports from residents in other spots around the Peninsula. This project has attracted a very engaged following of tui watchers. In the last year sightings have been reported of three of the 2009 birds and seven of the 2010 birds. Twenty-one new birds have been banded this year. While the tui population appears to be healthy, more information is needed to state this with certainty. The expansion of the tui population both numerically and geographically is going to be slow progress – we still do not know to what extent the population will successfully establish itself on the Peninsula and with the urban part of Christchurch City. We are very fortunate to have a committed group of volunteers forming our Tui Committee and Laura Molles from Lincoln University providing scientific oversight of this work. The birds also benefit from the expert care of vet Susan Shannon when required.

The Trust continues to play an active role in several other inter-agency initiatives including the Banks Peninsula Pest Liaison Committee, the Goat Eradication Working Group, and Wildside Committee.



## **Facilitating the implementation of the Wildside Project**

The Wildside Project is an area of 13,500 ha on the Southeastern bays of Banks Peninsula. This landscape scale project involves collaboration of landowners, Christchurch City Council, Department of Conservation, Environment Canterbury, and the Trust for the protection of a variety of endemic, threatened, and iconic species. The Wildside covers a mixture of private rural farmland and private and public conservation reserves. The project focuses on habitat protection and large-scale predator control.

The project began for the protection of breeding sites of pelagic bird species such as the endemic white-flipped little blue penguin, the only titi (sooty shearwater) colony in Canterbury, and yellow-eyed penguin at their northern breeding range. Other iconic and threatened species include the

jewelled gecko, spotted skink, the Banks Peninsula tree weta and the Akaroa daisy (both found only on the Wildside).

Over 25 years the Wildside Project has grown from a small scale grassroots farmer-led conservation initiative to a nationally recognised conservation programme, that is restoring this living working landscape through predator control operations and the protection of forest habitat.

The Wildside has been strengthened by the Trust employing a Wildside Coordinator and the collaboration of engaged parties through the Wildside Committee. Outcomes have been set by representatives of the Wildside community. A strategic charter document has been created to assist in collaboration towards reaching outcomes and monitoring is undertaken to gauge if the Wildside is on track to achieve these goals.



*Winner best small trade exhibit  
at the Duvauchelle A&P Show*



Predator control data and reporting has been standardised and is collated at a central location. A Wildside map has been created to assist in management and to educate the community of the scale and impact of the Wildside Project. Funding support from the Department of Conservation's Community Fund to employ the Wildside Coordinator and corporate partnerships with Blacks Fasteners, Independent Line Services, and Akaroa Waterfront Motels contribute to the financial sustainability of this project.

### **The community are aware of and educated about the biodiversity and sustainable management of the Peninsula**

The Trust provides a platform to encourage rich debate and is aspiring to produce exciting outcomes that the community is happy to take ownership of. The agencies and organisations we are working with are willing to share information and provide assistance including funding to assist with conservation management on Banks Peninsula.

In the last year the Trust has delivered a wide variety of community engagement initiatives, including: community trapping workshop; Wildside school visits and biodiversity education projects in partnership with Enviro Schools and the Christchurch City Council's Education Unit; newsletters specific to our broader membership and supporter base, the Wildside community, and our covenantors; a presentation and field trip to the NZ Ecological Society conference; Wildside community celebration and Panama Reserve field trip; trade stands at the two Peninsula A&P shows and a presence at Onuku Marae on Waitangi Day; and our annual covenantors function with speaker Hugh Wilson.

A small, but very committed Restoration Group led by Annelies Pikelharing continues to 'weed bust' in a range of locations around the peninsula. Opportunities for our supporters and volunteers to become actively involved in our work will increase following the recruitment of a part-time Volunteer Coordinator, that we have been fortunate to secure funding for, thanks to the Rod

Donald Banks Peninsula Trust. Watch this space!

### **Operating an effective and efficient, well-funded organisation with sound governance and management practices**

The Trust is fortunate to have a strong and diverse group of trustees, almost all of whom are residents or landowners within the Banks Peninsula. This gives a strong 'local community led' ethos to the Trust, which we are jealous to maintain. I personally thank all the trustees for their commitment and hard work over this year.

Maree Burnett, the Trust's General Manager, continues to do an excellent job. Her enthusiasm, skills and capacity for sheer hard work is impressive and she is at the forefront of developing collaborative relationships with members, supporters, sponsors and agencies. Her leadership in developing the Banks Peninsula Ecological Vision has been particularly important.

Marie Haley, our Wildside Officer, continues to do an excellent job coordinating the Wildside Project. This project is recognised nationally as a leading example of 'grassroots' conservation in practise in a rural productive environment. Much of that is a result of Marie's enthusiasm and supportive and respectful relationships with landowners. Marie's salary (part time) is funded from the Department of Conservation's Community Fund, which has one more year to run.

Our Covenants Officer, Marie Neal, has also continued her hard work on streamlining covenanting processes, and her enthusiasm with assisting landowners through the process is exemplary. Building on the work of previous covenant officers, Marie has the bragging rights to have passed the 1000 ha under covenant mark!

The audited financial statements are provided separately. I am pleased to report that we have managed our limited finances prudently. Thanks particularly to the Trust's Finance Committee of Ingrid Kerr and Richard Simpson. Building the financial resilience of the Trust is a priority and we



*Photo: Trustees Amy Carter and Kate Whyte enjoying our Foundation Sponsors Launch cruise with Black Cat in Lyttelton Harbour.*

are pleased to have launched our membership and donor scheme to contribute to this.

Forging lasting partnerships with commercial supporters is also critical and this year we have established a structured sponsorship programme. We continue to be grateful for the support of foundation sponsors Anderson Lloyd, Perception PR & Marketing, Lyttelton Port of Christchurch, and Lincoln University. We were delighted to acknowledge their support during our Foundation Sponsors launch cruise on Lyttelton Harbour with Black Cat late last year.

Gold sponsor Independent Line Services continues to provide support for the Wildside and we are delighted to welcome new Wildside supporter Blacks Fasteners as a gold sponsor. We are also pleased to have Akaroa Waterfront Motels supporting the Wildside Programme as a silver sponsor, and Black Cat, Farmlands, and Frontiers Abroad joining our newly introduced corporate membership category.

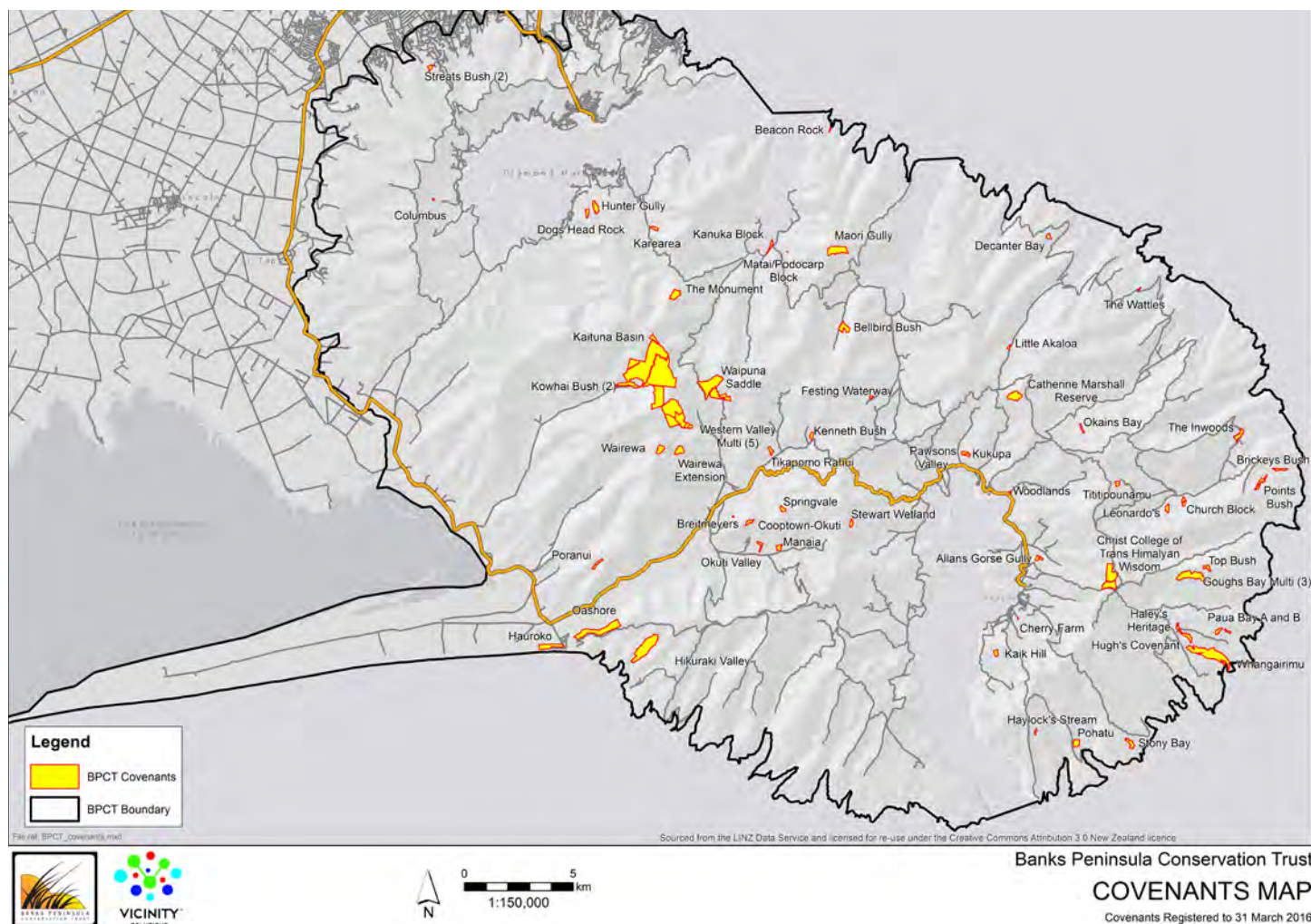
The continued financial support for our activities from the Rata Foundation, Christchurch City Council, Environment Canterbury, Department of Conservation, and the Rod Donald Banks Peninsula Trust is critical to our success and continues to be received with thanks.

To our other donors and supporters of our work, we thank you. The Trust's strength remains the Banks Peninsula community and its landowners. As always, our final thanks must go to those covenanting landowners who engage with the Trust to protect parts of their property for the future benefit of New Zealanders.

Mark Christensen  
Chair



# COVENANTS



The Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust works with landowners to legally protect important biodiversity and landscape values in perpetuity through the covenanting process. A covenant is a powerful legal mechanism for protection that requires current and all future landowners to manage the land for conservation purposes. Establishment of a covenant includes fencing the area, ecological survey, land survey, and undertaking the legal requirements to register the covenant on the land title. Landowners retain full ownership of their covenant and manage it

with advice from the Trust provided through an ecological management plan developed for each covenant.

As at 31 March 2016 the Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust has 58 covenants that provide legal protection for 1,088 ha of land.

Kaituna Basin, Catherine Marshall Reserve, and Streat's Bush are three special places that landowners have protected with Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust covenants this year.

## Kaituna Basin – Te Ara Pātiki



Set in the head of Kaituna Valley, this covenant is a jewel in the crown of over 700 hectares of neighbouring protected native forest habitat. The covenant lies just below the back Peak of Mount Herbert –Te Ahu Pātiki’, the highest point on Banks Peninsula (919m). Two Department of Conservation reserves share boundaries with Kaituna Basin; Mount Herbert Scenic Reserve and the smaller Kaituna Spur Scenic Reserve. Several other Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust covenants are in the area; Kowhai Bush (a joint covenant with neighbours Karen and Denis DePass), Waipuna Saddle, The Monument, and Western Valley Multi are close by along the top ridge. The covenant includes most of Vicky and Chris Parr’s property and is the largest area yet covenanted by the Trust at 334 hectares. The covenant also protects the springs from which the Kaituna River originates.

Hugh Wilson identified Kaituna Basin as an important bush remnant well worthy of protection, designating several Recommended Areas for Protection within it in 1992. He noted connectivity

of this general area would contain the best assemblage of subalpine flora on Banks Peninsula and showcase the survival and regeneration of all four common Peninsula podocarps. The presence of so many large thin bark tōtara, lowland tōtara, kahikatea, and matai are an outstanding feature of this covenant. One stand containing many trees is centuries old, having escaped burning and large-scale forest clearance by Maori and European settlers.

The area is both ecologically and geographically diverse. As well as containing mature hardwoods, there are excellent examples of regenerating shrubland, bush, open grassland, and montane rock communities. Many endemic plant species are present. Several native and uncommon invertebrates, lizards, and birds live here, including breeding populations of NZ falcon high up in the rocky crags.

Te Ara Pātiki literally means ‘The flounder path’. Kaituna Valley was a traditional access and trading route for Ngāi Tahu travelling from Koukourarata / Port Levy to the great māhinga kai of Te Waihora/ Lake Ellesmere. The other publicly accessible Monument walking track leads past the homestead through the middle of the property and up to the summit ridge. Walkers are welcome with no prior notice required.

This Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust covenant has been possible thanks to funding support from Environment Canterbury, the Department of Conservation, and WWF.

*Photo credit: Kit Grigg.*

## Catherine Marshall Reserve (Duvauchelle Peak)

This covenant sits at the head of Pipers Valley high on Duvauchelle Peak (700m) below the summit overlooking Akaroa harbour. Evan and Vivienne Marshall are the proud owners of this 20 hectare property which has impressive rocky outcrops and boulderfields. Hugh Wilson assigned it

a Recommended Area for Protection in the Protected Natural Areas Programme in 1992. It contains a mixture of thin-bark tōtara, mixed hardwood forest, broadleaved forest, montane mixed shrubland, pasture patches, and a healthy snow tussock population.



There is an outstanding abundance of epiphytes, beautiful stands of ribbonwood and mountain holly, narrow leaved spaniards, snow tussocks, goblin moss, pygmy mat daisy and native clematis species amongst other less common native filmy ferns, and the rare soft tree fern (*Cyathea smithii*). Two threatened species are present; Banks Peninsula koromiko (*Hebe strictissima*) and bloodwood (*Coprosma wallii*).

Nearby are the Department of Conservation's Hays and Otepatotu Scenic Reserves, plus several other private covenants. Improved connectivity across the landscape encourages the spread and regeneration of native biodiversity through seed and pollen dispersal by birds and invertebrates. Remnants like the Catherine Marshall Reserve covenant with its healthy population of divaricating shrubs are particularly important reservoirs for invertebrate biodiversity.



Covenanting of this area has been supported with funds from the Department of Conservation and Environment Canterbury. The fencing work has resulted in protection for both the biodiversity found here and the community water supply from Pipers Stream.

*Photo credit: Kit Grigg.*

### **Streat's Bush**

This three hectare joint covenant belonging to neighbours Don Cameron and Hamish Love is one of the Trust's most urban. Situated in Cashmere, it reaches between Pentre Terrace and the valley below, near Cracroft. It is a revegetation project consisting of planted forest on a west-facing hillside. There are small waterways and several massive rock outcrops.

Over time, the tree Lucerne (planted as shelter), gorse, and broom will gradually disappear, as they are out-competed for light, nutrients and water by the establishing natives. As the bush regenerates it will become increasingly attractive to birds such as kereru, bellbirds and tui, which will increase seed dispersal helping to speed up the establishment cycle. Species present include ngaio, narrow-leaved lacebark, lowland ribbonwood, kanuka, kohuhu, karamu, shining karamu, tarata, cabbage tree, broadleaf, akeake, kowhai, akiraho, mahoe,



totara, *Pittosporum ralphii*, *Olearia avicenniifolia*, *Coprosma virescens*, koromiko, harakeke and wharariki flaxes.

Streat's Bush covenant was supported with funds from Environment Canterbury.

*Photo credit: Brooke Turner.*



# WILDSIDE PROJECT

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The Wildside is a landscape scale restoration project collaboration between landowners, Christchurch City Council, Department of Conservation, Environment Canterbury, and the Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust working for the protection of a variety of endemic, threatened, and iconic species across 13,500ha of the Southeastern corner of Banks Peninsula.

The Wildside focuses on habitat protection, with 25% of the Wildside held in private or public reserve (Hinewai Reserve being the largest at 1,270 ha); and predator control with over 700 predator traps controlling feral cats, ferrets, stoats, weasels, and possums laid out across 7,500 hectares.

The Wildside project is managed under four broad themes; community engagement and support, collaboration, habitat protection, and species restoration to realise the Vision...

Healthy land, water, people from summit to sea  
Hei waiora, Hei whenua ora, Hei tangata ora, Ki uta ki tai

## **Community – Conservation activities contribute to sustainable productivity and a prosperous Wildside community**

The Wildside is a restoration project within a living, working landscape driven and maintained by the Wildside community. There are approximately 140 landowners on the Wildside, 20% have conservation covenants on their land with 20 Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust covenants and sixteen QEII National Trust covenants. Forty landowners actively trap on their property with fifteen large-holding landowners allowing trapping contractors to operate across their properties. There are two Ngai Tahu runanga, Onuku and Koukourarata, both actively involved in the Wildside project.

Local schools Akaroa Area, Duvauchelle and Okains Bay are engaged in field trips on the Wildside to visit covenants, reserves, and penguin breeding colonies. Students are able to learn about the special landscapes, cultural history, and biodiversity that they live amongst and how they can participate in conservation. Students gain an understanding of introduced mammalian predators and predator control techniques, and enjoy the practical learning environment.

The community has regular opportunities to learn about the unique characteristics of the Wildside



*Okains Bay School visits Pohatu Penguins and learns about the rehabilitation of an injured little blue white-flipped penguin.*



*Marie Haley (Wildside Coordinator) receives a donation from Akaroa Area School who raised funds after visiting the Wildside trapping program.*



*CCC Ranger Phil Crutchely demonstrating the use of the DOC200 stoat trap at a Wildside trapping workshop in Akaroa.*

including Wildside community e-newsletters circulated three times per year, an annual trapping workshop, the Wildside Celebration Event, an annual BPCT covenantor's day, and quarterly Wildside Committee meetings that are open to the Wildside community.

### **Collaboration - Shared commitment and collaboration to protect and sustain biodiversity on the Wildside**

Effective collaboration between partner organisations is achieved through quarterly Wildside Committee meetings chaired by Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust trustee Rebecca Parish. Overall day-to-day coordination of the project is delivered by Marie Haley, Wildside Coordinator.

In 2015 the Wildside partner organisations worked with Andy Cox from the Department of Conservation National Pest Threats Team to review the Wildside trapping operations and co-wrote an adaptive management document, "Wildside Project: Options for Improvement." Two key recommendations were made: habitat protection including fencing, covenanting, and browser control should be the highest priority; and controlling predators at selected penguin colonies and at the sooty shearwaters colony should be the next priority.

Following this review a major audit and update of all the Wildside traplines is underway. Work includes: old trap types being removed and replaced with

more effective new traps; a diversity of trap types being deployed to target more possums and feral cats; and trap lines being realigned to increase effectiveness and efficiency of the programme. Rat control operations are being redesigned to more closely follow Department of Conservation best practice.

### **Native habitats, ecosystems and species are protected, maintained and enhanced**

#### **Habitat Protection**

The Wildside has, what is believed to be, the first catchment in New Zealand to be protected ki uta ki tai: from summit to sea. Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust covenants provide this legal protection across two properties at Fishermans Bay. Palm Gully catchment is protected by Department of Conservation Scenic Reserve and into the sea with the Akaroa Marine Reserve, and five other Wildside streams are being fenced in stages by adjoining landowners with assistance from the Banks Peninsula Zone Committee and Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust.

The Wildside is 13,500ha with more than 25% of the Wildside held in private or public reserve and 2,500ha of contiguous reserve land. The Wildside has two Marine Reserves, a taiapure, and a Marine Mammal Sanctuary.

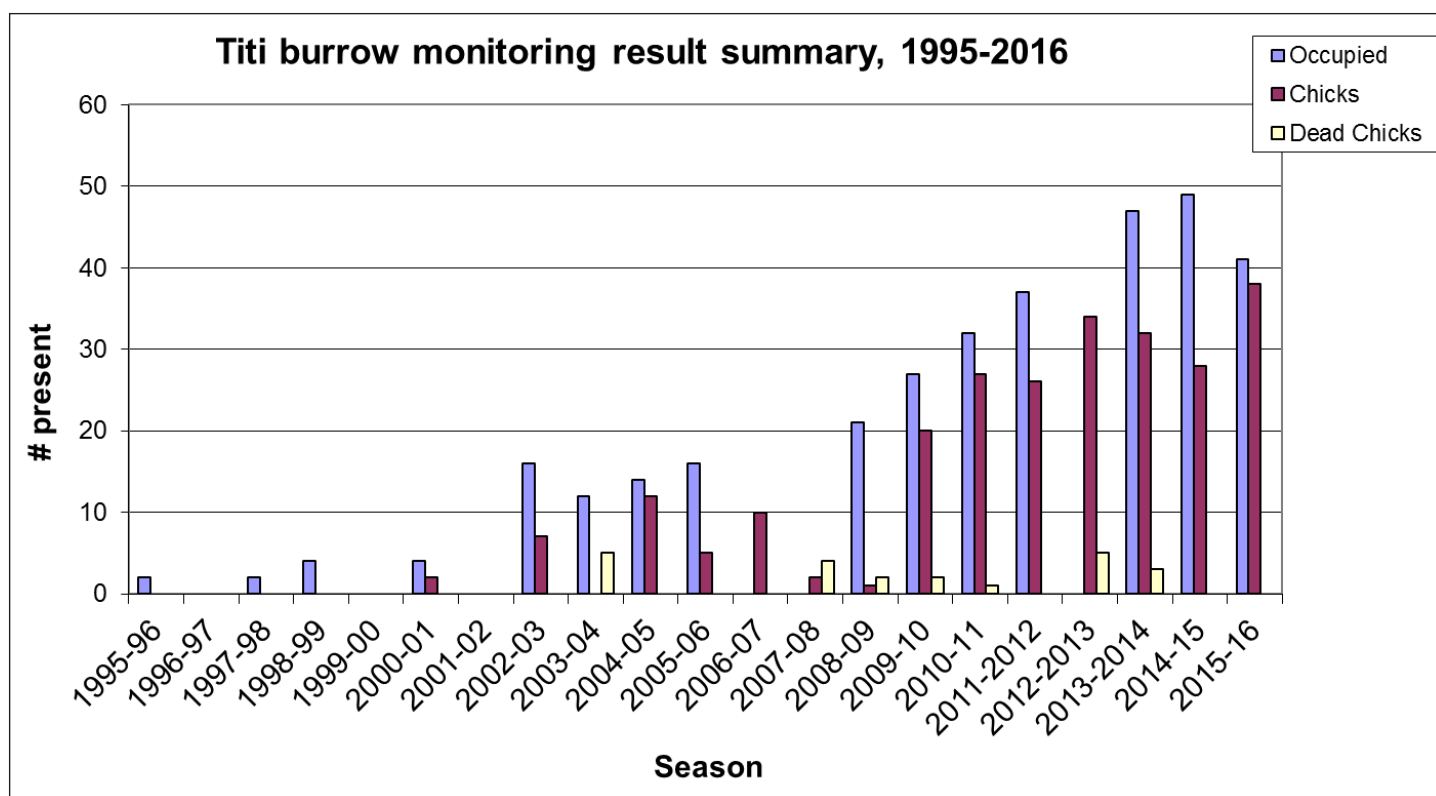


*Whole catchment protection through farmland – summit to sea.*

#### **Species**

The Wildside has a high degree of endemism with six endemic plants and has been recognised internationally in the IUCN Invertebrate Red Data Book (1983) as a place of high invertebrate endemism with eight known endemic terrestrial



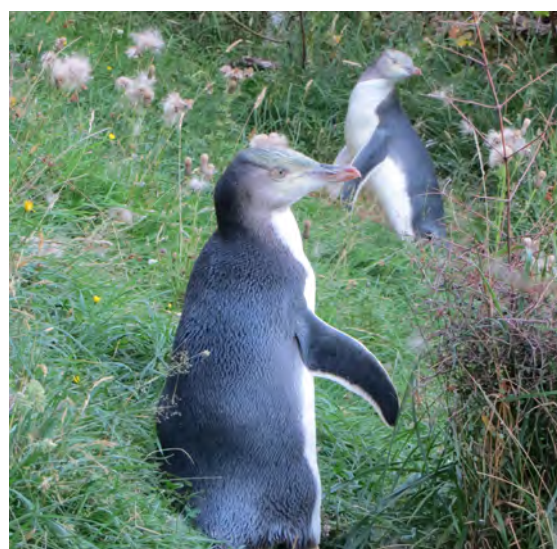


invertebrates and six freshwater invertebrate endemics. The white-flipped little blue penguin is also only found on Banks Peninsula and Matanou Island. Seventy percent of the birds are found on the Wildside with 1304 pair counted at Pohatu/ Flea Bay in 2012.

Akaroa Township, Lushingtons Bay and Purple Peak are all places where petrels have historically been reported nesting in the Akaroa Mail. Many current landowners can remember titi colonies on coastal points within their own lifetime.



*Titi colony and predator fence.*

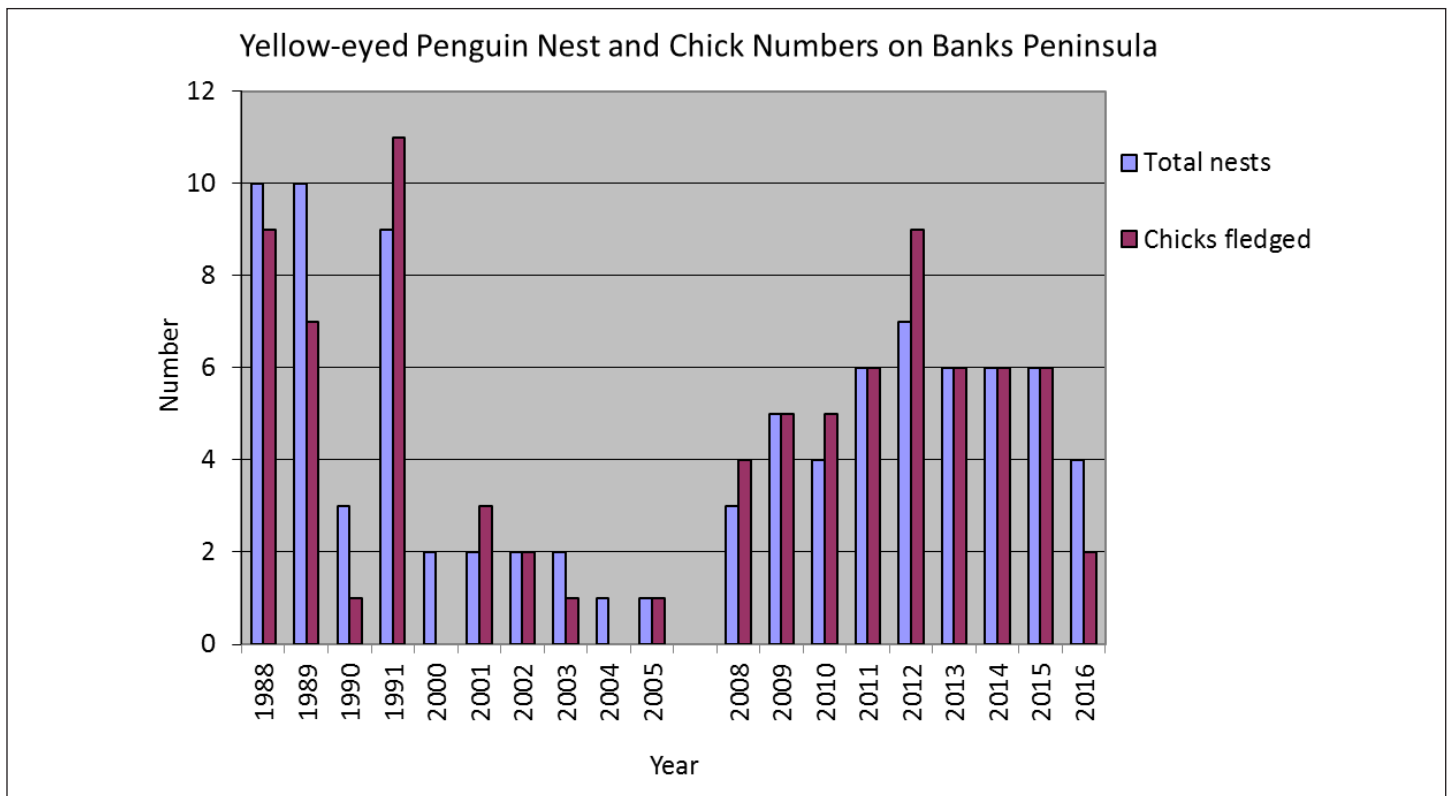


*Two chicks that fledged from the Wildside in early 2016.*

### **Titi / Sooty Shearwater**

The last remaining titi colony on the mainland of Canterbury has had a successful year with chicks at the highest recorded level (38). Titi are the only remaining petrel species of several that would have bred on Banks Peninsula in tens or even hundreds of thousand of pairs. Red Point near

Thanks to the forward thinking of landowners Mark and Sonia Armstrong who built a chicken wire fence and started trapping along the headland, the coordinated efforts of the Wildside partner organisations, and with additional funding from Josef Langer Trust and WWF, a predator fence was built to ensure the ongoing survival of this remnant population. Studies have shown that



where predators are removed breeding success of titi is in the high 90% range.

### Yellow-eyed Penguins / Hoiho

The yellow-eyed penguins (YEP) had a difficult start to the season with only one known nest surviving.

Eighty-one percent of YEP chicks that head out to sea are not seen again which is a major concern for our conservation efforts. The YEP Trust has employed a scientist to increase understanding on where chicks go after fledging and what happens to them at sea. We hope that this research will assist our work to protect YEP on the Wildside in future.



*Endemic white-flipped little blue penguins.*

Fortunately two healthy chicks were raised from this nest.

An injured adult required expert care from the Christchurch Penguin Rehabilitation Team. On recovery the bird was released and successfully reunited with its mate.

### White-flipped Little Blue Penguins

Pohatu/Flea Bay is the largest mainland penguin colony in all of Australasia. The initial census in the summer of 2000/01 resulted in 717 pairs of penguin counted with an annual 5% increase to 1304 pairs of penguins in 2012/13. A thirteen year study of penguin nest boxes at Pohatu/Flea Bay showed a breeding success rate of 64%, 75% of attempted nests hatching, and 85% of these fledging (Allen, Helps, & Molles, 2011). This fledging success and population increase is largely attributed to active management and predator control. White-flipped penguins were found recolonising old nesting sites this year outside of Pohatu/Flea Bay which signals the predator control work is effective across the Wildside and the population is expanding.





*Cooks Scurvy Grass transplanted onto the Wildside coastal points to create new populations of this nationally critical plant.*

### **Cooks Scurvy Grass**

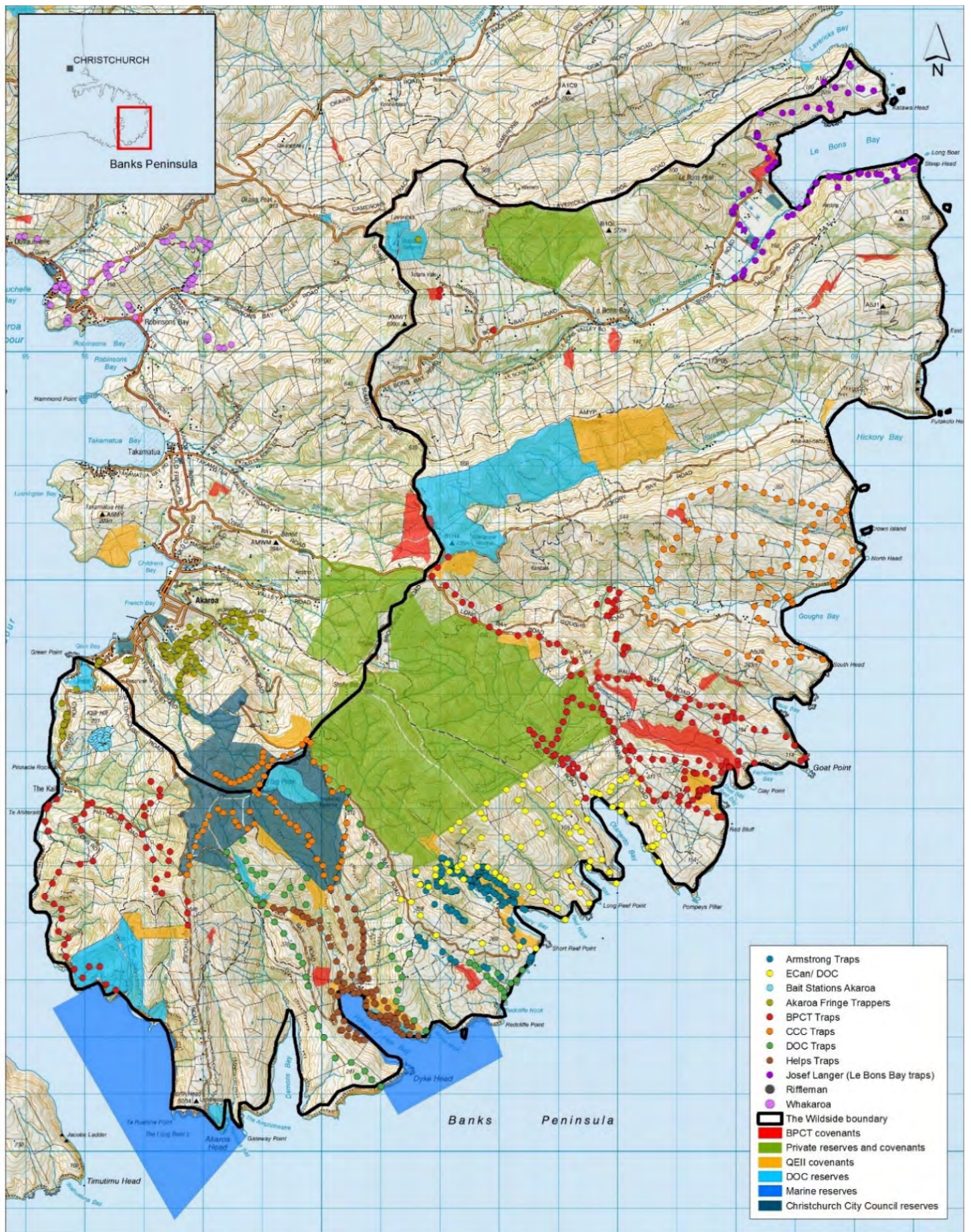
Cooks Scurvy Grass (*Lepidium aegrum*) is endemic to Banks Peninsula and a nationally critical species found remaining on only one rock stack off Banks Peninsula's southern bays. Once so abundant, Captain Cook, after whom it is named, would send men ashore to collect boat loads in his experiment against scurvy. To ensure the survival of this interesting plant the Department of Conservation and the Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust are working to translocate plants to coastal points around Banks Peninsula. One of the main threats for this palatable plant is grazing stock and rabbits. Guano is also a key ingredient for survival and within the Stony Bay titi colony the plants are now self-seeding and spreading.

### **Predator Control**

Predator control has been underway for 25 years, originally initiated by private landowners. Since 2009 over 490 mustelids (stoats, weasels and ferrets) and feral cats have been removed from the Wildside by more than 700 traps. Feral goats have also been removed thanks to the work of the Goat Eradication Committee – a multi-agency collaboration chaired by the Trust.

On the Wildside there is 5000ha of possum control down to a Residual Trap Catch of two percent. As part of this 18,000 possums have been removed from Hinewai Reserve over 27 years. Feral deer are a growing concern and are actively managed for biodiversity protection on the Wildside, particularly around Hinewai Reserve.





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Protected Lands and Predator Traps  
on Banks Peninsula  
May 2015

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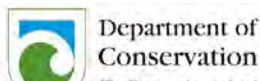
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# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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for the year ended 31 March 2016

## Statement of Responsibility

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting the financial statements and review letter for the year ending 31 March 2016.

The Trustees accept responsibility for the preparation of the annual financial statements and the judgements used in these statements.

The management accepts responsibility for establishing and maintaining a system of internal control designed to provide reasonable assurance as to the integrity and reliability of the Trust's financial reporting.

In the opinion of the Trustees and management, the annual financial statements for the year fairly reflect the financial position and operations of the Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust.

The Trust's 2016 financial statements are authorised for issue by the Trust Chairperson and General Manager.



Mark Christensen  
Chair



Maree Burnett  
General Manager

Dated 12 September 2016

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# STATEMENT OF SERVICE PERFORMANCE

for the year ended 31 March 2016

The Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust delivers programmes to protect and enhance the biodiversity of Banks Peninsula through sustainable land management.

| <b>Programme outputs include:</b>                                                           | <b>This Year</b> | <b>Last Year</b> |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1. New area protected by Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust Covenant                        | 142 ha           | 361 ha           |
| 2. Wildside Project – landscape scale programme on the Southeastern bays of Banks Peninsula |                  |                  |
| - Trapping network                                                                          | ~700 traps       | ~700traps        |
| - Catchments protected summit to sea                                                        | 1                | -                |
| 3. Community outreach & engagement                                                          |                  |                  |
| - community publications                                                                    | 3                | 3                |
| - field days                                                                                | 5                | 2                |
| - school visits                                                                             | 3                | 3                |

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

for the year ended 31 March 2016

|                                                    | <b>Note</b> | <b>Actual<br/>This Year<br/>\$</b> | <b>Actual<br/>Last Year<br/>\$</b> |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Revenue</b>                                     |             |                                    |                                    |
| Grants – Covenants                                 |             | 143,838                            | 87,083                             |
| Grants – General                                   |             | 184,386                            | 138,399                            |
| Donations                                          |             | 29,572                             | 40,065                             |
| Fees, subscriptions and other revenue from members |             | 9,027                              | -                                  |
| Revenue from providing goods and services          |             | -                                  | 4,349                              |
| Interest, dividends and other investment revenue   |             | 8,656                              | 10,982                             |
| Income in Kind                                     |             | 42,284                             | 18,790                             |
| Sponsorship                                        |             | <u>14,543</u>                      | <u>9,109</u>                       |
| <b>Total Revenue</b>                               |             | <b>432,306</b>                     | <b>308,777</b>                     |
| <b>Expenses</b>                                    |             |                                    |                                    |
| Expenses related to public fundraising             |             | 4,864                              | -                                  |
| Volunteers and employee related costs              |             | 150,596                            | 124,027                            |
| Costs related to providing goods or services       |             | -                                  | 2,217                              |
| Grants and donations made                          |             | -                                  | -                                  |
| Covenant Expenses                                  |             | 131,149                            | 82,274                             |
| Project Expenses                                   |             | 19,140                             | 22,723                             |
| Expenses in Kind                                   |             | 42,284                             | 18,790                             |
| Other Expenses                                     |             | <u>58,511</u>                      | <u>41,604</u>                      |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                              |             | <b>406,544</b>                     | <b>291,635</b>                     |
| <b>Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year</b>              |             | <b>25,762</b>                      | <b>17,142</b>                      |

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

as at 31 March 2016

|                                                         | Note | Actual<br>This Year<br>\$ | Actual<br>Last Year<br>\$ |
|---------------------------------------------------------|------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Assets</b>                                           |      |                           |                           |
| <b>Current Assets</b>                                   |      |                           |                           |
| Banks accounts and cash                                 | 1    | 224,940                   | 238,966                   |
| Debtors and prepayments                                 | 1    | 61,015                    | 3,985                     |
| Inventory                                               |      | -                         | -                         |
| Term Deposits – maturity greater than 90 days           |      | <u>130,000</u>            | <u>105,000</u>            |
| <b>Total Current Assets</b>                             |      | <b>415,955</b>            | <b>347,951</b>            |
| <b>Non-Current Assets</b>                               |      |                           |                           |
| Property, plant, and equipment                          | 2    | 2,799                     | 3,951                     |
| Investments                                             |      | -                         | -                         |
| Other non-current assets                                |      | <u>-</u>                  | <u>-</u>                  |
| <b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>                         |      | <b>2,799</b>              | <b>3,951</b>              |
| <b>Total Assets</b>                                     |      | <b>418,754</b>            | <b>351,902</b>            |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                                      |      |                           |                           |
| <b>Current Liabilities</b>                              |      |                           |                           |
| Bank overdraft                                          |      | -                         | -                         |
| Creditors and accrued expenses                          | 1    | 32,672                    | 2,624                     |
| Employee costs payable                                  | 1    | 2,801                     | 3,303                     |
| Unused donations and grants with conditions             | 1    | 171,147                   | 159,603                   |
| Other current liabilities                               |      | <u>-</u>                  | <u>-</u>                  |
| <b>Total Current Liabilities</b>                        |      | <b>206,620</b>            | <b>165,530</b>            |
| <b>Non-Current Liabilities</b>                          |      |                           |                           |
| Loans                                                   |      | -                         | -                         |
| Other non-current liabilities                           |      | <u>-</u>                  | <u>-</u>                  |
| <b>Total Non-Current Liabilities</b>                    |      | <b>-</b>                  | <b>-</b>                  |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>                                |      | <b>206,620</b>            | <b>165,530</b>            |
| <b>Total Assets less Total Liabilities (Net Assets)</b> |      | <b>212,134</b>            | <b>186,372</b>            |
| <b>Accumulated Funds</b>                                |      |                           |                           |
| Capital contributed by owners or members                |      | -                         | -                         |
| Accumulated surpluses or (deficits)                     | 3    | 212,134                   | 186,372                   |
| Reserves                                                |      | <u>-</u>                  | <u>-</u>                  |
| <b>Total Accumulated Funds</b>                          |      | <b>212,134</b>            | <b>186,372</b>            |



# STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

for the year ended 31 March 2016

|                                                               | Note | Actual<br>This Year<br>\$ | Actual<br>Last Year<br>\$ |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>                   |      |                           |                           |
| <b>Cash was received from:</b>                                |      |                           |                           |
| Grants – Covenants                                            |      | 153,508                   | 142,337                   |
| Grants – General                                              |      | 136,924                   | 102,000                   |
| Donations                                                     |      | 29,403                    | 55,855                    |
| Fees, subscriptions and other receipts from members           |      | 9,026                     | -                         |
| Receipts from providing goods and services                    |      | 331                       | 4,349                     |
| Interest, dividends and other investment receipts             |      | 8,656                     | 10,982                    |
| Sponsorship                                                   |      | 12,043                    | 10,475                    |
| Net GST                                                       |      | (5,443)                   | 12,576                    |
| <b>Cash was applied to:</b>                                   |      |                           |                           |
| Payments to suppliers and employees                           |      | 212,247                   | 159,836                   |
| Donations or grants paid                                      |      | 50                        | -                         |
| Covenant Expenses                                             |      | 113,624                   | 82,274                    |
| Project Expenses                                              |      | 7,272                     | 22,723                    |
| Other Expenses                                                |      | -                         | -                         |
| <b>Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>               |      | <b>11,255</b>             | <b>73,741</b>             |
| <b>Cash Flows from Investing and Financing Activities</b>     |      |                           |                           |
| <b>Cash was received from:</b>                                |      |                           |                           |
| Receipts from the sale of property, plant, and equipment      |      | -                         | -                         |
| Receipts from the sale of investments                         |      | -                         | -                         |
| Proceeds from loans borrowed from other parties               |      | -                         | -                         |
| Capital contributed from owners or members                    |      | -                         | -                         |
| <b>Cash was applied to:</b>                                   |      |                           |                           |
| Payments to acquire property, plant, and equipment            |      | 281                       | 503                       |
| Payments to purchase investments                              |      | 25,000                    | 105,000                   |
| Repayments of loans borrowed from other parties               |      | -                         | -                         |
| Capital repaid to owners or members                           |      | -                         | -                         |
| <b>Net Cash Flows from Investing and Financing Activities</b> |      | <b>(25,281)</b>           | <b>(105,503)</b>          |
| <b>Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash</b>                        |      | <b>(14,026)</b>           | <b>(31,762)</b>           |
| <b>Opening Cash</b>                                           |      | <b>238,966</b>            | <b>270,728</b>            |
| <b>Closing Cash</b>                                           |      | <b>224,940</b>            | <b>238,966</b>            |
| <b>This is represented by:</b>                                |      |                           |                           |
| Bank Accounts and Cash                                        |      | <b>224,940</b>            | <b>238,966</b>            |



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20 September, 2016

### AUDIT REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF THE BANKS PENINSULA CONSERVATION TRUST

We have undertaken a review of the financial report which provides information about the past financial performance of the Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust and its financial position as at 31 March 2016.

#### **Committee's Responsibilities:**

The Committee is responsible for the preparation of a financial report which fairly reflects the financial position of the Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust as at 31 March 2016 and the results of the operations for the year ended 31 March 2016.

#### **Auditors' Responsibilities:**

It is our responsibility to express an independent opinion on the financial report presented by the committee and report our opinion to you.

#### **Basis of Opinion:**

A review includes examining, on a test basis, evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial report.

We conducted the review in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in New Zealand. We planned and performed the review so as to obtain the information and explanations which were considered necessary. We obtained sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial report is free from material misstatements, whether caused by fraud or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial report.

Other than in our capacity as auditors we have no relationship with or interests in the Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust.

#### **Qualified Opinion:**

As with other organisations of a similar nature, control over revenues prior to being recorded is limited, and there are no practical audit procedures to determine the effect of this limited control. In this respect alone we have not obtained all of the information and explanations that we have required.

In our opinion, except for the adjustments that might have been found necessary had we been able to obtain sufficient evidence concerning the revenues of the organisation, the financial report fairly reflects the financial position of the Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust as at 31 March 2016 and the results of operations and cash flows for the period ended on that date. The review was completed on 9 September 2016 and our qualified opinion is expressed as at that date.

Tony Cole Financial Services Limited.

*Tony Cole Financial Services Limited*



# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 31 March 2016

## Statement of accounting policies

### Basis of Preparation

The Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust's 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. All transactions in the Performance Report are reported using the accrual basis of accounting. The Performance Report is prepared under the assumption that the entity will continue to operate in the foreseeable future.

### Goods and Services Tax (GST)

All amounts are recorded exclusive of GST, except for Debtors and Creditors which are stated inclusive of GST.

### Income Tax

The Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust is wholly exempt from New Zealand income tax having fully complied with all statutory conditions for these exemptions.

### Banks Accounts and Cash

Banks accounts and cash in the Statement of Cash Flows comprise balances and bank balances (including short term deposits) with original maturities of 90 days or less.

### Changes in Accounting Policies

There have been no changes in accounting policies during the financial year.

## Note 1: Analysis of Assets and Liabilities

| Asset Item                                  | Analysis                                   | This Year<br>\$ | Last Year<br>\$ |
|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Bank accounts and cash                      | Cheque Account                             | 8,377           | 87,598          |
|                                             | Main Account                               | 3,680           | 19,827          |
|                                             | Call Account                               | 166,308         | -               |
|                                             | Endowment Fund                             | 1,575           | 1,541           |
|                                             | Term Deposit                               | <u>45,000</u>   | <u>130,000</u>  |
|                                             | <b>Total</b>                               | <b>224,940</b>  | <b>238,966</b>  |
| Debtors and prepayments                     | GST receivable                             | 889             | 3,248           |
|                                             | Prepayments                                | 100             | 100             |
|                                             | Accounts receivable                        | <u>60,026</u>   | <u>637</u>      |
|                                             | <b>Total</b>                               | <b>61,015</b>   | <b>3,985</b>    |
| Creditors and accrued expenses              | Accrued expenses                           | 32,072          | -               |
|                                             | Trade and other payables                   | <u>600</u>      | <u>2,624</u>    |
|                                             | <b>Total</b>                               | <b>32,672</b>   | <b>2,624</b>    |
| Employee costs payable                      | PAYE owing                                 | 2,925           | 3,303           |
|                                             | Wages and salaries earned but not yet paid | <u>(124)</u>    | <u>-</u>        |
|                                             | <b>Total</b>                               | <b>2,801</b>    | <b>3,303</b>    |
| Unused donations and grants with conditions | Department of Conservation                 | (11,207)        | 34,982          |
|                                             | Environment Canterbury                     | 71,511          | 500             |
|                                             | Other                                      | 35,167          | 44,121          |
|                                             | ECAN – Interflow Restorative Justice       | 68,176          | 80,000          |
|                                             | Grants Received in Advance                 | <u>7,500</u>    | <u>-</u>        |
|                                             | <b>Total</b>                               | <b>171,147</b>  | <b>159,603</b>  |

## Note 2: Property, Plant, and Equipment

### This Year

|                                | Opening Carrying Amount | Purchases  | Sales/Disposals | Current Year Depreciation | Closing Carrying Amount |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Asset Class</b>             |                         |            |                 |                           |                         |
| Land                           | -                       | -          | -               | -                         | -                       |
| Buildings                      | -                       | -          | -               | -                         | -                       |
| Motor Vehicles                 | -                       | -          | -               | -                         | -                       |
| Furniture and fixtures         | -                       | -          | -               | -                         | -                       |
| Office equipment               | 802                     | -          | -               | 168                       | 634                     |
| Computers (including software) | 2,018                   | 86         | -               | 766                       | 1,338                   |
| Machinery                      | -                       | -          | -               | -                         | -                       |
| Field equipment                | 1,131                   | 195        | -               | 499                       | 827                     |
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>3,951</b>            | <b>281</b> | <b>-</b>        | <b>1,433</b>              | <b>2,799</b>            |

### Last Year

|                                | Opening Carrying Amount | Purchases  | Sales/Disposals | Current Year Depreciation | Closing Carrying Amount |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Asset Class</b>             |                         |            |                 |                           |                         |
| Land                           | -                       | -          | -               | -                         | -                       |
| Buildings                      | -                       | -          | -               | -                         | -                       |
| Motor Vehicles                 | -                       | -          | -               | -                         | -                       |
| Furniture and fixtures         | -                       | -          | -               | -                         | -                       |
| Office equipment               | 1,065                   | -          | -               | 263                       | 802                     |
| Computers (including software) | 3,244                   | -          | -               | 1,226                     | 2,018                   |
| Machinery                      | -                       | -          | -               | -                         | -                       |
| Field equipment                | 1,209                   | 503        | -               | 581                       | 1,131                   |
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>5,518</b>            | <b>503</b> | <b>-</b>        | <b>2,070</b>              | <b>3,951</b>            |

## Note 3: Accumulated Funds

### This Year

|                                          | Capital contributed by members | Accumulated surpluses or (deficits) | Reserves | Total          |
|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------|----------------|
| <b>Description</b>                       |                                |                                     |          |                |
| <b>Opening Balance</b>                   | -                              | 186,372                             | -        | <b>186,372</b> |
| Capital contributed by owners or members | -                              | -                                   | -        | -              |
| Capital returned to owners or members    | -                              | -                                   | -        | -              |
| Surplus/(Deficit)                        | -                              | 25,762                              | -        | <b>25,762</b>  |
| Distributions paid to owners or members  | -                              | -                                   | -        | -              |
| Transfer to Reserves                     | -                              | -                                   | -        | -              |
| Transfer from Reserves                   | -                              | -                                   | -        | -              |
| <b>Closing Balance</b>                   | -                              | <b>212,134</b>                      | -        | <b>212,134</b> |

### Last Year

|                                          | Capital contributed by members | Accumulated surpluses or (deficits) | Reserves | Total          |
|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------|----------------|
| <b>Description</b>                       |                                |                                     |          |                |
| <b>Opening Balance</b>                   | -                              | 169,230                             | -        | <b>169,230</b> |
| Capital contributed by owners or members | -                              | -                                   | -        | -              |
| Capital returned to owners or members    | -                              | -                                   | -        | -              |
| Surplus/(Deficit)                        | -                              | 17,142                              | -        | <b>17,142</b>  |
| Distributions paid to owners or members  | -                              | -                                   | -        | -              |
| Transfer to Reserves                     | -                              | -                                   | -        | -              |
| Transfer from Reserves                   | -                              | -                                   | -        | -              |
| <b>Closing Balance</b>                   | -                              | <b>186,372</b>                      | -        | <b>186,372</b> |



**Note 4: Commitments and Contingencies**

| <b>Commitment</b>                                    | <b>Explanation and Timing</b>   | <b>At balance date</b> | <b>At balance date</b> |
|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
|                                                      |                                 | <b>This Year</b>       | <b>Last Year</b>       |
|                                                      |                                 | <b>\$</b>              | <b>\$</b>              |
| Commitments to lease or rent assets                  | Office rental in next 12 months | 13,020                 | 5,425                  |
|                                                      | Office rental – year 2 – 5      | 18,445                 | -                      |
| Commitment to purchase property, plant and equipment | -                               | -                      | -                      |
| Commitments to provide loans or grants               | -                               | -                      | -                      |

**Contingent Liabilities and Guarantees**

There are no contingent liabilities or guarantees as at balance date (last year – nil).

**Note 5: Other****Goods or Services Provided in Kind**

|                                                          |        |
|----------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Legal Services – Anderson Lloyd                          | 17,500 |
| Marketing and Communications – Perception PR & Marketing | 24,094 |
| Financial Services – Tony Cole                           | 690    |

**Note 6: Related Party Transactions**

There were no transactions involving related parties during the financial year.

**Note 7: Events after the Balance Date**

There were no events that have occurred after the balance date that would have a material impact on the Performance Report.