



TASMAN  
ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST

# Annual Report 2021



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# Amplifying Community Effort



# Message from the Chair

Gillian Bishop



Tasman Environmental Trust has had a very successful and pleasing year. It has been one of consolidation, opportunity, and awesome results. I will start with the wonderful statistics reflecting the performance of the projects supported by TET:

- Recorded volunteer hours have doubled (and we know this statistic only represents a small proportion of the total hours volunteers spend on planting, trapping and associated project tasks)
- The number of pest control traps has nearly doubled
- Catches reported have more than doubled
- Plants in restoration plantings have gone from 31,500 last year to 201,700 this year!

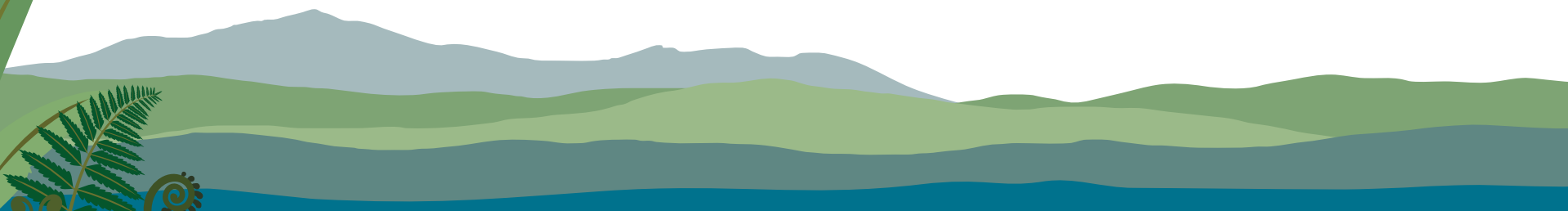
This snapshot of performance is a tribute to the Trust team, project managers and the volunteers, communities and landowners putting in hard work on the ground.

TET has developed a model for the delivery of conservation work that is effective, accessible and in demand by community groups. The low-key nature of our relationships gives local people a sense of ownership of their projects. They are the ones who are organising themselves, doing the mahi and enjoying the benefits. Key indicators include healthy streams with kilometres of riparian planting, estuary margins with habitat that will accommodate sea level rise, the promise of lowland forest regeneration as weeds are cleared, and native wildlife returning as hundreds of traps are regularly cleared to keep predators in check. This work is already resulting in increasing numbers of whio in the Motueka Valley, banded rail and fernbird on Waimea Inlet, and improved habitat for native fish in many streams.

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### What does the future hold for TET?

- A new and exciting project with Predator Free 2050 Limited to eradicate predators from Onetahua/Farewell Spit commenced this year. A Feasibility Study is underway and TET, Manawhenua ki Mohua, and HealthPost Nature Trust are working in partnership on the **Onetahua Restoration Project**. While predator eradication is the first focus, this is a long-term project which aims to restore and enhance the ecological and cultural values of the area.
- Continuing to support and grow catchment groups is another area of focus. The **Motueka Catchment Collective** joined the TET whānau this year and we will be working with the group to seek funding and co-design a restoration programme for the catchment.

- There has been a growing buzz about **Blue Carbon** recently – the carbon stored in estuarine saltmarsh sediment. With support from Nelson City Council, Beca and Cawthron, we'll be doing a pilot coring exercise to learn more about the quantities of carbon in these ecosystems and the opportunities for more community restoration of saltmarsh habitat.

Projects and planning are well supported by the TET trustees who have provided strategic guidance throughout the year. We are grateful for our willing and collaborative team. TET has been fortunate this year to be assisted by a local business, Investment Services Ltd, which has enabled us to take over excellent office premises in Richmond. Our growing group of Hub staff and project managers, now numbers close to 20 people (all on a part-time basis).

I would like to thank all those working in either a paid or voluntary capacity for their valuable contribution to the work of Tasman Environmental Trust.

**Ngā mihi nui**

**Gillian**

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# Our Board



**Christeen Mackenzie**  
*TDC Representative*



**Gavin O'Donnell**  
*Deputy Chair and Nelson  
Federated Farmers Trustee  
Representative*



**Gillian Bishop**  
*Chair*



**Marian Milne**



**Mirka Langford**



**Murray Poulter**  
*Nelson Marlborough  
Department of Conservation  
Board Trustee Representative*



**Tom Stein**  
*QE II Representative*

# Amplifying Community Effort



## TET Vision:

*Healthy diverse ecosystems woven through the Nelson Tasman landscape.*

## TET Mission:

*To connect people with conservation in their communities*

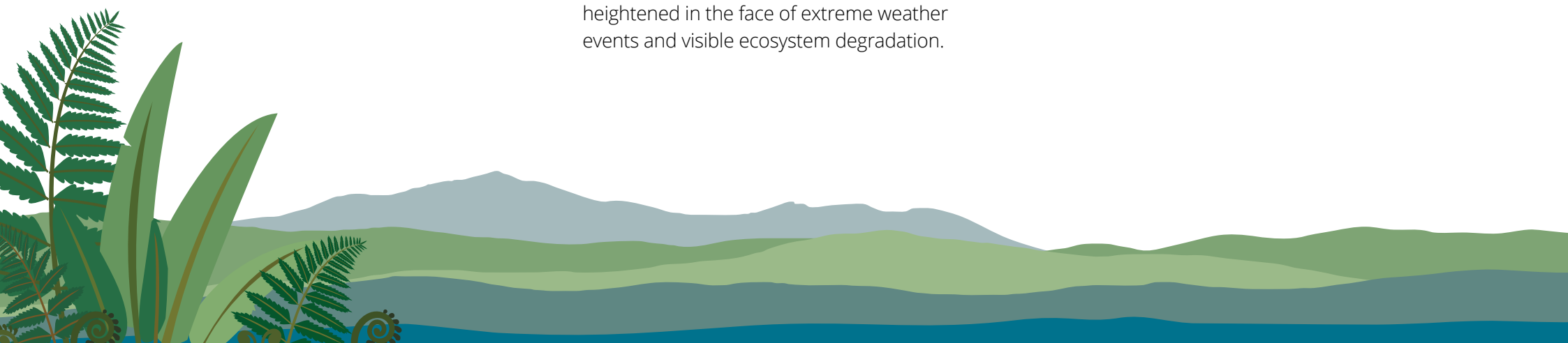
The Nelson Tasman region is one of the most biodiverse in the country, with many species found nowhere else on earth. Communities are bordered by iconic national parks. Large rivers flow through forestry and farming landscapes into the sheltered Tasman and Golden Bays. These rivers are treasured by their communities for their natural beauty, swimming holes, fishing opportunities, and life-sustaining water.

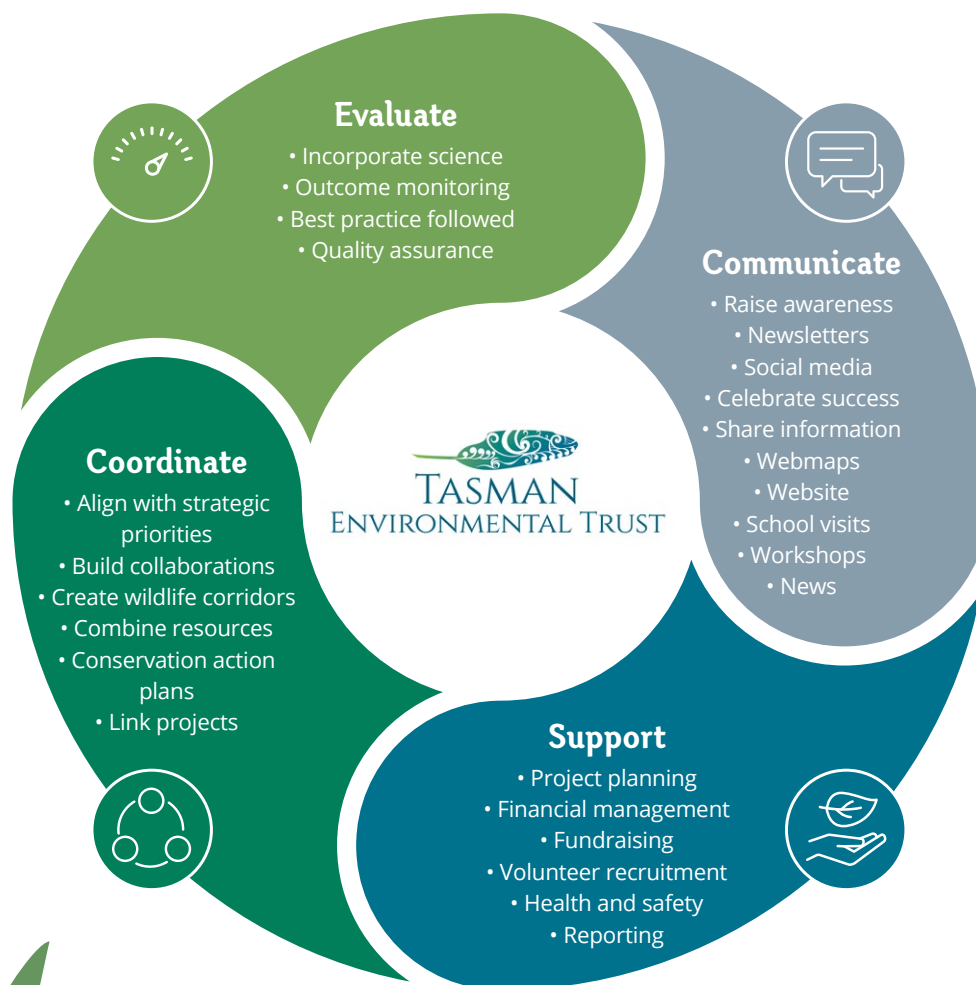
However, our lowland areas that once would have supported the richest ecosystems in our region have long-been cleared and only tiny fragments remain. Coastal margins have been extensively modified, wetlands drained, and lowland streams, rivers, and estuaries are significantly affected by sediment. Community awareness of threats to local biodiversity is heightened in the face of extreme weather events and visible ecosystem degradation.

Predator species, especially rats and mustelids, are threatening iconic native species such as whio and banded rail.

TET supports projects aiming to create safe habitat. Restoring vulnerable ecosystems with weed removal, native plantings and targeted fencing engages communities and creates meaningful work.

TET recognises the increasing community commitment to addressing biodiversity loss and seeks to play a key coordinating role that harnesses this growing momentum and appetite for investment. Ambitious landscape-scale programmes are being designed to achieve transformational change. And this is where our support can springboard community-driven, grass-roots efforts.

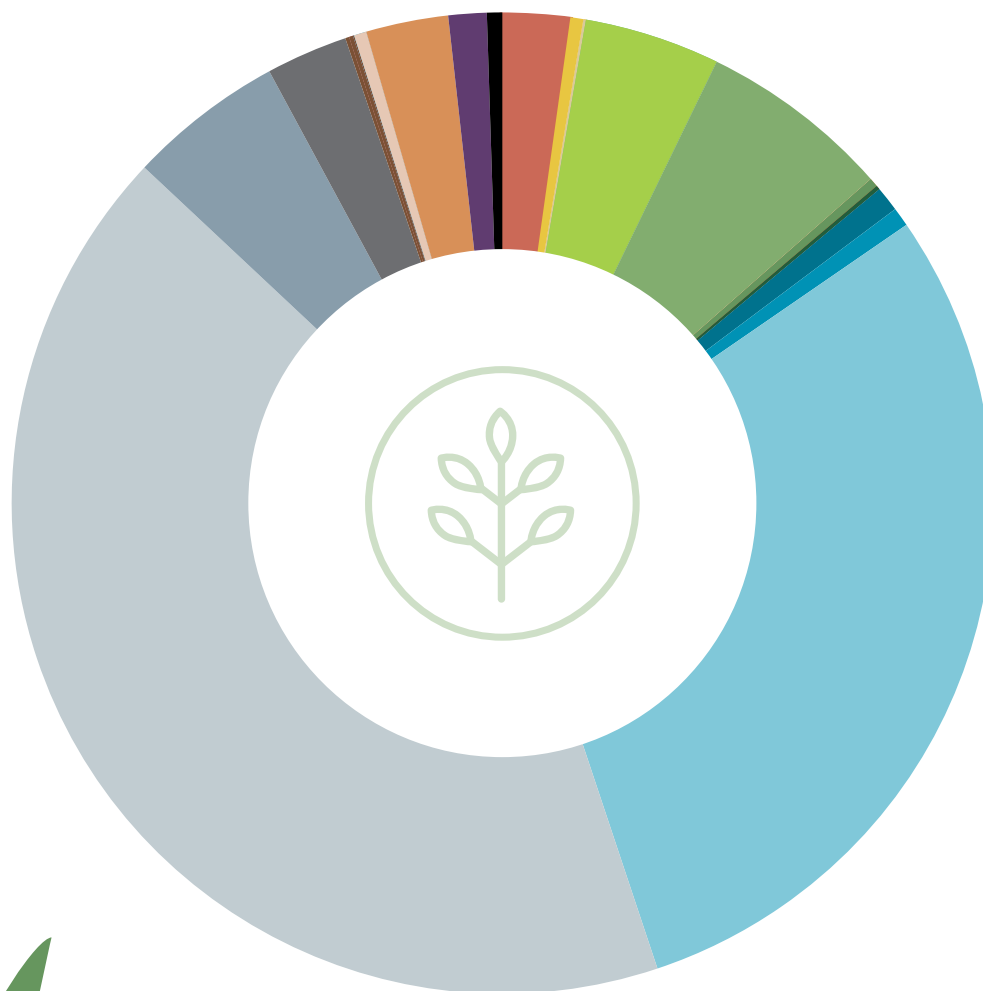




TET facilitates significant conservation outcomes through providing support to community groups, promoting collaborations, ensuring high quality work, and raising awareness through engagement, communication and education.

### In the last financial year we:

- submitted 14 funding applications
- managed the finances, budgets and plans for 21 TET-supported groups and/or projects, and another 3 Cobb Mitigation Fund projects
- wrote 20 update reports to funders
- highlighted 17 projects on our website
- presented at 4 public events and 4 special interest groups
- organised 30 community planting/weeding events
- organised 6 school planting days and 33 hours of school trapping events/lessons
- organised 14 training/networking events
- produced 17 newsletter editions for 3 publications
- ran 18 Board, committee and strategy meetings
- attended 7 strategy meetings run by other organisations.



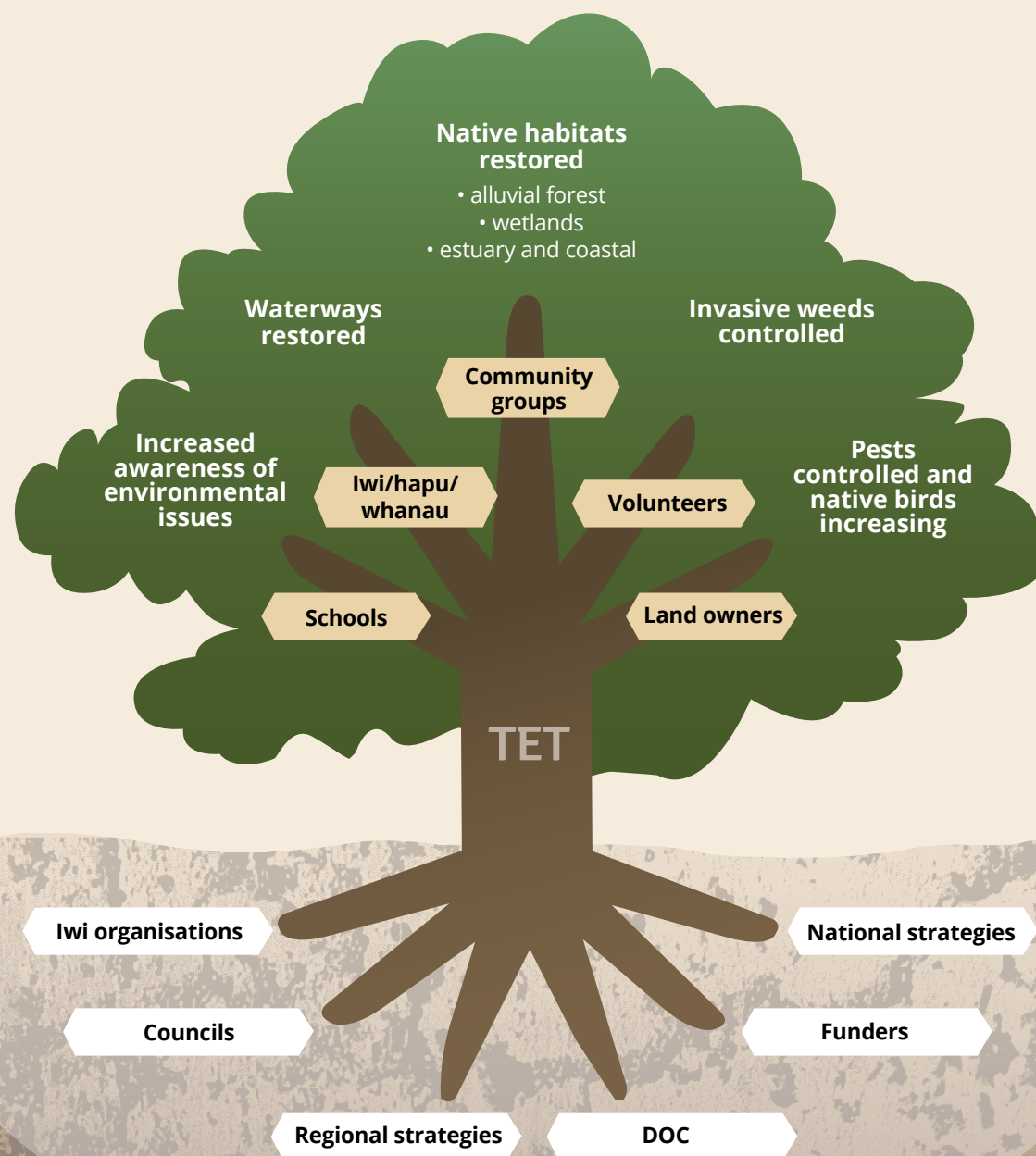
### Grant sources financial year 2020/21

- Ministry for Primary Industries
- MBIE
- Department of Conservation Community Fund
- Ministry for the Environment
- Department of Conservation
- Rata Foundation
- Nelson City Council
- Tasman District Council
- Jasmine Charitable Trust
- Lottery Grants Board
- World Wildlife Fund
- BASF
- Predator Free 2050
- Fonterra
- Golden Bay Community Trust
- New World Motueka
- Network Tasman Charitable Trust
- Cobb Dam Mitigation Account
- Other

*See pps 59-60 Table 1 Analysis of Revenue*

TET has a proven track record - having supported enduring and large-scale restoration projects in the Tasman region for the past 20 years. As a connecting Hub, TET brings together the collective resources of local communities, iwi, government agencies, funding bodies and other organisations to achieve projects of scale.

# TET Relationships



# Some Highlights – Our Trust Manager's Report



It's getting a bit cliché to say, but this last year was a year defined by Covid. There were immediate challenges to the projects, people, and communities we support with alert level guidelines to navigate, systems to put in place, volunteer events cancelled, and so many remote meetings! There was also a silver lining for the environment with unprecedented funding available through Jobs for Nature. This meant a year of growth and opportunity for Tasman Environmental Trust and the projects we support.

We had two new large-scale projects get into full swing this year – Restoring the Moutere: Ridgetops to the Sea and Wakapuaka Mouri. TET is excited to announce several others are in the pipeline for this coming year, including Onetahua Restoration, Marahau Halo and the Motueka Catchment Collective.

TET provides Hub services to over 20 projects. A small team supports planning, budgeting, reporting, financial management, evaluation, communications, volunteer networking and training

events. We also wrap around the infrastructure of health & safety, insurance and a comprehensive policy framework, which guarantees a quality service is provided to both projects and funders.

At the risk of blowing our own TET trumpet, I think we've achieved incredible things this year. We are now managing grants worth over 7 million dollars on behalf of all the projects we support. We've smashed our tree planting and habitat restoration targets out of the park, and have lead the way, in partnership with HealthPost Nature Trust, in bringing a significant Predator Free 2050 Ltd project to our region.

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I am honoured to work alongside a passionate and dedicated group of people who consistently go above and beyond. We have 9 people (3.2 FTEs) in the 'Hub' team and another 8 people (4.5 FTEs) are contracted to coordinate and support specific projects as managers. We applaud, as always, the massive effort by volunteers, who are the life-force of these projects.

We are very grateful for the funding support from Rātā Foundation and DOC, which has furthered the development of our Hub services over this year. Rātā Foundation has provided a three-year funding grant, giving TET some certainty in our future planning. Nelson City Council and Tasman District Council have also provided multi-year funding in their Long-Term Plans.

An area of focus this year has been to increase TET's profile so we can better highlight the projects we support and the value our Hub brings. This included a big refresh of our website. Describing the complex array of projects, geographical areas and other important information has been challenging; but we are pleased with the result and know that it is visited in increasing frequency each month. We have also developed a TET Newsletter to update communities on the great stuff happening in the region.

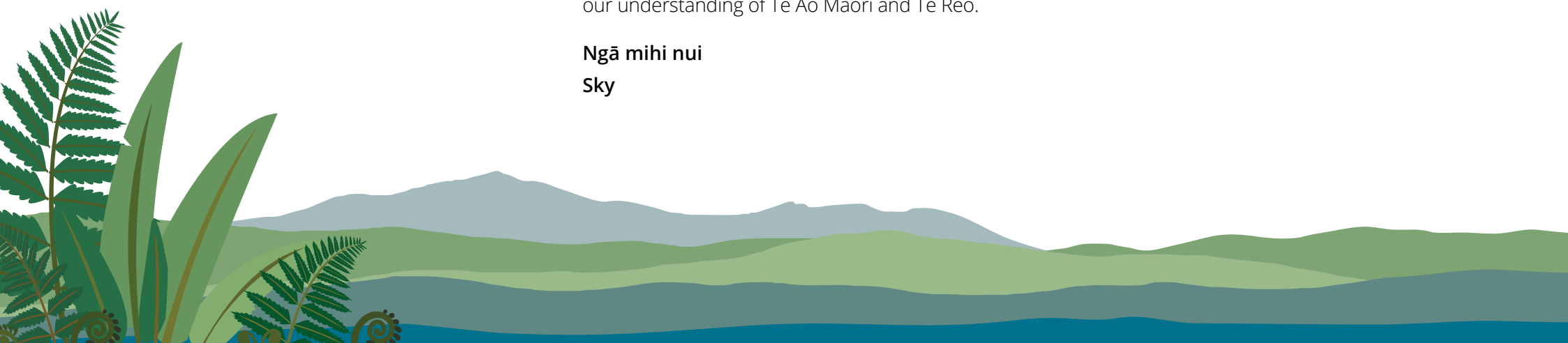
We have enjoyed up-skilling our team on Te Tiriti and discussing how we can be better Treaty partners. We continue to focus on developing positive working relationships with iwi and are delighted to have formalised a partnership with Manawhenua ki Mohua for the Onetahua Restoration Project. We look forward to more time this year consolidating our understanding of Te Ao Māori and Te Reo.

**Ngā mihi nui**  
**Sky**

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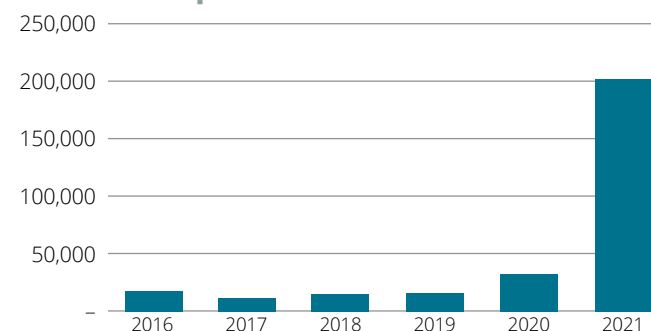


## Conservation Outcomes

### Progression of TET's outputs

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

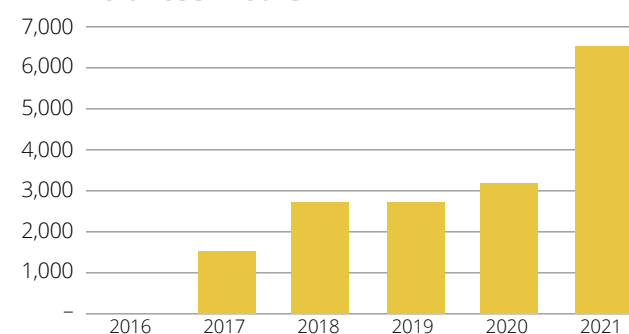
### Plants planted



### Traps actively managed



### Volunteer hours



# 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**

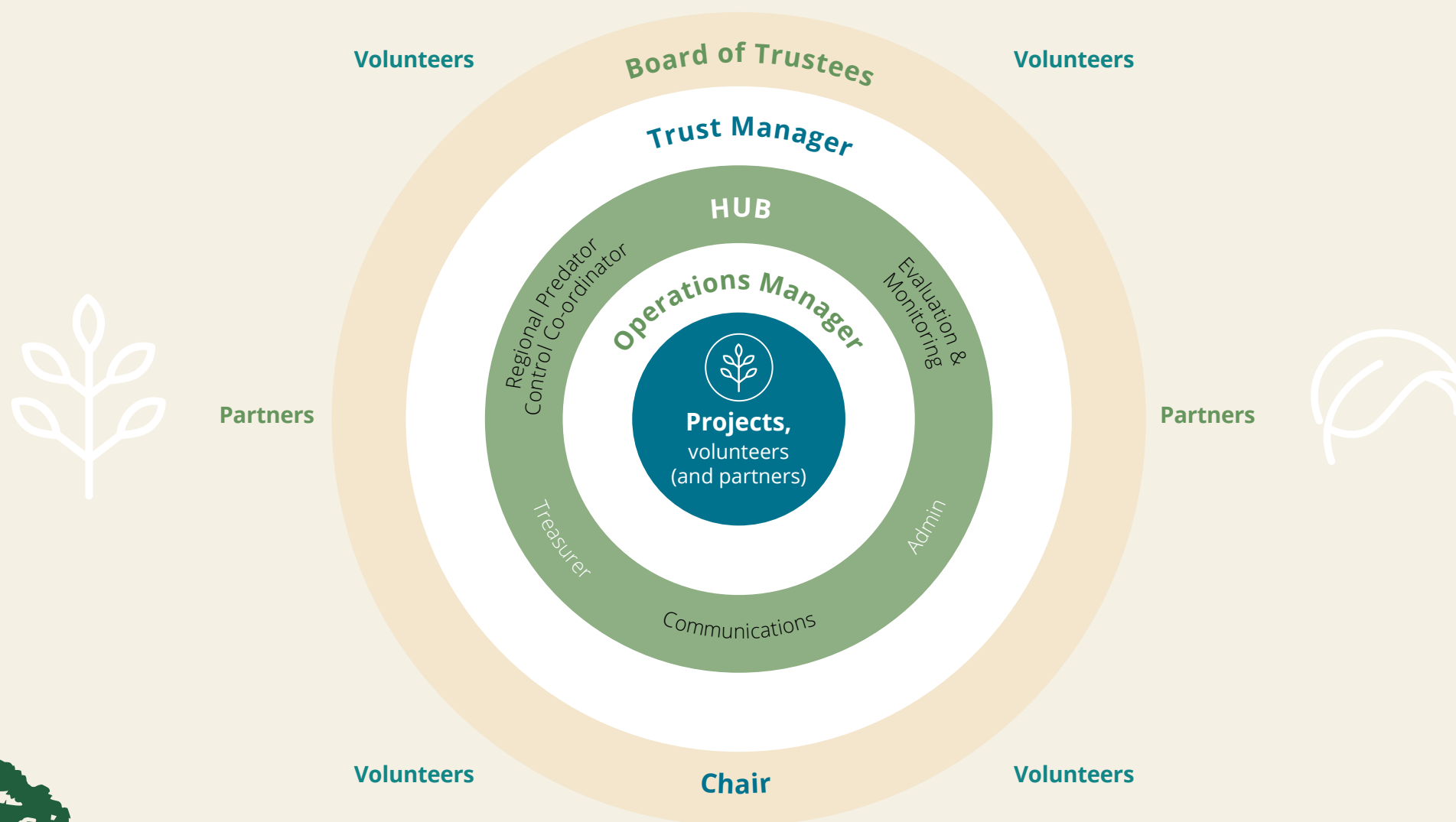


*Communications:*  
**Niki Morrell**

## Our Funders:



# Our Organisation



A group of people are engaged in a conservation activity, planting saplings in a field. In the foreground, a man in a dark shirt and cap is using a shovel to plant a sapling. To his right, a woman in a pink shirt is also working. In the background, two other people are visible, also planting. The field is filled with many saplings, each protected by a green plastic bag and supported by a wooden stake. The ground is covered with dry grass and some green vegetation. In the background, a calm lake reflects the sky, and a line of trees marks the far shore under a blue sky with scattered white clouds.

# Connecting Communities with Conservation

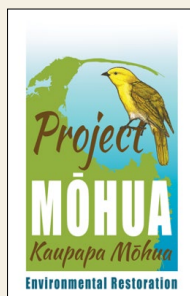
## Connecting Communities with Conservation

# Project Mohua

COMMUNITIES



*Project Mohua Management  
Group Coordinator:*  
**Anna Reynolds**



**Project Mohua** is a community led steering group in Mohua/Golden Bay with the aim of supporting local community conservation groups and coordinating new initiatives to conserve and enhance biodiversity within Golden Bay. The Project Mohua Management Group was established in June 2019 to take the Project Mohua initiative forward and advise TET on Cobb Mitigation Fund (CMF) applications.

## Project Mohua Achievements 2020-21:

- Strategy and Action Plan completed and launched October 2020
- Eastern Bays Community Conservation Forum with approximately 60 attendees
- Trapper Natter in June with approximately 40 attendees
- Community Conservation Calendar in Golden Bay Weekly – supporting local conservation groups with advertising 11 events
- Members of the public linked up with landowners to help with planting natives on their properties

# 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 existing effects of the Cobb Power scheme.

Project Mohua manages the application process on behalf of TET, the fund administrator. The fund welcomes applications from individuals, community groups and other organisations.

This year the fund contributed to:

- Tākaka River Oxbow Willow Eradication \$6,400
- Paines Ford to East Tākaka Cycleway Plantings \$8,233
- Stream Care – Golden Bay \$10,000

## Supporter Logos:



## Amenity and Restoration Planting for Golden Bay Cycle and Walkways Society

The Paines Ford to East Tākaka Cycleway plantings were awarded \$8,233 awarded for 1,660 native plants, guards, stakes and mats to be planted over two years. The first 1,040 were planted over two community planting days.



## Tākaka Valley Weed Control

Project De-Vine focuses on invasive vines that threatened our native forest and animals in Golden Bay. The targeted vines are banana passion vine, old man's beard and climbing asparagus. These vines smother and strangle the forests, diminishing the biodiversity.

A 3 year project in the Middle Tākaka Valley is undertaking weed assessment and follow up weed control. A similar project is taking place in the Lower Tākaka Valley. CMF funding has been awarded to these projects enabling leverage of further funding from landowners, Lotteries and the Golden Bay Community Trust.

## Paines Ford Scenic Reserve – Oxbow Restoration

Project De-Vine Environmental Trust also received a grant to complete the willow eradication in the Tākaka Oxbow as part of Golden Bay Forest and Bird's ongoing restoration of the area. All large crack willow in the Upper Oxbow were poisoned with small and medium trees removed throughout. The fund sponsored 115 contractor hours (with an extra 75 hours funded by LINZ) to finish poisoning large willows in the Oxbow above the bridge and boardwalk. 500 trees were planted in the Tākaka Oxbow at Paines Ford in August 2020.

500 trees, funded by the CMF, were planted in the Tākaka Oxbow by Golden Bay Forest and Bird in August 2020.



# Projects



# Restoring the Moutere

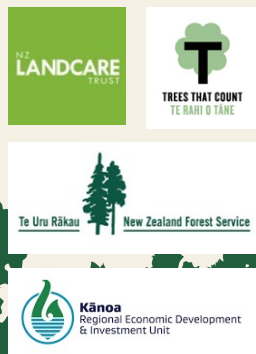


*Project Manager:*  
**Elliot Easton**



*NZ Landcare Trust:*  
**Annette Litherland**

## Supporter Logos:



## Key Metrics:

- **Plants:** 149,881 (actual number of plants planted to YE June 2021)
- **6 community nurseries** established thanks to assured plant demand – including Upper Moutere, Whenua Iti Outdoors (WIO) and Motueka Technology and Education Centre (MOTEC). This gives longevity beyond the project and secures eco-sourced seed supplies.
- **22 meetings, workshops, webinars, community BBQs and other events** increased landowner engagement and built awareness for the project.
- **35km of new fencing** to protect riparian plantings.

**Restoring the Moutere** aims to achieve a catchment-scale restoration of native riparian ecosystems and wetlands and improved water quality for the Moutere River and its tributaries. The catchment is 14,680 ha in size, with 524 km of waterways. The project joins two groups - the Moutere Catchment Group (MCG) and the Moutere Inlet and Tasman Environmental Restoration Group (MITER). The restoration initiatives will enhance ecological health and create social connections to sustain the mana and mauri of the waterways and inlet.

With an initial contribution from Trees That Count, followed by a \$1.9 million grant from the One Billion Trees Fund, 270,000 trees will be planted over the next 3 years. Over half that target was met this year alone! With significant ongoing support from NZ Landcare Trust, as well as many enthusiastic landowners, this is a massive collaborative effort and a 'once in a lifetime' opportunity for the catchment and local community.

The Restoring the Moutere project is a collective effort. Relationships with landowners and landowner engagement are the keys to success. Local gatherings such as BBQs, community planting days, training workshops and pot-up days – such as WIO hosting the Muslim community – ensure continuous participation. A stall at the Sarau festival built awareness, with many locals calling in to chat about the project.

A project highlight is the restoration work at the 11ha Beukes Bush – the largest remnant of podocarp forest in the Moutere catchment – with some massive trees still standing. There is 3 km of waterway flowing across the property – all now fenced. This year 17,500 plantings connected the streamside from Rosedale Road to the forest. Upper Moutere School not only grew 1,500 plants in their community nursery, but also joined the planting day. The Beuke family are looking to protect the land in QEII covenant and source funding to build a track.



Upper Moutere school planting at Lancewood Villa



## PROJECTS



Planting in the Moutere using wool as weed-suppressing mulch

Protecting current and future plantings along waterways is critical to plant survival and freshwater health. To support the Restoring the Moutere project, 35 km of fencing was installed this year, thanks to a \$950,000 grant from the Provincial Development Unit. The total is well ahead of schedule for the targeted 50 km for the project lifespan.

There is a significant fencing contractor shortage in Tasman. However, many fencing contractors took on and/or trained staff to add to the labour force, mitigating some of the impacts from the demise of tourism and building skilled work capacity in fencing across our region.



# Kina Bird Song



## Key Metrics:

Traps: 354 Catches: 1,047

Kina Bird Song's area of interest is Motueka to Tasman and Kina to Jakkett Island—all the land and area immediately around the Inlet. The potential for abundant native bird life and beautiful birdsong is now proven in small pockets in the Moutere Inlet.

This year, more traps were purchased through grants from the Network Tasman Charitable Trust and generous donations from the public and local business. These traps included Trapinator possum traps, which are catching higher numbers of possums than original estimates. Local collaborations installing trap lines are building community awareness and trap density, as shown with the number of traps logged on trap.nz.

## Grant Funding 2020-21



As the habitat created through the Restoring the Moutere project becomes established, it is important for wider predator control to be effective and allow native bird populations to grow. This partnership shows how conservation Hubs like TET are able to link projects on a landscape scale to amplify outcomes.



**Above:** There are 63 traps on Jakkett Island, which caught 132 predators last year. **Above right:** New trap boxes in preparation for deployment in the field.

# Wakapuaka Mouri



*Project Manager:*  
**Sophia Bisdee**



**Grant Funding in  
2020-21 provided by:**



## Key Metrics:

- **Plants: 13,500 (by end of planting season September 2021)**
- **Fencing: 5.4 km of new fencing (by September 2021)**
- **Wasp control completed**
- **Eco-sourced native seeds collected for future plantings**
- **GIS mapping**

The Wakapuaka catchment, including the Wakapuaka River and Delaware Bay estuary, 15km north-east of Nelson City, is an important area for the Nelson community for swimming, picnicking, bird watching, kayaking, fishing and shellfish gathering.

Original land clearance in the conversion to farms and forestry accelerated the loss of forest and wetland habitats, degrading their quality over generations. The lack of riparian vegetation, limited public access and negative downstream effects prompted the local landowners to take action.

The largest restoration project in Nelson on private land is now aiming to plant 13 hectares with over 90,000 natives in riparian margins, introduce predator control measures, remove weeds, create an onsite nursery and install a public access track. Community involvement – current landowners, iwi, NMIT students and a local workforce – will increase biodiversity, enhance water quality, reduce sedimentation, create an eco-sourced native plant supply and re-connect the community with the mauri of this awa.



This project was featured in the Nelson Mail:  
<https://i.stuff.co.nz/environment/123911357/river-restoration-project-part-of-mini-national-park-vision-north-of-nelson>

A notable community member who has embraced the spirit of the project is Baxter Mosey-Reid - a North Nelson teenager who loves growing plants. He is now back on land after his family spent a couple of years living and travelling around the globe on their sailing boat. Although he has been interested in plants for as long as he can remember, growing a veggie plot on the yacht was difficult because he had poor soil, no potting mix and high saline levels. Since stepping back on *terra firma*, Baxter reckons he has grown over 4,000 plants and doesn't have any intention of stopping.

He says, "planting trees is one of the best things you can do to help the environment. So if you can - or if you have the space - you should". This year he is growing 500 eco-sourced plants to help towards the project total.



**Baxter in his nursery!**



**Some of this season's 13,000 plantings alongside the Wakapuaka River**



# Stephens Bay Wetland



Project Coordinator:  
**Helen Forsey**

## Key Metrics:

- Commenced construction of walking track linking the mountain bike park with Stephens Bay and Kaiteriteri
- Started weed removal, especially willows and large wilding pines
- 11 resident-managed traps installed.

The **Stephens Bay Wetland** has a high proportion of rare species, within an ecosystem that is nationally uncommon and retains functional indigenous components.

The project goals are:

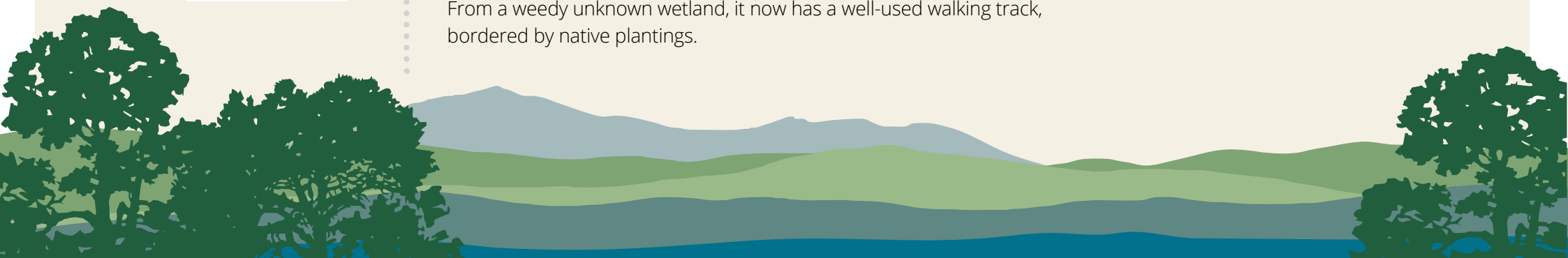
- to protect the mauri of the Stephens Bay Wetland, through removal of pest plants, control of pest species and restoration of the indigenous ecosystem.
- To connect the Stephens Bay and wider community to this wetland, educating on the importance of wetlands by providing easy walking tracks and information signs.

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 flourishing raupo and flax thatch provides habitat for wetland bird species

## Supporter Logos:





TDC supported some of the track work and pine tree removal with more weed work by Kaitiaki o Ngahere and local residents



Brooklyn School has been linked into the project with the help of Tasman Bay Guardians. They held a full school environmental day – planting 100 trees provided by Abel Tasman Tree Collective. Note the decorated plant guards.



# Farmers for Whio



Trapping Officer:  
**Barry Burger**



## Supporter Logos:



## Key Metrics:

Traps: 393

Catches: 416

Trap Building: 101 volunteer hours

School Engagement: 19.5 hours trap building, deployment and checking

**Farmers for Whio** is a community-based initiative with the goal of bringing whio back to the Motueka River catchment. The group aims to achieve ecological restoration within 65 kms of river corridor in the Graham, Pearse, Baton and Mouteka Valleys.

Trapping of rodent and mustelid pests is protecting whio within these river catchments as well as other bird species such as bellbirds, robins, wood pigeons, tomtits, weka, fernbirds, and falcons. The group's long-term vision is to promote wider ecological restoration efforts in these areas adjoining Kahurangi National Park, creating a 'halo' effect along the park boundary and supporting a community ethic of care for the river and special species that live here. The project has secured funding grants from World Wildlife Fund and DOC and has appointed a trapping officer, Barry Burger.



A new crop of whio chicks on the Graham River

There are now 416 traps logged on trap.nz. Most are located between the Pearse and the Graham, with over 35 km of river edge now trapped – extending all the way to Ngatimoti. There has been great interest from landowners and volunteers. Recent surveys show that whio numbers are on the increase and human families swimming near the confluence with the Pokororo regularly see pairs navigating the rapids.

Following the recent flood event, some people reported Farmers for Whio traps resting above the high tide mark on Jakkett Island and the Motueka Sandspit, over 30 km from their home location. Curious to recover some of the lost booty, volunteer trapper Paul Cossey went for a look.

When Paul realised some traps might be from the West Bank line between the Pearse and Graham, which forms part of his beat, he went for a walk. By the time he got to the end of the Motueka Sandspit, he had found two traps. To his surprise, when he opened one up it still had a rat in it – and quite well preserved!



**A map showing the location of recent whio sightings in the Motueka Catchment. Farmers for Whio aims to connect trap lines with Friends of Flora's and increase safe habitat for whio populations to expand into.**



**One of the travelling traps.**



# 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 the Department of Conservation. This project has been going for several years with a focus on new at risk species each year.

## Supporter Logo:

NetworkTasman  
CHARITABLE TRUST



NZ Skullcap (*Scutellaria novae zelandiae*) John Barkla – Creative Commons

# Wasp Wipeout



## Supporter Logos:

**stuff**

**BASF**  
We create chemistry

Department of  
Conservation  
*Te Papa Atātahi*

**Conservation**  
Volunteers New Zealand

TET provides fund management to the **Wasp Wipeout** programme nationally. This project is a collaboration with [www.stuff.co.nz](http://www.stuff.co.nz), DOC and Conservation Volunteers New Zealand (CVNZ). Funds are raised through donations from the public and businesses. Community groups and DOC carry out wasp control in priority sites around the country, using Vespex bait.

Invasive wasps are a high priority threat to native biodiversity. The common and German wasp population's biomass is greater per hectare than rats, stoats and possums combined (averaging 3.6kg of wasps per hectare of forest). At their peak there can be an estimated 40,000,000,000 wasp queens in our beech forests, and many more workers. Invasive wasps are estimated to cost the New Zealand economy \$130m per year.

Since the programme began in 2017 Wasp Wipeout has received donations from NZ businesses and the general public through a Givealittle page. Many of these donations come with comments such as, "great work! thanks for your efforts".



Wasps have been the scourge of the Kiwi summer for decades.

# Waimea Inlet Restoration

A defining feature of the Nelson Tasman region is Tasman Bay and its associated estuaries. They include a variety of ecosystems and biodiversity, and provide a wide range of ecosystem services such as kaimoana, flood protection, nutrient cycling and recreational opportunities. But human activities, both in the water and on land, have resulted in significant degradation.

The inlet is of international importance for migratory bird species and is of national significance for other endangered or threatened species. These include the bar-tailed godwit, white heron, Caspian and black-fronted terns, variable oystercatcher, Australasian bittern, and banded rail.

TET's work around the Waimea inlet comprises several different projects, sub projects and forums, as detailed below.



**The Waimea Inlet is the largest enclosed estuary in the South Island, at 3,455 hectares. It has an internal coastline of 65 kilometres between Tahunanui and Mapua.** Ross Cullen

# Battle for the Banded Rail



*Project Manager:*  
**Kathryn Brownlie**



*Trapping Coordinator:*  
**Tracey Murray**



## Supporter Logos:



## Key Metrics:

**Traps:** 931

**Catches:** 1,257

**Plants:** 6,162

**School engagement:** 20 hours field work and trap building with Waimea College

**Volunteer days:** 29, including 15 maintenance mornings, 10 community planting days and 4 school planting days

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

However, the project isn't just concerned with getting plants in the ground and trapping predators. It is about the volunteers who come together to contribute to conservation in their own communities.

The project engages with and enthuses community volunteers to check and maintain traplines, attend planting mornings and

weeding/plant maintenance events. It also works with school groups, clubs and business groups. Volunteers depart feeling empowered, as they have had an active and social time, knowing they have made a contribution to conservation in their community.

The beauty of Battle for the Banded Rail is the capacity to spawn smaller, yet connected initiatives. All working towards the same outcomes, but targeting specific pests or geographical areas within a larger restoration framework.

# Māpua Dawn Chorus



## Key Metrics:

Traps: 216

Catches: 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.



Local school children checking ink monitoring cards

# Waimea Inlet Restoration Partnership



*Project Manager:*  
**Julie Newell**

## Supporter Logos:



## Key Metrics:

**Plants: 23,230 (target 20,623)**

Habitat restoration efforts around the Waimea Inlet were boosted in 2019 by a successful application to Te Uru Rākau – Ministry for Primary Industries, 1 Billion Trees Fund for \$1.09 million, over 3 years. 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.

Planting day highlights this year included 3 enjoyable days with Whenua Iti Outdoors students at Moturoa/Rabbit Island, as well as many other community and business planting days. The flurry of winter planting events involved labour from Department of Corrections, NMIT trainee rangers, Keep Richmond Beautiful, DOC staff as well as local schools, Rotary Club, Tamaha sea scouts, Nelson College Trades Academy, ex refugee students, Student Volunteer Army, and of course community volunteers. One planting day put in over 1000 plants! Some trainee rangers from NMIT, who put in early morning sessions,



**Rough Island – extent of 2020 planting (blue outline).**

received references from the project manager with many going on to employment in conservation roles in the region.

Other projects in the Waimea Inlet area which TET are involved with include:

**Live and Let Live** This project continues to protect vulnerable native wildlife by trapping feral cats, while also protecting domestic cats and encouraging responsible cat management.

Residents with pet cats around key habitat areas were offered free microchipping for their pets and information on how to manage their cats to minimise impacts on native birds. At the same time wild cats were controlled.

The **Friends of Pearl Creek** group, with strong input from Forest and Bird, has continued to provide ongoing maintenance for the Pearl Creek restoration project. Regular working bees have removed redundant plant protectors, undertaken weeding and followed-up infill planting. Native plants are now present on both sides of the creek, with the true left recent plantings starting to prosper on the higher sites.

**Neimann Creek**, a spring fed creek flowing into the Waimea Inlet, has significant water quality issues. In the last 20 years a population of the threatened giant kokopu has disappeared and weeds have choked the creek in places. This project has focused on removing the weed species and establishing native riparian planting, as well as a small sediment removal trial. Ensuring this creek supplies healthy freshwater to the Waimea Estuary is important for the community – for both kaimoana and recreation. The current focus is the maintenance of the riparian planting areas and infill planting with larger tree species. The Waimea Inlet Restoration Project is also planting a large riparian area.



# Waimea Inlet Forum



Waimea Inlet Forum

**Waimea Inlet Forum** is a community based organisation that provides information about issues affecting Waimea Inlet and an opportunity for input. The Forum and others are now working towards the achievement of agreed actions and targets in the ***Action Plan 2018 – 2021***.

This year the Forum held 5 meetings. Close liaison with TDC representatives ensures the Waimea Inlet has a voice, with submissions to Councils and other organisations, placing recommendations to protect and improve the Inlet at the forefront. Multiple submissions included the Tasman BioStrategy, BioSolids Plant, Tasman Resource Management Plan, TDC Reserves re-classification, TDC Landscapes and Coastal Environments Project, TDC Natural Characters Study and Saxton Creek Stage 4.

Supporter Logo:



# Motupipi River Restoration

The Motupipi River is a small, spring-fed river that flows beside the township of Tākaka and out to the estuary. The weedy river is choked by crack willows in several places and dense aquatic weeds and sediment build-up is deep. This project started in 2018 and is a collaboration between TET, NZ Landcare Trust, Tasman District Council, Fonterra, Project De-Vine, local landowners, Tākaka Primary School and the community.

The project aims to improve the river's health by removing all the crack willows. Where landowners are willing, the river corridor is being planted with native plants to help support thriving populations of freshwater fish.

Nearly 200 new plants now line stream sides, partly supported by grants from the Cobb Mitigation Fund.

## Supporter Logos:



Once water is fresh, then tuna abound



# Stream Care Golden Bay

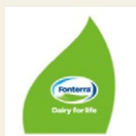
## Key Metrics:

**Plants: 4,540**

Stream Care's goal is to help create healthy streams and eco-corridors 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.

Over 4,500 subsidised plants were planted by five landowners in the 2020/21 financial year. To improve plant survival, free weed mats and bamboo stakes with discounted plant guards were provided. Funding for Stream Care Golden Bay is enabled by a grant from the Fonterra Sustainable Catchment Fund and the Cobb Mitigation Fund.

## Supporter Logos:



Stream care planting at Onekaka

# Farming 2030



*Project Manager:*  
**Debbie Pearson**

## Supporter Logos:



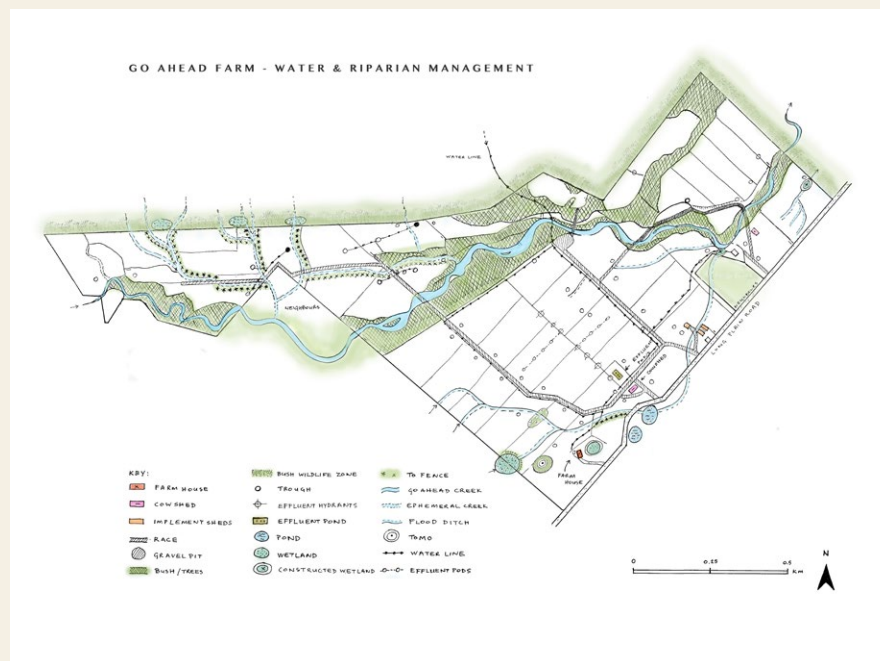
## Key Metrics:

**Plants: 2,000**

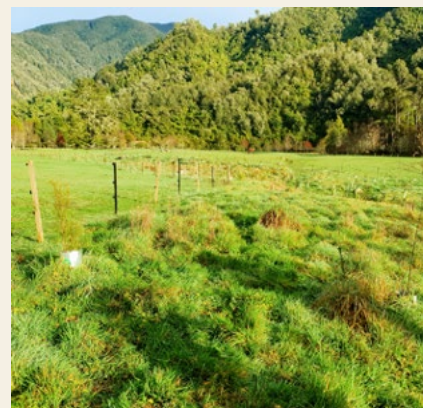
**Farming 2030** harnesses the vision and knowledge of the community, working with farm owners Wayne and Tyler Langford, to develop practical sustainable farming practices. In the process it fosters a community that is better informed and unified. The Langford's have opened their farm, Go Ahead Farm Ltd, as a practical pilot, where chosen sustainable farming practices are applied and closely monitored. Funding grants from the Golden Bay Community Trust, Cobb Mitigation Fund and Ministry for Primary Industries are supporting this project.

In 2020 - 21 the farm completed a permaculture plan, held several regenerative farming workshops and undertook benchmark testing. 1,000 plants, funded by CMF, were planted at a community event that included the local Scout group. A successful application from Stream Care subsidised a further 1,000 plants





The beautifully hand-drawn map for the Langford's farm, showing the water and riparian management plan.



Stream Care funded plants at Rainbow Community in the Anatoki River catchment. Jenkin Wetland



# Abel Tasman Southern Halo



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 Marahau areas to provide a weed free halo to the Southern Abel Tasman National Park. This project is funded by the DOC Community Fund and is undertaken in partnership with the Project De-Vine Environmental Trust. With great support from landowners in the area the control work is continuing to plan.

## Supporter Logo:



# Nelson Tasman Climate Forum



*Coordinator:*  
**Marlene Moreau**



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



## Supporter Logos:



The Nelson Tasman Climate Forum is a community-led initiative that aims to take action on climate change in the region. TET is the fund administrator, providing Hub support where needed.

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:

- Accepted the Nelson Tasman Climate Forum Charter
- Completed The Climate Action Plan and condensed it into an inspiring 24 page booklet
- Held monthly meetings of the Climate Forum. The February 2021 hui was a particularly significant occasion, where 94 people and organisations signed the Charter. Professor James Renwick and Ben Abraham of the Climate Change Commission spoke at this hui.
- Fostered and built relationships with a wide range of stakeholders. A Weaving plan drafted with guiding principles, action categories, audiences, topics, and an Overview Action Table to encourage collaboration between groups.
- Hosted a student art expo, where primary and secondary school children were invited to submit art works that specifically communicates climate change.



**The NTCF February Hui.** Tim Cuff

# Whitebait Connection Tākaka

The **Whitebait Connection Tākaka** programme is run by the Tasman Bay Guardians Trust, in conjunction with Tasman District Council. The Whitebait Connection (WBC) is a nationally active and recognised freshwater education programme developed and run at a national level by the Mountains to Sea Conservation Trust.

Tasman Bay Guardians and Whitebait Connection's goal is to reach all schools, connecting students and their communities to their environment and the restoration projects in the Nelson Tasman area. Younger junior students focus on freshwater fish species, the middle on macro-invertebrates and the seniors on freshwater chemistry. All stages require both in-class and in-field lessons, with discussion on stream health indicators, catchments and what may be affecting the Motupipi waterways. Last year, two sessions were held in October and November.



With noses down and bums up, local school children search for whitebait

# Future Focussed



# Motueka Catchment Collective



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

By organising meetings, educating each other and engaging the younger generation, local land-users are acting to protect and enhance the catchments. An inclusive community spirit binds residents, who identify strongly with the

watercourses. They swim, walk, fish, paddle, picnic and socialise with the flowing water. They encourage interest in the freshwater ecosystems, weave mātauranga Māori knowledge and science together to generate a wave of enthusiasm and promote guardianship.

The Motueka Catchment Collective aspires to capture more local interest to inform decisions on priority actions, formulate plans and source funding.



# Blue Carbon Core and Restore



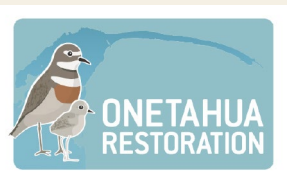
**Blue carbon** is the carbon embodied in marine and coastal ecosystems. Recent evidence shows that one of the key ecosystem services provided by estuarine systems is the sequestration of high levels of blue carbon, primarily in sediment. Due to water-logging, estuarine sediments are very low in oxygen. These anaerobic conditions mean that the carbon fixed in these sediments remains in situ for centuries (or millennia) if the sediment remains undisturbed. This is unlike terrestrial soils where soil carbon can be more readily released back into the atmosphere by microbial processes.

We are working with iwi, The Nature Conservancy, research organisations, councils, and local businesses to understand more about carbon sequestration in our local estuaries. A pilot study taking cores of estuary sediment is planned this year.

The knowledge gained from this exercise will help us understand how we can support the protection and restoration of blue carbon systems locally. This project has the potential to provide a template for community-based stewardship of estuaries around New Zealand and will make a significant contribution to the national action for climate change.



# Onetahua Restoration Project



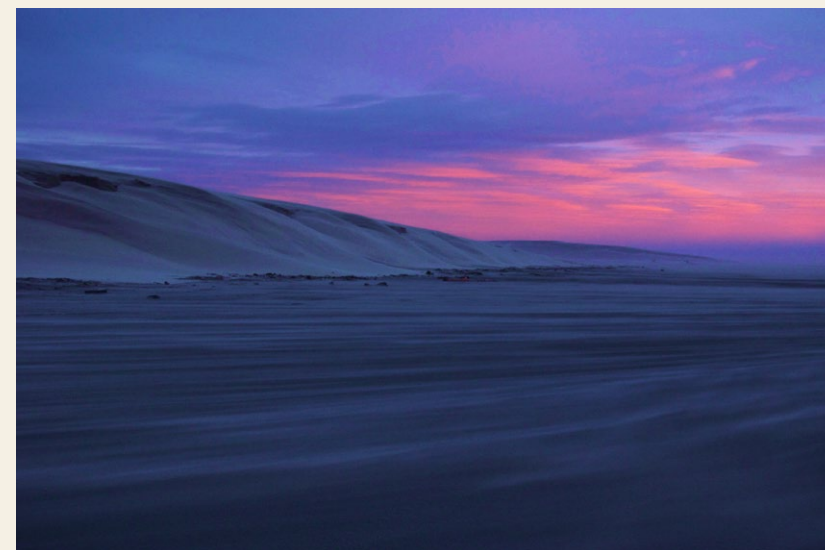
## Supporter Logos:



Manawhenua ki Mohua

Predator Free 2050 Ltd is funding a feasibility study for a pest eradication programme on the north-western side of Golden Bay.

Onetahua Restoration is a partnership between Manawhenua ki Mohua, HealthPost Nature Trust and Tasman Environmental Trust for a predator eradication programme to enable the ecological restoration of an area stretching from Farewell Spit to the Whanganui Inlet. They are working with the community to craft a shared vision for the area with a consultation process, which includes face to face meetings with local landowners and residents.



Onetahua is home to over 90 species of birds



# Financials

# Performance Report for the Year Ended 30 June 2021

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# Entity Information

*As at 30 June 2021*

## 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 eight Trustees that constitute our governance board and three executive officer positions of Trust Manager, Operations Manager and Treasurer.

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

Funding was received from central government: Ministry for Primary Industries, MBIE, DOC Community Fund and Ministry for the Environment. Grants from other entities included Rata Foundation, Hoku Foundation, Nelson City Council, Tasman District Council, Jasmine Charitable Trust, Lottery Grants Board, World Wildlife Fund and Predator Free 2050 Ltd.

## 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.

## Contact Details

<b>Website</b>	www.tet.org.nz
<b>Business Location</b>	Richmond, Tasman
<b>Auditor</b>	NMA Nelson Marlborough Audit Ltd PO Box 732, Nelson 7040
<b>Banker</b>	NBS Richmond
<b>Date of Establishment</b>	7 September 2000
<b>Trustees</b>	Gillian Bishop Gavin O'Donnell Martin Heine (until 19 October 2020) Murray Poulter Christeen Mackenzie Naomi Rose Aporo Mirka Langford Marian Milne Tom Stein (from 19 October 2020)



# Statement of Service Performance

*For the Year Ended 30 June 2021*

## 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

	2021	2020
<b>Traps as at 30 June</b>	1,819	1,049
<b>Number of pests trapped for year</b>	2,687	1,089
<b>Number of plants purchased and planted for year</b>	201,689	31,451
<b>Volunteer Hours for year</b>	6,561	3,166

*The attached Notes and Auditor's Report form an integral part of this performance report*

# Statement of Financial Performance

For the Year Ended 30 June 2021

	Notes	2021 \$	2020 \$
<b>Revenue</b>			
Donations, Fundraising and Other Similar Revenue Grants	1	51,856	40,005
Grants	1	2,287,999	437,369
Interest, Dividends and Other Investment Revenue	1	11,456	10,210
<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>2,351,311</b>	487,584
<b>Expenses</b>			
Costs Related to Providing Goods or Services	2	2,231,995	369,662
Other Expenses	2	160,541	180,538
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>2,392,536</b>	550,200
<b>Net Surplus/(Deficit)</b>		<b>(41,226)</b>	(62,616)

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# Statement of Movements in Equity

For the Year Ended 30 June 2021

	Notes	2021 \$	2020 \$
<b>Opening Equity</b>		<b>434,442</b>	497,058
Net Surplus/(Deficit)		<b>(41,226)</b>	(62,616)
<b>Total Recognised Revenues &amp; Expenses</b>		<b>(41,226)</b>	(62,616)
<b>Closing Equity</b>		<b>393,216</b>	434,442

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# Statement of Financial Position

As at 30 June 2021

	Notes	2021 \$	2020 \$
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Current Account		6,135	36,469
Savings Account		375,846	150,941
Cobb Dam Mitigation Fund		152,937	65,095
TET Term Deposit		600,000	352,742
Cobb Dam Mitigation Term Deposit		-	152,057
Petty Cash Account		564	922
Accounts Receivable	3	402,942	21,199
Accrued Interest		595	1,018
GST Receivable		62,576	1,146
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>1,601,595</b>	<b>781,589</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Grants in advance	4	716,224	297,171
Creditors and accrued expenses	5	492,155	49,976
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>1,208,379</b>	<b>347,147</b>
<b>Total Trust Equity</b>	6	<b>393,216</b>	<b>434,442</b>

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# Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended 30 June 2021

	Notes	2021 \$	2020 \$
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>			
Cash received from:			
Donations, Fundraising and Other Similar Revenue		51,856	40,005
Grants		2,325,309	751,506
Interest Received		11,878	10,459
Net GST		(61,430)	2,530
		<u>2,327,613</u>	<u>804,500</u>
Cash was applied to:			
Payments to Suppliers and Projects		1,950,357	577,909
<b>Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>		<u>377,256</u>	<u>226,591</u>
<b>Cash Flow from Financing Activities</b>			
Movement in Term Deposits		95,201	297,397
<b>Net Cash Flow from Financing Activities</b>		<u>95,201</u>	<u>297,397</u>
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash		<u>282,055</u>	<u>(70,806)</u>
Opening Cash Balance		253,427	324,233
<b>Closing Cash Balance</b>		<u>535,482</u>	<u>253,427</u>
<b>Represented by:</b>			
Current Account		6,135	36,469
Savings Account		375,846	150,941
Cobb Dam Mitigation Fund		152,937	65,095
Petty Cash Account		564	922
<b>Net Cash Balance</b>		<u>535,482</u>	<u>253,427</u>

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# Statement of Accounting Policies

*For the Year Ended 30 June 2021*

## 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 2021

## 1. Analysis of Revenue

	Notes	2021 \$	2020 \$
<b>Donations, Fundraising and Other Similar Activities</b>			
General Donations		51,856	40,005
<b>Total Donations</b>		<b>51,856</b>	<b>40,005</b>
<b>Grants</b>			
BASF		10,000	10,000
Cobb Dam Mitigation Account		2,000	2,000
Department of Conservation		104,547	35,000
Department of Conservation Community Fund		147,849	17,102
Fonterra		7,052	-
Golden Bay Community Trust		3,041	53
Jasmine Charitable Trust		19,404	-
Lottery Grants Board		14,683	100,821
Mapua Community Traps		133	1,010
MBIE		689,689	-
Ministry for Primary Industries		985,249	100,123
Ministry for the Environment		120,188	-
Nelson City Council		63,029	-
Nelson Environment Centre		557	-
Network Tasman Charitable Trust		3,000	-

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## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

For the Year Ended 30 June 2021

### Analysis of Revenue (continued)

	Notes	2021 \$	2020 \$
New World Motueka		3,000	-
Predator Free 2050		9,625	
Project Janszoon		-	953
Rata Foundation		63,400	92,600
Tasman District Council		29,460	68,706
Thawley Orchard		313	-
World Wildlife Fund		11,780	9,000
<b>Total Grants</b>		<b>2,287,999</b>	<b>437,369</b>
<b>Interest, Dividends and Other Investment Revenue</b>			
Interest Received		9,466	4,835
Interest Received – Cobb Dam Mitigation Account		1,990	5,375
<b>Total Interest</b>		<b>11,456</b>	<b>10,210</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>2,351,311</b>	<b>487,584</b>

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## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

For the Year Ended 30 June 2021

### 2. Analysis of Expenses

	Notes	2021 \$	2020 \$
<b>Costs Related to Providing Goods or Services</b>			
<b>Project Costs</b>			
Abel Tasman Weed Control Southern Halo		79,866	7,108
Battle for the Banded Rail		79,250	85,062
Cobb Mitigation Fund Projects	8	53,237	38,655
Farmers for Whio		28,751	21,891
Farming 2030		44,016	3,158
Kina Bird Song		8,469	-
Kokorua Sandspit		3,024	3,377
Mapua Dawn Chorus		540	924
Motupipi Willow Eradication		40,050	53,324
Neimann Creek		10,896	9,350
Nelson Tasman Climate Forum		52,013	-
Onetahua Restoration		9,625	-
Project Mohua Streamcare		11,475	-
Rare & Threatened Plants		-	1,012
Responsible Cat Management		2,374	1,093
Restoring the Moutere		643,229	-
Restoring the Moutere Fencing		689,689	-

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## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

For the Year Ended 30 June 2021

### Analysis of Expenses (continued)

	Notes	2021 \$	2020 \$
Stephens Bay Wetland Restoration		7,884	-
Waimea Inlet Forum		1,436	575
Waimea Inlet Restoration Partnership		305,549	100,123
Wakapuaka Mouri		120,188	-
Wasp Wipeout		40,433	43,781
Regional Predator Control		-	229
<b>Total Project Costs</b>		<b>2,231,995</b>	<b>369,662</b>

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## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

For the Year Ended 30 June 2021

### 2. Analysis of Expenses (continued)

	Notes	2021 \$	2020 \$
<b>Trust Hub Expenses</b>			
Accounting & Audit Fees		2,484	1,338
Bank Fees		108	107
Communications & Website Design		19,535	8,093
Education & Professional Development		2,945	243
General Expenses		3,195	6,605
Health & Safety Costs		400	440
Insurance		1,572	489
IT Expenses		11,782	7,367
Planning & Research		4,294	24,815
Printing, Stationery, Office Expenses		2,634	735
Trust Management Fees	9	193,492	132,898
Travel		4,310	1,670
<b>Total Trust Hub Expenses before Project Support</b>		<b>246,751</b>	<b>184,800</b>
Hub Project Support Recoveries	10	(86,210)	(4,262)
<b>Total Trust Hub Expenses</b>		<b>160,541</b>	<b>180,538</b>
<b>Total Costs Related to Providing Goods or Services</b>		<b>2,392,536</b>	<b>550,200</b>

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## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

For the Year Ended 30 June 2021

### 3. Accounts Receivable

Accounts Receivable at year end is \$402,942 (2020: \$21,199). This was for services provided and invoiced in the financial year. The one debtor was Ministry for Primary Industries for Restoring the Moutere. Payment was received in July.

### 4. Grants in Advance

Unspent grants from grants received with conditions attached is \$716,224 (2020: \$297,171). The significant amounts are for:

- Onetahua Restoration (Predator Free 2050 \$170,375)
- Restoring the Moutere (MPI \$166,612)
- Trust Management (Rata Foundation \$114,000, Hoku Foundation \$95,000)
- Battle for the Banded Rail (Lottery Grants Board \$26,504, Jasmine Charitable Trust \$20,596, DOC Community Fund \$24,943)

### 5. Creditors and accrued expenses

Creditors and accrued expenses at year end are \$492,155 (2020: \$49,976).

These are payments made for services during the year paid after balance date.

The significant creditors are suppliers for Restoring the Moutere Fencing (\$250,571), Restoring the Moutere (\$135,357), Waimea Inlet Restoration Partnership (\$40,189) and Trust Management costs (\$27,038).

## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

For the Year Ended 30 June 2021

### 6. Accumulated Funds

#### This Year

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

#### Last Year

	Capital Contributed by Members	Accumulated Surpluses or Deficits	Reserves	Total
Opening Balance	-	497,058	-	497,058
Net Surplus		(62,616)		(62,616)
Closing Balance	-	434,442	-	434,442

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## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

For the Year Ended 30 June 2021

### 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 (2020: 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

	2021 \$	2020 \$
<b>Cobb Mitigation Fund Revenue</b>		
Interest	1,990	5,068
<b>Total Revenue</b>	1,990	5,068
<b>Cobb Mitigation Funded Project Costs</b>		
Golden Bay Cycle & Walkway Society	1,875	-
Lower Takaka MU Pest Vine Control	16,000	20,000
Middle Takaka MU Pest Plant Control	20,000	7,000
Mike Scott Plants	-	126
Motupipi Whitebait Connection Programme	-	3,121
Oxbow Restoration	13,362	4,641
Takaka School Whitebait Connection	-	1,767
TET Trust Management contribution	2,000	2,000
<b>Total Cobb Mitigation Fund Expenses</b>	53,237	38,656
<b>Net Cash Flow</b>	(51,247)	(33,588)

## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

*For the Year Ended 30 June 2021*

### 9. Trust Management

The Trust contracts a Trust Manager, Operations Manager, Trust Administrator, Financial Manager, Monitoring & Evaluation Coordinator, Regional Predator Control Coordinator, Project Mohua Administrator and a Communications Consultant. The combined total for these roles is approximately 3.0 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 Fencing (MBIE \$35,000), Restoring the Moutere (MPI \$25,000), Waimea Inlet Restoration Partnership (MPI \$13,339) and Battle for the Banded Rail (DOCCF \$5,080).



# 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 2021, 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 2021 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

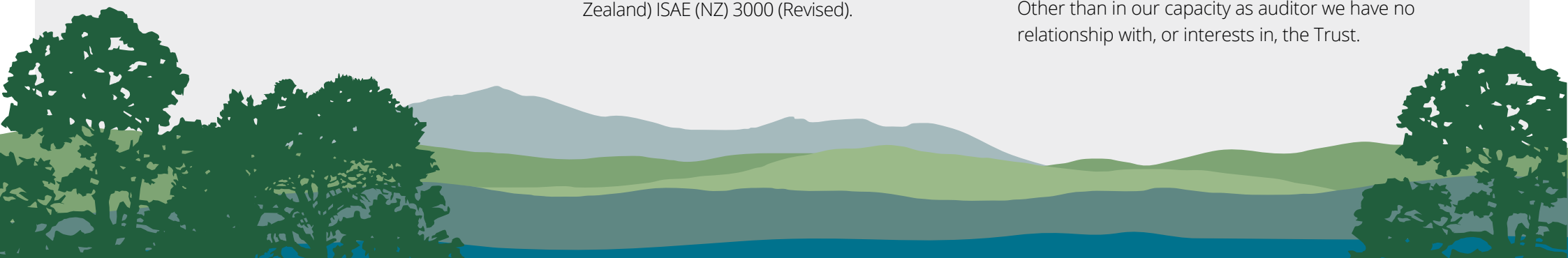
We conducted our audit of the statement of financial performance, statement of financial position, statement of movements in equity, statement of cash flows, statement of accounting policies and notes to the performance report in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) (ISAs (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 2021.

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 going concern.
- 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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