

2019 Conservation Boards Appointments

Te Hiku Conservation Board

Two appointments to the Te Hiku Conservation Board.

Appointment: Mr Gideon PORTER of Kaitaia. Mr Porter has been a journalist for over 20 years, covering local politics and Māori issues, and is active in caring for Te Oneroa A Tohe (90 Mile Beach). He has iwi affiliations to Te Rarawa and Ngāpuhi.

Appointment: Ms Waikarere GREGORY of Kaitaia. Ms Gregory is nominated by Te Rūnanga o Te Rarawa. She is involved in the general activities of her marae Te Rarawa, and in recent years has also helped organise Wananga, hui, and projects to reconnect people and offer opportunities to grow and move forward. She has a great passion for the arts and leads workshops on storytelling and kaupapa Māori.

Northland Conservation Board

One reappointment and one new appointment to the Northland Conservation Board.

Reappointment: Ms Tania MCINNES of Paihia. Ms McInnes is the current deputy mayor of the Far North District Council. She is involved with many community initiatives, including been a founding member of Focus Paihia Charitable Community Trust. Tania also has a background in tourism, hospitality and project management, and a strong understanding of public process and Māori protocols.

Appointment: Ms Georgina O'CONNOR of Mangawhai. Ms O'Connor holds a bachelor of Māori Development and currently studying towards a Post Graduate Diploma in Public Health. She is currently employed as an environmental scientist and project co-ordinator for Wiley Geotechnical Ltd. She has iwi affiliations to Ngāpuhi and Te Mahurehure.

Auckland Conservation Board

One reappointment and four new appointments to the Auckland Conservation Board.

Reappointment: Dr Andrew JEFFS of Auckland. Dr Jeffs is a marine scientist at the University of Auckland and managing director of Two Fathom Ltd. He has broad scientific, environmental and business knowledge, as well as a prior knowledge of the Department of Conservation's work and functioning. He holds a PhD in Marine Science and a Post Graduate Diploma in Commerce.

Appointment: Dr José DERRAIK of Bucklands Beach. Dr Derraik has a Master's degree in Ecology and PhD in Public Health. He was previously a senior human health advisor at MAF Biosecurity NZ, and invited member of the Royal Society of NZ Biodiversity Committee. Dr Derraik is a senior research fellow at the University of Auckland, having worked there for 11 years on clinical and epidemiological studies. He is passionate about the natural world, a keen hiker and climber, having acquired considerable knowledge on the interface between public health and the environment, biodiversity, and conservation.

Appointment: Ms Natalie HANSBY of Te Atatu Peninsula. Ms Hansby is an experienced senior manager in conservation, local government, and tourism, with experience in strategic planning, risk management, operationalising strategy and community empowerment. She has eight years' experience as a senior manager at Auckland Zoo and is a former board member of GirlGuiding New Zealand.

Appointment: Mr Pengbo JIANG of Auckland. Mr Jiang is an experienced board member and advisor in public and not-for-profit sectors. He holds a Master's degree in Management and has a Certificate in Māori Studies. With a background in volunteering he is a recipient of the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers in recognition of work in the community.

Waikato Conservation Board

One reappointment and two new appointments to the Waikato Conservation Board.

Reappointment: Mrs Melissa KING-HOWELL of Hamilton. Mrs King-Howell has experience as an Area Manager for Department of Conservation in the Hauraki-Waikato area and led the Māori Focused Unit with the Waikato Regional Council. She has skills in business, land and environment management, has extensive Māori networks and holds a range of trustee roles in the Not for Profit Sector. Melissa currently runs her own company specialising in service design and delivery through collaborative leadership. Her tribal affiliations are Ngaati Maahanga, Ngaati Te Wehi and Tuuhourangi.

Appointment: Mrs Flora BARTHOLOMEW of Te Kuiti. Mrs Bartholomew is a self-employed dairy farmer and holds a Certificate in Biology, a Bachelor in Horticultural Science and a Diploma in Business Management. She has five QEII blocks on her property and is a member of Rural Women NZ, Federated Farmers and Dairy Women's Network.

Appointment: Ms Gaylene ROBERTS of Putaruru. Ms Roberts is of Ngati Raukawa and Waikato Tainui descent nominated by the head of Kahui Ariki (the Maori Sovereign, King Tuheitia). She is on the Board in terms of the Waikato Raupatu Lands Settlement Act 1995. She has strong governance experience and is currently a chairperson and member on several boards and trusts, such as the Raukawa Settlement Trust, Waipa District Council Iwi Consultative Committee and Waikato District Health Board Kaunihera Kaumātua. She has previously been on the Board from 2012-2013, also nominated by the head of Kahui Ariki.

Bay of Plenty Conservation Board

Three reappointments and one new appointment to the Bay of Plenty Conservation Board.

Reappointment: Mr Mark COPELAND of Rotorua. Mr Copeland has over 25 years legal experience, including in resource management, property and conservation. He is also a governance consultant and expert rural mediator. He has enjoyed a lifetime interest in the New Zealand outdoors.

Reappointment: Mrs Anne MACKERSEY of Tauranga. Mrs Mackersey is a farm manager in Whakamarama. She has trained in landscape architecture and has a lifelong interest in land management and environmental practices. She is an active member on several local community groups.

Reappointment: Ms Rachel PINN of Tauranga. Ms Pinn is a programme leader for the Bay of Plenty Regional Council with experience in strategic planning and policy development. She has a passion for the New Zealand environment and holds a Bachelor of Resource Management and a Master of Applied Science in Transport Science.

Appointment: Mrs Gina MOHI of Rotorua. Mrs Mohi has worked in the resource management and environmental planning for 15 years and is currently a self-employed

RMA consultant and manager of the Environmental Unit at the Ngāti Rangiwewehi Charitable Trust. She holds a Master's degree with a double major in Environmental Planning, and Earth Sciences. She has affiliations to Ngāti Rangiwewhi, Te Whānau-ā-Apanui, Ngāi Tai, Te Whakatōhea and Te Arawa.

East Coast / Hawke's Bay Conservation Board

Two reappointments and one new appointment to the East Coast/ Hawke's Bay Conservation Board.

Reappointment: Dr Lucy MEAGHER of Hastings. Dr Meagher is a science teacher with past employment as a research scientist for Fonterra and AgResearch. She has a PhD in Agricultural Chemistry and is a current volunteer for Forest and Bird.

Reappointment: Mrs Penelope (Penny) SHAW of Gisborne. Mrs Shaw has extensive governance experience having been on a large variety of boards. She is the current president of Tourism Eastland, the Tairāwhiti Civil Defence Group Welfare Manager, secretary of the Gisborne City Vintage Rail society and tour guide for the cruise ship steam train packages. She is the current chair of the East Coast / Hawke's Bay Conservation Board.

Appointment: Mr Wayne TAYLOR of Raupunga. Mr Taylor is a current member of the Hawkes Bay Health Consumer Council and the Wairoa Waikaremoana Māori Trust Board. He has land environmental management experience and is familiar with the Conservation Act and the RMA. He has affiliations to Ngāti Pāhauwera, YMP Rugby, Ngāi Te Aonui, Te Whānau O Rongomaiwahine and supports Mahia and Wairoa Ross Shield Rugby.

Tongariro / Taupo Conservation Board

Three new appointments to the Tongariro/ Taupo Conservation Board.

Appointment: Mrs Amoa HAWIRA of Raetihi. Mrs Hawira is currently studying towards a Undergraduate Degree in Environmental Management and has a strong community and cultural presence in the rohe. She is working for Ngā Waihua o Paerangi (formally Ngāti Rangi Trust) within the Taiao unit as a Kairangahau Taiao (Environmental Researcher), and is heavily involved with Para Kore Inc. She has affiliations to Ātihaunui a Pāpārangī, Uenuku / Tamakana / Tamahaki, Ngāti Tūwharetoa, Ngāti Kahungunu and Ngāti Rangi.

Appointment: Mr Te Ngaehe WANIKAU of Turangi. Mr Wanikau is a nominee of Te Kotahitanga o Ngāti Tūwharetoa. He has experience in environmental policy, planning and analysis, and consultation with local governments and authorities. His particular interest is in providing a cultural perspective to conservation board deliberations. His outdoor recreation interests are fishing and food gathering.

Appointment: Mr Murray WILSON of National Park Village. Mr Wilson is a District Councillor for the Ruapehu District Council National Park Ward and National Park Community Board. He has experience in community consultation, advocacy and projects on public land.

Taranaki / Whanganui Conservation Board

Two reappointments and three new appointments to the Taranaki / Whanganui Conservation Board.

Reappointment: Ms Vicky DOMBROSKI of Waitara. Ms Dombroski is a community development advisor for Waitara Alive. She has experience in community, social,

economic environmental and business development along with a background in tourism and high-performance sport. She also has experience in community led development. She is affiliated by marriage to Ngāti Ruanui and has indigenous ancestry from South America. She is the current chair of the Taranaki Whanganui Conservation Board.

Reappointment: Ms Liana POUTU of New Plymouth. Ms Poutu is nominated by the Taranaki Māori Trust Board. She has a strong legal background in Māori land, Treaty of Waitangi, corporate governance and public law. Also has governance and prior conservation board experience, and strong iwi, hapū and marae networks in Taranaki and Whanganui.

Appointment: Mr Andrew (Drew) CASTLE of Inglewood. Mr Castle is a self-employed IT professional. He has a good understanding of the pressure on native species and how IT can support conservation initiatives. He currently volunteers for the Taranaki Kiwi Trust and also monitors a trap line on his property.

Appointment: Mr Robert (Boy) CRIBB of Whanganui. Mr Cribb is nominated by the Ngā Tāngata Tiaki o Whanganui Trust. Has strong governance experience and is currently chair and member on several boards/trusts.

Appointment: Mr Allen JUFFERMANS of New Plymouth. Mr Juffermans is an active volunteer and business owner. He has local land and community knowledge and experience in project management, strategy, resource management planning and technical advice. He is currently a member of the NZ Institute of Surveyors, Consulting Surveyors of NZ and Resource Management Law Association.

Wellington Conservation Board

Two reappointments and two new appointments to the Wellington Conservation Board.

Reappointment: Dr Esther DIJKSTRA of Carterton. Dr Dijkstra is a business owner with a PhD in Environmental Science and a Master's in Physical Geography. She's connected to the wider Wairarapa community as an Enviroschools facilitator, and as a member of the Ruamahanga Whaitua committee.

Reappointment: Dr Barry WARDS of Upper Hutt. Mr Wards is a Specialists Advisor Biosecurity HSNO for the Ministry of Primary Industries. He has over 30 years' experience in environmental and conservation advocacy and activity. He has a strong knowledge of nature conservation, indigenous biodiversity, pest control and the potential impacts of conservation activities on cultural heritage, recreation, tourism and local economics. He has a working knowledge of legislation and government/local body processes.

Appointment: Mr Daniel (Dan) ELDERKAMP of Waipukurau. Mr Elderkamp is previously been chair and member on several committees/boards. He is familiar with New Zealand conservation issues, both past and present, and practiced pest and weed control, and revegetation. He is currently employed as a bus driver, coach driver and a self-employed farmer.

Appointment: Ms Nicole MCCROSSIN of Wellington. Ms McCrossin is a senior advisor in Māori Crown relations for Te Arawhiti. She has skills in relationship management, communication, and analysis and advice. She is a member of the Wellington City Council Environmental Reference Group.

Chatham Islands Conservation Board

Two reappointments and one new appointment to the Chatham Islands Conservation Board.

Reappointment: Mrs Dianne (Di) GREGORY-HUNT of Pitt Island. Mrs Gregory-Hunt is retired and has lived on Pitt Island nearly all her life. She is very familiar with local conservation issues. She has affiliations to Pitt Island iwi through her children.

Reappointment: Ms Susan THORPE of Chatham Islands. Ms Thorpe is a cultural projects manager for Hokotehi Moriori Trust. She is an archaeologist with experience in resource management, ecological research, freshwater ecology and habitat restoration, and youth development.

Appointment: Mrs Trescia LAWSON of Chatham Islands. Mrs Lawson is general manager for Ha O Te Ora O Wharekauri Trust. She has local knowledge and experience in management, policy writing and planning. She has affiliations to Ngāti Mutunga O Wharekauri / Rekohu and Moriori O Rekohu / Wharekauri.

Nelson / Marlborough Conservation Board

One reappointment and one appointment to the Nelson Marlborough Conservation Board.

Reappointment: Dr Murray POULTER of Tasman. Dr Poulter was previously the chief scientist for atmosphere, climate and hazards at NIWA. He is a current and past member on several boards and has a PhD in Physics. He has skills in governance, environmental science, research and science management.

Appointment: Mrs Lorraine HAWKE of Kaikoura. Mrs Hawke is nominated by Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu. She has skill sets in governance, management, planning and analysis, and whanau development. She also has a strong cultural awareness relative to the principles relating to rangatiratanga and the construct concept of mana whenua mana moana.

West Coast *Tai Poutini* Conservation Board

Two reappointments and five new appointments to the West Coast *Tai Poutini* Conservation Board.

Reappointment: Mr Barry (Baz) HUGHES of Okarito. Mr Hughes is a business owner with ten plus years' experience in tourism, enabling visitors to interact with the conservation estate. He has extensive knowledge and experience of recreational activities across the New Zealand conservation estate and has volunteered on several biodiversity projects.

Reappointment: Mr Francois TUMAHAI of Hokitika. Mr Tumahai is of Ngāti Waewae and Ngāti Whātua descent. He is the Chairman of Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Waewae and Chief Executive of Arahura Holding Limited. Francois brings over 20 years of management experience, 15 years governance experience and 8 years director experience to the Board.

Appointment: Ms Veronica BALDWIN of Christchurch. Ms Baldwin is nominated by Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu. She is an environmental consultant with skills including resource and environmental planning, policy development and analysis, regional development, and knowledge of relevant conservation legislation.

Appointment: Ms Kara EDWARDS of Greymouth. Ms Edwards is nominated by Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu. She has skills in business, land and environmental

management, policy and planning. Also, consensus building, understanding of public processes and cultural understanding. She is currently a chair and member on several boards/trusts.

Appointment: Ms Suzanne HILLS of Barrytown. Ms Hills is a writer and an active conservation volunteer. She has skills in technical and project management, understanding of public processes and cultural awareness in conservation. She holds a Bachelor of Technology (Hons) in Biotechnology and Bioprocess Engineering.

Appointment: Ms Inger PERKINS of Hokitika. Ms Perkins works for the West Coast Penguin Trust, the Walking Access Commission and the South Island Kokako Charitable Trust. She has an extensive understanding of statutory processes relating to Department of Conservation permissions, resource consents and management planning, and extensive experience advocating for conservation within and beyond the West Coast.

Appointment: Mr Neil SILVERWOOD of Blackball. Mr Silverwood is a freelance photojournalist and through this work has gained a strong understanding on the key environmental issues New Zealand faces today. Has an in depth understanding of the legislation which governs the management of public conservation land in New Zealand. He also has in-depth knowledge of karst and cave management.

Canterbury Aoraki Conservation Board

Three reappointments and two new appointments to the Canterbury Aoraki Conservation Board.

Reappointment: Mr Joseph HULLEN of Kaiapoi. Mr Hullen is nominated by Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu. He has skills in environmental management and advocacy, is a mahinga kai practitioner and provides strong cultural awareness. He is currently employed as a whakapapa researcher for Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu.

Reappointment: Ms Roberta Joy (Joy) PATERSON of Twizel. Ms Paterson has extensive governance experience and is a member on several boards and committees. She holds a Master of Educational Administration and Bachelor of Science. She has previous experience in management and consultant roles.

Reappointment: Ms Paula SMITH of Banks Peninsula. Ms Smith has extensive governance experience and is a member on several boards and committees. She also has experience in reserve management planning, landscape assessment, design and planning, and is familiar with RMA and National Parks Act 1980 processes. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Botany and a Post Graduate Diploma in Landscape Architecture.

Appointment: Mr Joshua (Josh) NEVILLE of Christchurch. Mr Neville is an urban regeneration planner for the Christchurch City Council. He holds a Bachelors in Geography, Economics and Freshwater Management, and Master's degree in human Environment and Land Value Taxation. He has a strong interest in sustainable management and environmental systems.

Appointment: Miss Rachel ROBILLIARD of Cheviot. Miss Robilliard is nominated by Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu. She has a legal background with a focus on environmental, planning and natural resources law. She has experience advising on legal and compliance requirements for a range of environmental and resource management matters. She is also a member of the Kaitiakitanga Portfolio for Te Taumutu Rūnanga.

Otago Conservation Board

One reappointment and two new appointments to the Otago Conservation Board.

Reappointment: Mrs Robyn SHANKS of Owaka. Mrs Shanks is a sheep and beef farmer with 37 years' experience. She has a direct involvement and interest in the coastal environment and cultural awareness through employment by the Māori Land Trust at the Cathedral Caves. She has knowledge of the impact of tourism and farming on conservation land and the environment.

Appointment: Mr Donald LOUSLEY of Wanaka. Mr Lousley is currently self-employed in several roles, including landscape and wildlife photographer. He has extensive outdoor experience in New Zealand with skills including, bushcraft, avalanche control, mountaineering, and trap installation and monitoring. He was previously employed by the Department of Conservation over summer periods from 2014-2017, looking after huts, tracks and people in Mt Aspiring National Park, and predator control and bird monitoring.

Southland Conservation Board

Three reappointments and one new appointment to the Southland Conservation Board.

Reappointment: Mr Stewart BULL of Invercargill. Mr Bull is nominated by Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu. He has held several government appointments and has considerable board and community experience. He was awarded a Queen's Service Medal for services to conservation and Māori in 2018.

Reappointment: Mr William (Bill) WATT of Stewart Island. Mr Watt, now retired, has previously worked as a self-employed planning consultant, and on the Invercargill City Council as the Director Environmental and Planning Services. He has experience in conservation and resource management matters in Southland for over 30+ years. He has working knowledge of the RMA and associated legislation.

Reappointment: Mr John WHITEHEAD of Te Anau. Mr Whitehead was previously a self-employed farmer for nearly 40 years. He has experience in negotiating environmental outcomes and a member on several environmental and conservation groups within the Board's rohe. He holds a Bachelor of Agricultural Science. He is the current chair of the Southland Conservation Board.

Appointment: Miss Chantelle SUBRITZKY of Invercargill. Miss Subritzky is the corporate performance lead for the Southland District Council. She has a Master's in Politics and a career in local and central government, strategic planning, policy development and communications. She is a keen outdoor enthusiast and enjoys heading out to explore the bush, rivers, lakes and mountains of Southland. She is passionate about enabling kaitiakitanga for the natural environments that New Zealanders work and play in.