

Biographies for 2020 Conservation Board appointees

Te Hiku o te Ika Conservation Board

- 1 The Te Hiku o te Ika Conservation Board had no vacancies this year.

Northland Conservation Board

- 2 There are four new appointments to the Northland Conservation Board.

Appointment: Mr Edward ASHBY of Wellsford. Mr Ashby of Ngapuhi and Ngāti Whatua, is senior Kaitiaki at Te Uri o Hau Settlement Trust. He is involved in a variety of conservation initiatives, including; pest management and control, kauri dieback monitoring, water quality, and beach stranding aid. Through his various commitments he has built relationships with a number of government agencies and professionals.

Appointment: Mr Robert (Blue) NEWPORT of Ōkaihau. Mr Newport is a sheep and beef farmer and a teacher in tourism and social sciences. He is a Queen Elizabeth II National Trust covenant owner and is involved in the Okaihau community in various beautification and environmental maintenance projects.

Appointment: Miss Kayla RAINES of Whangārei. Miss Raines is a horticultural worker who is involved in a number of community conservation and land care projects, involving species monitoring and restoration planting. She has a Bachelor of Applied Science in Biodiversity Management.

Appointment: Ms Julie RIGGIR of Whangārei. Ms Riggir is a small business owner in the tourism sector. She has experience in committee work, conflict resolution, and an excellent awareness and sensitivity to Maoritanga, Treaty of Waitangi grievances, and the complexities of Treaty settlement.

Auckland Conservation Board

- 3 There are four reappointments and one new appointment to the Auckland Conservation Board.

Reappointment: Ms Natalie HANSBY of Auckland. Ms Hansby is an Operations Manager for Auckland Council. She is confident in strategic planning, risk management, and operationalising strategy; and, is passionate about empowering communities to influence and act on issues that they care about.

Reappointment: Mr Nathan KENNEDY of Waihi. Mr Kennedy is the Marutūāhu Rōpū nominee. He has been an Iwi Environmental Officer for 20 years and a GIS Administrator for Thames Coromandel District Council. He has extensive experience in iwi issues relating to environmental resource management. He is skilled in historical research, presenting claims, and negotiating.

Reappointment: Mrs Carolyn (Lyn) MAYES of Auckland. Mrs Mayes is the current Chair of the Auckland Conservation Board. She has 20 years of experience working in global corporations around the world, she has a deep understanding of business operations, public sector and policy development. She has established a management consultancy which builds networks and collaboration between the private sector, NGO's, and local and central government to improve New Zealand's environmental performance.

Reappointment: Mr William (Malcolm) PAGE of Auckland. Mr Page is a Parks and Recreation Contractor for Auckland Council. He has experience in

relationship building and collaboration with Māori and other partners and stakeholders. He is knowledgeable in strategy, policy, planning, project, operational, and contract management.

Appointment: Mr Mervyn KEREHOMA of Auckland. Mr Kerehoma is the Ngāti Whatua Rōpū nominee. He has experience in cultural engagement, and as a relationship liaison. He has understanding of ecology restoration planning, pest management, and biodiversity monitoring.

Waikato Conservation Board

- 4 There are two reappointments and one new appointment to the Waikato Conservation Board.

Reappointment: Mr Alan COCKLE of Hamilton. Mr Cockle is the current Chair of Waikato Conservation Board and self-employed Principal of Alan Cockle and Associates Maori Research and Administration Services. He has governance expertise, being involved with numerous committees, boards and trusts. He has experience in mediation and meeting facilitation and is conversant in the Te Ture Whenua Maori Act and associated legislation.

Reappointment: Ms Fiona GOWER of Tuakau. Ms Gower is the National President for Rural Women NZ. She has excellent governance and advocacy experience and is skilled in strategic planning, policy, submission writing, media and presentation.

Appointment: Mr Robin (Rob) CHAPPELL of Coromandel. Mr Chappell, now retired, has had a long career with the Department of Conservation offering expertise in island management, marine mammals and threatened species management.

Bay of Plenty Conservation Board

- 5 There are two reappointments and two new appointments to the Bay of Plenty Conservation Board.

Reappointment: Ms Dayle HUNIA of Whakatāne. Ms Hunia is the Principal Advisor for Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Awa. She has 20+ years of experience in governance, environmental management, Māori business development, and project management.

Reappointment: Dr Julian LEE of Ōpōtiki. Dr Lee has previously held Senior Management and Scientist positions in Plant and Food Research, Crop and Food Research, and AgResearch. He has awareness and knowledge of key environmental issues and biological research activities, and is skilled at strategic and project planning, consensus building, and integrating economic and recreational development with conservation values.

Appointment: Ms Sara CARLY of Tauranga. Ms Carly is a Market Researcher with a background as a Policy Advisor. She has strong policy, planning, and analysis skills, with strength in programme planning, financial management, and cultural awareness.

Appointment: Mr Zane JENSEN of Tauranga. Mr Jensen is a Community Sport Team Leader, with strong knowledge of the sport and recreation sector. He has exceptional community engagement skills and an understanding of reserve management and planning

East Coast / Hawke's Bay Conservation Board

- 6 There are one reappointment and one new appointment to the East Coast/Hawke's Bay Conservation Board.

Reappointment: Mr Samuel (Sam) GIBSON of Gisborne. Mr Gibson is a Technical Trapping Expert. He has previously been a Ranger for the Department of Conservation, and has experience as a consulting ecologist. He is a highly valued member of the East Coast environmental and conservation community and has a close working relationship with local iwi. He has a Bachelor of Biological Science, Diploma in Environmental Management and a Diploma in Education.

Appointment: Mr Douglas BAILEY of Hastings. Mr Bailey is a Commercial Manager and Chartered Accountant. He has extensive expertise in financial acumen, governance, management and report writing.

Tongariro / Taupō Conservation Board

- 7 There are one reappointment and two new appointments to the Tongariro/Taupo Conservation Board.

Reappointment: Mr Michael (Mike) BRITTON of Wellington. Mr Britton has had long-time involvement in national parks and protected area management and significant land use planning and administration experience. He was involved with the drafting of the current National Park and Conservation Acts and the development of previous National Park Management Plans. He has been a member, guardian, and trustee on numerous boards, trusts and committees.

Appointment: Ms Karen GRIMWADE of Auckland. Ms Grimwade is a researcher and writer, with specialist historic knowledge. She has previously worked for the Department of Conservation in Tongariro as a Conservation Officer and has a Masters in Cultural Heritage Management.

Appointment: Mr David MILNER of Masterton. Mr Milner is the Ngāti Rangī nominee. He has excellent engagement with hapū/iwi and hāpori whānui, and skills in influencing engagement for kaitiaki and hapū/iwi in policy. He has deep understanding and respect for Mātauranga Māori

Taranaki / Whanganui Conservation Board

- 8 There are one reappointment and one new appointment to the Taranaki / Whanganui Conservation Board.

Reappointment: Mr Mathew VUJCICH of Inglewood. Mr Vujcich is a Farmer with an extensive background in park operations management. He has experience in policy development and implementation; partnership and community development and management; biodiversity recovery and revegetation programmes; and, farm and livestock management. He has significant skills in land management, park operations, and working with iwi.

Appointment: Ms Bonita BIGHAM of Taranaki. Ms Bigham is Poutakawaenga of Te Korowai o Ngaruahine Trust. She provides experience in policy and strategy and has strong skills in communication, facilitation, and Taranaki reo and tikanga.

Wellington Conservation Board

- 9 There are two new appointments to the Wellington Conservation Board.

Appointment: Ms Sara ARHAIM of Wellington. Ms Arhaim is a Strategic Operations Director with a background in law and accounting. She is a risk and compliance expert, able to analyse proposals from a risk perspective, and has extensive work experience in government agencies.

Appointment: Mr Reuben SAATHOF of Palmerston North. Mr Saathof is a Construction Manager; he combines his engineering problem solving with his passion for conservation. He has strong skills in management, reporting, communication and leadership.

Chatham Islands Conservation Board

10 There are two reappointments to the Chatham Islands Conservation Board.

Reappointment: Mr Manuera (Mana) CRACKNELL of Chatham Islands. Mr Cracknell is a retired university academic, with experience at all levels of education, currently assisting the knowledge and development of beekeeping on the island. In his work for the Hawke's Bay Regional Council he worked on the redefinition and redevelopment of Hawkes Bay through training, work, and industry. He has been a Kaitiaki Moriori for the Ministry of Fisheries and has held several trusteeships and company directorships. He also has had several research posts.

Reappointment: Mrs Judith (Judy) KAMO of Chatham Islands. Mrs Kamo is a Pitt Islander with Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri and Ngāi Tahu affiliation. She is a senior health care worker and a Māori warden. Her strengths are in health and social services and she has strong connections with many sectors of the community through conservation work and community groups.

Nelson / Marlborough Conservation Board

11 There are two reappointments and three new appointments to the Nelson Marlborough Conservation Board.

Reappointment: Ms Andrea GOODMAN of Motueka. Ms Goodman is a Community Engagement Co-ordinator for the Kea Conservation Trust. She is passionate about conservation estate and has a drive to become a part of ensuring robust management and kaitiaki processes are in place to retain and enhance the natural environment. She was previously a Technical Support Officer for DOC Southland, and has numerous qualifications in conservation areas.

Reappointment: Mrs Rima PIGGOTT of Motueka. Mrs Piggott is a Support Worker for Access Homehealth. She is well connected to the land, waters, and animals and is a Trustee for Te Runanga o Ngāti Rarua. She is a representative on the Motueka Museum, Tiakina te Taiao, Manawhenua ki Mohua, Te Awhina Marae, 28th Maori Battalion Komiti, and Vision Motueka. She also holds a Certificate in Horticultural Management.

Appointment: Ms Nicky EADE of Picton. Ms Eade works in the Tourism sector as a Guide on the Queen Charlotte Track. She has previously worked as an Environmental Scientist with a focus on biodiversity and land management. She has significant experience in consultation, advocacy, research and publication, and cultural awareness. She has a Masters in Resource Management.

Appointment: Mr Trevor HOOK of Picton. Mr Hook is a resort owner and an RMA Commissioner. He has 30 years of experience in public life in various community, local government, and national body positions. He has previously

been a Councillor for Marlborough District Council and has qualifications in Environmental Management.

Appointment: Dr Emma NEWCOMBE of Nelson. Ms Newcombe is a Coastal Ecologist at the Cawthron Institute. She has a PhD in Marine Ecology, and provides scientific advice and support to conservation initiatives. She is familiar with conservation lands and marine environments, RMA and consenting processes, and has excellent communication and respect for kaupapa Māori.

West Coast *Tai Poutini* Conservation Board

- 12 There are one reappointment and one new appointment to the West Coast *Tai Poutini* Conservation Board.

Reappointment: Dr Keith MORFETT of Hokitika. Mr Morfett is a self-employed writer. His key attributes include development and promotion of tourism, practical conservation, land management, and predator trapping, planning, analysis, scientific and research skills, consensus building and advocacy. He has extensive board experience, including being a member of Hokitika and Tasman SAR, and community work.

Appointment: Ms Katie MILNE of Kumara. Ms Milne is a dairy farmer from Lake Brunner, and is the former National President of Federated Farmers NZ. She is experienced in leadership, advocacy and governance in the agricultural sector. Katie has proven environmental and community leadership abilities, and has an extensive network of contacts within New Zealand.

Canterbury Aoraki Conservation Board

- 13 There are four new appointments to the Canterbury Aoraki Conservation Board.

Appointment: Mr Euan BROOK of Christchurch. Mr Brook is a Project Engineer and an outdoor enthusiast. He has excellent project management skills and working knowledge of health and safety practices. He is currently undertaking research on geckos in the central Canterbury high county.

Appointment: Ms Jane DEMETER of Christchurch. Ms Demeter is a member of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy Regional Committee. She has significant insight into regional issues and the competing interests around waterways. Her experience in offshore healthcare software development has given her a broad business background. She is involved in many community groups.

Appointment: Ms Eila (Isla) GENDIG of Christchurch. Ms Gendig is the Principal Implementation Advisor on Water Use Compliance Monitoring for Environment Canterbury. She has extensive experience with conservation issues and government processes. She has a Master of Science in Natural Resource Management.

Appointment: Mr Michael MCMILLAN of Temuka. Mr McMillan is a Ngāi Tahu nominee. He is a cultural consultant, with a background in construction. He has knowledge of RMA, resource consents, conservation acts, district plan reviews, iwi management plan development, cultural impact assessments, farm auditing, and restoration projects. He has excellent communication, consulting with both private and government agencies.

Otago Conservation Board

- 14 There are two reappointments and four new appointments to the Otago Conservation Board.

Reappointment: Miss Ranui ELLISON-COLLINS. Miss Ellison-Collins is a Ngāi Tahu nominee. She is a current Ngāi Tahu representative on the Otago Conservation Board and has made a significant contribution to growing the Board's understanding of mātauraka Māori and mātauraka Ngāi Tahu by hosting sessions at each meeting on various topics. She is a Finance and Economics consultant for PricewaterhouseCoopers.

Reappointment: Mr David VASS of Wanaka. Mr Vass is the self-employed owner of Deep Canyon Ltd. He has 35 years of exploring the back country of New Zealand. He has a broad range of knowledge of conservation issues especially in MANP and FNP, DOC and LINZ processes. He is a member of the New Zealand Alpine Club and on the regional access committee, while also being on the Executive Committee for Wanaka Wastebusters. In addition, he helped develop the national qualification in canyoning.

Appointment: Mr Taylor DAVIES-COLLEY of Dunedin. Mr Davies-Colley is a Master's student in Science and is involved in various environmental research projects. He has experience working alongside local iwi on conservation projects in Dunedin and University of Otago's Science Wananga Programme.

Appointment: Dean FRASER of Dunedin. Mr Fraser is a Ngāi Tahu nominee. He is a General Manager at Silver Ferns Farms. He has previously held a variety of roles both with Ngāi Tahu Development Corporation and as the Chair of Ōtākou Papatipu Rūnaka. He is skilled in strategic direction, operational delivery, and risk management.

Appointment: Ms Jennifer (Jen) RODGERS of Waitati. Ms Rodgers is a Sustainable Practice Advisor at Otago Polytechnic. She is active in working with communities to increase knowledge of biodiversity and climate issues. She has a Bachelor of Science and a Graduate Diploma in Sustainable Practice.

Appointment: Mr Robert Peter WARDLE of Alexandra. Mr Wardle is a Self-employed Ecological Contractor and runs a walnut orchard at Galloway. He has excellent understanding of pastoral lease land and tenure review and has built relationships with a wide range of stakeholders, private landowners, and NGO's. He is a Regional Representative for the QEII National Trust.

Southland Conservation Board

- 15 There are three reappointments to the Southland Conservation Board.

Reappointment: Ms Alison BROAD of Invercargill. Ms Broad is a freelance/consultant in community projects and processes. She is skilled in policy development, strategic thinking, governance for community benefit, advocacy, community development, consultation and engagement, and the consensus approach. In 2011, she was awarded the MNZM, and in 2000 the QSM for Public Service. She has served on numerous advisory boards, trusts, commissions, and programmes.

Reappointment: Mr Vaughn FILMER of Te Anau. Mr Filmer is a teacher at Fiordland College and a NZOIA endorsed rock climbing instructor. He is a member of a working group looking at new ways of assessing NCEA Education for Sustainability standards and was the founding teacher of the Kids Restore the Kepler project. He has volunteered for DOC on yellow eyed penguin conservation monitoring and has participated in species translocations in

Fiordland. He was awarded the Sir Peter Blake Trust Environmental Educator award in 2017.

Reappointment: Mr Peter MCDONALD of Dipton. Mr McDonald is a self-employed sheep farmer who has a successful farming business. He hosted a Beef and Lamb New Zealand environmental workshop which was reported on nationally. He is the founding member/Chair of the Dipton Land Care Group and a volunteer fire fighter and local first response medical unit. He is an active member of the Waimea Land and Water Care group and was formerly the Executive and Chair of Meat Industry Excellence.