



Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust (BPCT)

Fact sheet 2011

1. The BPCT started in 2001

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

2. Why was it started?

It was formed as a result of landowner dissatisfaction with the district planning process of that time.

3. Vision

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

4. Core activities are:

- a) **biodiversity protection/ enhancement**- conservation covenants with landholders
- b) **biodiversity monitoring** – management plans for covenants
- c) **sustainable land management**- with landowners e.g. Gorse Workshop
- d) **community education**- e.g. newsletters, events, community workshops
- e) **restoration group**- weed management and some restoration planting
- f) **community partnerships**- e.g. Banks Peninsula Conservation Forum, and working alongside communities for conservation results
- g) **special community conservation projects**- e.g. the tui restoration project.

5. Conservation covenant authority

The trust was appointed a covenanting authority in 2003. This makes the trust the first non-government organisation able to place covenants onto land titles since the QE II Trust began covenanting. The trust is active in implementing covenants in partnership with landowners throughout Banks Peninsula.

6. Structure

Volunteer positions	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Trustees2. Executive Chairman3. Management Committee4. Conservation Covenants Committee5. Restoration Group
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7. Staff

Staff positions (which are part-time, 24 hours per week) include a Coordinator, Covenants Officer, Wildside Coordinator, and contract work for an ecologist. The ecological work is a priority, particularly in completing management plans for covenants. The Trust also has a part-time financial officer.

8. Reliance on voluntary work

The vast majority of work in the trust is achieved through a large commitment of voluntary time from committee members and supporters. We record voluntary work hours where possible.

9. Process of working together

Monthly committee meetings (i.e. 12 meetings/ year), including an Annual General Meeting, regular workshops, agency, and community conservation events.

10. **Funding** for conservation work, including staff positions is from a variety of sources. The trust is grateful for funding from DOC's Biofunds, Christchurch City Council, Canterbury Community Trust, WWF, Josef Langer Trust, Environment Canterbury, and Pub Charity amongst others.

11. Services given by other organizations

The trust has some services provided in-kind by others, including Anderson Lloyd Lawyers and Anderson & Associates professional surveyors.

12. Donations

The trust acknowledges all its funders and supporters. Regular donations have kept the trust afloat since its inception, and continue to be the backbone of much of the trust's work. The tui restoration project attracts private funders, which is fundamental to helping its ongoing success.

13. Some results to date

	Indicator	Result
1.	Conservation covenants (signed and registered on land titles)	= 47 covenants
2.	Total of land area legally protected by covenants	= 431 ha protected
3.	Conservation covenants in progress with active landowner engagement/ working in partnership	= 7 roughly totalling 200 ha in discussion
4.	Ecological surveys completed	= 35
5.	Feral goat strategy/ partnership programme implemented with DOC, ECan & CCC. The programme has recently been extended to include feral deer and feral pigs.	= 3800 feral goats controlled
6.	Two years planning, approval of translocation proposal, pest management of 100 hectare core release area at Hinewai, release and monitoring through radio tracking for 4 months	= 72 tui released in total in 2009 and 2010
7.	Newsletters (distributed twice per year throughout peninsula)	= 4,100 households
8.	Banks Peninsula Conservation Forum (held with agencies and individuals)	= 2-3 forums per year
9.	Restoration Group weed control (focus on 3 covenant sites)	= regular events
10.	Community meetings and workshops e.g. Banks Peninsula Biodiversity Workshop (held on 8 October 2009)	= 2-3 per year
11.	Summer guided walk programme to raise funds for tui restoration, 1 guided walk per month	= 3-10 guided walks/ yr
12.	Representation and stalls at Banks Peninsula A&P Shows	= 2 per year
13.	Joint publications include Introduction to the Trust, conservation covenants, Kaupapa Kereru, Tui Tucker, Action 10, War on Pests-weed and pest management strategy, Bush birds of Banks Peninsula, <i>Natural History of Banks Peninsula</i> (book by Hugh Wilson)	= 8
14.	Awarded a 2010 Ministry for the Environment Green Ribbon Award for "Protecting our biodiversity: for outstanding work with landowners to conserve biodiversity on private lands and efforts to establish a sustainable tui population on Banks Peninsula,"	= Green Ribbon Award, 2010, presented by Ministry for the Environment

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