

Further Information about Rod Donald Banks Peninsula Trustee Positions

The Rod Donald Banks Peninsula Trust is a Christchurch City Council controlled organisation founded in 2010 for the benefit of Banks Peninsula residents and visitors, with a focus on sustainable management, conservation, and recreation. Major achievements to date include contributions toward the Saddle Hill, Purple Peak Curry and Panama reserves, the publication of comprehensive information on walking on Banks Peninsula, and the development of Te Ara Pātaka/Summit Walkway, a multi-day tramp connecting the Lyttelton and Akaroa craters including the popular Rod Donald Hut, and significant submissions to policy documents including the Christchurch District Plan. More information about the Trust's current projects can be found on its website.

Over the next three years the Trust aims to continue with its leadership role to secure and extend public walking and cycling access on a network of well-marked and managed tracks; a support role to assist others to secure and enhance areas of native biodiversity; and to disseminate knowledge to the public with regard to walking access, biodiversity, culture and heritage. It will achieve these aims through working in partnership with statutory or community bodies as appropriate.

The Trust prepares a Statement of Intent for Council approval annually and reports progress against performance indicators in this statement on a six monthly basis. The Trust also works to support Council policies. Within these parameters, Trustees control and manage a substantial capital fund of \$2.5 million independently.

The Trust deed provides for a maximum of nine Trustees of which seven are appointed by the Council and two by the Trust. Trustee positions are typically three years in length, with the opportunity to roll-over for a maximum of three terms. Terms are staggered so that not all fall vacant at the same time. The Trust is seeking to fill two Trustee positions from July 1, 2017 and is now seeking expressions of interest. In reviewing candidates the Trust will seek a balance of representation from people with a good knowledge of Banks Peninsula, and suitable skills, experience and time to participate effectively as part of its governance team. Trustees with a strong interest in walking and tramping and who can bring financial or negotiation skills to the Board are sought.

Trustees currently meet as a full Board about eight times per year, with meetings generally held in Christchurch on a weekday evening and lasting around 3 hours. The meeting schedule will be reviewed once new Trustees are appointed. Trustees operate in a governance role supported by the Trust manager. Agenda papers are sent out a week in advance by the manager and Trustees should allow at least 2 hours to review papers prior to meetings. To date the Trust has also held an annual full day strategic planning meeting at a weekend and sub-committee and community meetings on an as needed basis. Regular communications are sent out by email.

Candidates should therefore be prepared to allocate at least 80 to 100 hours per year to the Trustee role. The position is voluntary and to date Trustees have met their own expenses.

Rod Donald Banks Peninsula Trustee Position
Expression of Interest Form

Please complete and return this form along with your current CV, the names of two referees and any other relevant information to manager@roddonaldtrust.co.nz before April 1, 2017.

Full name: _____

Residential Address: _____

Postal address: _____

Email address: _____

Current employment: _____

Gender: M/F Age: _____

Please state your previous experience with governance roles and voluntary organisations:

Please state the contribution you would bring to the role of Trustee:

Please summarise your experience, knowledge and feelings for Banks Peninsula and how you see the Rod Donald Banks Peninsula Trust helping it to develop:

Please state your availability to attend meetings and any constraints that would apply

If you need more space to answer our questions or to supply additional information, please feel free to extend your answers beyond this form.