

11 September 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

LETTER OF SUPPORT – ROD DONALD BANKS PENINSULA TRUST TE AHU PĀTIKI PURCHASE

The Banks Peninsula Community Board fully supports the purchase of Te Ahu Pātiki by the Rod Donald Banks Peninsula Trust which plans to create a conservation park, with full public access, to protect and restore native biodiversity.

The purchase of this land by the Trust will secure public access on Te Ara Pātaka, the Ōtautahi to Akaroa tramping network, providing additional opportunities for walking and mountain biking, including new access to the Mt Bradley summit.

It will also fill a gap to create 1700ha of continuous land protected for biodiversity, fulfilling a goal of the Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust's Ecological Vision. The natural regeneration of the land will protect the Te Wharau stream from summit to sea and improve water quality in the Te Waiake stream, thus also supporting the vision of Whaka Ora – Healthy Harbour, the Lyttelton catchment management plan.

The outstanding achievements to date of the Rod Donald Banks Peninsula Trust, working in partnership with a number of like-minded organisations, have proven its expertise in the valuable work it does protecting and restoring land and encouraging both locals and tourists to enjoy access to the stunningly beautiful Banks Peninsula playground.

The Board is delighted to support this project which will provide enormous benefit to the environment, further opportunities for the adventurous and multiple advantages for local communities.

If you have any questions about this letter please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully



Tori Peden

Chairperson  
Banks Peninsula Community Board  
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# *Harry Ell Summit Road Memorial Trust*

*Leave a lasting legacy for future generations to enjoy the Port Hills.*



8 July 2020

John Goodrich  
Harry Ell Summit Road Memorial Trust  
c/- 35 Awatea Road  
Christchurch 8042

Dear Trustees of the Rod Donald Banks Peninsula Trust

We were delighted to hear that you are negotiating for the purchase of Loudon Farm including the summits of Mt Bradley and Mt Herbert.

Harry Ell dreamed of a route between Gebbies Pass and Hilltop. Te Ara Pātaka is the fulfilment of this dream. Loudon Farm is the last remaining section of Te Ara Pātaka held within private ownership. Its purchase would ensure that public access to this historical route is protected for future generations and that this land can be managed for biodiversity purposes, restoring our native vegetation, birds, lizards and invertebrates.

The Harry Ell Summit Road Memorial Trust was set up in 2002 to further the work of the Summit Road Society and in particular to ensure Harry Ell's vision for protecting and preserving the Port Hills and providing for public access.

We are pleased to pledge a donation of \$5000 towards the purchase of Loudon Farm. The Harry Ell Summit Road Memorial Trust sees this purchase as a once in a lifetime opportunity. It will fulfil Harry Ell's vision for the Port Hills and Banks Peninsula and enable the creation of a contiguous corridor of 1700ha of protected land. We commend the Rod Donald Banks Peninsula Trust for your work in getting to this point.

We are in full support of this purchase and hope that our pledge will assist in making this vision a reality.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "J Goodrich".

John Goodrich  
Chairperson

# Banks Peninsula Water Zone Committee

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Suky Thompson  
Manager  
Rod Donald Banks Peninsula Trust  
PO Box 5  
Little River  
Banks Peninsula 7546

Dear Suky

At the 21 July 2020 Banks Peninsula Zone Committee meeting, the Committee agreed to endorse the Te Ahu Pātiki project led by the Rod Donald Banks Peninsula Trust.

The Zone Committee supports the Trust in its application for funding to assist with the land purchase and other costs.

The full text of the minutes on this item are below:

## 11. Te Ahu Pātiki Project Led by the Rod Donald Banks Peninsula Trust

- 1.1 At the Committee's 30 June 2020 workshop a presentation was given by members of the Rod Donald Banks Peninsula Trust about the Te Ahu Pātiki project for creation of a conservation park in the upper Te Wharau catchment basin and part of the Te Waiake catchment.
- 1.2 The Trust requested the support of the Zone Committee, and of the Trust's application for funding to assist with the land purchase and other costs related to this project.

### Committee Resolved BPZC/2020/00018

That the Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Committee:

1. Endorses the Te Ahu Pātiki project led by the Rod Donald Banks Peninsula Trust to secure the upper Te Wharau catchment basin between Mt Herbert/Te Ahu Pātiki and Mt Bradley and part of the Te Waiake catchment, to create a conservation park for public benefit and withdrawing grazing cattle. (Refer Note 1)
2. The Zone Committee supports the Trust in its application for funding to assist with the land purchase and other costs. (Refer Note 2)  
Note 1: The project aligns well with progress towards the Zone Committee's outcomes for Ki Uta Ki Tai, improved water quality, enhanced biodiversity and reduced sedimentation. It will help deliver the Whakaraupō/Lyttelton Harbour Catchment Management Plan.  
Note 2: The Zone Committee anticipates it may become more directly involved in the project once the land has been secured, for example if catchment planting or other biodiversity protection and enhancement actions are identified in the resulting management plan.

Paula Smith/Dr Benita Wakefield **Carried**

The Zone Committee wishes the Rod Donald Trust well with this project. Please keep the Committee informed of significant progress such as once the land has been secured. Please

## Banks Peninsula Water Zone Committee

get in touch with the Committee when we can be of more assistance or if you have any questions.

Ngā mihi,



Dr Benita Wakefield  
Chairperson, Banks Peninsula Zone Committee



a passion for the Port Hills

Summit Road Society  
PO Box 37-115  
Christchurch 8245

13 July 2020

Dear Trustees of the Rod Donald Banks Peninsula Trust,

We are writing to affirm our support for the proposed purchase of Loudon Farm, including the summits of Mt Bradley and Mt Herbert.

The Summit Road Society was formed in 1948 to further the vision of Harry Ell to protect and preserve the Port Hills and to provide for public access. Our Mission Statement is "Working to enhance, preserve and protect the natural environment, beauty and open character of the Port Hills of Banks Peninsula for people to enjoy".

We own four reserves on the Port Hills. Our focus is on providing opportunities for recreational access and protecting and enhancing the native biodiversity of our reserves through planting, native regeneration and weed, pest and predator control. We also lead a large community project Predator Free Port Hills which aims to eradicate predators from the Port Hills by 2050.

John Jameson founded the Summit Road Society in 1948. John's grandfather, Harry Ell, dedicated much of his life to preserving the last remnants of native bush on the Port Hills and establishing rest houses for those walking along the Summit Road. Harry Ell dreamed of a route between Gebbies Pass and Hilltop. He walked this route, as did many others from Christchurch staying at the Sign of the Packhorse and tramping onwards to Akaroa. A road was never completed and the route became essentially impassable. However, in 2016, Te Ara Pātaka, the Summit Walkway, was opened. We see this route as the fulfilment of Harry Ell's vision. The purchase of Loudon Farm would ensure public access for the last remaining section of private land on the Te Ara Pātaka walkway. Most importantly, this access would be protected for future generations.

The Board of the Summit Road Society supports and endorses this purchase. It fulfils Harry Ell's dream for public access across Banks Peninsula and the Port Hills. It is a rare opportunity to acquire a further 500 ha and, in turn, create a contiguous corridor of 1700 ha of protected land. It will also provide a link from the iconic Sign of the Packhorse down into Charteris Bay (Orton Bradley Park). We see this new reserve as key to achieving our vision of a Predator Free Port Hills and, in turn, Pest Free Banks Peninsula.

The Society's finances are committed to the maintenance and protection of our reserves and to Predator Free Port Hills. Nonetheless, we view this purchase as a once in a lifetime opportunity. We therefore asked the Harry Ell Summit Road Memorial Trust to make a donation towards the purchase. We are delighted that the Trust has pledged to donate \$5000.

We wholeheartedly support your efforts to acquire this property.

Yours sincerely,

Bill Woods  
President



13 July 2020

Suky Thompson  
Manager  
Rod Donald Banks Peninsula Trust  
PO Box 5, Little River  
Banks Peninsula 7546

Kia ora Suky,

### **Endorsement of the Te Ahu Pātiki project**

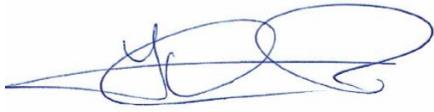
On behalf of the Whaka-Ora, Healthy Harbour Governance Group, we would like to endorse the Te Ahu Pātiki project led by the Rod Donald Banks Peninsula Trust.

The project will secure the high slopes, summits and gully heads of Te Ahu Pātiki/Mt Herbert and Mt Bradley as a conservation park for public benefit and biodiversity enhancement. Grazing cattle will be withdrawn to facilitate natural regeneration of native biodiversity and improve stream health for the upper catchment basin of Te Wharau stream and part of the Te Waiake catchment. Public access on the Te Ara Pātaka/Summit Walkway will be secured.

The project will result in ki uta kit tai (summit to sea) protection for the Te Wharau stream, as below the Te Ahu Pātiki block it is already protected through neighbouring Orton Bradley Park until it reaches the sea. Stock are excluded from the stream through the park and side catchments protected by QEII covenants.

Whaka-Ora, Healthy Harbour strongly supports the Trust in its applications for funding to assist with the land purchase and other costs, as this projects actions several of our key focus areas, including Erosion and sedimentation, Pollution (through stock removal), Terrestrial Indigenous Biodiversity, and Marine Indigenous Biodiversity (through cleaner streams).

Nga mihi nui



Yvette Couch-Lewis  
Co-Chair, Whaka-ora, Healthy Harbour



Roger Gray  
Co-Chair, Whaka-ora, Healthy Harbour

On behalf of Whaka-Ora Healthy Harbour Governance Group:

Cr Andrew Turner, Christchurch City Council  
Cr Lan Pham, Environment Canterbury  
Trudy Heath, Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu