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Further Information about Trustee positions

The Rod Donald Banks Peninsula Trust is a Christchurch City Council controlled organisation founded in 2010 for the benefit of Banks Peninsula/Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū residents and visitors, with a focus on conservation and recreation. The Trust vision is:

Ko te whakawhanake kaitiaki taiao nā te whakahōu ara hīkoi, ara paihikara, te whakaniko rerenga rauropi, te whakamana mātauranga me te mahi tahi ki ngā tāngata e kaingākau kaha ana ki Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū hoki.

Developing environmental guardians of the future through improved public walking and biking access, enhancing biodiversity, promoting knowledge and working in partnership with others who share our commitment to Banks Peninsula.

Major achievements to date include developing comprehensive information about walking on Banks Peninsula, the development of Te Ara Pātaka/Summit Walkway connecting the Lyttelton and Akaroa craters, providing family friendly Rod Donald Hut, supporting over 450ha of land to be protected for biodiversity through new and enlarged reserves and significant submissions to local and central government policy documents and legislation.

The Trust is now following a 10 year strategic plan **Striding Forward | Hikoi Whakamua** released in 2020. This continues to focus on the four strategic pillars underpinning our vision: access, biodiversity, knowledge and partnership.

The biggest project in progress at present is Te Ahu Pātiki – securing 500ha including the two highest peaks on Banks Peninsula as a conservation park for biodiversity restoration and public recreation. Once this is nearing completion, we envisage our next focus will be on extending the Te Ara Pātaka tramp to Akaroa.

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 independently control and manage a substantial capital fund.

Further information about the Trust, including a short video about our achievements to date, project details, and core documents including our Deed, Strategic Plan and annual accounts can be found on our website roddonaldtrust.co.nz.

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. The Trust aims to appoint two new Trustees from July 1, 2021 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/Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū, and suitable skills, experience and time to participate effectively as part of its governance team. Trustees interested in non-motorised outdoor recreation, biodiversity and climate change and who can contribute skills in law, tikanga and treaty relationships, financial management, negotiations or ecology and add diversity to the Board are particularly sought.

Commitment and workload

Trustees currently meet as a full Board bi-monthly, with meetings generally held in the Lyttelton area on a weekday evening and lasting around 3 hours, plus in most years a full day Strategic Planning meeting held at a weekend. Trustees also participate in smaller portfolio groups focussing on particular projects or topics, and these meetings are typically held over Zoom and take place as needed. Trustees also interact via email extensively to progress matters between meetings, and there are field trips as needed to project sites that can take most of the day given the remote nature of these sites.

Trustees operate in a governance role supported by the Trust Manager and Trust Administrator. Board papers are generally sent out a week in advance by the Trust Manager and Trustees should expect to allow at least 2 hours to review papers prior to meetings. Updates are sent out by email.

The Trust Manager and Trust Chair will assist new appointments to come up to speed with the governance role and processes along with the Trust's projects. Candidates should expect to allocate approximately 150-200 hours per year to the Trustee role, especially at first while the Te Ahu Pātiki project is still requiring significant governance oversight. The position is voluntary and to date Trustees have met their own expenses. Meals are provided at Board meetings and provision can be made to reimburse expenses if needed.

Please complete the form on the next page if you wish to express your interest in becoming a Trustee of the Rod Donald Banks Peninsula/Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Trust.

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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 30, 2021.

Full name: _____

Residential Address: _____

Postal address: _____

Email address: _____

Current employment: _____

Gender: M/F/D 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 the Peninsula 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.