

BPNFCCG Bulletin 14

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1. Group update - 2026 meeting dates

Our next BPNFCCG meeting for 2026 is:

- Monday 17 August 2026 4-6pm – Te Hāpua Halswell Library

Our final meeting for 2026 will be on Tuesday 17 November from 3:30-5:30pm.

2. In the news

2.1 Science, innovation, and conservation updates

Bioprotection Aotearoa recently held a webinar on "Are we still repeating the past? Tracing norms of biosecurity across time on Te Pātaka-o-Rākaihautū / Banks Peninsula" featuring Dr Salene Schloffel-Armstrong. In this webinar, Dr Salene introduces five repeating norms of biosecurity in Aotearoa drawn from historical analysis, that exist as throughlines which stretch from the early colonial period to the current day. The webinar is available to watch here: <https://bioprotection.org.nz/rangahau-rising-webinar-july-2026/>

Latest newsletter from Agri Intel includes a summary of carbon credit (NZU) prices on the secondary market: https://mcusercontent.com/23e4ed7fb37e2d30a61c95b71/files/93d23dbd-f293-965d-22c7-9be847c5befd/Q2_2026_Carbon_Newsletter_Agri_Intel_SMF.pdf

CarbonCrop wrote an article on identifying areas of land on farms which could transition to forest: <https://www.carboncrop.com/post/your-land-transition-opportunities-with-zero-clicks>

CarbonCrop, BNZ and Pāmu have a new voluntary carbon venture: <https://www.pamunewzealand.com/news/bnz-and-p%C4%81mu-pioneer-new-model-to-unlock-value-in-existing-native-forests-and-improve-biodiversity> Nick Butcher will talk more with us about this at our 17 August meeting.

3. Government work and announcements relevant to group

3.1 DOC released 'Action for Nature', the new implementation plan for Te Mana o te Taiao – Aotearoa New Zealand Biodiversity Strategy 2020

The new implementation plan focuses on the following four priorities for Government through to 2030: Shared biodiversity priorities to support coordinated action and investment; More funding and support for greater impact; Better evidence and knowledge to guide decisions; and Empowered people and

partnerships driving progress. You can read the new implementation plan here: [Implementing New Zealand's biodiversity strategy](#).

4. Upcoming events of interest

Lincoln University has a couple events coming up which may be of interest:

- 24 September 4-5pm: Presentation on "Biosecurity in a Connected World: Innovation, Data, and On-Farm Resilience": <https://www.lustateoftheland.co.nz/upcoming-events/sep-vibe>
- 20 October 9am-3pm: Seminar day on "Climate Varied Futures: Adaptation Strategies for NZ Farms": <https://www.lustateoftheland.co.nz/upcoming-events/climate-varied-futures>

The Bioeconomy Science Institute has an upcoming webinar on international biodiversity condition indices as a way to measure, monitor and report on ecosystem and biodiversity health. The webinar is on 18 August at 10:30am - register here if interested:

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/fbf2924d-c86a-4cbb-9f3f-3b4b59d72edf@43050530-b3c7-4cd2-a11c-b826b2604b5b>

5. Submissions lodged by the BPNFCCG

The BPNFCC group did not do any submissions over the past three months.

6. 17 August meeting

For our 17 August meeting, our speaker will be Debbie Tikao, Te Taiao Portfolio Manager at Ōnuku Rūnanga, who will discuss Te Kori a te Kō and the vision of Ōnuku whanau in leading and preparing an integrated mahinga kai management and climate change adaptation and mitigation plan for Akaroa Harbour. Nick Butcher, CEO of CarbonCrop, will also speak to us about CarbonCrop, BNZ and Pāmu's new venture to account for voluntary carbon removals.

7. Standing information

- BPNFCCG relevant documents, meeting minutes, and submissions are saved in our Google drive [here](#).

Table 1 Group membership

Name	Organisation and role
Adrian Loo	Forever Forests Co-Founder & Director
Alice Shanks	Representing Hidden Valley Conservation Trust
Antony Johnson	Manager Oashore conservation project 540ha, landowner of Hukahukatuaroa in Western Valley
Bob Webster	Landowner Waipuna Bush, former Rod Donald Banks Peninsula Trust Trustee
Brent Martin	Manaaki Whenua Senior Data Scientist
Bruce Hansen	Maurice White Native Forest Trust Trustee (Hinewai)
Bryan Storey	Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Geopark Trustee, former Rod Donald Banks Peninsula Trust Trustee
Clayton Wallwork	Orion Sustainability Manager
Crystal Lenky	Lyttelton Port Company
Di Lucas	Lucas Associates Director, Landscape Architect
Erica Weblin	Environment Canterbury forester
Helen Greenep	Environment Canterbury Biodiversity Officer
James Wright	BPCT Farm Biodiversity Programme
Josh Foster	BPCT Farm Biodiversity Programme
Karen Banwell	Retired Whaka Ora Programme Manager
Kirsty Brennan	Lyttelton Port Company
Lan Pham	Green Party MP
Larry Burrows	Manaaki Whenua-Landcare Research Forest Ecologist
Maree Burnett	Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust Manager
Mark Nixon	Landowner with High Bare Peak group (500ha) in Little River, Tūpari (400ha) in Kaituna and Putaweta (40ha) above Akaroa
Morag Butler	ECAN Climate Change & Community Resilience leader
Nick Butcher	Carbon Crop Chief Technology Officer. Founder of Carboncrop
Nick Head	Christchurch City Council Senior Ecologist
Pam Richardson	BP Branch Federated Farmers, Former BP Community Board Chair and BP Conservation Trust Trustee
Paul Dahl	Landowner in Purau, Hidden Valley Trust in Purau and on Whaka Ora
Paula Jameson	President Summit Rd Society
Penny Carnaby	Chair BPNFCCG, representative of Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust
Piper Pengelly	Representative from Rod Donald Banks Peninsula Trust
Richard Simpson	Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust Trustee and Landowner
Rowan Sprague	BPNFCCG Secretary, Science Knowledge Broker at Manaaki Whenua – Landcare Research
Sam Mander	Agri Intel Carbon specialist
Sarah Helleur	Forever Forests Consultant. ETS consulting indigenous opportunities
Shelley Washington	Rod Donald Banks Peninsula Trust manager
Tasman Gillies	Te Ahu Pātiki Trust

Thomas Jansen Land Management Advisor at Environment Canterbury

Tina Troup Maurice White Native Forest Trust Trustee (Hinewai), BPCT Covenanted committee