

**PACIFIC DEVELOPMENT & CONSERVATION  
TRUST**



**Annual Report  
For the year ended 30 June 2008**

**Trustee**

**Mr Brendan Boyle  
Secretary for Internal Affairs**

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## **Introduction**

The Pacific Development and Conservation Trust was established by Trust Deed on 23 May 1989. The initial capital came from the French Government in recognition of events that surrounded the destruction of the Greenpeace vessel, *Rainbow Warrior*.

The Trust was established with an initial capital base of \$3,213,800 and each year most of the income earned from this capital is disbursed as grants. In order to maintain the real value of the initial capital, some of the accrued income is reinvested. Up to \$300,000 is available annually from the Trust to fund appropriate projects.

## **Objectives**

The objectives of the Trust are to:

- encourage and promote the enhancement, protection and conservation of the natural environment of the South Pacific and of its natural resources
- promote the peaceful economic, physical and social development of the South Pacific and of its peoples, to the extent that the use of any natural or historic resource is not inconsistent with its conservation
- encourage and promote the peaceful conservation and development of the cultural heritage of the peoples of the South Pacific
- encourage and promote peace, understanding and goodwill between the peoples of the South Pacific.

## **Principles**

In addition to these objectives, the Trust has developed a series of guiding principles to which projects must align. These guiding principles are to:

- maintain the life support systems and biological diversity found in New Zealand and the South Pacific through sound conservation and resource management
- promote sustainable development. This is defined as "development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs"
- promote self-reliance and maintenance of cultural heritage among all peoples of the South Pacific in the pursuit of sustainable development and sound resource management policies

- promote greater awareness of the dependence of peace and security on sustainable development and environmental well-being.

## **Policies and Priorities**

The Trust has formulated policies and priorities for its grants in order to determine the applicants and projects most worthy of support.

Priority is given to:

- community driven projects, which involve and benefit the local communities
- projects that promote cultural/social and economic self-sufficiency and sustainability
- projects that are innovative and/or act as suitable models for other communities
- conservation projects involving representative endangered, threatened or unique habitats and species.

In addition the Trust:

- will not generally fund a whole project
- is particularly interested in encouraging people and groups who endeavour to contribute to the project themselves
- may consider base funding for infrastructure support for non government organisations with a proven track record
- will focus on granting funding for projects with education and educational publications with a conservation and development focus, through educational institutions and community groups.

## **Eligibility**

Applicants must be from New Zealand or the South Pacific. Eligible South Pacific countries are American Samoa, Australia, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, French Polynesia, Guam, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, New Caledonia, Niue, Northern Mariana Islands, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Pitcairn Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, and Wallis and Futuna.

Projects must meet the objectives and align with the guiding principles of the Trust. Projects must benefit New Zealand or South Pacific countries.

## **Disbursement Meetings**

There is a two stage application process. Applicants submit an Expression of Interest about their project. Applicants whose projects are aligned with the overall objectives, priorities and guiding principles of the Trust are invited by the Trust to submit a full proposal. Full applications are then considered for funding. At the two Trust meetings, held annually, decisions are made concerning Trust policy and applications are recommended for approval by the Trustee.

## **The Trustee**

The Trustee is the Chief Executive of the Department of Internal Affairs, the Secretary of Internal Affairs. The present Trustee is Mr Brendan Boyle.

## **Advisory Trustees**

The primary role of the Advisory Trustees is to make recommendations to the Trustee regarding which applicants should receive funding. Advisory Trustees are appointed for up to three years by the Minister of Disarmament and Arms Control. They are chosen for their expertise and ability to assist the Trust to make transparent and accountable decisions. The Trustees serving in this financial year were:

Ms Patricia Webster

Mr Suli Tuvuki

Mr Dermot Gordon

Ms Karlo-Mila Schaaf

Ms Esther Cowley–Malcolm (Chair)

Mr David Bamford

Mr Robert Fenwick

# Chair's Report

The Pacific Development and Conservation Trust (the Trust), often referred to as "The Rainbow Warrior Fund" in recognition of the Trust's origins, is administered by a group of Advisory Trustees. The Trust, of which I am Chair, makes recommendations to the Trustee on the allocation of grants to groups and individuals to help enhance and conserve their environments and heritage, and to promote peaceful and sustainable development in the South Pacific.

This was another successful year for the Pacific Development and Conservation Trust with many worthwhile projects being funded. The Trust was able to contribute \$92,662 to seven projects throughout New Zealand and the South Pacific. The full list of projects granted funding is in the body of this report. The Trust is pleased that the projects funded will contribute to improving the sustainability of communities and enhance peace and conservation.

We changed the way we administer grants this year by introducing an Expression of Interest stage. This allowed applicants to provide general project descriptions which enabled Advisory Trustees to invite applicants with projects that aligned strongly with the priorities to provide full applications. In addition, the principles, priorities, and policies that guide the Advisory Trustees in decision-making were updated and are now more relevant to the current environment.

The Trust offers its best wishes to Patricia Webster who steps down as Advisory Trustee.

As my term as Chair comes to an end, I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow Advisory Trustees for their enormous contribution and commitment in giving their time so freely and willingly to the work of the Trust. I would also like to wish the incoming Chair well for their upcoming role.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Esther", is written over a solid blue horizontal line. To the left of the signature, there is a vertical blue line that extends from the top of the signature area down to the bottom of the page.

Esther Tumama Cowley-Malcolm  
Chairperson

## **November 2007 Grants**

### **040-2007 Quail Island Ecological Restoration Trust**

To facilitate the restoration of indigenous vegetation and fauna on Quail Island and to provide refuge for locally extinct or uncommon and threatened species of the Banks Peninsula region.

A grant of \$20,000 was approved to assist with the restoration of indigenous vegetation and fauna on Quail Island.

### **041-2007 Project Crimson Trust**

To establish a trail of Southern Rata in the Canterbury area.

A grant of \$5,000 was approved to assist with establishment of a trail of Southern Rata in the Canterbury region.

### **042-2007 Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of NZ (Inc)**

To produce a 24 minute film promoting the benefits of marine reserves.

A grant of \$7,610 was approved towards the production costs of the film.

### **048-2007 Whenuakite Kiwi Care Group**

To continue the programme of predator and browser control to encourage people in kiwi-friendly behaviour, as well as encourage interest, education and community participation.

A grant of \$5,151 was provided towards their project for continuation of the kiwi protection predator control programme around Whenuakite.

### **051-2007 World Wide Fund for Nature New Zealand (WWFNZ)**

To support the salary for a community development programme leader who will provide support and assistance to communities and development partners within the Pacific area.

A grant of \$9,750 was approved. Trustees expressed an interest in working with WWFNZ and establishing a strategic alliance for specific projects.

**052-2007 On the Level Productions**

To produce a documentary on the plight of the unique Pacific community of Takuu whose island is sinking. The documentary will also comment on the issue of climate change.

It was decided to grant \$10,000 to assist with the project.

**054-2007 NatureFiji-MareqetiViti**

To support the long-term survival and sustainable management of the endangered Fiji Palm *Metrosylon vitiense* by engaging communities to implement sustainable management plans for their stands of the palm.

It was agreed to grant \$35,151 towards the cost of stakeholder consultation for implementation of the Fiji Sago Palm Recovery Plan.

**055-2007 Rotale Community Project**

The Advisory Trustees granted \$300 for the group to develop their proposal further.

The Financial Statements in this Annual Report include the allocation of \$300 as grant expenditure. At 30 June 2008, this grant of \$300 had not been uplifted.