

**Autumn 2019**

*Colourful landscapes and cooler days, it looks like Autumn is here! As we wind back our clocks, it's timely to reflect on our adventures so far this year. . .*

## HB Airport Major Sponsor

Biodiversity restoration in the region has had a significant boost thanks to a long-term sponsorship Memorandum of Understanding signed off between Biodiversity Hawke's Bay and Hawke's Bay Airport Ltd.

Hawke's Bay Airport has committed to the role of sole Platinum Sponsor for the Hawke's Bay Biodiversity Foundation for the next 5 years. The Airport will provide around \$450,000 in a commercial package over the 5-year period, including an annual financial contribution to the Biodiversity Hawke's Bay Endowment Fund.

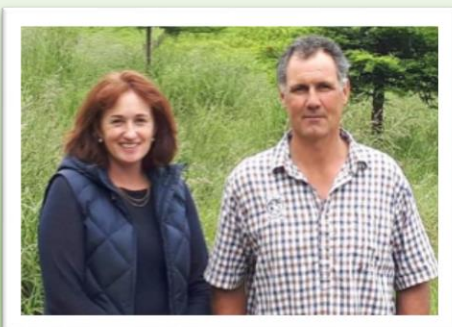
Stuart Ainslie, Hawke's Bay Airport CEO, says the airport prides itself on being a committed steward of the environment in which it operates. "We see our partnership with Biodiversity Hawke's Bay as a tangible way of reinforcing this commitment and look forward to contributing towards some great biodiversity outcomes for the region."

"Through a better future for indigenous biodiversity, we create a sustainable future for Hawke's Bay. Also, overseas markets want to see that our biodiversity, especially our local flora and fauna, is protected. Having the Airport and other corporate sponsors partner with us, we will create a sustainable future for Hawke's Bay," says Biodiversity Hawke's Bay's Corporate Investor Manager, Sam Jackman.



Photo, from Left: Charles Daugherty – Chair, HB Biodiversity Foundation; Sam Jackman - Corporate Investor Relations & Sponsorship Manager, Biodiversity HB; Stuart Ainslie - CEO, HB Airport; and Tony Porter – Chairman, HB Airport.

## CONGRATULATIONS Nick and Nicky Dawson!



The 2019 supreme winners of the East Coast Ballance Farm Environment Awards were Nick and Nicky Dawson! Nick was on the Biodiversity Hawke's Bay working group and helped us write the Hawke's Bay Biodiversity Action Plan 2017 - 2020. The Dawsons also won the Predator Free Farm Award for their commitment to pest control on their farm. The Judges wrote, "Their genuine passion for environment, industry and community shines through in the way they manage their farm". Well done to the Dawsons and all those who put their farms up to this year's Ballance Farm Environment Awards!

## World Wetlands Day

Around 60 people, including several children, enjoyed Biodiversity Hawke's Bay's trip to the Kaweka Lakes to mark World Wetlands Day on Saturday 2 February. A bus was provided from Napier to emphasise sustainable transport, as the theme this year was 'Wetlands and Climate Change'. The cooler weather did not disappoint as cloud and mist in the Forest Park made Rotoroa and Rototuna (Kaweka Lakes) very atmospheric, and more comfortable for the 20 minute walk into the lakes.

The walk was one of over 1000 events held around the globe on 2 Feb to mark World



Wetlands Day, an international event to celebrate and highlight the important role wetlands play in our landscape. The event was in partnership with Department of Conservation and NZ Landcare Trust.

## Autumn at the Arboretum

Most of New Zealand's native foliage is evergreen and won't be shedding leaves this autumn. The most impressive places to see traditional autumnal colours is at the Guthrie Smith Arboretum at Lake Tutira. The Guthrie Smith Trust are one of our Accord partners and their commitment to the protection of native biodiversity, exotic plantings and environmental education and recreation make them a unique and valued partner indeed.

The Arboretum is open to the public till the end of May.



## Upcoming Event: International Day of Biological Diversity

22 May is International Day of Biological Diversity and our one year anniversary since the launch of the HB Biodiversity Action Plan. We are looking forward to celebrating this milestone and want you there with us!

We will be hosting an evening event at EIT and are very excited to have James Gibson, CEO of BLAKE (previously the Sir Peter Blake Trust) as our keynote speaker. James will be speaking about the role of the BLAKE and opportunities for young people through the BLAKE Ambassador Programme. Watch out for more information and your invitation next week.

Over 80 people joined the Biodiversity Guardians at this event last year. This year's event would be a great chance to renew your membership (cash payment option available) or join on the night!

The actions and activities you, your family and your community are undertaking for biodiversity protection, enhancement and restoration is important and does make a difference. We love hearing from you.

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