



New Zealand
Farm Environment Trust®



2015

Annual Report

30th June 2015

Proud to present the annual Ballance Farm Environment Awards

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Chairman and General Manager's Report

The New Zealand Farm Environment Trust (NZFE Trust) has had another very successful year on many fronts.

We have seen continued growth with another region joining the fold, greater exposure of our award winning farmers in all forms of media, outstanding events and field days across the country that keep delivering very important messages on what New Zealand farmers are achieving.

Behind the scenes the NZFE Trust has been continually looking at how it can improve as an organisation, including changes to the governance structure, Trustee elections, Trust Deed and how we connect closer with our regional teams.

The relevance of the NZFE Trust and the Ballance Farm Environment Awards could not be greater.

Farmers are facing many well documented challenges including both the volatile markets and climate. The other big issue facing farmers is how they manage water quality and nutrient losses. These issues are being thrust into the spotlight as many Regional Councils are working through how they are going to meet their obligations under the Government's National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management.

During these challenging times it's critical that the farmer's voice is heard. The Ballance Farm Environment Awards is continually doing this through entrants and award winning farmers showcasing what they are achieving, sharing their knowledge ideas and skills that will drive better environmental, economic and social outcomes for New Zealand's most important sector.

Ballance Farm Environment Awards

The accolades that continue to be associated with this awards programme reinforce the value and the need for such an awards programme that celebrates the success of everything that New Zealand is so well recognised for, quality agriculture. It is a programme about people and showcasing what dedicated people are committed to.

It must be remembered that people do not enter the



Simon Saunders (Chairman).

Ballance Farm Environment Awards programme for personal gain or recognition. There is no huge prize pool associated with the Awards; it is all about recognising people in agriculture who are prepared to share their farming practices, philosophies, and aspirations for the future. Their stories make compelling reading and viewing and if you have not already done so, visit our website, www.bfea.org.nz and hit Great Farming Stories. The stories and the messages are truly inspirational.

In the past, the Awards have attracted, in the main, dairy, sheep and beef and arable farmers with a smattering of horticulture. However, we are finding that this is changing as we are getting more horticulturalist and growers entering the Awards and we are doing everything to ensure that we encourage this trend. In some regions where

the Awards are operating they do have a large number of growers and we do welcome their entry into the Awards.

We are delighted to have the Auckland region in the Awards for the 2016 programme. We have had this region on the radar for a number of years, and it was very satisfying to be able to secure a contract with the Auckland Council to include that region in the Ballance Farm Environment Awards programme.

Auckland is New Zealand's biggest urban market, but it's also home to a large and diverse agricultural region that encompasses dairying, sheep and beef farming, forestry, market gardening and horticulture. Having Auckland on board is a huge step towards being able to offer a complete national programme. We are almost there.

For a number of years, the Ballance Farm Environment Awards programme has operated in the Southland region. This year we formalised the long-standing partnership between Environment Southland and the Ballance Farm Environment Awards.

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We look forward to developing this partnership further to not only benefit the continued success of the Ballance Farm Environment Awards in Southland, but all agriculture in Southland.

We still encounter a barrier to entry in that the common explanation for not entering the Awards is that the farm is not ready. We all know that the farm is never going to have everything ticked off and it really is encouraging to hear from first time entrants who have entered being very impressed by their experience. Some of their stories are detailed on Page 28 of this Annual Report; Testimonials from past entrants of the Ballance Farm Environment Awards.

To all of those who entered the 2105 Ballance Farm Environment Awards, thank you for the privilege of allowing our judges to visit your farming enterprise. We hope that the experience was a worthwhile for you and if you did not make it to the finalist selection process, we hope that the comments from the judges were valuable and that we will see you entering again in the future.

Judging

The most crucial part of the Ballance Farm Environment Awards programme is the judging. Each region has a great team of judges that comprises farmers, rural professionals and Council personnel. They are all volunteers and what they achieve during the judging process is outstanding.

It was identified in our review process that we needed to beef up support for the judges. This meant redefining the role of the National Judging Coordinator and to separate that role from that of the National Winner judging role.

Earlier this year, Andrea Hanna was appointed to the role of National Judging Coordinator, Andrea is also a Trustee of the NZFE Trust. Andrea set about a programme of work in consultation with all Regional Judging Coordinators to address the scope of the Awards offered by the Ballance Farm Environment Awards programme and at a recent meeting, they collectively agreed to national judging standards for all Awards.

For the past four years, Jamie Starnig, along with Warwick Catto from Ballance Agri-Nutrients have been members of the National Winner judging team. They have visited all Supreme



David Natzke (General Manager).

Winners on farm as part of the National Winner judging process. Because of the expertise that Jamie has developed in this role, he has been appointed to the role of National Award Manager.

This will see Jamie continuing in his role as part of the National Winner judging process and he will also have a role to ensure that the National Winners are supported throughout the year that they are Ambassadors for New Zealand Agriculture.

National Sustainability Showcase

There is something really special about being able to have the National Sustainability Showcase at the Banquet Hall at Parliament Buildings and the 2015 Showcase was no exception, the venue certainly did reflect the status of the Ballance Farm Environment Awards programme, impressive. Very

many thanks to the Hon Nathan Guy, Minister for Primary Industries for hosting the National Sustainability Showcase and to Ian McKelvie, Chairman of the Primary Production Committee for hosting a drinks function at the Banquet Hall the night before the Showcase. Your support for what we delivered in Wellington this year was invaluable.

Coinciding with the National Sustainability Showcase was the formalisation of the NZFE Trust Alumni. This is something that we have been developing over the past few years. At this stage, the Alumni is made up from past Regional Supreme Winners. Many thanks to Grey Baldwin and his Committee for getting so many past Regional Supreme Winners to Wellington and for the informative programme you put together. As well as establishing a clearly defined direction for the Alumni, it was a great reunion of past Regional Supreme Winners.

2015 Winners of the Gordon Stephenson Trophy

It's very exciting to see the continued development of the National Winner programme and the see it firmly cemented in the annual award programmes for agriculture. It certainly does capture a lot of interest.

In 2011, that inaugural National Winners were Grant and Bernie Weller of Southland, in 2012 it was Blair and Jane Smith of Otago, 2013 it was Craige and Roz Mackenzie of Canterbury and in 2014 it was Mark and Devon Slee also from Canterbury.



Louise, Catherine, Andrew, John and Daniel Ford.



Mark and Devon Slee.



In 2015 the National Winner Award shifted to the North Island for the first time and it was awarded to John and Catherine Ford from Rotorua in the Bay of Plenty region. The National Judges commented that John and Catherine's property, Highlands Station, a large 1240ha sheep and cattle property stood out in terms of environmental sustainability and impressive production and performance figures.

Highlands Station is situated within the Lake Tarawera and Rotokakahi (Green Lake) catchments so the careful and responsible management of nutrient runoff was rated by the winners as one of their most critical on farm issues to get right.

Since being awarded the National Winner title, John and Catherine have been in demand as guest speakers for a number of industry related events.

In April 2016 they will be heading off to the USA for a study tour as part of the National Winner prize package. The brief they have developed for this study tour is to look at other sensitive catchments for lakes, (or estuaries, harbours, rivers etc.), that have required farmers in those catchments to alter or change their land use.

We are sure that their findings will be of great interest to everyone who is grappling with these matters.

We would also like to pay tribute to Mark and Devon Slee, the 2014 National Winners and first dairy farmers awarded the title. As we mentioned last year, Mark and Devon farm in a challenging district with future prospects of nutrient limits, which could enforce change to their farming system. They have opened up their farm to numerous visitors and have been wonderful Ambassadors for the Ballance Farm Environment Awards and agriculture in general.

In early 2015 they visited the UK, Netherlands and Ireland as part of their National Winner prize. Very many thanks to the Ministry for Primary Industries, Fonterra, Beef + Lamb New Zealand and the Netherlands Embassy for assisting with their visitation programme.

Stakeholder Relationships

There is a cast of hundreds that make up the NZFE Trust and the Ballance Farm Environment Awards. Both the Trust and the Awards programme are dependent upon having the financial and personnel support of a select group of commercial sponsors, industry organisations and Central and Local Government agencies that support the objectives of the NZFE Trust and the Awards.

This year we say thank you to Donaghys for their past three years of sponsorship, your involvement with the Awards

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programme has been valued and we appreciated the association with company personal during your sponsorship.

We welcome CB Norwood Distributors Ltd to the family of sponsors for the Awards programme going forward. CB Norwood Distributors is a well-respected New Zealand agribusiness with a rich history and a strong national footprint, so the Trust is delighted to welcome the company on board as a sponsor. Having a farm machinery company in the sponsorship team is “a good fit” because the increasing use of precision farming technology and lower emission engines are helping to make agricultural and horticultural operations more sustainable.

One of the critical components to the success of the Awards is our partnership with the Regional Councils around the country. The NZFE Trust considered it was time to review these partnerships.

The review, undertaken independently with all Regional Councils, looked at how the partnership is working at present, what is working well and what can be improved for the future benefit of both organisations.

The good news is a lot is being done well but there are plenty of opportunities that have been identified by both the NZFE Trust and the Regional Councils on how we can deliver improved awards programmes, lift the profile of awards,

develop more learning opportunities for farmers and deliver key messages on more sustainable and profitable farming.

At the time of writing this report, the findings of the review have only just been reported back to Trustees and we are currently working through the report and recommendations.

To all stakeholders of the NZFE Trust and the Ballance Farm Environment Awards, thank you for your continued support, financial and in kind. A number of sponsors, partners and Regional Councils renewed their agreements this year—your willingness to commit for a further period is much appreciated. We think that collectively we are all part of something that is pretty special and for us to deliver what we do, we are dependent on you being involved in all aspects of our work. It is very encouraging for us to achieve accolades for the Ballance Farm Environment Awards programme and we unashamedly share these with you.

Finally to our Regional Teams, volunteers, staff/contractors and Trustees. Your ongoing dedication and hard work is what keeps driving this organisation. You all can be proud of what has been achieved over the last 12 months and we look forward to working together with you to deliver another outstanding Awards programme over the next 12 months.

Simon Saunders
Chairman

David Natzke
General Manager

BALLANCE FARM ENVIRONMENT AWARDS NATIONAL SPONSORS



BALLANCE FARM ENVIRONMENT AWARDS REGIONAL PARTNERS



NEW ZEALAND FARM ENVIRONMENT TRUST PARTNERS



Treasurer's Report

It is my pleasure to be reporting on the financial results of the New Zealand Farm Environment Trust (NZFE Trust) for the year ended 30th June 2015. These accounts carry an unconditional independent audit certificate.

The NZFE Trust has had a successful year focusing on the Ballance Farm Environment Awards, its flagship enterprise, and reviewing and revising the NZFE Trust's strategy and Trust Deed. The extra work involved in the strategy and deed work has had a significant contribution to the total loss of \$112,235 which has been recorded for the 2015 year. A deficit of \$54,028 from the operation of the Ballance Farm Environment Awards enterprise contributed to this loss.

NZFE Trust Divisional Statement

While the total income to support the operation of the NZFE Trust is comparable to 2014 there are four events to be noted:

- The contract to provide administrative support for the Beef + Lamb New Zealand joint venture was revised for 2015 and this is reflected in a \$10,000 reduction to the management fee.
- The NZFE Trust does not invoice tickets to attend Showcase when the event is held at Parliament Buildings but does take the opportunity to invite guests to donate to the NZFE Trust and this results in the accounts showing an increase in donations and reduction in Showcase income.
- The NZFE Trust continues to support the establishment of the New Zealand Farm Environment Trust Alumni and provided \$10,000 to support the Alumni to hold a meeting and leadership programme to coincide with the 2015 Showcase. This was well supported and the contribution received from alumni members to attend off-set the extra cost over and above the NZFE Trust contribution for the event.
- A book entry recording the Ballance Farm Environment Award sponsors contribution to the Showcase and National Award is calculated on a percentage of the respective event operational expenses.

Funds that are held by the NZFE Trust are invested in either short term call accounts or short term investments



Joanne van Polanen.

with Rabobank New Zealand Ltd. The objective is to seek a low risk return on these monies pending expenditure. Through prudent management the NZFE Trust has received \$29,168 additional income from bank interest which has also assisted in the NZFE Trust's funding.

The NZFE Trust's operational expenses increased by \$73,398 when compared to 2014. This increase was mainly due to a number of governance decisions made to ensure the NZFE Trust remains relevant and meets its responsibilities.

This last financial year has seen the NZFE Trust support some major strategic and governance goals which included:

- A review and update of the Trust Deed for the first time since its inception in 2004. This resulted in an increase in legal and administrative services and an election to meet the requirements of the revised deed.
- A meeting over two days to develop and finalise the long term strategy.
- Other special projects in 2015 including website development and cloud storage development for all components of the Trust activities.

Governance expenses increased by \$15,516 with Trustee travel having a major influence on this expense due to the location Trustees travel from for meetings and an increased workload by the Chairman. Another contributing expense was a Founders Dinner to acknowledge the contribution of past Trustees which was held at the time of the 2014 Annual Meeting.

Divisional Statement of Financial Performance for the Ballance Farm Environment Awards.

The Ballance Farm Environment Award programme relies

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on the generous monetary and in kind contribution from a suite of sponsors and Regional Councils. In 2015 income was reduced due to the loss of Meridian sponsorship.

The Board agreed to fund a review of the partnership between Regional Councils and the NZFE Trust from the Reserve Fund. The partnership with Regional Councils is key in the success and relevance of the Awards programme and the review met a number of strategy goals. The review expense is included in the Ballance Farm Environment Awards general administration expenses.

The expenses relating to the ten regional Awards programmes increased for the DVD productions and the coordination of the Awards. The Council of Regions was established following the review of the Trust Deed and has two elected Trustees on the NZFE Trust Board. Provision has been made to hold a day meeting in Wellington annually and conference calls as required during the year which will provide for increased engagement with the regional Ballance Farm Environment Awards Management Committees.

The Regional Judging Coordinators did not hold an annual meeting in 2014 but did hold a meeting in 2015. The third and variable activity recorded is the use of the regions project funds that are derived from ticket sales. This year six regions chose to run events totalling \$9,802.

The NZFE Trust has current liabilities of \$79,000. This liability is due to one regional Ballance Farm Environment Awards funder electing to provide the total sponsorship amount for their three year contract in one payment. A small discount was provided which will be off-set by the interest that will be earned. One other regional funder has elected to provide 80 percent of their three year contract with the remaining 20 percent to be paid in the final year. The balance remaining from both these sponsorships for the 2017 and 2018 award

years has been invested in a term deposit.

The NZFE Trust's financial business has again been professionally managed by General Manager David Natzke and assisted by Executive Administrator Clare Rosser and I wish to record my sincere gratitude for their support to the NZFE Trust's financial management.

I also wish to report on the large intangible investment and contributions made to the NZFE Trust in kind. Many organisations and volunteers contribute huge amounts of time, resource and people resource to the NZFE Trust which is neither measured nor financially valued. These contributions range from the use of meeting rooms, vehicle running expenses and many other contributions which the NZFE Trust gets value from and which also reduces its direct costs of operation. I would like to therefore place on record the NZFE Trust's thanks to the many organisations, individuals, sponsors and Trustees who contribute value in ensuring the NZFE Trust meets its many objectives and ensures that environmental sustainability in farming within New Zealand is promoted.

Lastly thank you for the support and professionalism of the NZFE Trust's bankers, Rabobank New Zealand Limited, accountants – BDO Waikato Limited and the auditors, Staples Rodway.

Joanne van Polanen
Treasurer



National Judging Coordinator's Report

This year sees a redefined National Judging Coordinator role. The role for the Gordon Stevenson Trophy level has been split off and is carried on by Jamie Strang as National Award Manager.

The role I have taken on is solely involved with Judging Coordinators, ensuring consistency around the regions and helping to develop judging criteria. My new role as at 1 February 2015, has been made easier by the support given by David Natzke, Clare Rosser and the Judging Coordinators.

We have a dedicated team of Regional Judging Coordinators who are doing a great job facilitating the judging and organising reporting. On behalf of the NZFE Trust I would like to thank them for their time, energy and commitment to the Ballance Farm Environment Awards programme. We have had a few retirements from the role this year, James Hoban – Canterbury, Shelley Dew-Hopkins – Horizons, Barbie Barton – Greater Wellington, Lloyd Fitness – East Coast and myself from Waikato. Thank you for your valued input over the years. Looking forward to the 2015/16 year we have five new Judging Coordinators who have come on board and have already started in their roles. We are pleased and excited to have the Auckland region involved this year where a new Judging Coordinator is yet to be appointed.

A new initiative this year has been the cloud storage programme where each region can store documents, examples, archives, directories, current lists and ideas to share with other regions. Also the ability to store current master templates that the regions use, will save time and energy and lead to better efficiency. As a succession plan we see this as a valuable improvement. This is an exciting development that was trialed last year by Clare Rosser with the Regional Coordinators. Already we are seeing the lines of communication opening, which is definitely a positive sign for great teamwork going forward.

Another valuable asset for the programme is the pool of judges that make themselves available each year. We are privileged to have a high calibre of sponsor representatives, rural professionals and farmers to call on. Their different skill sets certainly add value to the entrants' experience. We rely on the Judging Coordinators to fit each team of judges to the entrant.



Andrea Hanna.

Again this year we are working on increasing the quality of the feedback given to the entrants. It is important for us as an organisation to recognise that the lasting experience for the entrant is most often determined by the quality and depth of the feedback given. This is the face of the Ballance Farm Environment Awards that is an enduring connection for the entrants. We do address this at Judges Training days and rely on the Judges expertise to produce a worthwhile report that will be useful for the entrant. We encourage entrants to use their feedback reports to build on their progress towards sustainable farming and hopefully to re-enter in the future.

Judging criteria is another area we have made some progress on. At the Judging Coordinators annual meeting in June

2015 we started on developing up to date criteria for each award. In consultation with sponsors we have come up with criteria that has been signed off by the Judging Coordinators and management. This will bring more consistency and transparency across the regions for each award. This work will be ongoing to keep all sponsor award criteria current.

Judges training is also an ongoing process. We endeavour to keep our judges abreast of current issues and developments. We often use the expertise available from within the judging pool and sponsors. It is also about judges being aware of sources of information, networks and opportunities that are available to educate, enhance and add value to the entrants experience with the Ballance Farm Environment Awards.

The 2014/15 year has produced some very deserving Award winners from around the country. We can hold these farmers up as role models that have shown that good environmental management is good business practice. Their achievements can be seen as attainable by all farmers.

Thank you. I look forward to the coming year.

Andrea Hanna
National Judging Coordinator

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Directory

Nature of Business	Promotion and education of sustainable environmental farming practices
Trust Formation Date	24 December 2004
Settlor	The Farm Environment Award Trust
Office Holders	Simon Saunders, Chairperson, LUMSDEN Joanne van Polanen, Treasurer, ASHBURTON Andrea Hanna, Secretary, TE KUITI
Trustees	Simon Saunders, Lumsden Joanne van Polanen, Ashburton Andrea Hanna, Te Kuiti David Cameron, Masterton Hew Dalrymple, Bulls Jim Hitchcock, Rotorua Bruce Wills, Napier (<i>from 12 March, 2015</i>) Warwick Catto, Tauranga (<i>from 12 March, 2015</i>)
General Manager	David Natzke PO Box 693, HAMILTON
Accountants	BDO Waikato Limited Chartered Accountants 1026 Victoria Street, HAMILTON
Auditor	Staples Rodway Chartered Accountants, HAMILTON
Bankers	Rabobank New Zealand Ltd, HAMILTON
Solicitors	Sharp Tudhope, TAURANGA

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the members of the New Zealand Farm Environment Trust

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of New Zealand Farm Environment Trust on pages 3 to 11, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2015, and the statement of financial performance, statement of changes in trust funds and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Trustees' Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand). Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view of the matters to which they relate in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates, as well as evaluating the presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Other than in our capacity as auditor we have no relationship with, or interests in, New Zealand Farm Environment Trust.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements on pages 3 to 11 present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Trust as at 30 June 2015 and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand.



STAPLES RODWAY
HAMILTON
25 September 2015

These financial statements are to be read in conjunction with the accompanying Notes. These statements have been audited.



Divisional Statement of Financial Performance

For the Year Ended 30 June 2015

Note	2015 \$	2014 \$
NZFET		
Partnership Income		
Dairy NZ	20,000	20,000
Fonterra	50,000	50,000
Rabobank	50,000	50,000
Total Partnership	120,000	120,000
Joint Venture Income		
Beef + Lamb New Zealand BBLL	38,056	30,000
BBLL Management Fee	10,000	20,000
Total Joint Venture Income	48,056	50,000
Operational Income		
National Award - Other	870	869
National Award - MPI	20,000	20,000
Showcase	757	8,383
Sponsor Contribution to Showcase	49,612	49,193
Sponsor Contribution to National Award	16,463	21,197
Total Operational	87,702	99,642
Other Income		
Alumni Income	5,500	-
NZFE Trust Donations	3,900	-
Other Income	4,869	4,001
Interest Received	29,168	26,344
Total Other Income	43,437	30,345
Total Income	299,195	299,987
Less Expenses		
Operational Expenses		
Administration	107,123	72,222
Alumnus	14,541	504
BBLL	39,642	33,913
Governance	50,185	34,669
National Award	44,771	42,394
Showcase	99,224	98,386
Total Expenses	355,486	282,088
(Deficit - NZFET) Surplus - NZFET	(56,291)	17,899

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Divisional Statement of Financial Performance (continued)

For the Year Ended 30 June 2015

	Note	2015 \$	2014 \$
Ballance Farm Environment Awards			
Income			
Sponsorship		479,000	514,250
Other Income		9,000	10,000
Regional Councils		148,000	148,000
Public Relations		27,944	24,626
Regional Income		26,744	24,805
Total Income		690,688	721,681
Less Expenses			
General Administration Expenses			
Administration		101,073	79,172
Public Relations		28,588	24,144
		129,661	103,316
Regional Expenses			
DVD Productions		41,580	30,966
Co-ordination		178,859	146,224
Printing & Stationery		38,864	52,931
Prizes		49,000	49,000
Regional Awards		212,725	231,420
Regional Contributions		26,000	26,000
Website		1,952	2,472
		548,980	539,013
National Award Expenses*			
Sponsor Contribution to National Awards		16,463	21,197
Showcase Expenses			
Sponsor Contribution to Showcase		49,612	49,193
Total Expenses		744,716	712,719
(Deficit - BFEA) Surplus - BFEA		(54,028)	8,962

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Combined Statement of Financial Performance

For the Year Ended 30 June 2015

Note	2015	2014
	\$	\$
Divisional Income		
(Deficit) Surplus from NZFET	(56,291)	17,899
(Deficit) Surplus from BFEA	(54,028)	8,962
Total Divisional Income	(110,319)	26,861
Less Expenses		
Non Cash Expenses		
Depreciation	1,916	2,223
Net (Deficit) Surplus	(112,235)	24,638

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Statement of Changes in Trust Funds

For the Year Ended 30 June 2015

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
Revenues and Expenses		
Net (Deficit) Surplus	(112,235)	24,638
Total Recognised Revenues and Expenses	(112,235)	24,638
Trust Funds at the Beginning of the Year	569,722	545,084
Trust Funds at the End of the Year	457,487	569,722


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Statement of Financial Position

For the Year Ended 30 June 2015

	Note	2015 \$	2014 \$
Current Assets			
Cash & Bank Balances	2	290,571	351,941
Other Receivables	3	98,679	23,429
GST Receivable		35,097	25,679
Current Investments	4	225,310	317,681
Total Current Assets		649,657	718,730
Non Current Assets			
Property, Plant & Equipment	5	6,627	8,542
Total Assets		656,284	727,272
Current Liabilities			
Audit Fee Accrual	6	2,150	2,150
Sundry Creditors	6	117,647	155,400
Other Current Liabilities	7	79,000	-
Total Liabilities		198,797	157,550
Net Assets		457,487	569,722
Trust Funds			
Trust Capital	8	457,487	569,722
Total Trust Funds		457,487	569,722


 _____ Trustee
 Simon Saunders, Chairperson

Date 25.09.2015


 _____ Trustee
 David Natzke, General Manager

Date 25.09.2015

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Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended 30 June 2015

Note	2015	2014
	\$	\$
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Cash was provided from:		
Operating Revenue	955,048	979,443
Interest Received	29,168	26,344
	984,216	1,005,787
Cash was disbursed to:		
Administration and Operating Expenses	1,137,956	930,355
	1,137,956	930,355
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities	(153,740)	75,432
Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Cash was disbursed to:		
	-	7,273
	-	7,273
Net Cash Flows from Investing Activities	-	(7,273)
Net Decrease in Cash Held	(153,740)	68,159
Cash at the Beginning of the Year	669,621	601,462
Cash at the End of the Year	515,881	669,621

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Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2015

1 Statement of Accounting Policies

Reporting Entity

New Zealand Farm Environment Trust is a Discretionary Trust.

The financial statements of New Zealand Farm Environment Trust are general purpose financial statements which have been prepared according to Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in New Zealand (NZ GAAP).

The trust is involved in the business of Promotion and education of sustainable environmental farming practices.

Statement of Compliance and Basis of Preparation

The trust qualifies for differential reporting as it is not publicly accountable and is not large as defined in the Framework for Differential Reporting. The trust has taken advantage of all available differential reporting exemptions other than FRS 10 Statement of Cash Flows.

The accounting principles recognised as appropriate for the measurement and reporting of the Statement of Financial Performance and Statement of Financial Position on a historical cost basis are followed by the trust. The information is presented in New Zealand dollars.

Specific Accounting Policies

The following specific accounting policies which materially affect the measurement of the Statement of Financial Performance and Statement of Financial Position have been applied:

(a) Revenue

Revenue is recognised on an accruals basis.

(b) Trade Receivables

Trade Receivables are recognised at estimated realisable value.

(c) Property, Plant & Equipment

Property, Plant & Equipment are recognised at Cost less aggregate depreciation. Depreciation has been calculated using the maximum rates permitted by the Income Tax Act 2007. Gains and losses on disposal of fixed assets are taken into account in determining the operating result for the year.

Plant & Equipment	15.6% - 16% DV
Computer Equipment	60.0% DV

(d) Income Tax

Trust is not subject to income tax pursuant to the Income Tax Act 2007.

(e) Goods and Services Taxation (GST)

Revenues and expenses have been recognised in the financial statements exclusive of GST except that irrecoverable GST input tax has been recognised in association with the expense to which it relates. All items in the Statement of Financial Position are stated exclusive of GST except for receivables and payables which are stated inclusive of GST.

(f) Changes in Accounting Policies

There have been no changes in accounting policies. All policies have been applied on a basis consistent with those from previous financial statements.



Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements (continued)

For the Year Ended 30 June 2015

2 Cash & Bank Balances	2015	2014
	\$	\$
Bank Account Balances		
Rabobank All in One Account	21,329	16,181
Rabobank On Call Account	269,242	335,760
	<u>290,571</u>	<u>351,941</u>
Total Cash & Bank Balances	<u>290,571</u>	<u>351,941</u>

3 Current Receivables	2015	2014
	\$	\$
Other Receivables		
Sundry Debtors	98,679	23,429
	<u>98,679</u>	<u>23,429</u>
Total Current Receivables	<u>98,679</u>	<u>23,429</u>

4 Current Investments	2015	2014
	\$	\$
Rabobank Term Deposit 483	-	100,629
Rabobank Term Deposit 229	-	217,052
Rabobank Term Deposit- 140	225,310	-
	<u>225,310</u>	<u>317,681</u>
Total Current Investments	<u>225,310</u>	<u>317,681</u>

5 Property, Plant & Equipment	Cost	Depreciation Charged	Accumulated Depreciation	Closing Book Value
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Property, Plant & Equipment 2015				
Plant & Equipment	8,225	1,165	2,098	6,127
Computer Equipment	19,611	751	19,111	500
	<u>27,835</u>	<u>1,916</u>	<u>21,209</u>	<u>6,627</u>
Total Property, Plant & Equipment	<u>27,835</u>	<u>1,916</u>	<u>21,209</u>	<u>6,627</u>

	Cost	Depreciation Charged	Accumulated Depreciation	Closing Book Value
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Property, Plant & Equipment 2014				
Plant & Equipment	8,225	347	933	7,292
Computer Equipment	19,611	1,876	18,360	1,250
	<u>27,835</u>	<u>2,223</u>	<u>19,293</u>	<u>8,542</u>
Total Property, Plant & Equipment	<u>27,835</u>	<u>2,223</u>	<u>19,293</u>	<u>8,542</u>

These financial statements are to be read in conjunction with the accompanying Notes. These statements have been audited.



Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements (continued)

For the Year Ended 30 June 2015

6 Payables & Accruals	2015	2014
	\$	\$
Accounts Payable		
Audit Fee Accrual	2,150	2,150
Sundry Creditors	117,647	155,400
Total Payables & Accruals	119,797	157,550
7 Other Current Liabilities	2015	2014
	\$	\$
Income in Advance	79,000	-
Total Other Current Liabilities	79,000	-
8 Trust Capital	2015	2014
	\$	\$
Opening Balance	569,721	545,084
Plus:		
Net Surplus	-	24,638
Less:		
Net Deficit	112,235	-
Total Trust Capital	457,486	569,722
9 Operating Surplus	2015	2014
	\$	\$
Net Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	(112,235)	24,637
Depreciation	1,916	2,223
(Increase)/decrease in trade and GST accounts receivable	(84,667)	(15,881)
Increase/(decrease) in trade and GST accounts payables	(37,754)	64,453
Increase/(decrease) in Income in Advance	79,000	-
Total Operating Surplus	(153,740)	75,432
10 Fees Paid to Auditor	2015	2014
	\$	\$
Audit Fee	2,150	2,150
Total Fees Paid to Auditor	2,150	2,150
11 Contingent Liabilities		
The Trust has no contingent liabilities as at 30 June 2015, (2014 Nil).		
12 Capital Commitments		
The Trust has no capital commitments as at 30 June 2015, (2014 Nil).		

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Depreciation Schedule

For the Year Ended 30 June 2015

	RATE & % PVT USE TYPE	Cost or HAND	OPERING WDV	ADDITIONS	DATE of ADDITION	SALE PRICE	PARTSALE PRICE	PROFIT (LOSS)	DISPOSAL DATE	Cost	CAPITAL GAIN/LOSS	DEPN	ACCUM DEPN	PRIVATE DEPN	ACCUM PRIVATE	CLOSING WDV	
Plant & Equipment																	
Promotional Screens	15.600	951	308	-	30/11/07	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	591	-	-	260	
Banner Flays	16.000	7,273	6,983	-	08/04/14	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,117	1,407	-	-	5,866	
		8,225	7,292	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,165	2,098	-	-	6,127	
Computer Equipment																	
Trademark Promotional Design	50.000	10,606	98	-	14/05/09	-	-	-	-	-	-	59	10,567	-	-	39	
Website Design 2012	60.000	9,005	1,153	-	01/03/12	-	-	-	-	-	-	692	8,544	-	-	461	
		19,611	1,251	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	751	19,111	-	-	500	
TOTAL		27,435	8,542	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,916	21,209	-	-	6,626	



These financial statements are to be read in conjunction with the accompanying Notes. These statements have been audited.

New Zealand Farm Environment Trust Vision

The Vision of the New Zealand Farm Environment Trust is to ensure that New Zealand farmers are recognised as global leaders in sustainable management of their natural resources. And its purpose is to promote sustainable farming practices that protect and enhance the environment.

Through feedback and profiling winners, the Ballance Farm Environment Awards encourage other farmers to be more

proactive in their resource management by providing them with role models for sustainable land management.

The awards look at whole farm systems and strongly promote the positive. Every entrant is given feedback from specialist judges.

The key question the Ballance Farm Environment Awards asks is:

“Can what is being done now, still be working successfully in 100 years?”

Supreme Winners

A Supreme Winner will be selected from each of the 11 regions - Supreme Winners will be chosen from the group of finalists.

National Award – Gordon Stephenson Trophy

The recipient of the Gordon Stephenson Trophy will be selected from the 11 regional Supreme Winners and will be announced at the 2016 National Sustainability Showcase.



FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

If you have any other questions about the awards process, please contact us either by emailing admin@bfea.org.nz, by phoning **07 834 0400**, or by visiting our website at www.bfea.org.nz.



The Awards

Ballance Agri-Nutrients, Soil Management Award

This Award focuses on the excellent management of soil structures as well as the appropriate use of nutrients. A very good understanding of nutrient cycles will need to be demonstrated. Nutrient budgeting will be understood and well documented. The impacts of nutrients on both surface and ground water will need to be well understood and well managed.



PRINCIPAL NATIONAL SPONSOR

Beef + Lamb New Zealand, Livestock Award

This Award recognises the livestock farmer (other than dairy) who demonstrates in a practical way the choices that have been made to farm for the long term. Considerations will be made around the wise use of the land, labour and capital resource available or created. Stock will be well cared for. Stock class and type will be well suited to the land contour and soil type and managed appropriately to suit those soils.



Hill Laboratories, Harvest Award

The Hill Laboratories Harvest Award recognises excellence in productive and resilient pasture and crop growing systems including Horticulture and Viticulture. A good understanding of soil protection and pasture or crop husbandry should be demonstrated. An active weed and pest management plan would also be in evidence.



LIC, Dairy Farm Award

This award recognises the Dairy Farmer who demonstrates in a practical way the choices that have been made to the farm for the long term, with considerations and understanding of environmental impacts and effects. Through excellent herd recording, entrants will demonstrate high standards with regard to herd improvement, reproduction, animal health and welfare. Considerations will be made around the wise and sustainable use of the land, stock, labour and capital resource available or created.



PGG Wrightson, People In Agriculture Award

This Award is focused more on the all-important people side of the farming business, and it recognises the importance of staff relations and staff training, HR, Health and Safety and other business practices associated with effective people and staff management. Another consideration is that community spirit will be evident.



Massey University, Innovation Award

The Innovation Award is given in recognition of the identification and implementation of economically and environmentally sustainable farming systems. The Award recognises farmers and farming families who develop or embrace new technologies and systems and have an established record of advancing farm practices for improved outcomes.



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The Awards Continued...

Waterforce, Integrated Management Award

The WaterForce Award recognizes the farmer who has developed and implemented integrated water management systems and processes for water used within their farming system. This award will take into account the design of systems and the efficiency of monitoring water usage, water saved and cost effectiveness in any land based farming system.



CB Norwood, Distributors Agri-Business Management Award

This award recognises the approach that farmers take to accomplish the important management practices of operating a successful farm business. This will include the development, implementation and review of systems and processes and the degree to how these form part of the overall management of their business. This may include the use of industry professionals and networks and how they contribute to the sustainability of the business enterprise.



QEI National Trust in partnership with the New Zealand Farm Trust, Farm Stewardship Award

This Award is for the creation of special places on farm and may include protection and/or enhancement of cultural, historic, or unique natural or manmade features. There is also a need to demonstrate management systems that improve productivity and sustainability.



QEI National Trust
Open Space New Zealand
Ngā Kairauhi Papa



New Zealand
Farm Environment Trust®

REGIONAL AWARDS

- Northland Regional Council Water Quality Enhancement Award
- Auckland Council Water Quality Enhancement Award
- Bay of Plenty Regional Council Environmental Award
- Waikato Regional Council Water Protection Award
- The East Coast Farming for the Future Award
- Horizons Regional Council Award (for the integration of trees)
- Taranaki Regional Council Sustainability Award
- Akura Conservation Centre Lifestyle Farm/Small Block Award
- Environment Canterbury Regional Council Water Quality Award
- Otago Regional Council Water Quality Award
- Environment Southland - Award to be confirmed

REGIONAL PARTNERS



The Supreme Winners for 2015



WAIKATO

Frans and Tineke de Jong & Talbert de Jong and Emily Meese,
Southern Belle Orchard, Matamata

Horticulture



NORTHLAND

Greig and Rachel Alexander,
Waikopani Holdings Ltd, Mangakahia

Dairy



BAY OF PLENTY

John and Catherine Ford,
Highlands Station, Rotorua

Sheep/ Beef



TARANAKI

Mark and Jacqui Muller & Conrad Maeke,
Gardiner Partnership, Eltham

Dairy



EAST COAST

Alastair and Tracy Ormond & Daniel Ormond,
Te Umuopua, Hatuma

Sheep/ Beef



SOUTHLAND

Robert and Anna Kempthorne,
Mavora Farms Ltd, Te Anau

Dairy/ Sheep/ Beef



HORIZONS

Hugh and Judy Akers & William Akers and Laura Oughton,
Broadlands Station, Ashhurst

Sheep/ Beef



OTAGO

Dave and Janene Divers,
Divers Farms Ltd, Milton

Sheep/ Beef/ Tourism



CANTERBURY

Richard and Annabelle Subtil,
Omarama Station, Omarama

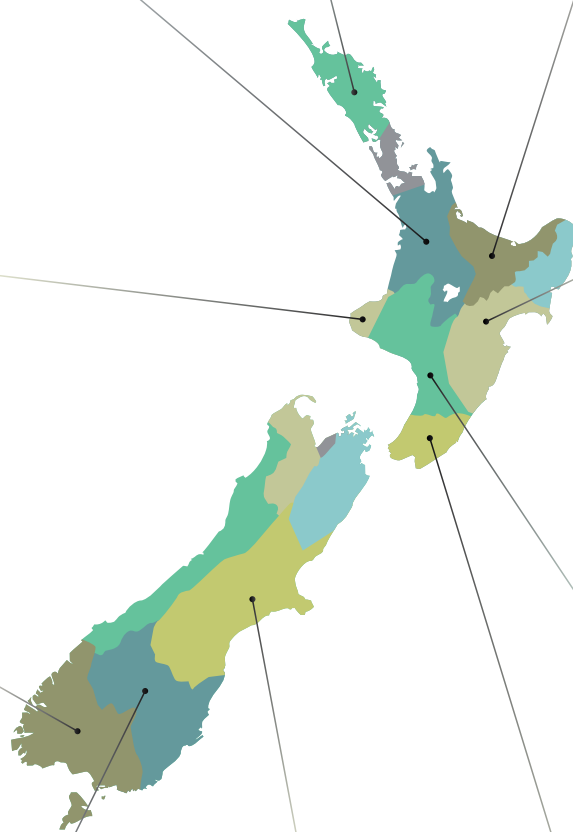
Sheep/ Beef/ Cropping



GREATER WELLINGTON

Leo and Rebecca Vollebregt,
Featherston

Dairy



2015 National Award Winners

GORDON STEPHENSON TROPHY WINNERS



John and Catherine Ford, Highlands Station

John and Catherine own 1240ha Highlands Station – a productive and well-maintained hill-country farm south of Rotorua. Sitting within the Lake Tarawera and Rotokakahi catchments, the farm’s distinctive contour was shaped by volcanic activity which flattened forests, carved out hill faces and left the area covered in Phosphate-rich mud.

From ten outstanding regional supreme winners this large 1240ha sheep and cattle property stood out in terms of environmental sustainability and impressive production and performance figures. Highlands Station is situated within the Lake Tarawera and Rotokakahi (Green Lake) catchments so the careful and responsible management of nutrient runoff was rated by the winners as one of their most critical on farm issues to get right.

The award judges were impressed with the deep knowledge shown by John and Catherine on techniques to achieve this including the careful mix of stock and up to 200 detention dams built to slow down runoff and scouring from the hills during heavy rainfall. Detaining water allows it to infiltrate the pervious pumice layer and substantially reduce the runoff of phosphate into waterways and lakes.

Winning this National award is about ensuring that the business of farming sits comfortably beside environmental sustainability.

Highlands Station sheep and cattle production and profitability

QUICK FACTS

Type of Farm . . . Sheep and Beef
Location Rotorua
Topography Hill country
Total/ Farm Area 1240ha
Commenced 1931

was rated in the top 5% in the country with excellent stock in top class condition producing an impressive economic farm surplus.

Alongside this the judges saw wise and appropriate land use based on soil capabilities, extensive native bush reserves with 140ha in QEII National Trust covenants and other

bush areas protected with the Bay of Plenty Regional Council and good shelter and shade for stock. Staff relationships and management were excellent with John and Catherine very ready to seek external advice on any issue when needed.

The winners and the property had strong ties to their community and displayed a deep understanding of a wide range of topics during the interview stage of the competition. This Rotorua property had the ‘wow’ factor; it stood out as something special when visited by the judges.

John and Catherine are very worthy winners of the Gordon Stephenson trophy, and as the 2015 Ballance Farm Environment Awards National Winners they will be excellent ambassadors. They have clearly demonstrated that profitable farming and good environmental management go hand in hand.

2015 Sustainability Showcase

**WEDNESDAY 24 JUNE 2015 AT
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS, WELLINGTON**



John and Catherine Ford with Mark and Devon Slee.



John and Catherine Ford with the Hon Nathan Guy.



Greig and Rachel Alexander with Nicola Shadbolt of Fonterra.



Robert and Anna Kempthorne with Ben Russell of Rabobank.



Leo and Rebecca Vollebregt with Steven Pool of LIC.



John and Catherine Ford with David Peacocke of Ballance Agri-Nutrients.



Alastair and Tracy Ormond with Matt Glenn of Hill Laboratories.



Richard and Annabelle Subtil with Ron McFetridge of WaterForce.



Dave and Janene Divers with Jeremy Silva of Donaghys.



Frans and Tineke de Jong, Talbert de Jong and Emily Meese with Professor Brigid Heywood of Massey University.



Mark and Jacqui Muller and Conrad Maeke with Matt Langtry of PGG Wrightson.



Hugh and Judy Akers, Willie Akers and Laura Oughton with James Parson of Beef + Lamb New Zealand.

2015 Sustainability Showcase Continued...

WEDNESDAY 24 JUNE 2015 AT
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS, WELLINGTON





Testimonials

2015 BALLANCE FARM ENVIRONMENT ENTRANTS

Steve Wheeler, East Coast

Winning a category award in the East Coast Ballance Farm Environment Awards was a nice little pat on the back for viticulturist Steve Wheeler and his employer, Mission Estate Winery.

"Mission Estate has been doing some great work in the sustainability field," Steve says, "so entering the Ballance Farm Environment Awards was an excellent way to showcase this work and to encourage others to do the same."

He says the positive feedback from judges was "very rewarding". "The judges came with a range of expertise and it was great to have another set of eyes looking at the business. They provided us with a detailed report that highlighted all the good things we were doing and pointed out some areas we could work on in future."

Steve says entering the awards was well worthwhile. "It's professionally done and it's a great learning experience. The awards evening was fantastic and it was inspiring to hear about what others are doing to improve the sustainability of their businesses."

Steve says he would certainly encourage other viticulturists, horticulturalists and farmers to enter the competition. "It's definitely worth giving it a go."



"It's professionally done and it's a great learning experience."

Sara and Stuart Russell, Canterbury

Ashburton sharemilkers Sara and Stuart Russell have always strived to make their dairy operation as sustainable as possible. Entering the Canterbury Ballance Farm Environment Awards helped them confirm they were on the right track.

"We wanted to see how our business compared with others, and we wanted to find out what we could do to improve in future," says Sara.

"It was great to get such positive feedback from the judges. Stuart loves talking about the farm and we both really enjoyed the judging process. The judges gave us some very useful advice on how we could improve our business in future, and we have taken on

board their ideas."

"The judging process made us take a good look at our business and think hard about what we are spending our money on. That's been a valuable exercise because in times like this, we have to watch our farm expenses very carefully."

Sara says the awards evening was another highlight. "It was brilliant to meet so many people from different farming types. We found it quite inspiring."

She and Stuart definitely plan to enter the competition again. "We'd certainly recommend it to other farmers. It's an amazing experience."



JR Van Vliet and Jamiee Burns, Greater Wellington

Entering the Greater Wellington Ballance Farm Environment Awards for the second time proved well worthwhile for pipfruit operation JR's Orchard Ltd.

Owners JR Van Vliet and Jamiee Burns first entered in 2009 and were thrilled to win the Innovation Award for the clever way they installed crop protection netting on the 117ha orchard (92ha planted) on the eastern edge of Greytown.

"We found the awards to be a wonderful experience," says Jamiee. "We learnt so much, and it made us re-evaluate some of the processes we were using in the operation. Being involved in the awards was a thoroughly rewarding experience for us. The judges came from a diverse range of backgrounds, and it was great to have that fresh pair of eyes looking at our business."

While Jamiee and JR were a little nervous before the judges arrived, "all that vanished once they got here. The judging process was very enjoyable". Jamiee says the Ballance Farm Environment Awards stamp of approval gives the orchard extra credibility when it comes to marketing "because it assures our customers that our fruit is produced in a way that is as sustainable as possible".

She says all primary producers should enter the Awards. "It's lovely to win something. But, win or lose, it's always healthy to re-evaluate your business and this competition definitely makes you do that."



"We learnt so much, and it made us re-evaluate some of the processes we were using in the operation."



Richard and Kerry France, Otago

It took West Otago farmers Richard and Kerry France about eight years to enter the Ballance Farm Environment Awards but they finally gave it a go last year.

Richard says the experience was well worthwhile and his recommendation to other first-time entrants is to not leave it as long as they did. "It's a very well-run competition and it makes you take a 'big picture' look at the sustainability of your operation," he says.

"We put up our hand this year because we felt our farm was ready, but my advice to other farmers would be to get in as soon as you can because that way you will get the benefits earlier."

Richard says it's important that entrants keep an open mind going into the competition. "You should listen to what the judges say and then put your plans in place from there. Being involved in the competition has definitely been beneficial for our business. It's a great feeling to get recognised in front of your farming colleagues. The awards evening was one of the best farming events I've been to in a long time, and we really enjoyed talking to other farmers about what they are doing to improve sustainability."



Testimonials Continued...

2015 BALLANCE FARM ENVIRONMENT ENTRANTS

George and Ellen Bartlett, Horizons

Halcombe dairy farmers George and Ellen Bartlett entered the 2015 Horizons Ballance Farm Environment Awards because they wanted to support their industry and learn more about sustainability.

"The judging process spurred us into action by making us realise that there are still some areas where we can do better," says Ellen.

"It was great to have the judges come on to the farm and offer us an outside perspective. They asked some challenging questions but these questions were challenging in a positive way and George enjoyed answering them and explaining what we were trying to achieve."

Ellen and George would definitely encourage other farmers to give the Ballance Farm Environment Awards a go. "It's not all about winning, it's about learning. Just enjoy the process and what you can gain from it," says Ellen.

George says farmers shouldn't wait until they have finished their farm improvements "because there is always more to do and the feedback gained could help you prioritise this".



Ian and Sandy Page, Northland

Entering the 2015 Ballance Farm Environment Awards proved a thoroughly enjoyable experience for Northland farmers Ian and Sandy Page.

Sandy says they were persuaded to enter the awards by neighbours. "We've had friends who have been involved in the competition before, so we knew a bit about it and they also recommended we enter."

She describes their involvement in the competition as a very positive experience. "The judging process was enjoyable, and the judges made it easy for us to talk about the farm and what we've been trying to achieve. As a professional forester, Ian sees it as his job to look after the land and so it was gratifying to get such great feedback from the judges."

Sandy says she and Ian would definitely encourage other farmers to enter the 2016 Ballance Farm Environment Awards. "We got to meet a range of different people, and we very much enjoyed attending the field day on the Supreme-winning farm."



Susan O'Regan and John Hayward, Waikato

Entering the Ballance Farm Environment Awards is a great way for farmers to show they care about the environment, say Waikato dairy farmers Susan O'Regan and John Hayward.

The couple entered the Waikato Ballance Farm Environment Awards for the first time last year and were thrilled to win two category awards. "John and I are constantly disappointed by the amount of negative press the dairy sector gets. But there are a lot of great things happening in our industry and we think the Ballance Farm Environment Awards are a great focal point for showcasing these good news stories."

Susan says attending the awards evening was an inspiring experience, and she and John would happily recommend the competition to all farmers. "It makes you examine your business much more closely than you normally would. The judges show you areas where you can improve and they can put you in touch with other people who can help you. It's a process that opens up opportunities without bashing you over the head. It's up to you if you want to take these opportunities."



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Stephen Kenna and Phillipa Wright, Bay of Plenty

The lingering effects of the devastating PSA outbreak didn't stop Bay of Plenty Kiwifruit growers Stephen Kenna and Phillipa Wright entering the BoP Ballance Farm Environment Awards. "We are passionate about the Kiwifruit industry, despite its biosecurity issues, and we thought we had a good story to tell," Stephen says.

Stephen says their involvement in the competition was a valuable learning experience and they thoroughly enjoyed the judging process, which was conducted in a non-intimidating manner. "It was more like a peer to peer discussion. The judges came from a diverse range of backgrounds and we really enjoyed the opportunity to



show them what we were trying to achieve."

Stephen and Phillipa would strongly recommend the competition to other horticulturists. "It's a great way to learn more about how to improve sustainability."

Stephen says the competition also provides an interesting insight into what other sectors of the primary industry are doing to improve environmental management and lift profitability. "It doesn't matter if you are growing fruit or animals, the basic principles are the same. We are all trying to produce a healthy product and protect the environment as much as possible."

Testimonials Continued...

2015 BALLANCE FARM ENVIRONMENT ENTRANTS



Allan and Leeann Woodrow, Southland

Allan and Leeann Woodrow are glad they entered last year's Southland Ballance Farm Environment Awards. The Woodrows, who own a 496ha sheep and beef farm in Waikana Valley, east of Mataura, first entered the competition a couple of years ago and enjoyed the experience.

"We didn't win anything but that wasn't why we entered," says Allan. "We went in because we wanted to see how the process worked and what we could learn from it."

Allan says entering the Ballance Farm Environment Awards gave his family a valuable outside perspective of their operation. "The judging process makes you take a fresh look at things that you see every day and might take for granted. It's like getting a farm consultancy service for free." He says all farmers should give the competition a go, regardless of how far down the sustainability track they are.



Sami and Laura Werder, Taranaki

Sami and Laura Werder are young and enthusiastic farmers with big plans for improving the sustainability of their new Taranaki sheep and beef farm. So entering the 2015 Taranaki Ballance Farm Environment Awards was a great way to check their plans were on the right track.

"It's a relatively new business for us but we've got plenty of projects planned for the next 5-10 years and entering the Ballance Farm Environment Awards gave us the chance to put our plans in front of a team of experts and get some professional feedback for free."

Sami says the whole process was well worthwhile. "It's always good to be challenged. It's easy to get bogged down in the day to day stuff, but this competition makes you step back from that for a moment and focus on those crucial business drivers."

"For us it was a great opportunity to take a strategic look at our operation. We didn't let the fact we were new to the farm stop



us because we knew the judges were more interested in our plans for the future."

Sami says the judges offered a valuable outside perspective of their operation. "I'd say all farmers should give this competition a go. It forces you to sit down and think about what you are trying to achieve. You also get access to key professionals with different skills who take a look at your farm for free."

Sami says he and Laura enjoyed the awards evening, even though Laura was due to give birth to their first child at any moment. "It was great to mingle with like-minded farmers and other people from the industry."

"I think some people are scared to enter because they think they might not win anything. But it's not really about winning; it's more about what you can achieve on the way. It's definitely a great event to be involved with and we got a lot out of it."

National Sponsors



When Ballance began our support of the Ballance Farm Environment Awards way back in 1995, the internet was budding technology, consumers gave little thought to the origins of food or fibre and resources like water were freely available on a first come, first served basis.

Twenty years on, anyone, anywhere can read news on farm practices in New Zealand, consumers can google the “baa” code on merino clothing to see where the fibre was grown and the management of natural resources is increasingly regulated.

A groundbreaking idea to encourage and celebrate farmers following good environmental principles back in the 1990s has proved a trailblazer for sharing, showcasing and supporting sustainability. As a result, farmers can look to other farmers to see what is both profitable and possible when it comes to the best environmental management of their operations. All of this has been made possible not just through sponsorships but through the dedication of judges and countless volunteers who have made the Ballance Farm Environment Awards the gold standard.

The constant encouragement and education embedded in the Ballance Farm Environment Awards have enabled good farmers to become even better farmers, able to meet growth goals without compromising sustainability.

The examples set by regional and national winners have shown other farmers that it’s possible to manage increasing regulatory requirements, while maintaining productivity – and that they can do it in a way which meets consumers’ growing interest in where food comes from and how it is produced. This has underpinned New Zealand’s reputation as an exporter of high quality nutrition.

Maintaining and building our reputation has never been more important if we are to make the most of the massive opportunities for our agricultural exports in the big emerging economies of China, India, Indonesia, and Brazil.

As a farmer co-operative, Ballance is working with our farmers to make this opportunity real. New Zealand is not creating more land, but the science behind our products and advice means we can lift the performance of our farms.

Our Ballance Farm Environment Award winners are in the top 25% for productivity. Our goal is to bring the lower 25% up to the median and take the median up to the top 25% like all of our winners.

Twenty years ago, what we could offer farmers was markedly different to what it is today. Technology, science, sustainability are all in the toolbox enabling farmers to produce more with a lighter environmental footprint. We’re very excited about the next 20 years and ensuring farming’s sustainability as an economic powerhouse for this great country.



2015 Supreme Award winners, John and Catherine Ford with David Peacocke of Ballance Agri-Nutrients.

“The constant encouragement and education embedded in the Ballance Farm Environment Awards have enabled good farmers to become even better farmers, able to meet growth goals without compromising sustainability.”

National Sponsors Continued...



Beef + Lamb New Zealand is proud to sponsor the Livestock Award in the Ballance Farm Environment Awards recognising farming practices that support a long-term commitment to sustainability.

The essence of sustainability is in finding a balance between environmental, economic and social values and the awards provide an opportunity to showcase the farmers who are working in this way. Their stories inspire other farmers to think along the same lines.

Beef + Lamb New Zealand works to provide the tools and information that highlight environmental issues and promote sustainability and so it's good to be involved in the awards which share our goals.

The Beef + Lamb New Zealand Land and Environment Planning Toolkit is one such tool that helps farmers identify land and environmental issues on their farms. From there they can make a plan to ensure the land is managed sustainably and productively, taking into account the specific soil type, fertility, pasture types, susceptibility to erosion and management practices relevant to that particular farm.



LIC is one of the oldest farming cooperatives in New Zealand and, right from when the Farm Environment Awards were first launched in 2001, was proud to sponsor awareness and application of the highest standards of environmental sustainability through, initially, the Farm Environment Awards better known today as the Ballance Farm Environment Awards.

Back in 2001 the language was new, but the practice was not, and what the Awards has done has raise the profile of the good work being done on farms around New Zealand, and provide leadership so that these standards have become a goal for more farmers and more mainstream.

As an organisation, LIC applies environmental sustainability principles and practices to all aspects of our business – our

offices, vehicles, farms, products and services; our values and behaviours. Achieving this in any measure comes down to rolemodelling and it is in this area that the Ballance Farm Environment Awards plays such an important part. Not only do the Awards recognise individual excellence, but collectively promote and position agriculture as guardians and protectors of nature.

LIC is proud to be part of that vision, of that movement. The LIC Dairy Farm Award recognises the important role that herd improvement plays in a sustainable farming business. The judges will consider how the entrants demonstrate high standards with regard to herd improvement, reproduction, animal health and welfare through the use of excellent herd recording.

LIC extends its congratulations to the winner/s of this Award, and to all the entrants and winners in the 2015 Ballance Farm Environment Awards.



Massey University is proud to be part of the Ballance Farm Environment Awards and particularly the Innovation Award. It recognises the identification and implementation of farming systems that are economically and environmentally sustainable.

New knowledge or research and its application is what innovation is about and this is highly valued at Massey University. We nurture the expertise and skills needed to explore new frontiers and to apply new information to developing the technologies and processes needed. We are committed to our research programmes and to research-led teaching and learning. We are also dedicated to working with industry leaders to ensure our research and teaching delivers what's wanted.

Each year Massey graduates with degrees ranging from agricultural, veterinary and environmental science to international agribusiness take the next step in roles building New Zealand's economy. Together they provide New Zealand with the latest knowledge and expertise across the food value chain, from smart production systems to food product development and from market research to developing international trade.

Just as the primary production sector is critical to our country, Massey is the engine of the new New Zealand.

The Innovation Award is given in recognition of the identification and implementation of economically and environmentally sustainable farming systems. The Award recognises farmers and farming families who develop or embrace new technologies and systems and have an established record of advancing farm practices for improved outcomes.

This year, Massey University gave out more than half a million dollars in agriculture scholarships to students and had the highest intake of new agriculture students to date.



WaterForce joined the Ballance Farm Environment Awards sponsorship team in 2012. We have had a great introduction to the awards and are proud to be part of an organisation which promotes sustainable, proactive farming. The awards give us the opportunity to promote our industry while recognising and acknowledging those farmers who are leaders within New Zealand.

The WaterForce Integrated Management Award recognises farmers who have successfully implemented water management systems and processes within their farming operation. We believe water is one of our most precious resources.

Efficient, sustainable and reliable water systems are vital to the running of a successful farming operation. We are dedicated to protecting this valuable resource for the future. WaterForce supplies, installs and services a complete range of water, wastewater and irrigation products.

With 10 branches nationwide, we are well-positioned to offer solutions for all types of water related systems.



As New Zealand's leading provider to the agricultural sector, PGG Wrightson offers a wide range of products, services and solutions to growers, farmers and processors in New Zealand and internationally.

Over 2,000 of our staff come to work each day to do our part in helping grow the country. Not only do we do this through the delivery of the right products and services, but also by supporting our rural community. We are proud to sponsor the Ballance Farm Environment Awards which encourages sustainable land management and shows farmers that profitability can be balanced with environmental awareness.

The PGG Wrightson People in Agriculture Award is about the people element of farming and strongly aligns with our vision of helping grow the country. Winners have a keen community spirit and demonstrate a clear understanding of the role they play in local and regional prosperity. Ultimately, the outcome of community involvement will be a healthy and vibrant rural sector, helping to ensure the future of New Zealand's farming family for generations to come.

PGG Wrightson congratulates all the entrants and winners of the 2015 Ballance Farm Environment Awards and we look forward to once again celebrating the successes of New Zealand farmers at the 2016 Awards.



Hill Laboratories has, since its inception in 1984, been committed to serving the analytical testing needs of the agricultural and horticultural industries in New Zealand. Throughout that time Hill Laboratories has had an extremely positive relationship with our customers, working to ensure the primary industry is at its most productive and progressive.

Throughout our involvement with the Ballance Farm Environment Awards since 2004, it has been wonderful to see the innovative and socially conscious efforts being achieved throughout the farming industry in New Zealand. As a company we are dedicated to supporting and promoting those efforts into the future.

The Hill Laboratories Harvest Award recognises excellence in productive and resilient pasture and crop growing systems including Horticulture and Viticulture. A good understanding of soil protection and pasture or crop husbandry should be demonstrated. An active weed and pest management plan would also be in evidence.

Hill Laboratories is the largest private analytical testing laboratory in New Zealand, and the vision and objectives of the Ballance Farm Environment Awards sit perfectly within the driving interests of Hill Laboratories.

Regional Partners



A decade on from helping to establish these awards in our region, Northland Regional Council is proud to remain a strong supporter of the Ballance Farm Environment Awards.

Sustainable land management is a key priority for this Council and we're continually impressed with the commitment and drive towards this goal shown by those who enter the Awards. Amongst all the success stories we've seen showcased over the last ten years runs a common theme: that profitability need not come at the expense of our environment. In fact, the best examples show that farming can actually restore and enhance the environmental values our communities hold dear.

Likewise, the winners' stories profiled through the Awards encourage and set a great example to other farmers of how they too can proactively manage their environment as part of an economically viable agricultural enterprise.

Bill Shepherd

Chairman, Northland Regional Council



Auckland councillor Penny Webster, a former president of Auckland Federated Farmers, says bringing the Ballance Farm Environment Awards to Auckland will be great for the region.

I think it's very important that Auckland gets involved in a competition like this. Auckland's large rural constituency on both the northern and southern sides of the city is a very important part of the regional economy. Anything we can do to help farmers improve their environmental sustainability has to be good for the region. The competition is also a good way for farmers to show urban Auckland that they take their environmental responsibilities very seriously.

Auckland region's northern boundary spans from South Head across to just south of Mangawhai, stretching out to Great Barrier Island. Its southern boundary encompasses Waiuku, Pukekohe and reaches across to the Firth of Thames.

Penny Webster

Councillor, Auckland Council



Waikato Regional Council has a long standing relationship with the New Zealand Farm Environment Trust due to our strongly aligned objectives to promote sustainable farming in our region. The Council is pleased to support the Trust both technically and financially and to play a key role in supporting successful awards in the Waikato.

Collaboration is vital. Only by working together can we be successful in sharing and promoting sound on-farm environmental management practices. Both farmers and the environment and our wider communities benefit. Sustainable farming is fundamental to the continued well-being of the Waikato, environmentally and economically. Presently, we are working collaboratively to protect water quality in the Waikato. We're working with Iwi and stakeholders to develop changes to the Regional Plan to help restore and protect the health of the Waikato and Waipa rivers which, along with our other waterways, are a key to a vibrant regional economy. Meanwhile, we are working across our region to promote sustainable practices.

The Trust has a very important role in supporting this long-term goal of better protection for our land and waterways. The council appreciates the great work the Trust does.

Paula Southgate

Chairperson, Waikato Regional Council



Sustainable management of our land and water is central to Bay of Plenty Regional Council's mission, which is why we have sponsored the Bay of Plenty Ballance Farm Environment Awards for the past 14 years.

These awards support and encourage the practices which will ensure we have healthy and sustainable water resources for both current and future generations.

We are facing some major challenges in our region to improve our waterways, particularly the Rotorua lakes and Tauranga Harbour, and the practical on farm methods developed by the environmentally conscious farmers who participate in the Balance Farm Environment Awards are at the heart of this work.

We are impressed by our farmers' willingness to look more closely at what they are doing on the land to protect their waterways, reducing nutrients, preventing erosion, managing pests and improving biodiversity. Most importantly they are willing to share their solutions with others.

Congratulations to John and Catherine Ford, Highlands Station, the first national winners of the 2015 Balance Farm Environment Awards from the Bay of Plenty. They have made us very proud.

Doug Leeder

Chairperson, Bay of Plenty Regional Council



Another great and successful competition our region has had in the Ballance Farm Environment Awards. The region was also delighted to have had two finalists in the Ahuwhenua competition. This was evident in more entries and the higher calibre of hard working farmers participating. It goes with saying that the level of betterment is continuing to grow in our district as people are becoming more aware of sustainable farming into the future.

Farmers want the same as environmentalist, farmers sole survival is how well they look after their land for the now and the present

I thank all that participated from participants, judges, sponsors, the future bodes well for us as a great paradise to continue and build on the good work we are all doing.

Kia ora.

Meng Foon

Chairman, Gisborne District Council



The 2014 Ballance Farm Environment Awards show that farming is still the winner when we focus on good practice and better environmental outcomes. Our participants this year demonstrated a clear view of their farming operation and the benefits of chasing solutions for environmental challenges.

Our winner was a traditional sheep and beef operation that didn't really think traditionally. The family showed clearly you can boost profits, enable farm succession and create the most enviable 'office space on farm' when you challenge convention and focus on the overall picture.

Hawke's Bay Regional Council and Gisborne District Council are proud to continue our partnership with the awards.

Fenton Wilson

Chairman, Hawke's Bay Regional Council



Horizons Regional Council is proud to support the Ballance Farm Environment Awards and their celebration of those who have created systems enhancing the environment while maintaining profitability.

The 2015 Regional winners William Akers, Laura Oughton, Hugh and Judy Akers from Broadlands Station were successful due to their straightforward, efficient methods. They have achieved an excellent overall balance of production, biodiversity, sustainability and erosion protection on a wide variety of flat, rolling and hill country land.

Horizons has been involved with the Ballance Farm Environment Awards since 2004. We see great value in this involvement each year as the Awards not only recognise successful farmers in our Region, but also provide the opportunity for Council to build stronger links with the community, share ideas and work in partnership with landowners to achieve environmental best practice.

We look forward to the future of this partnership as we work to enhance our Region's environment alongside its economy.

Bruce Gordon

Chairman, Horizons Regional Council



The calibre of our regional Ballance Farm Environment Awards winners and finalists has certainly vindicated the Taranaki Regional Council's decision to form a partnership with the New Zealand Farm Environment Trust to bring these awards to the region.

Taranaki's Supreme Winners for 2015, Mark and Jacqui Muller and Conrad Maeke, clearly demonstrated why our farmers rank with the best anywhere.

The Ballance Farm Environment Awards, with their national scope and competitive focus, perfectly complement our own long-standing

Regional Partners Continued...

Taranaki Regional Council Environmental Awards, which highlight and celebrate environmental achievement across all sectors of the community. Just one of the reasons Taranaki is truly like no other.

David MacLeod

Chairman, Taranaki Regional Council

The on-farm field days held following the awards' conclusion are a particular highlight for us as they are a celebration of excellence in farm management and provide a useful demonstration for farmers to learn new approaches. We commend each entrant, and all those involved in running the awards for their hard work in promoting sustainable farming practices.

Dame Margaret Bazley, ONZ, DNZM, Hon D.Lit,
Chairperson, Environment Canterbury



Greater Wellington Regional Council is proud to continue to support the Ballance Farm Environment Awards. The awards celebrate excellence in sustainable land management and allow farmers to share innovative farming practices and discuss practical solutions to sustainability issues.

They show that the restoration and enhancement of the environment and profitability can be successfully integrated and build a positive and profitable future for farming in New Zealand. Greater Wellington Regional Council is pleased to continue our involvement with the Awards which help to promote better outcomes for all involved.

Chris Laidlaw

Chair, Greater Wellington Regional Council



The Otago Regional Council has supported the Ballance Farm Environment Awards for several years. ORC congratulates all land managers, from across Otago's primary production sector, who have entered the awards and demonstrated that they have achieved high standards of sustainable farm management.

Life on any type of farm is complex and busy, and balancing environmental, economic and social issues in this working environment is an art and a science. The Awards directly assist this creative process, and in doing so supports resource management policies that ORC has developed that call for land managers to manage their water and land resources in a sustainable way. We value our association with them.

The Awards also help farmers develop and share their knowledge of the latest quality farm management practices which play a part in maintaining New Zealand's position as one of the world's most innovative agricultural producers.

Stephen Woodhead

Chairman, Otago Regional Council



Environment Canterbury is delighted to have an ongoing association with the Ballance Farm Environment Awards as a Regional Partner.

The Canterbury Ballance Farm Environment Awards provide an opportunity to recognise leadership socially, environmentally, financially and sustainably on farm. The Awards recognise and celebrate that best practice on-farm management is good for business and good for the environment.

By reducing the adverse effects on the environment we enhance not only our social and cultural well-being but help ensure the long term sustainability of our farming industry. The best way to achieve this is through working in partnership with the communities in the Canterbury region and by continuing to support the Ballance Farm Environment Awards.



Environment Southland chairman Ali Timms says the partnership with the Ballance Farm Environment Awards will produce significant gains for the region. Working together to support and celebrate leadership in Southland will result in ongoing positive outcomes both on-farm and environmentally.

Ali Timms

Chairman, Environment Southland

Strategic Partners of the New Zealand Farm Environment Trust



Continuously improving our environmental sustainability is a cornerstone of Fonterra's business and is key to ensuring dairying's future. We are committed to the dairy industry and balancing economic, environmental and social concerns.

That's why we are proud to support and partner with the New Zealand Farm Environment Trust and the Ballance Farm Environment Awards. These Awards give our farmers practical examples of how farming systems can effectively drive production and profitability while protecting the land that's so important to us.

The role models celebrated in the Ballance Farm Environment Awards are living proof that farmers do take the environment seriously and recognise the need for responsible practices. By awarding these top performers, we show all farmers that practising sustainable farming is the way we will take care of what makes us unique, for today and tomorrow's generations.



Federated Farmers: Farming for future Generations

Federated Farmers is proud of its partnership with the New Zealand Farm Environment Trust. We are committed to sustainable and profitable farming for New Zealand and our support of the NZFE Trust fits well with this commitment.

We can only be sustainable if we look after the water and land with which we farm. We must continue to grow our businesses but not at the expense of the environment. It's about building resilient farms.

New Zealand farmers are world leaders at working in sympathy with the environment, it is important for us to leave our farms in better shape than we found them. There are already many New Zealand farmers doing this very well, these Awards celebrate and showcase these environmental leaders so that others can

learn and be inspired. Environmental sustainability is vital if we are to farm successfully for generations to come.

We strongly encourage farmers to be part of these awards and we commend the NZFE Trust for being at the forefront of recognising and celebrating good farming practice.



DairyNZ is proud to be a partner of the New Zealand Farm Environment Trust.

Growing the skills of dairy farmers in environmental management is important work, and will only become increasingly more so over time. These awards are a very effective way in which farmers can learn how they can improve their capabilities in this area.

They also provide an excellent showcase of the great work that is being done on-farm, and this helps to inspire other farmers and educate the wider public. These awards continue to grow in stature, and we applaud the NZFET for their excellent stewardship.

Ministry for Primary Industries
Manatū Ahu Matua



The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) is proud to be a partner of the New Zealand Farm Environment Trust. Our mission is to grow the primary industries, while protecting New Zealand's natural resources. The work of the Trust embodies this vision, and we are proud to support them.

New Zealand's reputation as one of the world's top producers of sustainable, safe and quality food is critical to growing the value of our primary exports. The Ballance Farm Environment Awards showcase what is being done by farmers and growers across the country to deserve this reputation.

MPI applauds the dedication of the entrants to producing top quality products in a sustainable way. Entrants to the Awards are excellent role models for the farming community.

Strategic Partners of the New Zealand Farm Environment Trust

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Sharing knowledge and skills in this way is vital to overcoming challenges and ensuring the resilience and sustainability of the primary sector.



Rabobank

Rabobank New Zealand is part of the International Rabobank Group, the world's leading food and agribusiness bank.

As a specialist lender to the food and agribusiness sector, Rabobank is focused on the long term viability and sustainability of New Zealand agriculture and that's why we are proud to partner with the New Zealand Farm Environment Trust, an organisation that shares this focus.

The bank believes knowledge and understanding of environmental sustainability issues are the keys for both farmers and banks and, as such, is undertaking a range of initiatives to work with both our staff and clients in a range of ways to incorporate sustainability within long-term farm business planning.

Chief amongst these initiatives is our partnership with the New Zealand Farm Environment Trust and support for the Ballance Farm Environment Awards.

Throughout the 2015 Ballance Farm Environment Awards, Rabobank staff from around the country have played a significant role on the committees and judging panels of both the Regional and National Awards. This hands-on role provides our staff with

a first-hand view of farming best practice and we are continually impressed by the passion of New Zealand's farmers and their drive to improve their farming operations.

The bank is thrilled to see the awards being expanded with the inclusion of the Auckland region for 2016 and we are sure farmers in this region will benefit from the ability to participate in these prestigious Awards.

We are delighted to partner with the New Zealand Farm Environment Trust and will be working with the trust in the coming months to encourage our clients and other industry contacts to enter next year's Awards.



QEII National Trust
Open Space New Zealand
Ngā Kairauhi Papa

Much of our unique natural heritage is found on private land and can only be protected with the goodwill and hard work of landowners. The QEII National Trust helps landowners identify and protect special natural features on their land and secure long term protection of these places with open space covenants.

QEII covenantors and the many other farmers nominated for the Ballance Farm Environment Awards are inspirational guardians of our productive landscapes and the biodiversity values found on their land.

The QEII National Trust is proud to support and partner the New Zealand Farm Environment Trust in acknowledging and celebrating the very best in sustainable farming practice in New Zealand.





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