



## WWF-New Zealand

### Trustee Vacancy

WWF-New Zealand welcomes applications for a new trustee, particularly with skills and experience in fundraising and marketing.

### Who we are and what we do

WWF-New Zealand is the local office of the **WWF International Network**, the world's largest and most experienced independent conservation organisation. It has over six million supporters and a global network active in more than 100 countries. WWF-International is governed by an international Board appointed by the group of chairs of the national WWF organisations, known as the WWF Council, of which the WWF-New Zealand chair is a member. WWF-New Zealand is also a member of WWF's Asia Pacific Growth Strategy, with WWF-New Zealand's Executive Director and Deputy Chair/Chair attending an annual forum of all the chairs and directors from the region, aimed at driving the strategy forward. The global WWF network is currently undergoing a major refocusing of its priorities for action, and a review of the organisational structures needed to support them, to improve our effectiveness locally and globally.

WWF's global mission is to help create a future in which people live in harmony with nature '*kia noho ngatahi te tangata ki nga kura taiao*'. WWF works to stop the degradation of the planet's natural capitals; our lands, waters, oceans and biodiversity. This is achieved by working on the ground with local communities, and in partnership with governments and businesses using the best possible science to advocate for effective sustainable development and environmental and conservation policy. This year, WWF globally is in the midst of the largest transformation of the way it works in its 50+ year history. Major multi-national efforts will continue in critical ecoregions around the world, as well as focused efforts on six global goals: wildlife, oceans, water, climate/, energy and food; together with three key drivers of environmental degradation: markets, finance and governance. The following quotes from some of our global leaders indicate the intent and passion of our global transformation.

**FOOD**

*"We must tackle food from a whole systems approach from food production and its impacts on ecosystems and biodiversity, consumption patterns and unnecessary food waste."*



Mary Lou Higgins  
Director  
WWF-Colombia

**CLIMATE AND ENERGY**


*"The Paris climate agreement is just the beginning of a roadmap to end the fossil fuel era."*



Sze Ping Lo  
CEO  
WWF-China

**OCEANS**

*"We are determined to bring the expertise of our ocean and fishery specialists to turn the tide on the crisis of the world's oceans."*



Johan van de Gronden  
Director General  
WWF-Netherlands

Our New Zealand programmes include research, advocacy and partnerships aimed at protecting precious habitats and species, minimising harm from fishing and other activities, reducing impacts from climate change, and supporting communities to conserve and protecting New Zealand wildlife. Recent achievements include WWF's major contribution to establishing the Kermadec Ocean Sanctuary, increasing protection for Māui dolphin, and initiating the groundbreaking and innovative Reconnecting Northland programme. This multi-million dollar initiative is empowering iwi, communities, farmers, local government and others to work together at a landscape scale to protect and re-connect a range of locally identified priorities including, kiwi, kauri forests, water quality, and wetlands. In June 2016 Reconnecting Northland won the Green Ribbon Award in the Philanthropy and Partnership category.

WWF-New Zealand has a staff of 22 and a board of eight trustees. Around a third of our income comes from individual financial supporters, and a further third from major foundations including the Tindall Foundation and Foundation North, with the remainder coming from the New Zealand Aid programme and businesses, including HSBC. The budget for FY17 is \$5.2 million. The majority of WWF-New Zealand conservation expenditure is focused on New Zealand, Antarctica and the Southern Ocean, and the Pacific.

The current Chair is Dr Morgan Williams and Deputy Chair is Dr Libby Harrison.

For further details visit: [www.wwf.org.nz](http://www.wwf.org.nz)

## **Trustees skills, competencies and attributes**

Our board has eight trustees and we currently have one vacancy. Following an assessment of our board's collective skills we seek a member with, in particular, **skills and experience in fundraising and marketing**. The full range of skills and experience we seek are:

- Previous governance experience or an understanding of effective governance and strategy.
- An interest in conservation and the sustainability of ecosystems in the context of human wellbeing.
- Extensive experience in fundraising and marketing.
- Some of the following skills, competencies or attributes:
  - natural sciences and systems science
  - governance and law
  - financial and business management - commercial and voluntary sector
  - an understanding of philanthropy and are passionate about the contribution it can make to society
  - an appreciation of kaitiaki and experience working with iwi
  - strategic planning and a futures concepts
  - are great networkers within their community, region and or business circles
  - who can inspire in their communities, or businesses, and have a strong focus on empowering future generations.
  - will normally be a financial supporter of WWF-New Zealand.

## **Commitment required**

The WWF board meets quarterly in Wellington but one meeting per year may be held elsewhere in New Zealand to enable visits to major field programmes. Trustees are also usually a member of one of two subcommittees responsible for overseeing finance and fundraising and the conservation projects and campaigns. The total time commitment for this position is approximately

four days per year for board and committee meetings plus preparation time. Meetings are face-to-face or via teleconferencing or Skype.

Appointments are for terms of three years. Trustees may be reappointed for an additional three year term and annually thereafter to a maximum of 10 years.

## **Remuneration**

These trustee positions are not remunerated. Travel costs can be reimbursed if required.

## **For further details please contact:**

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## **Application information**

To apply please send a covering letter and CV to [ApplytoWWFNZ@wwf.org.nz](mailto:ApplytoWWFNZ@wwf.org.nz)

## **Closing date for applications:**

Midnight, 4<sup>th</sup> August 2016