

Trustee Role Description



Position:

Trustee/Youth Trustee

Responsible to:

Chairperson

Term:

The initial appointment will be for (4) four years with potential for renewal to maximum of (10) ten years.

Reconnecting Northland:

Reconnecting Northland is a leader of large landscape connectivity conservation - a new paradigm for ecological restoration in Aotearoa. We are seeking a suitably skilled, experienced, and connected Trustee to join the innovative and transformational Reconnecting Northland Charitable Trust Board.

Our vision: In three generations, Northland is a flourishing tapestry of abundant and resilient ecosystems, lies at the heart of our transformational programme and will resonate with potential Trustees, together with a strong working knowledge of NGO/NFP sectors, and a strong commitment to Te Tai Tokerau's future.

Role of the Trustee:

The role of a Trustee of Reconnecting Northland is to be an active member of a board which governs the management of Reconnecting Northland by:

- a) Focusing on critical governance issues such as development and implementation of strategies, resourcing work and developing and approving policies and systems;
- b) Through the work of the Board holding the Pou Manatū to account for managing resources and achieving agreed work programmes;
- c) Ensuring key policies and controls are in place and being used by the Trust; and
- d) Representing and advocating for Reconnecting Northland at critical events

Key tasks include ensuring that:

- the strategic direction of the Trust is in accordance with the long-term Strategic Plan;
- the strategic and other plans as well as key policies and systems are appropriate;
- Reconnecting Northland is meeting its legal requirements, including complying with the provisions of the Trust Deed;
- the Pou Manatū works to complete approved work programmes;

- all submissions made on behalf of the Trust are aligned with the long-term Strategic Plan;
- appropriate controls are in place, expenditure of funds is appropriate and properly accounted for;
- risks are being managed and opportunities are pursued;
- attending and representing the Trust at national, regional and local levels as a representative of the Trust;
- where appropriate advocating for the Trust;
- providing advice and support to partners and stakeholders where appropriate; and
- assisting the Board Chair and other Trustees to appoint or select new trustees.

Desired skills and attributes

- Has a proactive long-term strategic approach;
- Has an interest in restoring and protecting the natural environment of Northland;
- Has an appreciation of the wider public interest and ability to contribute positively to the achievement of the purposes of the Trust;
- Is well organised; reliable, trust-worthy and conscientious;
- Has the time and commitment to attend all meetings (four full-day meetings per year) and contribute in a timely manner to video conferences and email correspondence;
- Has the skills, knowledge and/or experience relevant to the purposes of the Trust; including but not limited to; strategy, communications, marketing, governance, policy, advocacy + fundraising and revenue generation;
- Has an ability to apply māturanga Māori to governance / leadership, together with a basic understanding of reo me ōna tikanga;
- Has the ability to bring independent thought and healthy debate to broker solutions in a complex environment;
- A proven ability to work with a diverse range of people as a team member;
- Fosters collaboration and works to build a cohesive team;
- Understands and has managed conflicts of interest;
- Good written and oral communication skills;
- Is adaptable and flexible;
- Believes in life-long learning and undertakes ongoing skill development.