



HAUMOANA TREE TRUST

TIAKINA TE TAI AO O HAUMOANA

Role of Trustees

The Haumoana Tree Trust is a registered charitable trust and the trustees have certain obligations and responsibilities, both towards the trust itself, the funding organisations, donors and to the community. Anyone considering accepting an appointment as a trustee needs to be aware of what their role and responsibilities are.

1. The controlling document is the Trust Deed, which sets out both the purposes for which the trust was established and the way in which the trust shall conduct itself. A copy of the trust deed can be viewed on the Charities Service website:

www.register.charities.govt.nz/charity/CC60199

2. The trust deed provides the rules that are specific to the Haumoana Tree Trust, but all charitable trusts are also governed by the provisions of the Charitable Trusts Act 1957.

The provisions of the trust deed and the Act that are most likely to be relevant to trustees in the course of their role as a trustee, are summarised below:

3. The primary obligation of the trustees is to give effect to the purposes for which the trust was established. The purposes of the Trust are:

- To promote and facilitate the establishment and preservation of all classes of natural ecosystems in Grange Creek Catchment for the enjoyment of all Haumoana community and the peoples in Hawkes Bay
- To educate and promote an awareness and appreciation by the public of all classes of natural ecosystems and landscapes within Grange Creek Catchment.
- To preserve all classes of natural ecosystems and landscapes which in the aggregate originally gave Grange Creek Catchment its own recognisable character.
- To promote and facilitate the planting and protection of trees and other flora both indigenous and exotic on public and/or private land within Grange Creek Catchment.

4. In collaboration with the landowners and other relevant parties like the the Hawke's Bay Regional Council, the trustees as a group manage the process by which areas are set aside surrounding Grange Creek and that these are available to the Haumoana Tree Trust to plant in appropriate native species. Most of the physical work involved is carried out by the trustees and members of the wider Haumoana community. Contractors may also be used from time to time for some of the work especially the clearing of land for planting

5. The trustees also administer the trust's finances and record keeping, but may seek independent assistance with some of this work if required. Financial decisions are made at trust meetings
6. Officers of the trust hold office for one year, but are eligible for re-appointment at the end of their term.
7. The trustees ordinarily meet monthly to bi-monthly for the purposes of reviewing the status of planting activity on the creek, and overseeing the trust's fundraising, publicity, community participation and financial administration.
8. The mix of trustees if possible should include some trustees with an understanding of native plants, riparian planting principles and river ecosystems
9. Learn more about the trust from our website: www.haumoanatreetrust.nz