

Chairperson's Report

Project De-Vine Trust - AGM October 2018

Project De-Vine has had another busy year making significant ongoing progress in its mission to clear pest plants out of Golden Bay and around Abel Tasman and Kahurangi National Parks.

The full list of achievements are listed in detail in the Project Directors report. They describe growing expansion of areas under control cycling through stages of assessment , knockdown and ongoing follow up.

These achievements have been possible through a small group of staff and trustees supported by a larger number of funders and community volunteers. Once again I would like to thank you for your support.

While Project De-Vine obviously still has a huge amount of work ahead to achieve its mission, the landscape of Golden Bay would certainly have a different appearance if it wasn't for your generous support to date.

Of course none of this would be possible without the passion and drive that Chris Rowse brings to Project De-Vine. The constant search for ongoing funding security in the voluntary sector while maintaining ongoing work delivery is no easy task.

Over this report period, trustees have been joined by Paul Bastin who has previously provided accounting advice to the trust. In addition to his accounting skills Paul brings valued management skills.

Project De-Vine was fortunate to be a keynote speaker at the NZ institute of Biosecurity annual conference held in Nelson in July. This promoted a lot of interest in the work of the trust and the contribution that the voluntary conservation sector contributes to biosecurity and the wider economy.

This report is my second as a chair and completes my period as a trustee.

I am sure that the passion that drives Project De-Vine will continue to see it make significant ongoing progress in its mission and make a wider economic contribution to Golden Bay.



Neil Clifton