

## **Cape to City and Poutiri Ao ō Tāne governance group biographies**

### **Reg Kemper (Chair), Department of Conservation**

Reg is currently the Director Operations for the Lower North Island for the Department of Conservation (DOC). The role stretches from East Cape to Wellington (including the Kapiti Coast, Wairarapa, Manawatu, Hawke's Bay, and East Coast districts). Prior to this Reg has had different roles in DOC and its predecessor the NZ Forest Service, including managing Nelson Lakes National Park, Operations Manager at Hokitika, and more recently Area Manager of Fiordland.

### **Michael Adye, Hawke's Bay Regional Council**

Mike is Group Manager Asset Manager for Hawke's Bay Regional Council (HBRC). He has filled this position since 1993. He has responsibilities for flood control and drainage, engineering, natural hazard knowledge, forest assets, biosecurity, land management, climate change, and regional open spaces. HBRC is his first experience of local government. Prior to joining HBRC, Mike spent most of his professional career working for consulting engineering practices in Bay of Plenty, Auckland, London, and Dar es Salaam (Tanzania).

### **Richard Gordon, Landcare Research**

Richard is a company director with a scientific focus on environment and sustainability. His New Zealand and international activities include: Chief Executive Officer of Landcare Research, a Crown Research Institute (2011–present); Director of Enviro-Mark Solutions Ltd (2011–present); board member of Science New Zealand, the association of Crown Research Institutes (2011–present); advisory board member of Business New Zealand's Sustainable Business Council (2012–present); trustee of Predator-Free NZ Trust (2013–present); board member of Lincoln Hub (2013–present); and elected stakeholder council member of Global Reporting Initiative (2002–2006).

### **Andy Lowe, Cape Sanctuary**

Andy is Managing Director and owner of Lowe Corporation Limited, a meat by-products processor based in Hawke's Bay that owns and has operated plants throughout New Zealand for 50 years with annual turnover in excess of \$100 million. Andy is the initiator and 'vision keeper' behind Cape Sanctuary, the largest privately funded mainland wildlife preserve in New Zealand. Andy's other conservation projects include part ownership of pest-free Puangiangi Island in the Cook Strait, and trustee of the Hollyford Conservation Trust in Fiordland.

### **Tania Hopmans, Maori representative for Poutiri Ao ō Tāne**

Tania Hopmans brings to the governance group her analytical, strategic planning, project management and communication skills, as well as her experience from both previous and current roles as a commercial solicitor (in New Zealand and overseas), lead negotiator, general manager and

member of various governance boards in Hawke's Bay. Tania's strong connection to Maungaharuru-Tangitū and established networks in Hawke's Bay, particularly amongst local iwi groups, are also of great value and benefit.

**Bruce Wills, Farming community representative**

Bruce has farmed sheep and cattle with family for the last 10 years on the hills north of Napier and runs a small on-farm tourist business. Between 2011 and 2014 he was National President of Federated Farmers NZ, and the three years prior to this was the Chairman of Federated Farmers' Meat & Fibre section. In 2008 he won the Hawke's Bay Farm Environmental award. He is Chairman of the NZ Poplar & Willow Research Trust, Chair of the East Coast region Ballance Farm Environmental Awards, and a trustee for the Todd Foundation and for Motu Research.