



# Restore Rodney East

SUPPORTING LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS

Presentation to

## **The Landowners and Contractors Association**

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# RRE's ESTABLISHMENT JOURNEY

- Restore Rodney East (RRE) was initiated as a project by the Rodney Local Board
- RRE reflects the aims of over 40 environmental groups that undertook a founding hui in May 2021. We launched fully in February 2022
- The groups sought a collaborative support hub organisation to assist them to achieve their environmental goals
- Registered as an incorporated Society (August 2022) and as a with charitable status (September 2022)



# RRE Inc COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Tim Armitage

Colin Binsted

Roger Grove

Fran Ashton

Greg Doherty

Martin Evans

Alan France

Alex Flavell-Johnson

Peter Wilson

Royal Forest & Bird Protection Society Inc

Mahurangi College

Tāwharanui Open Sanctuary Society Inc

Mahurangi West Pest Inc

Sandspit Residents & Ratepayers Ass. Inc

Friends of Awa Matakanakana Catchment Inc

Snells Shoreline Conservation Community

Tara Iti Golf Club Ltd

Shorebirds Trust

We have one paid position – our facilitator, **Sarah Churchouse**



Tim Armitage Chairman RRE



# RRE PURPOSE

- Supporting locally based environmental projects to realise their full potential.
- Bringing together, empowering, and growing a network of groups, projects, neighbourhoods, individuals, schools, businesses and other organisations involved in environmental projects.
- Any other activities (or areas) the society determines are necessary to support these purposes.
- To help ensure rich biodiversity is re-established, accelerating our efforts across our in-scope rōhe, on-land and within our streams, rivers & estuaries.



# RRE VALUE TO RODNEY EAST

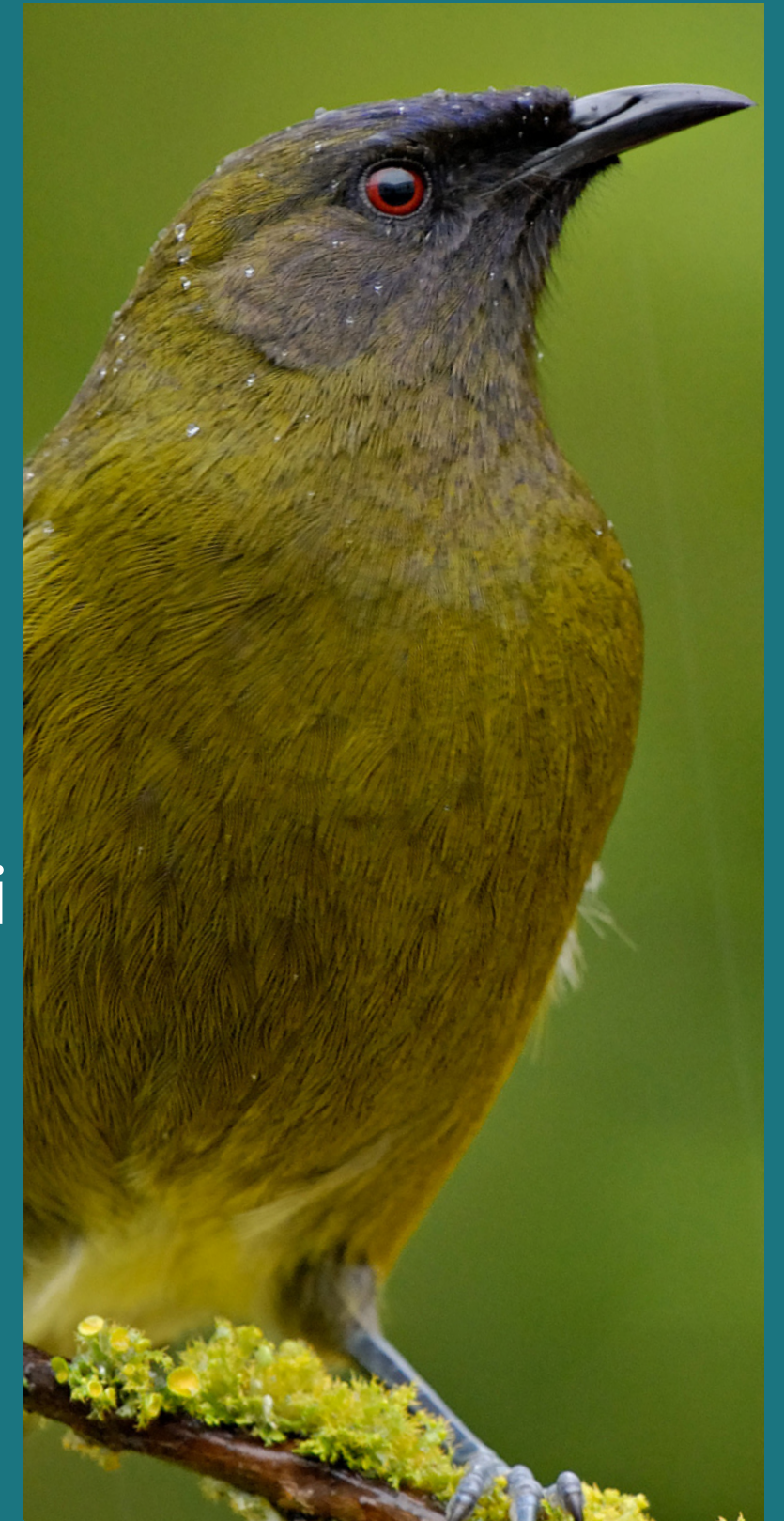
- Facilitator and committee fields, channels and acts on dozens of requirements on behalf of the community groups and other members.
- RRE's committee of volunteers includes CEOs & Chairs of local groups, engineers, lawyers, project specialists, who contribute in excess of 200 hours per month supporting Rodney East initiatives
- The RRE initiative is driven by local groups, for local groups. It supports a strong volunteer base, enhancing information sharing, mentoring and skills development and involvement.
- We also have a growing shared pool of assets for loan to groups, such as trail cameras, gazebo, planting spades, etc





# RRE SCOPE OF INTEREST

- RRE covers all aspects of environmental restoration between Te Arai and Wenderholm, to the east of SH1
- Every group in the area involved in environmental activities (residents associations, pest and weed control projects, sediment control projects, reforestation projects, etc) automatically qualifies for RRE support
- We are conducting gap-analysis activities to find areas to establish new initiatives (such as the new pest free Mahurangi East peninsula project)
- We fund raise to maintain RRE continuity but also to assist local groups to succeed
- We work closely with Council, mana whenua and other partners & agencies but are strongly independent



# RRE & LCA – AREAS OF POTENTIAL COMMON INTEREST

- Encouraging involvement of landowners in local catchment projects and The Forest Bridge Trust
- Expediting carbon capture through native tree planting & enhanced biodiversity.
- Promoting actions to reduce sediment run off, of farming, forestry & land development – to protect our harbours and reduce marine environment impact.
- Promote development levies raised in Rodney east being spent in Rodney east
- Connecting LCA and RRE members to the right people to improve environmental outcomes





# SUPPORTING RURAL LAND OWNERS

(some examples)

- Optimising predator control with Cam Speedy & Predator Free NZ
- Our Connect & Inspire 2023 event – Lifting our game on predator control including use of AI / future technologies & bio controls
- Advocating for landscape-scale sediment reduction projects (such as Friends of Awa Matakana)
- Establishing the Pest Free Mahurangi East Project
- Leverage of the Ecological Connectivity Road Map
- Management Actions
- Connectivity Analysis
- Ecosystem Maps





# Grant Funding Currently Supported By



RRE are working hard to build relationships with funding providers and sponsors, for future statanability and longevity.







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# QUESTIONS?

