

Outer Queen Charlotte Sound to be targeted

The Trust's wilding pine programme is putting a focus on Outer Queen Charlotte Sound this year. Control has already taken place at Cannibal Cove, Resolution Bay and Big Bay, at the head of Endeavour Inlet, and this spring the targets are East Bay and Tawa Bay.

"These are really iconic parts of the Sound," says Trust Chair John Hellstrom, "and it is great to be able to extend our work into these areas."

The Tawa Bay project, in Endeavour Inlet, will be centred around the Tawa Bay Scenic Reserve and Queen Charlotte Track, and will give this popular overnight anchorage a long-overdue makeover.

By contrast, East Bay is nearly all private land. The Trust is working closely with the East Bay Conservation Society and landowners to get as much of this area controlled as possible.

John says effective control at East Bay is particularly important, given the spread risk of wilding pines is higher here than other parts of the Sound as parts of the bay are still in early stages of native forest regeneration.

This year's work is being funded by the Department of Conservation and Marlborough District Council, as well as our valuable partners – NZ King Salmon, Marlborough Lines, Interislander, Adama NZ, Bayleys Real Estate (Glenn & Carina Dick), and the Marine Farming Association. A big thanks to them all for their on-going support!



Figure 1: A view of Cannibal Cove after control.

Welcome to new trustees

The Trust has been delighted to welcome three new trustees during the year – Greg Trought, Bev Doole and Rob Mounsey.

Rob was born and bred on a Canterbury farm, but spent many childhood holidays at the family bach in Ngakuta Bay – the catalyst of his ambition to eventually live here in the Sounds.

A successful businessman, Rob is passionate about preserving our 'paradise' for future generations and restoring the natural environment as much as possible with a key objective of preventing further sedimentation from ruining the Marlborough Sounds waterways.

Greg also moved to the Sounds from Canterbury, after completing a B.Sc in Ecology. He has much experience in wilding pine control, predator proof fencing and reforestation for the benefit of native wildlife on his property in Port Underwood.

Bev is a well-known writer and editor, who grew up having holidays in the Sounds. She is keen to spread the word about the Trust and help attract funding and community support for its work in bringing back the native bush.

We'd also like to take the opportunity to thank two out-going trustees, in Paul Tredinnick and Doug Holmes, for all their invaluable support over the past few years.

Going, going, gone

During a recent trip to D'Urville Island, we captured the following update on the changing face of Catherine Cove, following control here in 2011.



Find us on Facebook

The Trust has finally made it to Facebook! We are going to use Facebook for more regular updates on our activities, and we encourage everyone to follow us there.

For those interested in even more information about our work, the Marlborough Express ran an excellent feature article earlier in the year about the challenge we are facing:

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/business/farming/agribusiness/9993283/Pining-for-native-cover>.