



**NEXT**  
**FOUNDATION**  
Investing in our land, our people



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## CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION

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The NEXT Foundation has been established to create a legacy of environmental and educational excellence for the benefit of future generations of New Zealanders.

To achieve this vision, we will invest up to \$100 million over the next 10-years in educational and environmental projects.

The projects we support will be aspirational, ambitious, large in scale and wide in impact.

Education and the environment have been chosen as the two categories for support and investment because we consider that they have the greatest potential to inspire and create lasting value for New Zealanders.

The NEXT Foundation is not a charity or grant-making organisation. We are a strategic investor in well-defined, well-managed projects that deliver a meaningful and measurable philanthropic return.

We will support and invest in driven, outcome-focussed people with aspirational goals and well-researched ideas. We encourage any individual or organisation with a transformational educational or environmental concept to visit [www.nextfoundation.org.nz](http://www.nextfoundation.org.nz) and submit an Expression of Interest.

Finally, we would like to acknowledge Annette & Neal Plowman, whose benefaction has established the NEXT Foundation. Annette and Neal are world class New Zealanders with a long record of investing in projects designed to make a lasting contribution to our country.

**C.P. Liddell, Chairman  
NEXT Foundation**



Abel Tasman National Park

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## HOW WE WORK

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The NEXT Foundation administers an up to 10-year, \$100 million programme of strategic philanthropy.

The Foundation will make commitments of approximately \$5 - \$15 million per annum, to be distributed as part of an annual process to one to three projects over their project lives.

Any group or individual can submit an application for funding of New Zealand-based environmental or education projects.

Education projects supported are those that contribute to New Zealand's long-term knowledge capital and performance through research, teaching, leadership training, skills and values development, technology adaption, and institutional and methodological innovation that ultimately underpin our country's economic strength.

Environment projects supported are those that significantly protect and sustain New Zealand's natural elements, habitats and species, including research and innovation, conservation and community participation in ways that enhance the relationship between people and nature.

Projects will need to demonstrate that they:

- are significant in scale and impact
- overcome a specific problem, address a current need, or create a future opportunity
- are well supported by research and analysis
- have good management and governance, and
- have measurable outcomes at various stages of the project.

Submissions will be assessed by the independent Advisory Panel, reporting to the Board of Directors.

The Foundation's day-to-day operations will be managed by a CEO.

The \$100 million investment programme is exclusively for project funding. The NEXT Foundation will not bear any overhead costs, including remuneration of the CEO.

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# PHILANTHROPIC PROJECTS

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In addition to supporting the establishment of the NEXT Foundation, Annette and Neal Plowman have initiated or supported several other major philanthropic projects through a charitable trust. These include:



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Following the establishment of a Chair in Entrepreneurship in 2003, \$10 million was contributed to The University of Auckland Business School Endowment Fund, which is focused on fostering a culture of innovation and enterprise in New Zealand. Funds are used to help students become outstanding business leaders and entrepreneurs, to contribute to the creation of wealth through business education, and to help the School become more attractive and competitive on a global scale.

[www.business.auckland.ac.nz](http://www.business.auckland.ac.nz)



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Rotoroa Island Trust was established in 2007. This funded a 99-year lease of Rotoroa Island (from The Salvation Army of New Zealand) in the Hauraki Gulf. The goal is to create a conservation park that, working in partnership with the Auckland Zoo, will become a sanctuary for a range of endangered New Zealand species. As well as providing public access, the endowment has funded heritage building restoration, a major re-vegetation project with the planting of 400,000 native plants, and the construction of an award winning visitor centre which opened its doors in 2011. In 2013 Rotoroa Island won the Ministry for the Environment's annual Green Ribbon Award in the category of 'Protecting our Biodiversity'.

[www.rotoroa.org.nz](http://www.rotoroa.org.nz)



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Having eradicated pests and planted 400,000 native plants on the 82ha island in the Hauraki Gulf, Rotoroa Island Trust and Auckland Zoo have joined forces to establish a wildlife sanctuary. Threatened native bird and reptile species are being introduced and managed to help ensure they not only survive but also thrive. The partnership is also focused on educating young New Zealanders about the importance of looking after our native species and protecting the environment generally. Run by Auckland Zoo educators, year 5 to 13 students are visiting the island to participate in hands-on conservation fieldwork. All field trips are strongly linked with schools' curriculum.

[www.aucklandzoo.co.nz/education/rotoroa-island.aspx](http://www.aucklandzoo.co.nz/education/rotoroa-island.aspx)



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Project Janszoon, initiated in late 2011, aims to transform the ecological prospects of the Abel Tasman National Park by 2042. The project team works with the Department of Conservation, the Abel Tasman Birdsong Trust, iwi and community to ensure that biodiversity values in the park are no longer threatened by incursions of invasive weed and pest species, and that populations of key indicator species of birds, animals and plants are robust and show favourable trends on all vital measures.

[www.janszoon.org](http://www.janszoon.org)



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Teach First NZ is an innovative not-for-profit organisation that engages New Zealand's top graduates and career-changing professionals to tackle the pressing challenge of educational inequality, so that all young people in New Zealand achieve their full educational potential, regardless of socio-economic background. Teach First NZ recruits outstanding individuals to bring knowledge, energy and leadership to teach in secondary schools serving lower decile communities. The trust has contributed to Teach First NZ.

[www.teachfirstnz.org](http://www.teachfirstnz.org)



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The Auckland City Mission Capital Foundation was established out of a commitment to the work of the Auckland City Mission and the understanding that its financial vulnerability impacts on its potential to provide consistently excellent service to those needing its help. The provision of financial security through the trust allows the Mission to get on with its role of delivering practical assistance and support to those most in need in the community.

[www.aucklandcitymission.org.nz](http://www.aucklandcitymission.org.nz)

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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**Chris Liddell, Chairman**

Chris is a passionate New Zealander committed to a number of local environmental and educational projects as Director of Project Janszoon and The Rotoroa Island Trust. He was previously Chairman of Project Crimson, was a patron of the University of Auckland fundraising campaign, has contributed to student and teacher scholarships at his former high school Mt Albert Grammar, and regularly gives speeches supporting philanthropic causes. Professionally, he is currently Chairman of Xero and was previously Vice Chairman of General Motors and CFO of Microsoft Corporation. He was also a CEO of Carter Holt Harvey and has been a Director of the NZ Rugby Union. Chris was named New Zealand Businessman of the Year in 2011. He is a graduate of Auckland and Oxford Universities.



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**Barrie Brown**

Barrie is an experienced company director. He was a partner for 25 years with PwC where he headed the firm's Private Client Services and served on the PwC Board. Retiring from the firm 12 years ago, Barrie holds a number of Directorship / Trusteeships. These include Chairman of the private equity investor Waterman Holdings Limited, Chairman of The Rotoroa Island Trust and Director of Project Janszoon. He recently retired after serving for eight years as Chairman of the Auckland City Mission Capital Foundation. He is an Independent Trustee of the W A Stevenson Memorial Trust and is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of New Zealand.



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**Carol Campbell**

Carol was previously a partner at Ernst & Young for over 25 years and National Director for the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award programme. She is currently Director of The Business Advisory Group Ltd and holds directorships in a number of companies, including New Zealand Post, Turners and Growers Limited and the Fisher Listed investment companies. She is also Chair of Ronald McDonald House Charities NZ.



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**Dr. Geoff Harley**

Geoff is a Wellington-based barrister and former partner at Russell McVeagh. Maintaining comprehensive advisory and litigation roles he is recognised as one of New Zealand's leading taxation specialists. He acts as a Director of a number of private companies, is a Director of The Rotoroa Island Trust and currently Chairs Project Janszoon.



*New Zealand Green Gecko*



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## ADVISORY PANEL

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**Margaret Bendall**

Margaret is a former principal of Epsom Girls Grammar School and Board Member of the New Zealand Qualifications Authority. Since 2005 she has held a number of leadership and management roles in the Faculty of Education at the University of Auckland. Much of her recent work has been focussed on the implementation of the New Zealand Curriculum and professional learning for principals and other school leaders. She is currently a Trustee of Cognition Education Trust and a senior adviser to Teach First NZ. In 2005, Margaret was made a Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit (CNZM) for her services to education.



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**Pip Dunphy**

Pip is a professional Director. Her current appointments include Abano Healthcare, Fonterra Shareholders Fund, New Zealand Clearing and Depository Corporation, Mint Asset Management, New Zealand Super Fund and Solid Energy. Prior to her career as a Director she worked in the New Zealand financial sector in a variety of roles from financial markets to investment banking.



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**Rob Fenwick**

Rob is co-founder and Director of Living Earth and co-founder of the New Zealand Business Council for Sustainable Development. He was a key advisor to Department of Conservation in developing its new partnership model with business, community, iwi, and local government. He is currently Chairman of Antarctica NZ and NZ Antarctic Research Institute, the Ministerial Waste Advisory Board, Predator Free NZ movement and Bank of New Zealand Save the Kiwi Trust; as well as a Trustee of Sir Peter Blake Trust and Air NZ Environment Trust. In 2008 Rob was honoured Companion of New Zealand Order of Merit (CNZM) for services to Conservation.



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**Roger France**

Roger is a professional Director. He trained as a chartered accountant and is a former Managing Partner of Coopers & Lybrand, Auckland. He is currently a Director of Air New Zealand, Fisher & Paykel Healthcare, Orion Heath and a trustee of the Dilworth Trust Board. He was a Director of Fonterra Co-operative Group for six years and a member of the Council of The University of Auckland for 12 years, serving as Chancellor of The University from 2009 to 2012.



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**Devon McLean**

Devon had a 30-year career in the New Zealand forest industry holding a range of management positions including 10-years on the Operating Committee of Carter Holt Harvey, member of the NZ Forest Industries Council for 10-years with five as Chairman, Director of the National Association of Forest Industries of Australia and Director of the NZ Forest Research Institute (now Scion) for seven years. Since 2005 he has pursued private interests including as Chair of Project Crimson which he helped found in 1990, Director of Rotoroa Island Trust and he is the Project Director of Project Janszoon.



**Geoff Ricketts**

Geoff is a commercial lawyer, company Director and investor. He is Chairman of The Todd Corporation, Heartland New Zealand, and a Director of Suncorp Group as well as other private companies. He was formerly Chairman of Lion Nathan. Geoff is also Chairman of The University of Auckland Foundation, a member of the Auckland Catholic Diocese Advisory Board and a consultant to Russell McVeagh where he was a partner for over 25 years. In 2013 Geoff was awarded the Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit (CNZM) for services to education, the arts and business.



**John Taylor**

John Taylor is currently Senior Advancement Consultant to The University of Auckland, having retired as Director of Alumni Relations and Development after directing the University's successful "Leading the Way" campaign which raised over \$200 million. Prior to that, he was Headmaster of both King's College and Rathkeale College. His current educational activities include membership of NZ Model of Charter Schools Committee, the NZ Initiative and the Education Forum, of which he was the founding chair in 1991. He is a trustee of the NZ Education and Scholarship Trust, the John Drake Memorial Scholarship Trust and the King's School Board.

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