

COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABILITY STATEMENT

We passionately believe that we are guardians, not owners, of the land. We wish to leave Waipiata and its environs in a better state for future generations.

Sustainability is a long journey however step by step we are making progress and we will continue to do so.

Environmental

Since purchasing the land in 1999 we have removed grazing stock and planted hundreds of kauri, puriri, kowhai and pohutukawa trees and thousands of native flaxes, grasses and other native plants. Our focus is to provide a natural environment for guests and to promote fauna that will sustain the native birds.

Water and waste

Rainwater is collected into two large underground tanks and then filtered and UV treated back before use. No chemicals are added to this pure water source.

We have an advanced system for recycling waste water where waste is collected, processed, purified and released as potable water into the regenerating native bush garden. *Please do NOT flush any sanitary products but put them in the bags provided in bathrooms.*

Green organic waste is composted on site and used together with mulch to enrich the soil in the flourishing vegetable and herb garden and orchard. Produce from the lodge gardens is for use within the lodge with any excess going to neighbours and locals. We do not use harmful insecticides and herbicides on the gardens.

Recycling

Paper, plastic, glass and aluminium are all recycled. *Please assist our endeavours by leaving recyclable products by the bin in your room or at rear door to lodge.*

Energy

The lodge has been built to optimise passive solar heating with solid stone and concrete floors, large eaves that shade in summer yet allow storage of heat from the sun in winter and double glazing throughout the body of the lodge. Areas of lighting have been fitted with sensors.

Other

We use eco-friendly cleaning products in all areas of the lodge and limit the use of soaps that leave an insoluble film on the advanced waste recycling equipment. We try to avoid purchasing goods in non-recyclable or non-biodegradable packaging.

Community

We are members of:

- Friends of the Mahurangi, an environmental group committed to restoring the Mahurangi River and Harbour waters to their former state.
- Tossi. A group that actively works on initiatives to protect and promote native wildlife and fauna at the Tawharanui Peninsular.

Natalie is a Board member for and volunteer at the local tourism organisation - the Warkworth i-Site.

Ross is a business mentor and consultant for local and other area small and medium businesses on a voluntary basis.

We support and buy local product and services within our local community wherever possible.