

Paul McGahan - FMC Executive Committee

FMC Individual Supporter.

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I have had a long association with conservation and environmental management work and through my personal interest in backcountry pursuits.

This all started in the Waitawheta Valley, Kaimai and Coromandel Ranges and soon extended to trips into Urewera and Tongariro NP's, the Kaimanawa and Kaweka ranges. I was fortunate to become a ranger for the Department of Lands & Survey and later, DOC. Conservation work has included: Ranger at Urewera National Park; Ranger, Mt Aspiring National Park; Senior Ranger Reserves (Westland Land District); Senior Conservation Officer (Recreation, Tourism and Historic) West Coast; Tourism/Environmental Consulting including working with communities on projects e.g. Hump Ridge Track and UNESCO work on World Heritage Sites in SE Asia, Australia and Solomon Islands; Contract - DOC Biodiversity including Hutton's shearwater Kaikoura.

I have tramped extensively throughout New Zealand and visited or worked on several offshore islands including Raoul and Hauturu. Volunteer work on conservation projects has included cat trapping on Hauturu, takahē work, in Fiordland NP, and Hutton's shearwater translocation, Kaikoura. Other volunteer work has included Ambulance Officer, St John, Graeme Dingle Foundation - Youth at Risk Project, Christchurch; and inaugural Chair of the Hutton's Shearwater Charitable Trust for five years. I also served as a Chair of the former North Canterbury Conservation Board.

I have followed the considerable work and effort FMC have put into furthering the interests of stakeholder tramping clubs and other members in advocating for recreation and the environment of the backcountry and I am excited I can contribute to such effort as a member of the Executive.