

# GOODLAND COASTAL FARM FARM MANAGEMENT PLAN

This document is intended to guide the development of the farm at 2127 Kaipara Coast Highway, Kakanui in order to ensure a sustainable and integrated cohesive approach to the long-term management of the property.


This document is to be read in conjunction with the Goodland Coastal Farm Plan, prepared by Kaipara Coast Landscape Architecture.

Grazing area total for this farm is 47.62 hectares.

## FARM LAYOUT INTENTION

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- To retire all sensitive areas of the land such as within the gully systems and wetlands, in and around stands of existing trees and on the very steep slopes.
- To retire all land that is of marginal value for grazing and allow it to regenerate back to native vegetation.
- To locate farm fencing so that it coincides with the edge of the extent of the bush, lot boundaries and access roads.
- To utilise the existing farm crossings and raceways as much as possible.
- To locate gates and road crossings for efficient movement of stock.
- Where possible gates have been located in corners of paddocks where they can more easily direct the flow of stock.
- Where stock is to cross over the road the gate system is set up so that stock is unable to escape onto the access road. The surface of the road is to be stock proof to avoid damage to the paving surface.
- To relocate the existing stock yards from a location immediately adjacent to the state highway to a more suitable location adjacent to an area where stock trucks would easily be able to manoeuvre to load and unload stock. This is the central point of the farming operations and is to be serviced by a utility / equipment shed, weighing station, bore and water storage tanks.
- To retain and upgrade the existing farm dwelling and shed as farm manager accommodation.
- To ensure that all paddocks have access to adequate water from troughs with the water to be sourced and distributed from the existing bore on the property ideally adjacent to the internal roading network.
- To ensure that each paddock has suitable areas for stock to shelter from the weather.
- Fencing, gates and farm infrastructure materials and style are to reflect the rural, coastal nature of the property.
- Fencing around paddocks to be 7 wire with battens, with the third wire down electric to keep stock off fences. This type of fencing looks more appealing and is stock proof for both sheep and cattle.



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- Natural drainage courses are to be protected and existing drainage patterns maintained, where possible.
- New drainage courses are to be designed to appear and function like natural drainage ways and to recharge ponds and wetlands.
- Aim for all drains and water flows to discharge into fenced off wetland areas so any sediment can be filtered out prior to discharge into the Makarau River.
- Five communal orchard areas to be spread around the farm in areas where they can be easily accessed by property owners.

## FARM MANAGEMENT INTENTION

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To manage the farm in a way that will promote the best soil management possible including retirement of sensitive areas of land, management of stock numbers and stock sizes.

- The individual animal size is to be kept under 300 kilograms in order to minimise pugging and soil damage of this predominantly sloping property. This is particularly important during the wetter winter months.
- To let the native vegetation regenerate where possible, and supplement it with strategic restoration of native species, where required.
- To support the local ecology through a weed and pest management regime (Refer attached Weed and Pest Management and Maintenance Programme prepared by Kaipara Coast Landscape Architecture).
- To enable land owners to be able to walk freely around a network of formed walkways / bridle trails around the farm without interfering with stock movements ensuring connectivity, accessibility and enjoyment of the coast, views out to the Kaipara Harbour and the farm environment.
- To enable land owners to access pockets of orchard species around the farm.
- Soil testing to be undertaken to ascertain the nutrient status of the farm land. If there is a low pH then lime should be applied. If it is low in other nutrients (N, P, K S etc) then fertilizer should be applied at the recommended rates with annual fertilizer applications in the autumn, as required.

### Recommended stock type:

- Sheep grazing
- Beef grazing – calves could be brought in as weaners and raised on the property until they are yearling (one year old) / 15 months (e.g. from Sept/Oct through to Sept/Oct)
- Dairy grazers are an option
- Either one of the above, or a combination of the above provided that they comply with the maximum 300 kilograms weight.

### Recommended stock numbers:

- 6-8 Sheep per hectare
- 2-3 calves per hectare up to yearling age
- 1 dairy grazer per hectare, possibly two.

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I went to Massey University and received a Bachelor of Agricultural Science in 1979 and since then have farmed at Helensville on a sheep and beef property. In 2002 I received a Marketing Diploma from Auckland University.

Since 1992, my wife Dianne and I have increased the size of our farm from 280ha to 376ha by purchasing several neighbouring blocks of land and incorporating them into our farming system.

We run 250 Angus breeding cows and a highly productive Coopworth flock of 1400 ewes. We sell our lambs to Countdown and have the majority of them sold throughout the North Island under our brand, 'Kaipara Lamb'. Our story of sustainable farming on our Whenuanui Farm was documented on TVNZ's Country Calendar in February 2018.

In 2016 we entered the inaugural Auckland region Ballance Farm Environment Awards, which we won. We then progressed to the National Awards and were selected as the overall winners, being awarded the Gordon Stephenson Trophy.

Since winning the Trophy, I am now involved with the judging of finals entrants for the annual Auckland Ballance Farm Environment Awards. This provides me with the opportunity to engage with the entrants, and pass on some of my experience and offer guidance and advice to farmers entering the awards process. It is a most satisfying experience.

We have focussed on having a farm that produces good stock and protects the natural environment. We enjoy seeing a wide variety of native birds and flourishing blocks of native bush. All waterways have been fenced from stock and I can see this project at Pareparaea achieving similar goals over a period of time.

I have been involved in many local community organisations and over the last 9 years have been involved with developing a large underperforming beef farm to one now that has all waterways fenced, bush blocks protected and paddock sizes reduced to better maximize pasture production.