



**The Forest  
Bridge Trust**

'protect, enhance, connect'

## Background



October 2007



September 2018



## Why was The Forest Bridge Trust established?

Farmers/landowners :-

- Are time, energy and cash poor.
- Have restricted access to modern communications
- Are highly suspicious of council and DOC
- Need to be understood and supported
- .... and we needed 10,000 pest controlled ha for Mataia kiwi!



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**A wildlife corridor from the  
Kaipara to the Pacific**



### Fencing

Connecting farmers and landowners with funding partners to protect and plant native bush areas



### CatchIT Schools

Pest control education and support in schools



### Catch IT Communities



### CatchIT Hubs

- Logue's Bush
- Dunns Bush
- Hoteo Gorge Restoration

} Establish trap and bait station networks in key reserves and covenants to control pests

# Achievements



## The Other Side of the Fence



- Coping with the growth of the trust
- Monitoring what we are doing and whether it is working
- Sustainable long term funding
- Restructuring of the main organisations that we deal with
- Understanding the priorities of our funding organisations
- Maintaining our momentum
- Raising our profile but being to able to deliver at the same time
- Keep admin costs to a minimum so maximum funding gets to the ground

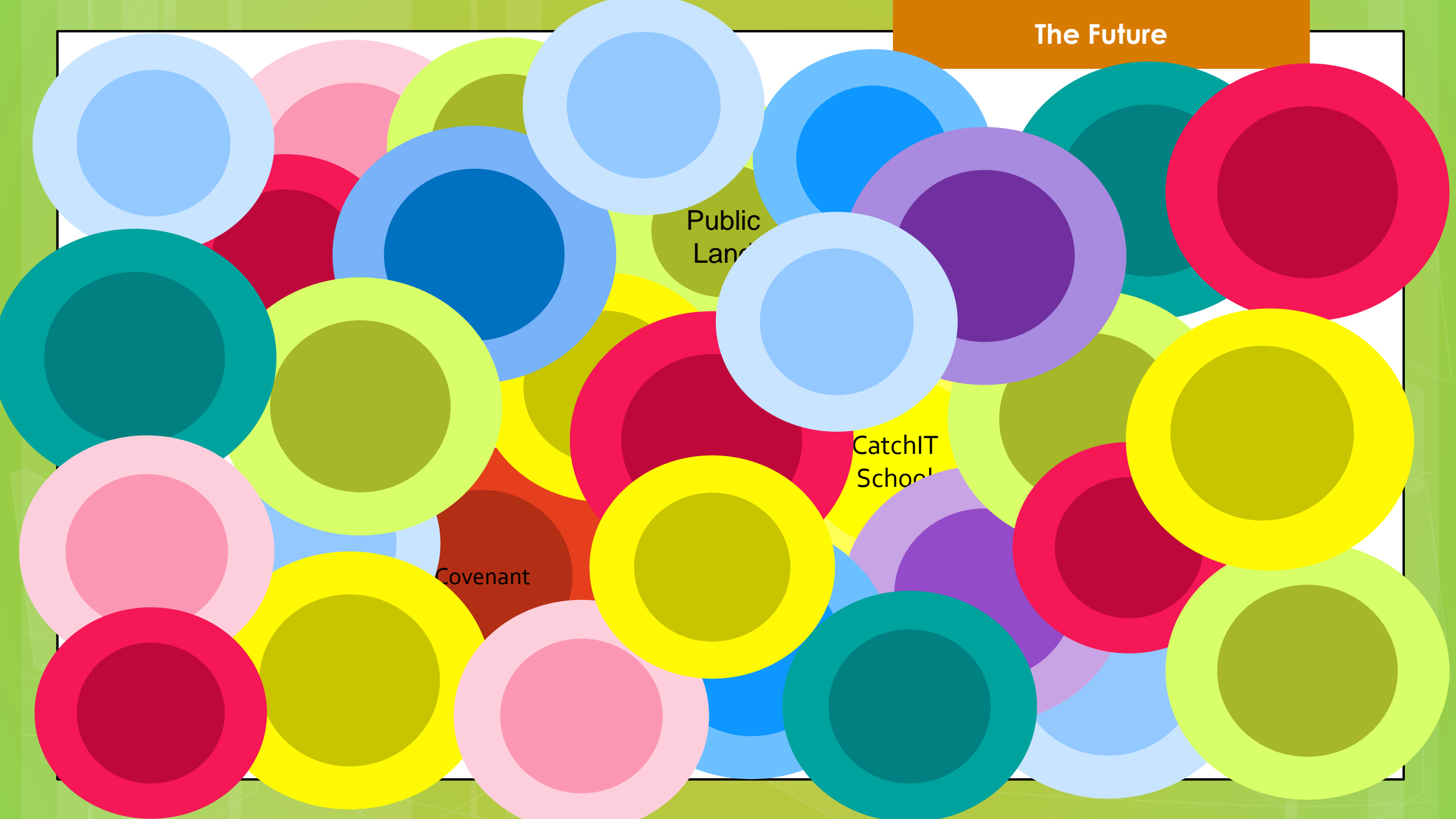


# The Future

Public  
Land

CatchIT  
School

Covenant



How will we get there?



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Use connectivity studies to prioritise our work



Connectivity



Measure the gains...

- ❖ Auckland University
- ❖ Foundation North
- ❖ WWF
- ❖ Rodney Local Board
- ❖ MBIE
- ❖ Living Waters
- ❖ Gotcha Traps
- ❖ Farmlands
- ❖ Auckland Council
- ❖ Mataia Restoration Project
- ❖ Ministry for the Environment
- ❖ Transpower
- ❖ Whitebait Connection
- ❖ Department of Conservation
- ❖ Reconnecting Northland

**.....and the wonderful schools, landowners and communities who have jumped on board**