



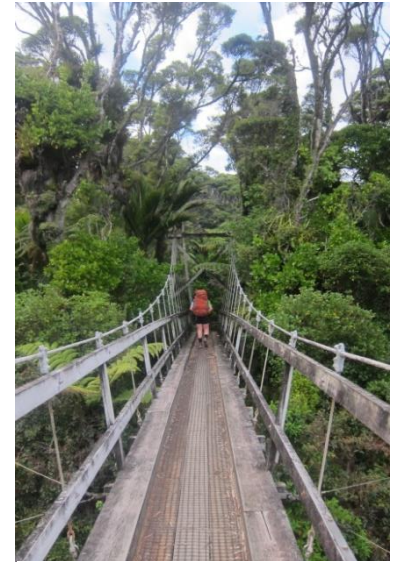
Introduction to The Maerewhenua Trust

The Trusts Name:

The Maerewhenua River flows from its source at Dansey Pass South of Duntroon. In the late 19th Century, John Simpson's great, great grandfather, Robert Simpson, formerly a tenant farmer in Scotland, purchased 184 hectares of land in the Maerewhenua Valley and so doing, became the first person in his line of decent to ever own land.

Early beginnings:

A reason for establishing the Maerewhenua Trust with a \$30,000 inheritance from John's grandfathers generation was to honor the men and woman in his family before him who had nurtured the land and its people and who, in order to do so, took considerable financial risk. It is these people and their stories that have had a significant influence in young John Simpsons life.



1st Howick Heaphy Gold Journey

How did BB get involved?

Getting into the great outdoors with The Boys' Brigade was a seminal experience in John's youth of the 1960's, forging lifelong perspectives, beliefs and values.

The Maerewhenua Trust (MT) was established in 1986 to **"Support the work of volunteer Christian adults mentoring youth in New Zealand's outdoor wilderness."**

John Simpson as trust founder, selected The Boys' Brigade as the initial preferred vehicle for the MT to achieve this objective for two reasons:

- a. During his personal experience over a 10 year period as Captain of the 31st Auckland Company, based at the Remuera Baptist Church, John worked with a series of young inspirational volunteer Christian men in their twenties and thirties (most of whom had been BB boys themselves) whose lives and witness were proof that such objectives were both attainable, successful and life changing.
- b. There were many other BB Company Section units around the country also making an excellent job of achieving this objective. Fellow MT trustee Les Bouterey would almost certainly attest to a similar experience.

MT Scholarships:

In 2018 the MT initiated several Scholarship financial subsidies for any BB Company Section or ICONZ Delta Unit youth and their leaders. These Scholarships and grants are ongoing, available every year and comprise the following:

I. Expedition Award Scholarship:

Company Section, ICONZ Delta: Youth RISC and or DofE Hillary award scheme for Bronze, Silver, Gold journey levels. Awardees will make a 1/3 financial contribution to their project. Range \$400 and \$1500 per party with a minimum of \$100 per boy. In line with the DofEH ethos the application is to be made by the boy himself or by a boy representing a group.

II. Outward Bound Course Scholarship:

For young men up to the age of 25 who have served as volunteer leaders in BB Company Section or an ICONZ Delta Unit for at least 4 years. Scholarships are for \$1000.



Lincoln ICONZ Lake Tenneson Expedition Bronze Journey

III. Veteran Leader Sabbatical Scholarship:

Veteran Volunteers of Company Sections and ICONZ Delta Units for more than 6 years leadership experience is eligible for Holiday/Sabbatical Travel Vouches. Scholarship are for \$1000.

IV. Queens Award Presentation Scholarship:

Financial assistance for a BB Company Section or ICONZ Delta QB recipient who can demonstrate financial hardship to attend the Queens Badge weekend ceremony with up to two family members. Awardees to make 1/3 financial contribution towards their expected travel costs. Scholarship up to \$1000.

V. Equipment Group Grant:

Application can be made for funds to assist Battalion, Region, Company Section Seniors, ICONZ Delta, where financial hardship or extraordinary circumstances can be demonstrated or where the purchase would significantly improve Company/Unit viability or program quality attractive to youth involvement. Awardees must have demonstrated a significant effort to fundraise of at least 1/3 towards the cost of items to be purchased. Grant amount up to \$3000.

Who received scholarships and grants during 2019?

MT Scholarships and Grants 2019

Group	Item	Scholarship	Grant	Amnt
1st ChCh	WC Wilderness Trail	Expedition Silver		\$ 565.00
14th ChCh	Climb Equip & Boulder Mats		EGG	\$ 2,798.00
1st Rangiora	Jenny Aitkens	Veteran Leader		\$ 1,000.00
1st Howick	Heaphy Track	DofEH Journey Gold		\$ 1,000.00
Lincoln ICONZ	Lk Tenneson	Exped Bronze		\$ 400.00
Lincoln ICONZ	Attendance Travel Costs	Queens Award Pres		\$ 1,000.00
Canty Batt	Uniform Samples/Review		EGG	\$ 2,000.00
1st Blenheim	Attendance Travel Costs	Queens Award Pres		\$ 500.00
Total				\$ 9,263.00



14th ChCh Coy Climbing Wall/Boulder Mats Equipment