

## Conservation Award



Sandra and Milke Goodwin. Photo (used with permission): Forest & Bird.

Rotorua Botanical Society members Mike and Sandra Goodwin, of Lake Ōkāreka, who have very strong connections with Forest & Bird Rotorua Branch, are key stalwarts of the Ōkāreka Mistletoe Restoration Project, particularly through Landcare Ōkāreka. This group, together with Rotorua Botanical Society, has tackled the invasive weeds smothering potential mistletoe host trees, and carried out effective pest control, with the support of Bay of Plenty Regional Council and DOC.

Mike and Sandra have made strong community contributions, especially in conservation, in the South Waikato, their former home, and in the Rotorua district, over several decades. They have been practical participants in projects, as well as committee members and project leaders. We are delighted that the great many hours that this couple have put into environment care work over the past forty years and their commitment to environmental issues has been recognised with an award from Forest & Bird, the Ti Kouka Award. This award recognises making a significant contribution to regional conservation over a long period. Congratulations to Mike and Sandra.

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