



**Great Barrier Island Charitable Trust**

22nd July 2013

Dear GBI Environment Trust members,  
Re: Annual Report 2012

Thank you for your support over the past twelve months. It is Annual Report time again, in fact it's a little late. Please accept my apologies.

The Trustees this year decided to give you a summary of activities over the past ten years since 2012 was our decade anniversary. This report is included along with the annual accounts.

In December we said farewell to Judy Gilbert, a founding Trustee. She has left to pursue a career in local politics. Yes, she is standing for the Great Barrier Local Board in the October elections this year to continue to push for a sound environmental future for the island.

We also welcomed in some new Trustees: Emma Cronin from Glenfern and Halema Jamieson from Okiwi. These young women are determined to carry on working towards a pest free Great Barrier Island. Their profiles will shortly be up on our Web site [www.gbict.co.nz](http://www.gbict.co.nz). They come with impressive credentials.

We continue to work with the Local Board to achieve a lasting environmental plan as envisaged by the communities of interest: the ratepayers, the residents, Ngati Rehua, the government agencies, Department of Conservation, Auckland City, the 'boaties' and visitors etc. Many people feel strongly attached to this island.

There is a report on the table right now outlining a process of consultation using Community Conversations, small group discussions. The funding for this remains inadequate, if not entirely absent, sidelined into other things. Does anyone have any good ideas?

Again, thank you for your ongoing support and encouragement.

Liz Westbrooke,  
Acting Chairperson

NB: If you are a ratepayer on the island you can still enrol as a 'ratepayer elector' and vote on October 12th. Please look at the Auckland Council web site or : If you want further information please **phone toll free 0508 12 10 13** (from 15 April 2013 to 30 August 2013) Brought to you by New Zealand Local Authority Electoral Officers