



"Wildlife Foxton Trust alongside Manawatū Estuary Trust are proud to nominate Dr. Bob Hoskins for the 2023 Volunteer Recognition Event. Dr Bob Hoskins is a Foxton Beach resident and retired geologist. He has a passion for preserving the environments of plants and animals and as a keen tramper, able to appreciate the wonderful place New Zealand is. The list of his activities is extensive – here are just a few of the activities he spends his time on:

- A significant amount of his time doing litter collection on his walks around the Foxton Beach and Ramsar areas. He spends his own money disposing of waste collected.
- Supervised teams doing voluntary work removing exotic weeds such as coastal wattle, yuccas etc at the Manawatu Estuary and the foredunes for some 34 years including planting and spreading native plants and seeds.
- Leads a group of volunteers working on the Manawatū River Loop at Foxton helping to restore the natural waterline of the river to restore unique animal habitats.
- Led a team to maintain the Te Awahou Boardwalk until Horowhenua District Council took it over.
- Led a Save our River Trust Team that constructed and maintained a wetland in the bed of the Manawatu River loop at Foxton.
- Assisted the Department of Conservation and the Horizons Regional Council with environmental work including weed spraying, planting and pest trapping.
- Lead the team to construct The Piriharakeke Walkway through the forest by the Foxton Transfer Station, along the Foxton loop stop bank and the Moutoa Floodway stop bank to State Highway 1 – about 3.5 kilometres. This was the first walkway along a stop bank in the Horizons Region.

He is an active member of the Manawatū Estuary Trust, an original Trustee of Wildlife Foxton Trust and a member of Save our River Trust.

He shares his knowledge and passion freely, inspiring others to help protect our unique environment at Foxton and the Beach.

Thank you Dr. Bob, for all your efforts – this is just a small token of our appreciation in this recognition of your work.

Nominated by Wildlife Foxton Trust and Manawatū Estuary Trust on behalf of all those he works with."

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