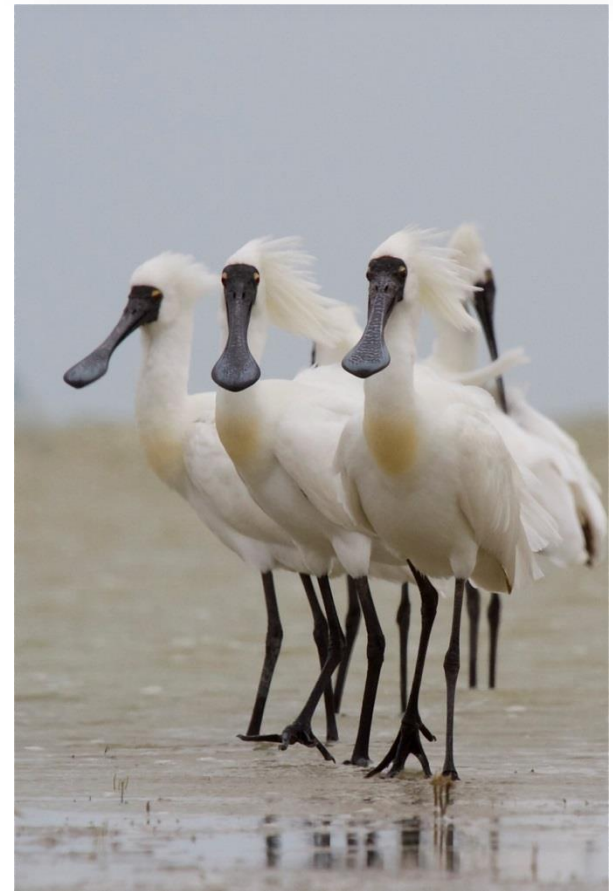


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# The Trust

- Membership of around 70 individual/family members plus 4 organisations
- 371 subscribers to the newsletter/ 368 Facebook followers
- 2 staff members - General Manager and Finance Manager
- MOUs with ECan, DOC, CCC, SDC and TAK
- Funding & support from SDC, ECan
- Regular updates to website and social media (Facebook, twitter)
- Regular newsletters and articles in local media



**Some highlights for the year.....**





## Talking to Groups

Schools, University groups  
and Community groups



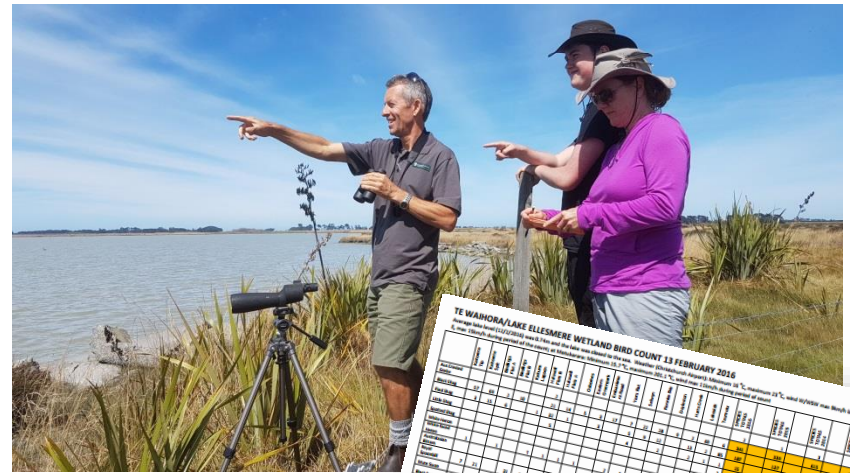
## Restoration Projects

Green Footprint, Canterbury  
Plantout



Supported Lincoln  
Envirotown  
With BioBlitz

**2017 Te Waihora wetland bird survey** – we worked with partners, particularly Birds NZ, CCC and DOC, to organise a census of wetland birds on the lake.



- 42852 in 2017
- 41590 in 2016
- 47858 in 2015
- 55164 in 2014
- 55728 in 2013

**TE WAIHORA/LAKE ELLESMERE WETLAND BIRD COUNT 13 FEBRUARY 2016**

Original data from the 2016 survey are available on the Te Waihora Wetland Bird Count website. All data are available on the Te Waihora Wetland Bird Count website. All data are available on the Te Waihora Wetland Bird Count website.

Species	2013		2014		2015		2016		2017	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
Black-winged Stilt	1000	10.0	1200	12.0	1500	15.0	1800	18.0	2000	20.0
Wading Tattler	800	8.0	900	9.0	1000	10.0	1100	11.0	1200	12.0
Spotted Redshank	600	6.0	700	7.0	800	8.0	900	9.0	1000	10.0
Common Noddy	400	4.0	500	5.0	600	6.0	700	7.0	800	8.0
Other species	300	3.0	400	4.0	500	5.0	600	6.0	700	7.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>2300</b>	<b>23.0</b>	<b>2800</b>	<b>28.0</b>	<b>3300</b>	<b>33.0</b>	<b>3800</b>	<b>38.0</b>



# What's coming up for 2017/18

- Planning for the 2017 Living Lake Symposium and State of the Lake Report – November 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>
- Field trips for members and supporters
- Investigating community trapping programmes (Predator Free 2050)
- Working to promote recreational opportunities at the lake, including with DOC, local schools and others to provide interpretation at Harts Creek
- 2018 bird survey (Feb 10<sup>th</sup> 2018)
  - Promoting our Living Lake Research & Monitoring Fund
    - And lots more.....

