



NICOLAS CAVIALE-DELZESCAUX

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT

ABOUT ME

I have 20 years' experience working in the environmental field. Over this time, I have worked as a scientist, agronomy teacher, land manager adviser and owned my own environmental consultant business.

I have worked as a sole consultant in environmental project management for the past 8 years. Over these 8 years I have helped lead the Whangawehi Catchment Management Group to win the NZ government's most prestigious environmental award (2017) and in 2018, we also added an Australasian International River Prize award. I have obtained a certificate in project management and have extensive experience in large scale conservation projects.

PROFESIONAL RECOGNITIONS

2013 - Whangawehi Catchment Management Group wins the Trust Power Community Awards.

2014 - WCMG wins the Pride of NZ Awards in the environmental category.

2015- Rae Te Nahu wins New Zealander of the Year.

2017- WCMG wins the Supreme Awards at the Green Ribbon Awards NZ. Winner of the "caring for our water category".

2018 - WCMG wins the Asia Pacific environmental Awards (Pacific category) in Sydney.

2019 - WCMG is finalist at the International River Awards in Brisbane

EDUCATION

Masters in Agronomy and Management of Natural Resources (Toulouse-France).

Certificate in Project Management.

LARGE-SCALE ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION PROJECTS

I have extensive experience in project management of large-scale environmental projects (Whakaki Wetlands and Whangawehi, Northern Hawkes Bay). Key achievements include:

- Developed community-based Catchment Management Plans
- Implementing sustainable land practices in Hawkes Bay, NZ.
- Developing successful funding applications, managing budgets and writing progress reports.

Ability to focus on engaging with communities to achieve outcomes.

Strong local networks at regional and national level.

Very experienced in working with Maori communities.

Extensive use of communication tools for transparency and reporting purposes.

Whangawehi Catchment Management Group/Whakaki Restoration: Project Manager 2012–Now

- Applied for funding, raised and managed over \$ 5 Million NZD
- Retired over 1500 ha of land and established over 400 000 native trees (wetlands and eroded soils)
- Developed a large-scale community/Marae led catchment management plan
- Implementation of health and safety requirements in project management.
- Developing and implementing targeted pest control strategies.
- Actively engaging with Marae, landowners, iwi, schools and government.
- Development of a unique local environmental school project.
- Co-ordinating the Cultural Assessment of the several catchments.
- Co-ordinating several research projects as part of the Regenerative Hill Country Futures (B+L NZ)
- Initiating the development of a publicly accessible walkway.
- Initiating a branding project for sustainably produced meat.
- Organise procurement process before hiring contractors.
- Development of a community-based water monitoring project

Hawkes Bay Regional Council/Ministry for Primary Industry: Land Management Advisor 2009–2012

- Promotion of more sustainable land practices.
- Farm planning expertise including comprehensive farm plans.
- Providing technical advice on erosion control measures.
- Giving advice on tree species, spacing and administration of funding.
- Organising farm field days including presentations.
- Set up and monitoring of a variety of on-farm trials.
- Collaboration with community groups.

PERSONAL QUALITIES

Honest, reliable and able to meet deadlines.

Proven ability to work under pressure and prioritize work tasks.

Strong work ethic and positive team member.

Good communication and problem-solving abilities.

Demonstrated ability to engage with a diverse range of people in a positive manner. Building and maintaining relationships.

Demonstrated ability to direct, control and plan activities for myself and others.

REFERENCES

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SKILLS

- Experienced in working with indigenous community groups to help achieve environmental outcomes.
- Extensive ecological knowledge.
- Capacity to analyse situations in all its dimensions (cultural, social, economic, environmental).
- Competent in the use of relevant software and information management tools (GIS).
- In depth knowledge of financial reporting using Xero
- Creating blogs, drafting newspaper articles, newsletters, video editing.
- Certified in Nutrient Management (level 1) and work on Overseer
- Certified drone operator in NZ (CAA)