

Jump start your sustainable lifestyle experience by building on 274 Weld's unique journey over several years

Beyond proximity to great surfing and foiling venues and the popular beach and facilities of Oakura, enjoy the benefits of the years of work delivering sustainable living and low input grazing as featured in On The Land magazine and Access Radio.

The property's key sustainable features

- **Diverse pastures** are actively maturing with different paddocks benefiting from different start points and targeted introduced seeding or naturally stock transferred seeds. This means stock have a diverse diet, enjoy picking out their favourite foods and benefit from more resilient pastures as diversity handles different seasons and extremes.
- **Silvopastoral planting** of tarata/ lemonwood e.g. trees in paddocks on hillsides so in future stock can graze them, have shade and in theory, nutrients should transfer from flat land to hillsides that are otherwise hard to keep balanced soils. The planting was designed and is monitored by the doctorate scientists at Verdantia.
- **Native riparian planting** on other hillsides set up to allow future selective grazing of tracks through trees mid-summer/ mid-winter to provide shelter and supplemental on farm seasonal feed. In the more mature areas the stock love being allowed in here for shade mid-summer! Experience in Europe shows also that when mature stock can access wooded areas and with four distinct areas there will be opportunity to manage reserved multi-year regenerating zones. There are also a variety of other trees growing for colour, fruit, nuts, stock feed or fast growth so there is shade for natives.
- **Paddock fence line** planting provides grazeable trees to provide all year supplemental feed and future shade/ shelter. These include poplars for zinc (though we still dose).
- **Reduced supplemental feeding.** Once mature seasonal feed available adjacent to paddocks reduces fuel use for winter feed out, provides diverse winter/ drought fresh feed and support wood supply for the homes. The stock absolutely love cuttings - puka puka is top, kawa kawa and five finger follow. We also include poor quality fruit (apples, lemons etc) and excess veggies in the supplemental feeding too
- **Walkways, horse riding and biking tracks** are cut through these woodland areas.
- **Belgian Blue X**, a high protein steer, are currently grazed. With the goal of livestock farming (on top of whenua and animal care) is protein then it is positive we maximise protein (over fat) for the emissions and land impact that farming stock produces. They are also really friendly, grow well on their regenerative diet and real characters.
- **4 small wetland areas** are at different stages of regeneration and plenty of planting is maturing along the beautiful Whenuariki stream that runs through the property
- **AgriSea's natural seaweed fertiliser** is used
- **Stock water** is rain captured (with a pump from the stream for extreme event back up)

Our plantings

Overwhelmingly the (probably) over 1,000 riparian and hillside plantings are natives. These include:

- Puka Puka
- Five Fingers
- Lemonwood
- Ake Ake
- Koromiko Napuka (Hebe)
- Purei/ Carex
- Puriri
- Pseudopanax
- Kpauka/ griselinia
- Toe Toe
- Oleania
- Kahikikatea
- Manuka
- Kanuka
- Nikau
- Lacebarks/ Ribbonwood
- Corokias
- Karakia
- Mapau
- Coprosmas (incl Repens, Karamu, Tuapata)
- Kawa Kawa
- Lancewood
- Harakeke
- Cabbage tree
- Hinau
- Kotukutoku (fuschia)
- Rimu
- Pittsפורums (incl Kohuhu, Karo)
- Kowhai

