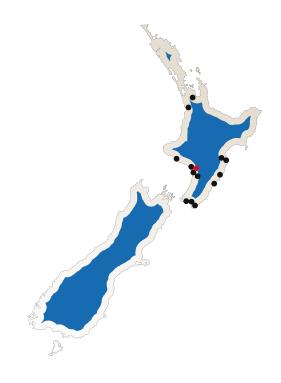


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Since inception the Coastal Lamb Brand has connected our customers to us as farmers. This connection is a key point of difference for our brand and something that is deeply valued by consumers.

Climate change is a worldwide phenomenon in 2022 and all countries are making moves to address this problem. Customers want to know who is producing their food and now more than ever want to know how their food is produced.

Communicating the focus we have on farming sustainably and the care we take of our farm environments is now essential. **Coastal Care** gives us a tool to communicate our sustainability stories effectively with our consumers.

In Hong Kong leading hotels have a "Quota for Sustainably produced product" Our Coastal Care programme gives us the ability to showcase our credentials and participate in this growth opportunity.

The focus of Coastal Care is looking at the following elements and how they combine to create biodiversity.

Fresh Water + Fertile Soils + Healthy Habitat =

BIODIVERSITY

Biodiversity is a great measure of the health and sustainability of our farm environments.

Our aim is to document each farms current status and looking to the future, encourage anything that improves the sustainability of our farming systems.

Our 56 hectare Fern Flats property has bore water for stock. The dam is fenced and planted out with native plants. The creeks are all piped.

The Grangehill Farm of 212 hectares has spring water for livestock with creeks running through it with only sheep grazing not cattle.

Fern Flats:

- Dam is fenced and planted with natives.
- Creeks are piped.

Grangehill:

- Creeks running through native bush.
- Fish life includes koura.
- Both farms don't winer cattle.



Fertile Soils

Land or soil that is fertile is able to support the growth of a large number of strong healthy plants.

Grangehill is kiwitea loam, a very freedraining and fertile soil.

Fern Flats is a mixture of kiwitea loam and clay, both very fertile.

Both farms are well drained with tile drains.

We do not farm cattle over winter to protect the soils and waterways.

- 25ha of new grass sown annually.
- Both farms are tile drained.
- Fertiliser is applied based on soil tests.
- Non-wintering of cattle to protect soils & waterways.



Healthy Habitat

A diverse environment where a plant or animal naturally or normally lives, grows and reproduces.

We have planted out a dam at Fern Flats and are currently investigating fencing off existing native bush with a waterway running through it.

We have gully's that are also grown out with a variety of trees.

- 2ha of Pinus Radiata
- 10ha of native bush.
- 1ha of sheltered belts.
- 1ha of wetlands.
- We have gully's and bush that provide shelter for livestock.
- Actively looking at improving native habitats.





Biodiversity

The amount of diversity between plants, animals and other species in a given habitat at a particular time.

Grangehill & Fern Flats both offer a variety of habitats for bird life, fish life and native plants.

We are actively trying to increase and improve these areas.

- Birds life-friendly including Kereru (wood pigeon), Morepork,
 Tui, Fantail, Kingfisher & Pukeko.
- Fish in waterways fresh water koura.
- Well-established glow worm colonies.
- Planted out dam with natives.
- Investigating fencing off existing native bush.
- Regular pest control of rabbits & possum.

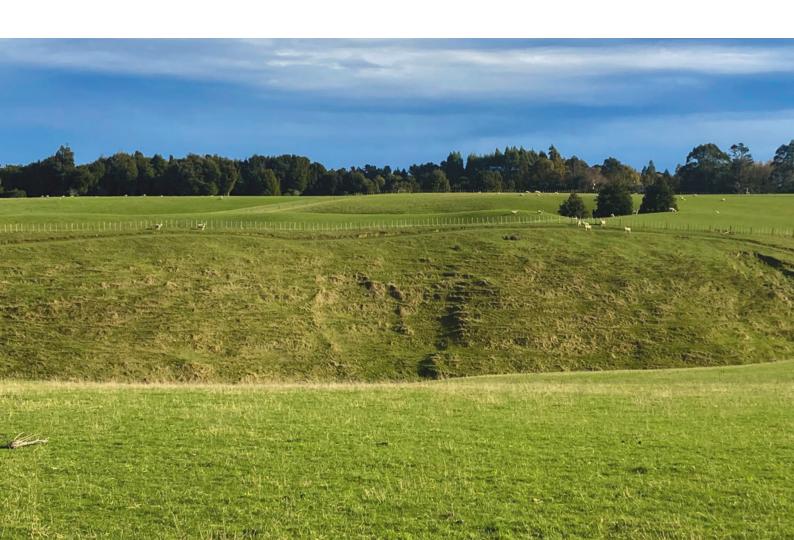








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