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SKILLS

- + RMA 1991
- + Relationship building
- + Stormwater solutions
- + Treaty of Waitangi
- + Public sector knowledge
- + Planting Plans
- + Ecological Impact Assessment
- + Wetland Delineation
- + GIS
- + AutoCAD

EDUCATION

Postgraduate Diploma of Applied Science, The University of Otago.
Feb 2015 to Oct 2015. Dunedin
The main research project for this diploma was a comparative analysis of marine conservation in Queensland and New Zealand.

Bachelor of Applied Science, The University of Otago, 2012 to 2014. Dunedin

I completed a broad-spectrum BAppSc at Otago, majoring in Environmental Management and minoring in GIS. This degree was intentionally broad to build a strong foundation of critical-thinking and analytical tools.

Shaun Burton

BAppSc, PGDipAppSc
Resource Management Consultant

Over the past decade, I have delivered land and resource management projects across New Zealand, applying diverse expertise to meet client needs. I prepare ecological assessment reports that provide clear, evidence-based insights to support compliance and sustainable decision-making. I manage land use consent applications, guiding clients through complex regulatory processes to achieve timely approvals, and I design planting plans that enhance environmental outcomes. I continue to build my ecological practice by promoting nature-based solutions in urban environments, creating resilient outcomes that benefit both clients and stakeholders.

EXPERIENCE

Resource Management Consultant, Derive Consulting Group Ltd. June 2025 to Present

Since joining Derive in June 2025, I have delivered ecological impact assessments, designed planting plans for commercial rain gardens, and prepared resource consent applications for land use, subdivision, and regional matters. I strengthen Derive's services by expanding our capacity for regional consenting and land management advice, and I provide clients with clear, informative maps and planting plans that enhance decision-making and supplement existing deliverables.

PREVIOUS ROLES

Feb 2023 to Dec 2024 **Project Supervisor**, FuturEcology, Nelson/Tasman

Jun 2020 to Sep 2022 **Natural Resources Consent Planner**, Tasman District Council

Dec 2020 to Jun 2020 **Environmental Officer**, Waikato Regional Council, Waikato

Aug 2018 to Oct 2019 **Asset Information Officer**, Waikato Regional Council, Waikato

Feb 2018 to Aug 2019 **Operator**, Agman Spraying Limited, New Plymouth

Project Supervisor, FuturEcology. February 2023 to December 2024. Nelson/Tasman

- Prepared ecological assessments and wetland delineation reports, giving clients clear, evidence-based insights to guide restoration projects.
- Managed consent applications for ecological restoration works, ensuring timely approvals and compliance with regulatory requirements.
- Led and coached a team of five ecological restoration officers, overseeing large-scale planting projects that successfully established more than 160,000 native plants.
- Expanded expertise in Aotearoa New Zealand's native flora, applying knowledge of species niches and climates to improve restoration outcomes.
- Applied technical tools including the Clarkson (2014) vegetation tool for wetland delineation and the Singers and Rogers (2014) framework for ecosystem classification.
- Delivered year-round fieldwork, building deep ecological knowledge and tailoring restoration solutions to diverse environments and client needs.

Natural Resources Consent Planner,
Tasman District Council. June 2020 to
September 2022

- Completed multiple rounds of State of the Environment (SoE) monitoring for the regional council, monitoring river health and coastal water at popular beaches.
- Delivered results independently, demonstrating strong autonomy and accountability while maintaining high standards without managerial oversight.

Natural Resources Consent Planner,
Tasman District Council. June 2020 to
September 2022

- Assessed and processed a wide range of resource consent applications, ensuring timely, compliant outcomes for clients and stakeholders.
- Responded to public inquiries and provided clear, practical resource consent advice, improving community understanding and trust in regulatory processes.
- Conducted natural resource checks on building consent applications, safeguarding environmental values while enabling development to proceed with certainty.
- Managed consent applications across the full spectrum of regional matters, demonstrating versatility and delivering consistent results within a small unitary authority.
- Processed onsite wastewater discharge applications and consents under the NES-F and NES-PF, ensuring compliance with national environmental standards.

Environmental Officer, Waikato
Regional Council. December 2020 to
June 2020. Waikato

- Monitored internal consents within the Integrated Catchment Management group at WRC, ensuring compliance and effective oversight of environmental obligations.
- Carried out self-audits during physical works to maintain river and flood protection assets.
- Conducted freshwater fish monitoring within WRC's drainage network, providing data to support ecological management and fish passage requirements.
- Gained practical expertise in New Zealand's freshwater ecology, applying knowledge of fish passage methods to improve environmental outcomes.

Asset Information Officer, Waikato
Regional Council. August 2018 to
October 2019. Waikato

- Delivered all aspects of Asset Management for the Integrated Catchment Management Directorate, ensuring accurate oversight of environmental and infrastructure assets.
- Supported Catchment Management Officers by recording data through mapping, reporting, and technical support, improving efficiency and reliability of asset records.
- Partnered with River Management Officers in the field to inspect and log erosion and flood protection works.
- Applied knowledge of erosion protection methods and structures to assess land for erosion risk, identifying areas

suitable for retirement and replanting to enhance long-term sustainability.

- Developed a strong interest in land management through hands-on fieldwork, building practical expertise that informed future ecological and planning projects.
- Operator,** Agman Spraying Limited.
February 2018 to August 2019. New
Plymouth
- Delivered pest plant eradication projects, improving ecological health and supporting long-term restoration outcomes.
 - Maintained native plantings to ensure successful establishment and resilience of restoration sites.
 - Provided industrial landscaping and maintenance services, enhancing functionality and presentation of client assets.