



The 2009/2010 season is well under way with our first guests welcomed on our re-designed Otago Peninsula tour. One of the highlights is the exclusive visit to a private property, which has been placed with the National Trust. This means that this piece of land is under "Private Covenant", i.e. privately owned but permanently protected with regards to its unique conservation values.

The owners of the property initiated the re-vegetation with the original flora by first removing all stock from their land, and in parallel designed a planting scheme for the remaining bare patches of land. Nature Guides Otago was invited to join this ongoing project, and we are enthusiastic about providing our guests with an opportunity to experience a genuine conservation effort. The image shows Hildegard planting the first tree of the season, and we hope that this section of land will soon (15 years+) be similar in appearance to the one seen at the bottom of the open area.



During a short track, our guides will explain the characteristic features of New Zealand flora, and here particularly the special aspects regarding this re-vegetation project. Weather permitting lunch will be provided on the highest spot of this property, and without exaggeration this has to be one of the most stunning panoramic views on Otago Peninsula.

The remainder of the tour will focus on the Northern Royal Albatross at the far end of the peninsula.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to Nisbet Cottage and guiding you around "our patch".