



Kauri 2000

THE NEWSLETTER OF KAURI 2000 CHARITABLE TRUST

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Secretary/manager appointed by Kauri 2000



Kauri 2000's new secretary/manager, Karen Mason, holds a four year kauri tree beside the 55 year old kauri in Soldiers Memorial Park, Whitianga

Kuaotunu resident Karen Mason has been appointed as Kauri 2000 Charitable Trust's secretary/manager, the Trust's first paid employee.

Karen, her husband and two children, moved here just over a year ago having spent the past eight years living in the Pukekohe district. They spent much time in the Coromandel over these years and it was always their dream to make the area their permanent home.

Karen has worked in a number of management roles over the past 15 years. Previous jobs included general manager for Finline Kitchens, national customer service manager for Bellsouth/Vodafone and regional customer service manager for Telecom.

As a keen gardener with a strong interest in native trees, Karen had observed and admired the work completed to date by the Kauri 2000 Trust. When the new role was advertised, she saw it as a great opportunity to utilise her skills for such a worthy cause.

"I am absolutely delighted with my appointment to the role. What a fantastic opportunity to work alongside such committed and passionate people who donate so much time to reforesting the Coromandel with Kauri. Nothing could be more rewarding than helping to restore what man has taken away and return the forests of the Coromandel to their former glory."

Thanks, Whitianga Marina Hotel and Pub Charity Inc

Karen Mason's appointment as Kauri 2000's first paid employee was partly made possible with a grant of \$11,700 from Whitianga Marina Hotel via Pub Charity Inc.

Pub Charity Inc is a charitable trust that makes grants to community groups and organisations, both locally and nationally, throughout New Zealand. It is incorporated under the Charitable Trusts Act 1957. This is the legal mechanism which allows Pub Charity Inc members to operate gaming machines on their premises.

Funds come from hotel and tavern gaming machines with the focus always being on returning the money generated by the machines to the community in which the establishment is located. Pub Charity Inc was established in 1988 by the then named Hotel Association of New Zealand (HANZ) and was the first organisation in New Zealand licensed to operate gaming machines.



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Kauri People Talking

Each issue of our newsletter will feature people involved with the trust in various roles. We start with Trustees but we'll also feature volunteers, donors, etc



Cliff Heraud, Trustee

"Anyone who visits the Waipoua Kauri Forest or our own woodlots at Manaia or the '309' must be inspired as I was by these magnificent trees. *Agathis australis* is one of the great forest species and its sheer size and grandeur in my mind make it the best.

Seventy years ago I planted my first tree at an Arbor Day celebration and in the meantime our family has planted thousands so it is not unexpected that sooner or later a scheme such as K2K would be spawned; now it is history.

My experience in business and farming and a love of our environment has helped K2K to recreate a forest - a kauri forest."



Vivienne McLean Former Trustee

"I'm very proud to be part of the team that made Kauri 2000 a reality. So much has been accomplished since summer 1999, when we first tossed around ideas as to how Cliff's dream could become a reality. So many highlights ... getting the funding from Lotto, TCDC support, our official launch in the Kauaeranga Valley (and the media coverage that drew such an amazing response), the tremendous support from the

length and breadth of New Zealand, linking up with Forest Research, meeting terrific people, all of us joined by our enthusiasm for this wonderful tree ... and of course planting kauri!

It was a sad but sensible decision to resign as a Kauri 2000 trustee - sad because it's such a wonderful project and there's heaps still to do, but sensible because of increasing work pressures. However I'll still be involved here and there ... and I'll certainly be out planting more kauri!"

HELP

We need your assistance with the planting of seedlings at the following blocks

CHELMSFORD - Fourth Branch - DOC

Situated off the Kopu/Hikuai SH25 - Above Tairua River & opp Puketai Rd, 2800 seedlings

Please contact Cherry Ladd 07 864 9433 or Michelle Fill 07 868 9688

WAIKAWAU - DOC Estate

opposite Waikawau Camping Ground

2000 seedlings

Please contact Cliff Heraud, phone 866 4082

A message from our patron

How long does a Kauri tree live? Who can say. But as long as the young trees planted by Kauri 2000 last, that will be the measure of the success of the Kauri 2000's splendid millennium initiative.

This creative idea was the brainchild of a small group of Coromandel residents and conservationists who regretted the losses of our most magnificent trees, - only a handful remain in the region, - and decided to do something about it by replanting the Kauri forests of the Peninsula. Like many of the very best ideas it was simple, it was sensible and it was achievable. the project got off the ground (perhaps into the ground is more appropriate) with the support of an enthusiastic band of helpers and the support of DOC, District and Regional Councils and private landholders. Within a very short time it became apparent that kauri re-forestation was an idea whose time had come. Enquiries and donations poured in. Giving a kauri tree as a gift; to celebrate a birth, to mark a birthday, to commemorate a life, really caught the public imagination. If you'll excuse the mixed metaphor, the committee had a tiger by the tail!

What started out as a one-off millennium project has now evolved into a Perpetual Trust which will ensure that kauri continue to be planted into the foreseeable future as money, and human resources allow. Making sure that this work continues in an environmentally and scientifically responsible way demands time and commitment and help is always welcome.

The fireworks have long since fizzled out but kauri trees are flourishing again on the Coromandel.

Catherine Tizard
Patron, Kauri 2000 Trust

FRI to help K2K with technical resources

Over the last two years K2K has gained increasing recognition by many conservationists, firstly for the importance of its objectives and secondly as an organisation with a sound and effective infrastructure. Dr. David Bergin and Greg Steward, the scientists at Forest Research Institute at Rotorua responsible for the indigenous species, recognised this and last year expressed interest in the K2K project believing they could help with their technical resources. As a result, three of us spent a day in Rotorua discussing the various aspects of a mutual working relationship. This involvement with K2K has now been established and we expect practical field trials to commence next season. Improvement in seed and plant selection, information, technology, development of websites, disease problems etc etc. As trials evolve we will be able to keep you updated on specific programmes.

Special Kauri Trees of the Coromandel



TE ONGOHI

The Little Moehau Monster

A snapper backed tree with pronounced reverse taper.

Largest measured kauri on the Te Moehau block, Coromandel Forest Park

Girth @ 1.4m 9.77m
Central girth 10.51m
Bole ht 7.0m
Volume 66.77m³

Measured & photographed
May 1997

RUA MANO

The Millenium Kauri
The largest measured kauri in Neavesville hinterland

Girth @ 1.4m 9.65m
Bole ht 15.5m
Volume 109.445m³

The tree is in very good condition - no external decay with outstanding form

Measured & photographed
December 1998



photos & information courtesy of Max J Johnston

In each issue of the newsletter, we plan to feature the special or well known kauri trees of the Coromandel. If you have a favourite you'd like to see featured, let us know.

What do you think?

We're looking for a name for this newsletter.

Korero Kauri is one suggestion: do you like it or can you come up with another name? Write to the Secretary at PO Box 174, Whitianga and let her know.

Chairman's Report

Edited highlights of Cliff Heraud's report (full report is available)

In December 1998, when we first thought of planting 2000 kauri seedlings on the Coromandel Peninsula to mark the new millennium, we had no idea how much the project would grow. Planning accelerated rapidly in January 1999, driven by the need to submit funding applications. The official launch of Kauri 2000 then took place at the end of Conservation Week in August 1999. Since then our plans have become much more ambitious, spurred on by the enthusiastic response received from people from all over New Zealand and overseas. That enthusiasm has convinced us we are on the right track and as Trustees we are now committed to making Kauri 2000 a successful long term project.

The test of course will be whether we meet our objectives in terms of planting trees in the ground. We are very proud that in our first planting season we exceeded our target and planted over 3,500 kauri. Next planting season we hope to do even better - we are already committed to plant 6,500 seedlings in 2001.

The number of donors to date is now over 1000. We will comfortably cover cost of Year 2001 seedlings and associated site preparation and planting costs.

Special Thanks

We particularly thank the Department of Conservation for making planting sites freely available around the Peninsula. The fact that we are able to access publicly owned land where New Zealanders will always enjoy free right of access is a cornerstone of the Kauri 2000 philosophy.

We would also like to record our very special thanks to Max Johnston for his tireless efforts in evaluating our planting sites and preparing planting plans. An environmental consultant based in Thames, Max's expertise, enthusiasm and commitment have played a vital part in ensuring our seedlings get the best possible start in life. Max devotes many hours to Kauri 2000, all on a completely volunteer basis, and we are tremendously grateful to him.

Administration

We are very lucky to have an enthusiastic and dedicated network of helpers in the Kauri 2000 branch

network. Without them, we could not have achieved such a high profile around the Peninsula or succeeded in preparing the ground and planting so many seedlings. Kauri 2000 now has branches in Cooks Beach/Hahei, Coromandel, Kuaotunu, Paeroa, Tairua, Thames, Waihi, Whangamata and Whitianga, forming an effective chain of management.

Promotion

We are grateful for excellent news and editorial support from Coromandel FM, Mercury FM, the Hauraki Herald and The Beacon Advertiser, the NZ Herald, TV One, Jason's Publishing and the Maggie's Garden Show.

Education

Peninsula school principals have reacted very positively to Kauri 2000 and several schools participated in Kauri 2000 planting. However we have not made the progress hoped for in developing a formal schools programme due to time pressures on those involved. Our website will be operating soon—an Auckland software company has agreed to complete the programme initiated by Viv McLean and others.

Key Issues For 2001 & Beyond

The advent of Karen Mason will let us take advantage of a number of new opportunities.

The Trust is working to define its financial needs and target sponsorship accordingly.

Other important issues for the coming year include:

- Ensuring consistent tree recording is carried out at branch level and an accurate central database is maintained.
- Utilising the Kauri 2000 database to convert existing donors into long term Kauri 2000 Sustaining Members.
- Completion of a Kauri 2000 web site, including links to participating primary and secondary school sites.
- Development of planting programmes targeting less accessible land in the interior of the Peninsula.
- Strengthening relationships with supporting organisations so that all parties gain greater benefit from the association.
- And last, but not least, planting more kauri!

Thank you, Lisa

"Lisa Julian has been one of the stalwarts who has helped K2K to get off the ground - for nearly two years she has been in control of our office, including management of our database. Her contribution has been outstanding and she should feel proud of this."

Cliff Heraud

Branch contacts

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Rosemary Morcom 07 866 2921

Coromandel

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Kauaotunu & Matarangi

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Tairua

Cherry Ladd 07 864 9433

Thames

Max Johnson 07 868 6599
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Waihi

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Whangamata

Jock Grant 07 865 9431
Richard Burke 07 865 9138

Whitianga

Tom True 07 866 2981

To The Secretary, Kauri 2000 Charitable Trust, PO Box 174, Whitianga

YES I want to help restore kauri forests to the Coromandel Peninsula and I would like to support the work of the Kauri 2000 Charitable Trust:

My donation is enclosed for the following:

(insert number) seedlings @ \$10 to be planted on public land Total \$ _____

(insert number) Kauri 2000 Gift Certificates at no extra cost
(only available with tree donations as above)

(insert number) commemorative aluminium tags to be placed, on the above trees @ \$10 per tag
tag inscription (no more than 50 characters) Total \$ _____

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I would also like to make a donation towards land clearing and other running costs of the Kauri 2000 Trust Total \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT (ENCLOSED)

\$ _____

Please make sure you complete the address details below

Name	
Address	
Daytime Phone	
Email	



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“ The Coromandel Peninsula has always been my spiritual home and it’s now my physical home. Kauri are an important part of what makes the Coromandel special for me.

The Square Kauri on the Tapu road was significant for me in earlier days; it was a welcome pit stop on an arduous journey for a travelsick child and a signal that we were getting closer to journey’s end.

My mother Mary loved native trees and enjoyed a walk in the bush.

I’ll never forget the trip we made in to the Opiotui Kauri in the 1980s; I think our party was 15 strong - the youngest, baby niece Kelly and 18 month old nephew Cameron, were carried in on adult backs. To join hands around that majestic tree and to marvel at its immensity was worth the long tramp in (and the effects on my back for weeks after).

If Mary was still alive, I know that she would be a fervent supporter of Kauri 2000. Like Dame Cath Tizard, I think Kauri 2000 is such a simple idea but such a brilliant one. I am happy to be involved with K2K as its PR advisor and newsletter editor (and sponsor of the first one) and to be working with inspirational people like Cliff Heraud. ”

Sue Collins

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