



# Kauri 2000

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## 840 trees planted in one day!

Kauri Block, Wharf Road, Coromandel Town



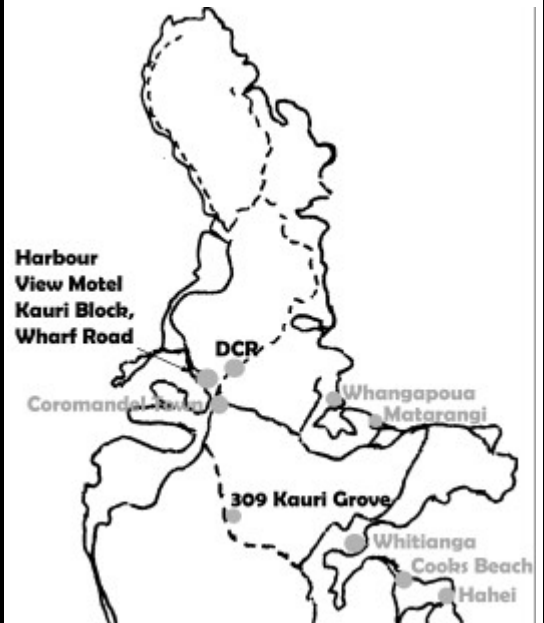
Students and their teachers from Coromandel Learning Centre and Mercury Bay Area School joined other volunteers from Coromandel, Kuaotunu, Whitianga, Tairua and as far away as Katikati, Gisborne and even Canada to plant kauri saplings at Wharf Road, Coromandel\*. The target of 840 was achieved by mid afternoon on a beautifully warm sunny day after hard work from all involved.

In early September our Tairua co-ordinator and trustee Cherry Ladd organised the Tairua Primary School to help plant 50 trees at Sailors Grave. Five adults accompanied Mrs van Jarrsveld's class of 22 nine and ten year olds. After planting the kauri seedlings, the children were introduced to the founder of Kauri 2000, Cliff Heraud, and his wife Julie. The Sailors Grave site has been named for the school and a further 500 or more kauri will be planted by future generations of Tairua nine and ten year olds.

David Stubb's ridge planting on the 309 Road also had 100 trees added in the 2005 planting season.

\*We would like to thank Ross and Michael, hosts at the Harbour View Motel at 25 Harbour View Road, Coromandel, for allowing the planting volunteers to park their vehicles beside their motel.

### Kauri Walks on the Coromandel



The **Kauri Block walk** is accessible from Wharf Road, Coromandel (look for the DOC sign) and takes you through some Kauri 2000 plantations where you'll enjoy stunning views and magnificent sunsets.

**Driving Creek Railway:** see page 3.

The **309 Kauri Grove** is a short drive on the 309 Road from Coromandel and is an easy walk through spectacular bush.

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## PROFILING KAURI 2000 PEOPLE



### Woolford Kauri Grove, Chelmsford 25 July 2005

After noticing in a newspaper article in 2001 that a trust had been formed to regenerate kauri in various areas of the Coromandel I immediately contacted my 96-year-old uncle, Gordon Woolford who was living in Australia. He had been a builder by profession and admired kauri as a timber. We decided to support this new venture, made a donation for 70 trees and gathered our family names from 1828 to the present day for the nametags. We then arranged for 2 further family members, Woolford and Marriott, plus our Clark friends to join in with 10 trees each to total 100. These trees are in sites 22A and 22E in the Chelmsford block close to the Kopu/Hikuai highway where kauri once grew in abundance.

Twice each year in the school holidays my grandsons and I visit Chelmsford from Auckland to oversee our trees. We bring various tools to cut back the ferns that overgrow the kauri in their formative years as well as gently loosening the earth around the base to deposit a small amount of general fertiliser. Any trees which have died have been replaced with the assistance of Cherry Ladd (our Tairua coordinator and Trustee). On our last visit this July we noticed that the trees are now spurting ahead and will soon require little attention. Our ultimate aim is to encourage the younger generation to appreciate this wonderful opportunity we have to conserve and expand our kauri forests.

*Tony Woolford*



### Byrne family, Taumata Wahine Scenic Reserve

The photo shows our family inspecting and clearing our individual kauri, all very healthy with new growth. It was the first time for 16 years that we had all been together so we made the trek up to see 'our' trees. John (Amelup, WA), Martin (London), Caroline (Manurewa), Margaret and Simon (Taupo) and us, John and Patricia from Whangamata.

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## New chairperson

The Kauri 2000 Charitable Trust is pleased to advise that trustee Alison Henry has been appointed as its chairperson. Vivienne McLean has stepped down due to increased commitments.

## A celebration of Arbor Day at Kauaeranga

Arbor Day was celebrated in the Kauaeranga Valley on 3 June when Val Manning was joined by 40 children from Parawai School who planted 40 kauri saplings on a site made available by Department of Conservation. Arbor Day is a tree planting day, first introduced in the USA in 1872 by J Sterling Morton from Detroit and made an official holiday in 1874. The idea was brought to New Zealand in 1890 by W C Nation (Val Manning's great-grandfather), who encouraged residents and council to plant trees in Greytown. DoC uses the day to educate people on the importance of trees and how precious our natives are. The planting day in the Kauaeranga Valley was a great success made particularly interesting because the model Kauri dam was tripped making a spectacular finale.



Above: Val Manning does the honours.



Left: The children of Parawai School planted 40 kauri saplings.

## Driving Creek Native Forest Restoration Project

In 1973 I acquired a 60-acre (22ha) block of land 3km north of Coromandel town. It was covered in kanuka scrub, some fern and some wilding pines, little else except for an occasional rewarewa. Typical of much of the peninsula, it had been logged for kauri, ravaged by 100 years of farming burn-offs and abandoned after the 1930's depression. Gold prospectors had a small, mainly underground impact, but not to the extent that popular history suggests. Kauri gum diggers would also have had an impact but I am not sure how much. My first task was to re-establish kauri, podocarps and rewarewa only as these are the primary canopy-formers, and let the birds do the rest.

I obtained my initial stock from Mary Hovell's native plant nursery in Kennedy's Bay. We have planted at least 15,000 trees, some of which can be seen close to the railway. Various bush tracks, some very steep, give access to the plantings on the steep ridges and in deep gullies. The land, left unstable after colonial exploitive

activities, needs restabilising and this can be achieved only by replanting forest trees under a permanent covenant such as the QEII trust covenant I have on my land.

Finally, and at last, kauri, rimu and tanekaha are seeding.

Piet Irwin, my forest and sanctuary projects caretaker, has established a fine native plant nursery as an ongoing enterprise on a property next door.

For more information visit our website:

[www.drivingcreekrailway.co.nz](http://www.drivingcreekrailway.co.nz)

*Barry Brickell*



# Become a 'Friend of Kauri 2000'

With over 1,000 new kauri saplings planted this year, the total planted to date exceeds 18,000 all of which need releasing from weeds regularly until they reach a height where they can manage on their own. Your ongoing support of \$20 (\$30 per family) per year will help us maintain our 34 existing sites and cover some of our overheads.

We will send you our newsletters that are an integral part of this programme and keep you abreast of activities and developments. Help us to achieve the goal of recreating the Kauri forests of the Coromandel

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

My donation is enclosed for the following:

- I have enclosed my \$20/\$30 subscription fee to become a 'Friend of Kauri 2000' Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- (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 25 characters) Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

**TOTAL AMOUNT (ENCLOSED) \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

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## The Kauri Run: the sequel

ARC Adventure Racing Coromandel, which organises five events annually, set up the Spirit of Coromandel Trust and part of each competitor's entry fee is put into the Trust. The Trust's main objective is to encourage and help people of all ages on the peninsula into outdoor activities. It has sent over 30 young people from the region to Outward Bound, Outdoor Pursuit Centre and on the Spirit of New Zealand.



Above: the Kauri Run tree planters take a break.

The Kauri Run is unique in that the money from each competitor is used to purchase a kauri tree which is planted along the Kauri Run track so the competitors will be able to see their trees in years to come. More than 150 kauris were planted this year.

Over the years, as the number of competitors taking part increases, we can be assured that a mighty kauri forest will once again reign over our peninsula, restoring it to its former magnificence. The next Kauri Run will be held on 20 November.

Anyone wanting further information on events can check out the web page [www.arcevents.co.nz](http://www.arcevents.co.nz).

