



Kauri 2000

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10,000 trees and we've only just begun....



All smiles for a job well done. Prime Minister Helen Clark and Kauri 2000 founder and chairman Cliff Heraud pose for the press after Ms Clark planted the symbolic 10,000th tree.

Prime Minister Helen Clark said that for her two millennium projects really stood out, the giant statues on Pitt Island in the Chathams - and Kauri 2000 which she describes as "a visionary project" and one that would be remembered for many generations. She made the comment in August this year when she visited Mercury Bay at the end of Conservation Week to plant Kauri 2000's 10,000th tree on the Shakespeare Cliff Reserve, across the river from Whitianga. The area was one of the first places visited by James Cook on his voyage of discovery around New Zealand.

The 100-strong crowd applauded loudly when Ms Clark said that she chose the Kauri 2000 event and another in Kaitiaki over a trip to Dunedin for the Bledisloe Cup.

Dame Cath Tizard, patron of Kauri 2000, who accompanied the Prime Minister said the organisation was the most imaginative, innovative and heartwarming of the millennium projects. Thames Coromandel District Mayor Chris Lux also planted a kauri tree, as did Coromandel Mp Jeannette Fitzsimons, Joe Davis (Ngati Hei), Evan Penny (Environment Waikato), Noel Hewlett and other friends of Kauri 2000.

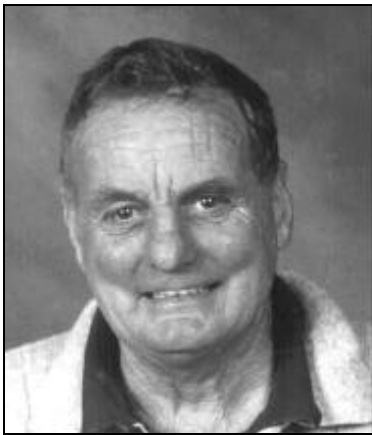
The event also marked the second birthday of Kauri 2000 which was launched at the end of Conservation Week in 1999.



Far left: The Prime Minister meets forest ranger Max Johnston. Left: Coromandel MP and Green Party co-leader Jeannette Fitzsimons also planted a kauri tree.

Kauri People Talking

Each issue of our newsletter will feature people involved with the trust in various roles.



Max Johnston, Forest Ranger

"I have been involved with indigenous tree management within New Zealand over most of my working life which includes 33 years with the NZ Forest Services, 3½ years with DOC plus 11 years as an independent environmental & resource management adviser.

The late Ron Lloyd, the NZFS "Kauri King" from North Auckland was my mentor. I learned a great deal from Ron and was fortunate to obtain operational experience under his policy guidance in kauri management on Great Barrier Island and North Auckland in the 1960's & 70's. I think Cliff's vision and dream for recreating a kauri forest on the Coromandel is, in a word, inspirational."

Field Officer Wanted

Kauri 2000 requires a part time Field Officer who, in the first instance would understudy our Forest Ranger, Max Johnston.

The work would entail some travelling on the Coromandel Peninsula and would involve the selection of future planting sites, overseeing site preparation, plantation management, liaison with Department of Conservation and TCDC, as well as our Branch Coordinators.

Please write to the Secretary/Manager, Kauri 2000, PO Box 174, Whitianga for further information.

Forest Research Institute

Kauri 2000 continues to build a satisfactory working relationship with the Forest Research Institute in Rotorua.

The latest development is their commitment to carrying out a field inspection of all our plantings over the last two years - 33 in all!

The resulting audit will establish a sound and credible starting point for our ongoing programme of plantation management

Special Kauri Trees of the Coromandel



Waioimu No 1

The largest Kauri in
Waioimu Valley
hinterland
Girth 7.70 m
Bole ht 13.0m
Volume 53.012m³

Measured &
photographed
November 1993

Te Waipaheke

Largest Kauri
in the Waipaheke
Catchment, Maratoto
Block, Coromandel
Forest Park.
Girth @ 1.4m
10.35m
Bole ht 18.5m
Volume 104.6m³

Measured &
photographed
January 1995



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.

Friends of Kauri 2000

We're now giving you the opportunity to become a "Friend of Kauri 2000" for an annual fee of \$20. We'll keep you up to date with what's happening through the newsletter. See the back page for details.

Commemorative Certificates

Karen Mason, our Secretary/Manager, wishes to advise that we are now well on the way to producing all outstanding certificates from both the 2000 and 2001 planting seasons.

We have had an extremely busy planting season with 6,500 trees planted with winter.

All these trees must be matched with donations in our database to map the location and produce the certificates. This has been a massive job this year and we appreciate some of you are now wondering where these have got to!

In addition, last year we could not obtain enough trees to meet the demand, so there were a number of donors whose trees were carried forward to the 2001-planting season. We have now planted ALL trees donated and last years donations are certainly our top priority.

Our level of correspondence is rapidly climbing and we request your patience as it is often taking as much time to satisfy each enquiry as it takes to enter a whole block of trees. It is our intention to issue the majority of the certificates prior to Christmas. We have a wonderful team of volunteers who have donated much time, not only to planting, but also to tagging and mapping these trees.

There may be some certificates that will not be produced and these will be our top priority early next year. We have already issued over 1,000 certificates and we have many more ready to print over the coming weeks. We request your patience in this matter and thank you for your support of our wonderful project.



Chairman Cliff Heraud presented Prime Minister Helen Clark with a copy of "Salt Spray & Sawdust" by local author Janet Riddle to mark the occasion of her planting the 10,000th tree for Kauri 2000.

Chairman's Report

This newsletter gives me the opportunity to extend a wish, to all our friends of Kauri 2000, for a joyous and happy festive season.

You will have realised that 2001 has been a successful year for Kauri 2000 and we are all thrilled with our progress. Thanks to all the members of our great team who have helped in so many ways.

We need your help to reach our target of 5000 trees for 2002. We have some exciting sites. In particular, the Chelmsford Block by the Fourth Branch of the Tairua River on the Kopu/Hikuai SH 25, has the potential for many thousands of trees. We hope one day it will become a National Park, which will give the public good walking tracks and the pleasure of easy access to our plantings.

On behalf of the trustees, I wish you the best of good wishes for a happy holiday and a good planting for 2002.

Cliff Heraud



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Become a 'Friend of Kauri 2000'

Looking after the trees is just as important as planting new trees. We now have 10,000 trees and we plan to plant an additional 5,000 trees per year. Our Kauri will require regular visits and maintenance for at least the next three years to give them the best possible chance of survival.

Your ongoing support of \$20 per family per year will help us maintain our 33 existing sites and cover some of our overheads.

We will continue to send you our newsletters which will form an integral part of this program and we will keep you informed of activities.

We will also give you additional newsletters to share with friends and family.

Help us to achieve our goal of recreating the Kauri forests of the Coromandel

Name	
Address	
Daytime Phone	
Email	

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

- Yes I wish to become a 'Friend of Kauri 2000'
- Number of copies of our Newsletter (max 5 per household)

My donation is enclosed for the following:

- I have enclosed my \$20 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 Total \$ _____
- tag inscription (no more than 25 characters)
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“ As the printers of this newsletter we are proud to be the second sponsors of this excellent publication.

We have lived and worked on the Coromandel Peninsula for 20 years and appreciate the peace and beauty of the area and the magnificence of our native bush, including the kauri.

We know how the great forests of the Coromandel were lost to fire and extensive logging and we appreciate the work of Kauri 2000 which is trying to create a "New Forest". We wish them well. ”

Jo & Paul Rowbottom
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