



# Kauri 2000

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## A fine memorial



## In memory of Viv Mackereth

Bridget Mackereth, a keen supporter of Kauri 2000 along with members of the Whitianga Tramping Club and trustees of Kauri 2000 planted a kauri on the Tom True Reserve at the base of Centennial Drive in memory of her late husband Viv. Above; Bridget with Viv's brother Bruce Mackereth and left, flanked by Kauri 2000 trustees Sarah Cooper, Max Johnston, Cliff Heraud, Alison Henry and Mark Mentzer.

*Planting a tree is a wonderful way to remember a favourite person. Planted in the right place, it's a memorial that will last for a long time. Making that memorial tree a kauri means you will be part of the ongoing rebirth of the kauri forests of the Coromandel.*

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### From our chair

Kauri 2000 has had a very good year with a full and busy agenda. Our 11th planting season is over and another 2400 trees are in the ground bringing our total to well over 30,000. A great result. Once again I say a big thank you to the many sponsors, school students, and volunteers for their fantastic efforts in getting these trees planted. I also wish to pass a vote of thanks to Kauri 2000 trustees for their tireless and professional organisation of the planting events. Lines are cut, trees delivered and placed on site, planters are welcomed and instructed, and fertiliser and wetting agent prepared in small plastic bags ready to go. It's a lot of organisation and the team does it with ease and a smile – most of the time, depending on rain or mud! But despite being wet (often), dirty and a bit weary at the completion of each day, there is great satisfaction in knowing that the effort is worth it. The threat of kauri dieback remains a concern, however, and keeping the Coromandel free from this terrible disease is a challenge. We are fortunate that many scientists are working to understand the complexities of the dieback and what causes it. Summer is coming and the best advice we can give is to make sure you clean your boots after you have been out and about tramping in our forests. Have a great summer, everyone, and Season's Greetings to you all.  
*Alison Henry*  
Chairperson

## Another successful planting season



▲ Percy Temple checks the height of some kauri seedlings after their delivery at the beginning of June from Taupo Native Plant Nursery.

Another 2040 seedlings were planted this season at the Matarangi reserve with the help of students from the Mercury Bay Area School, St Peter's School, Cambridge, The Coromandel Outdoor Language Centre, our sponsors from the Bank of New Zealand, Richardsons Real Estate and, last but definitely not least, our wonderful local volunteers who join us every year. Thanks also to the Tairua School students who planted another 100 kauri at Te Karo Bay this year.



Twenty-six children, 10 parents and the school principal from **Tairua School** planted another 100 kauri at Te Karo Bay bringing the total planted by this Enviroschool to date to 550. ▶



◀▶ The **Mercury Bay Area School** years 7 and 8 project 'Kauri Giants' focused on two main themes; the deforestation and reforestation of the Coromandel Peninsula. They really got into it with the reforestation part, planting nearly 300 kauri over two days.



▲ Corporate sponsors from the **Bank of New Zealand's Corporate and Institutional Banking** in Auckland and also the Whitianga branch took a day out of the office to add a few more kauri to the BNZ Forest. The BNZ donates 100 kauri seedlings for every Kauri Bond issue it arranges and even helps plant them!



And a special thanks to our local newspaper the **Peninsula Post** and local radio stations, **The Breeze** and **Coromandel FM** kindly promoted each planting day. Thank you all.



▲ For the second year in a row student Sam Harnett organised Envirogroup students from **St Peter's School** to come through from Cambridge. They planted 140 kauri.

The **Coromandel Outdoor Language Centre** is always a strong supporter of Kauri 2000. This year two groups helped plant as part of their outdoor activities programme. Trustee Jill Kaeppli (complete with Treemobile!) and a team from the COLC. ▼



▲ **The Handley Family's 10th reunion** - Supporters from the very beginning, the extended Handley family gathered at Paeroa to celebrate 10 years of reunions and kauri planting on Sunday 25 July 2010, joined by our chairperson Alison Henry. "It was a pleasure to be part of the family gathering and meet members of the Handley family from four generations, all having a really good time. I enjoyed the warmest of welcomes as they consider Kauri 2000 as part of their family."

## The mining debate

Trustees Jill Kaeppli and founder Cliff Heraud explain to Phil Goff, Leader of the Opposition, that thousands of kauri have been planted on Department of Conservation land that was proposed for removal from Schedule 4 of the Crown Minerals Act to allow mining exploration. Kauri 2000 made a submission against this and we are pleased that the government has now decided not to remove land from Schedule 4. Our trees are safe for the moment.



Trustee Viv McLean, Catherine Delahunty (Green MP) and Metiria Turei (co-leader of the Green Party). With nearly 4000 kauri planted at Coromandel, Kauri Hill we actually did become something of a focus of attention in the debate!

## Kauri people

### Max Johnston retires as a Trustee of Kauri 2000

On reaching a certain birthday in March this year our forester trustee, Max Johnston, has retired from being a Trustee of Kauri 2000. In truth, this just relieves him of the obligation to attend monthly meetings because he is still our extremely active and 'hands on' adviser, assessing new sites for planting, completing our 'work plans' and always happy to visit past plantings to assess progress. We all wish you a happy retirement, Max, but look forward to working with you in the future.

### Dr Ross Beaver

Early in June we sadly lost Dr Ross Beaver, Leader of the Kauri Dieback Research Programme, and Technical Advisory Group member. Ross was a senior scientist with Landcare Research whose knowledge and experience have helped the programme get where it is today. He had the distinction of being made Fellow of the Royal Society in 1974 after 33 years of active research and was hailed then as having made an outstanding contribution to mycology (the branch of biology concerned with the study of fungi) and plant pathology. He also led the team that identified the organism responsible for the widespread death of cabbage trees throughout northern New Zealand.  
*(taken from Kauri Konnect newsletter)*

### Dry summer mortality at Matarangi Reserve

With the Coromandel Peninsula experiencing drought conditions last summer, it has been distressing to see that many of the trees planted in 2009 on the Kuaotunu side of the Matarangi Reserve have languished and died. We will shortly undertake a survival count to measure the extent of the problem before we make final replanting decisions, and hope that winter rain has helped most of the trees pull through. The good news is that the drought has only affected one specific location and most of our Matarangi Reserve plantings appear to be thriving.

### Special thanks to our contractors

From drought to deluge, the weather certainly wasn't helpful when it came to preparing our Matarangi Reserve planting site this year. Because of the fire risk our contractor Harvey Collings had to delay line cutting, but then once the rains came, it rained with a vengeance. As a result site prep was delayed even further, with the conditions often too wet to work safely with chainsaws. Despite the conditions former Community Max team members Rhys Adams and Pania Campbell, helped by Olivia Kaepelli, stuck to the job of ferrying trays of young kauri up and down the steep and slippery planting sites and laying out the trees at 2m spacings ready for planting. Thanks team, we couldn't have done it without you!

### Constructive meeting with DOC

Kauri 2000 has a Memorandum of Agreement with the Department of Conservation. Each year we meet to review the status and the progress of current plantings and submit our plans for the coming year. This year the trustees met with the new Hauraki area manager, Melissa King-Howell, and her team and enjoyed a constructive and useful get-together. We were particularly pleased to get an update on DOC moves to limit the spread of PTA to the Peninsula.

#### Kauri Dieback Disease *Phytophthora Taxon Agathis* (or PTA)

If you see a kauri with yellowing foliage and excessive "bleeding" of the gum, please get in touch with Kauri 2000, DoC or the Regional Council. [www.kauridieback.co.nz](http://www.kauridieback.co.nz). We also have copies of "Care for Kauri Guide" which is a collaborative effort to address kauri dieback. If you would like a copy please contact our office.



◀ We also took time to join former DOC Area Manager **John Gaukrodger** and retiring trustee **Max Johnston** to plant 10 kauri as a thank you for all their support over the years. These now stand close to the kauri planted at the inaugural planting in 1999 at the Kauaeranga Visitor Centre. John is now project manager for the construction of the multi-million dollar Central North Island Rail Trail.

**A special thank you to Pub Charities for ongoing support and Environment Waikato Environmental Initiatives Fund for a grant to cover signage.**

## Become a Friend of Kauri 2000

We need friends! Your continuing support of just \$25 each year will help us maintain the trees on our 36 existing sites. We will send you our newsletter, an integral part of the Kauri 2000 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 \$25 subscription fee to become a Friend of Kauri 2000	Total \$
(insert number) seedlings @ \$20 to be planted on public land	Total \$
(insert number) Kauri 2000 Certificates (only available with tree donations as above) at no extra cost	
(insert number) commemorative inscription (no more than 25 characters) to be placed at site @ \$10 each	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	\$

Please make sure you complete the address details below.

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