



# KAURI 2000

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## 2020 PLANTINGS

We have been privileged this year to be included in the continuing restoration of native forest in a public park near Hahei.

The 38 hectare Stella Evered Farm Park was gifted by Eric Evered in memory of his late wife, Stella. The park is administered by Perpetual Guardian Trust, and with help from project manager, John Gaukrodger there are plans to link this area by walkways through to Cathedral Cove.

Access to the park is via Lees Road in Hahei and the public is welcome to enjoy the walking tracks that lead to the Purangi Estuary or to lookouts over to Cooks Beach.

This is where Captain Cook collected water from the stream and it is believed that this is where he hoisted the flag 250 years ago.



ABOVE: Great views from the Stella Evered Reserve

Students and parents from MBAS on planting day

4th and 5th August

*BELOW: Japanese students from Evakona with manuka and kanuka seedlings*



This year students from years 7 and 8 at Mercury Bay Area School planted kauri to add to the existing native regeneration of a gully. Over two perfect sunny spring days they planted 400 trees by clambering up the hillsides. So many trees on such a steep site was a fantastic outcome.

We had another successful day planting with the students from Evakona Language School in Whitianga. For most of these students it was their first experience of the world of tree planting and getting their hands in the soil. The students planted manuka and kanuka to compliment the kauri seedlings.

# KAURI DIEBACK

Kauri dieback has changed the landscape for us this year, with planting unable to take place on public conservation land (PCL) until our major seedling supplier, HELP Waihi, is assessed by the Department of Conservation (DOC) as complying with kauri dieback nursery protocols. We totally understand the need to meet these protocols, but are finding the length of time it's taking to get the inspection visit done very frustrating.

In the meantime we continued to plant other non-PCL sites, and care for existing plantings.

On a positive note, Waikato Regional Council (WRC) has been active over the past year with a range of initiatives. WRC staff Kathryn O'Toole and Kim Parker have recently written a guide for farmers and rural landowners who have kauri on or near their property, published by the National Kauri Dieback Programme. *Protecting kauri: A rural landowner's guide* contains a wealth of practical information looking at the impacts of people, machinery, stock and feral animals, as well as fencing, restoration planting, forestry and hygiene. There's a handy summary of rules and requirements for regional and territorial authorities, and a super-comprehensive checklist of on-farm biosecurity measures to protect kauri. *Protecting kauri: A rural landowner's guide* is free to download from [www.kauridieback.co.nz/how-to-guides](http://www.kauridieback.co.nz/how-to-guides).



This year WRC has also continued with its programme trialling phosphite treatment of kauri in the Whangapoua area. While the treatment isn't a cure, it does temporarily slow the disease, giving the tree a chance to recover. Some 2,500 Whangapoua kauri were injected with the phosphite treatment in 2019 and a further 2,155 showing symptoms of kauri dieback were treated this year.

WRC is backing up this work on the ground with new technology, using drone-mounted full motion video to record the state of the trees from the air. Geospatial information is embedded in the video data allowing the spread of infection to be tracked and canopy health to be monitored accurately and efficiently over time, explained WRC biosecurity officer Kim Parker. When canopy health declines in previously treated areas, it's time to re-inject with phosphite.

Remember to do your bit to keep kauri standing every time you visit a kauri forest.

**Clean your footwear, tyres, walking poles and anything else that contacts the soil - before and after every forest visit.**

**Always use hygiene stations entering AND exiting forests – scrub to remove soil first, then spray with disinfectant**

**Stay on the track and off kauri roots**



Photo: Phosphite treatment in the Whangapoua area. (Photo courtesy of BioSense Ltd)

# FROM THE CHAIR

## Kia ora and greetings from the Trust

Kauri 2000 is certainly not alone in thinking that 2020 has been a year of challenges. Kauri dieback continues to be of great concern through all the kaurilands of New Zealand and now the COVID has brought us the threat of a human disease that is needing a nationwide effort to keep us safe.

Despite these uncertainties and difficulties Kauri 2000 is in good heart and we are pleased to report that our trees from 20 years of planting are developing into healthy new forests. Long may this remain. The COVID restrictions curtailed our activities and for the first time we could not have a public planting day with our friends and supporters but our school students were able to join us and planted over 400 trees once schools reopened.

Planning for the coming season includes identifying appropriate places to plant our kauri and advocating at a national level for the long-promised but not delivered integrated Kauri Dieback plan to boost scientific research and provide guidance and support for local initiatives.

We have enjoyed wonderful generosity from many individuals and organisations throughout the year. Our heartfelt thank you to everyone for supporting the care and protection of our national taonga, our kauri.

Nga mihi nui and warmest wishes- Alison Henry, Chairperson. **Kia toitu he kauri Keep kauri standing**

We wish to thank our outgoing coordinator, Philip Shewell for his extremely valuable contribution to the trust during his time with us, and welcome aboard Rose Morcom, as his replacement. Rose has a long connection to Kauri 2000, assisting in the early days coordinating plantings at Shakespeare Cliff in Cooks Beach and Cathedral Cove in Hahei. Those seedlings planted 20 years ago have since grown, and so have Rose's kids, Alice and Jack (pictured below). Four kauri trees were planted in commemoration of Toby Morcom's life (Rose's father). Toby was also an advisory trustee for the Stella Evered farm park, so it was fitting to plant in this special spot overlooking the bay where he lived and farmed.

Family Trees



LEFT: Quinn Barker from the Handley clan with his tree at the Handley Kauri Grove.  
ABOVE: Toby Morcom; two of his children Philip and Rose, and two of his grandkids, Alice and Jack, watching kauri grow in Shakespeare Cliff Reserve over their lifetime.

Recognition of the efforts and commitment of the Handley family must be made. From the very early days of Kauri 2000 this family has been planting trees and supporting the work of the Trust. Members of the family have planted and maintained a kauri grove since Kauri 2000 was established and all their trees are dedicated to members of their ever growing family. The grove is in DOC land near Maratoto and the beautiful grove of maturing trees is a credit to this family

# SUPPORTERS



The BNZ plants 100 kauri seedlings for every Kauri Bond issue it arranges as well as contributing to maintenance of their trees. BNZ staff are enthusiastic about the sponsorship and usually join us in planting the seedlings. This year they will be helping us clear the kauri they planted on the Black Jack last year.



Pub Charity supports us every year, and funds our administrator to run the day-to-day operation of the Trust. Waikato Regional Council also help with funding our planting programme



In 2020, LGFA made a donation to Kauri 2000 to offset carbon for air miles travelled by staff.

# AROUND MATARANGI



LEFT: The new kauri dieback cleaning station at Rings Beach Reserve just in time for the summer tourist season.



At least two breeding pairs are believed to be among a population of kiwi newly found in the Coromandel. As many as



seven Coromandel brown kiwi were recorded by conservationists who camped out at Matarangi's Rings Beach Reserve.

## KAURI FOR XMAS !

If you are looking for a gift for that person who has "everything", why not buy them something that could last forever? Whether they live in New Zealand or overseas a donation of a tree, or trees is an ideal gift. Each tree planted comes with a certificate with the option of a digital acknowledgement and message linked to a map on our website, showing where it was planted.

Become a "Friend of Kauri 2000". All subscriptions and donations assist us with ongoing maintenance of our planting sites ensuring our contractors are out and about when necessary to keep our small trees clear of weeds in their early years.

Complete the form, or go to our website to complete it online : [www.kauri2000.co.nz](http://www.kauri2000.co.nz)

### Donation order form

**Become a supporter !**

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