

TE KAKANO TAKES FLIGHT



Nick Mills

Nick Mills, Chairperson

“Woohoo! After two to three years of dreaming, two or three more building the structure and stock levels, it is now just so rewarding to finally be out there with everyone planting up our future forests and parks. People from all different corners of the Upper Clutha appear on planting days and the vibe is just so good: a bit of sweat, a lot of love and BIG smiles everywhere. We’re finally getting the job done“.

WATERFALL CREEK - OUR 1ST PROJECT

Planting activity is in full swing this winter season in our bid to restore the native habitat in the Waterfall Creek/Millennium Track area. This project is the Trust’s first major native habitat restoration project with support from the Ministry of Environment and aims to reintroduce indigenous species into the Waterfall Creek riparian zone. Hundreds of native plants, carefully raised at our nursery from eco-sourced local seeds and cuttings, have been planted in the area thanks to efforts from the Trust and our wonderful volunteers. Three planting days held in June and July saw about 400 native plants go into the ground, starting at Fossil Creek, then along the Millennium track and most recently at Waterfall Creek grove. The planting days have attracted teams of volunteers from all walks of life and nationalities, which contributed to an awesome community vibe, as everyone was enthusiastic and sincere in making a significant and positive contribution to the long term health of this lakeshore landscape. More planting days are planned for the upcoming months, so check our website for news and come join us!



Sketch Concept for Track Head (Millennium Walkway) looking northwest to lake and mountains



Waterfall Creek Planting Day July 17th



Transporting native plants on Arbor Day



One of many cabbage trees planted



Young Toby happy digging at Waterfall Creek



Wire guards are put in to help deter pesky rabbits

IMPORTANT DATES

14th August -
Waterfall Creek
Planting Day



WINTER NEWS

During winter, you can come and help out at the Nursery on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 1pm to 4pm. With guidance from Andrew, propagation and cultivation techniques are taught, leading on to planting and nurturing of young plants in the wild.



Enviroschool
Central Otago Hui -
March 2010



Arbor Day
Planting at Fossil
Creek - June 2010



Penny Ford -
New Trustee



Shennee Ooi - New
Trust Administrator



Mou Waho
Planting Day -
May 2010

UPDATE FROM THE NURSERY

A cold couple of months and full marks to the dedicated team of volunteers who turn up on Tuesdays and Wednesday afternoons to get their hands dirty for a good cause. We have had some excellent planting days with a really great bunch of people, from kids to old people like me and people who have only just arrived in town all the way to fifth generation locals. Amazingly, plants are still growing right through the winter - that's the benefit of

using hardy local seed stock (eco-sourcing, as it's called). The plantings at Fossil Creek are also doing very well despite the frosts and rabbits. Our own big project at Waterfall Creek bridge, is moving along with a rabbit-proof fence due to go in early August and another planting day planned on the second weekend of August. After that we have several plantings in spring including another Mou Waho Island trip, so keep your eyes open for notices.



Andrew Penniket,
Nursery Manager

A huge thanks to all the fantastic volunteers. Their commitment and enthusiasm continually amazes and it makes this project so great to be apart of!

NEW ADDITIONS TO THE TRUST

Te Kākano welcomes our new Trustee, Penny Ford. Penny is with BNZ Wanaka and initially got involved with Te Kākano through BNZ's 'Closed for Good' community program a few months ago. Penny has strong financial and management skills, which will be utilised as new opportunities arise for the Trust. She has been appointed in replacement of Ted Simpson, who has stepped down from the Trustee role after gargantuan efforts in get-

ting the Nursery up and running with Andrew. Another addition to the Trust is our new Administrator Shennee Ooi, who recently returned to Wanaka after a stint with a national media company up in Nelson. This is her first non-profit role but one that she is very enthusiastic about and she's looking forward to continuing the good work that has been set up by Claire Lawson, who has been in the administrator role since the inception of

Te Kākano. Both Penny and Shennee have great skill sets and we are positive that their time and effort will help the Trust move forward in our vision. We sincerely thank Ted & Claire for all their hard work and support. You will always be part of the Te Kākano family!

COMMENTS CORNER

"It was so great to get out on the water, on beautiful Lake Wanaka and have the opportunity to visit Mou Waho Island... really getting my hands dirty, feeling the soil in my fingers and planting a beautiful new mahoe tree in the island's rich fertile soil".

Mark Lapwood, Photographer & Cinematographer
Volunteer at Mou Waho Planting Day May 2010

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT - BRIAR HARDY-HESSON

Volunteers are the backbone of any non-profit organisation. Our volunteers are amazing people who give their valuable time in support of Te Kākano’s cause. We decided to profile one this edition and spent some time with Briar Hardy-Hesson to ask her a few questions...

How did you hear about Te Kākano ?

Through my workmates Shannon, Amy & Dimitri.

What are your favourite

aspects of volunteering?

I like that it’s a big team of people who get together and work towards a common goal. It’s very exciting to imagine what the fruits of all our labour will create and how different the landscape will look like in the long term.

Why do you believe in the work of Te Kākano ?

I think it is nice and really important to bring native bush back to this part of the country. We know how it used to look like here so

I want to see the same original habitat flourishing again. It’d be awesome to attract native birds back into the area too.

How many volunteer hours have you kindly donated?

I’ve been on two planting days so far but looking forward to many, many more - it’s rather addictive!

What is your favourite native plant?

The flax or harakeke. It has many great and historical qualities. You can make heaps of cool stuff



Briar having fun at Waterfall Creek Planting Morning

OTHER COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Te Kākano supports other local community and not-for-profit groups with eco-sourced native plants for any eligible re-vegetation projects. We’ve planted natives with Central Otago-Lakes Forest & Bird (World Wetlands Day/Butterfields Reserve and Waterfall Creek Track), Mount Aspiring College (350 Planting Day) and the Enviroschools Central Otago Hui. All interested parties can download Application Forms from our website or contact us via email to discuss how we can best help achieve your re-vegetation goals. Our current 2010 Autumn/Spring Plant Stock List includes kanuka, manuka, cabbage tree, kohuhu, kowhai, mingimingi, broadleaf/kapuka, whiteywood/mahoe, marble leaf/putaputaweta, matai, flax/harakeke, hebe/koromiko and lancewood.



Forest & Bird World Wetlands Day volunteers

HOW TO TAKE ACTION

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As a non-profit, Te Kākano relies solely on donations and grants to continue with the work we do. You can help us make a difference with your contribution!

To Donate:

Fill out the donation section at the bottom of the last page. Your donation directly contributes to our vision of promoting and facilitating hands-on community land care, with the aim of foster-

ing healthy lands and waterways, and creating greater harmony between people and their environment.

To Volunteer:

We always need volunteers to help at the Nursery and during our Planting Days. Not only do you participate in the grassroots of cultivating, planting and restoring of native habitats, you get to be work alongside

like-minded individuals and bask in the community spirit of Wanaka.

Other Help:

If you have skills and fundraising ideas that you think will contribute towards our work, or want to learn how your business can get involved with Te Kākano, contact us anytime at tekakanoinfo@gmail.com, we would love to hear from you!

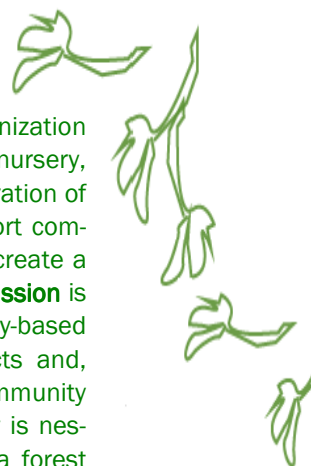
Our sincere gratitude to all our wonderful volunteers this year - your support, energy and goodwill are the BEST!

Adam Hall, Alan Cutler, Alan Cutler, Alex Black, Alex Vieira, Alex Poole, Alison Reynolds, Amy Waetford, Andrew Shepherd, Andrew Wells, Andy Curteis, Anthony Coote, Benoit Henner, Bill Brooker, Billy Johnson, Briar Hardy-Hesson, Charlie Mills, Chris Riley, Chrissie Sargeant, Darren Payne, David Walden, Dimitri Vetois, Florence Micoud, Fred Johnson, Geoff Filshie, Hannah Rizzi, Jack Coote, Jo Mills, Karl Grinter, Kris Vollebregt, Lee Eadie, Liana Ma, Lottie Penniket, Logan Penniket, Lucy Robins, Maggie Millard, Maia Micoud, Mark Lapwood, Melissa Brock, Neale Bryant, Nicky Pullin, Oly Chapman, Pam Higgins, Peter Rhodes, Ray Millar, Renee Walden, Sally James, Shannon Foley, Shaun Collins, Shimbo, Sophie Ward, Steve Leary, Sue Penniket, Sunanda & Greg, Tim Ryan, Tom Rizzi, Tom Shearson, Toby Mills, Will Croxford.

*Also special thanks to students from:
 - Te Community Program at Mt Aspiring College
 - Eastern Mennonate University, Virginia

WHO WE ARE

Te Kākano Aotearoa Trust is a not-for-profit charitable organization that supports the work of a community-based native plant nursery, specialising in propagating plants of local origin for the restoration of habitats in the Upper Clutha Basin. **Our Purpose** is to support communities in fostering healthy lands and waterways so as to create a stronger link between the environment and humanity. **Our Mission** is to develop a successful, transposable model for community-based nurseries which can service large scale restoration projects and, through education and hands-on participation, inspire the community to become closer to the land. Te Kākano's 1200m² nursery is nestled in the shelter of an extensive QE2 Covenanted kanuka forest near Waterfall Creek on the shores of Lake Wanaka.



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