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WEEK IS CALLING**
15-23 Sept

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FREE Conservation Week Lunchtime Talks 12noon – 1pm, Mon 17 – Fri 21 Sep @ Ellen Melville Centre

Come into the Ellen Melville Kauri Lounge - a Media Design School project that transforms the Helen Clark Room into an indoor forest - during Conservation Week for free lunchtime talks



Monday 17 September **Dr Mels Barton**

Dr Mels Barton is an environmental scientist turned coordinator, campaigner, organiser, networker and environmental advocate. Mels has been the Waitakere Coordinator for Kauri Rescue since 2016 and is secretary for The Tree Council. She has been advocating for kauri and educating people about kauri dieback disease for 10 years.

Tuesday 18 September **Dr Cate Macinnis-Ng**

Dr Cate Macinnis-Ng is a senior lecturer in Ecology at the School of Biological Sciences at the University of Auckland. She has a particular interest in plant responses to climatic conditions, including kauri. In January 2018, Dr Macinnis-Ng also took on a role as a Principle Investigator in Te Pūnaha Matatini, a Centre of Research Excellence at the University of Auckland.





**Wednesday 19
September
Chris McBride &
Ariane Craig-
Smith**

The Kauri Project is co-curated by Chris McBride, and Ariane Craig-Smith. The Kauri Project began in 2013 as an initiative to use art as a language and tool for raising awareness and promoting understanding of kauri dieback disease and the scientific, cultural, social and economic contexts that inform kauri's current situation. Ariane Craig-Smith is a freelance curator, writer and project manager/producer working with contemporary art and culture. Ariane has worked with the Auckland Arts Festival, Auckland Art Gallery and Auckland Council.

Chris McBride is an arts manager, curator and artist/designer. He is adviser/manager to the Hone Tuwhare Charitable Trust, former manager of McCahon House Museum and Artists' Residency, and co-curated the nationwide retrospective exhibition of political and art posters – Wellington Media Collective: We Will Work With You 1978-1998. He has been an advocate for kauri since first encountering the disease at the McCahon House in 2010.

**Thursday 20 September
Jeanie Allport**

Jeanie Allport is a senior biosecurity advisor at Auckland Council for kauri dieback, with a particular focus on compliance on council land across the Controlled Area. Jeanie also works with contractors, private landowners and community groups to promote best practice to protect kauri. Jeanie has also worked for the Coromandel Kauri Dieback Forum and the Waikato Regional Council.



**Friday 21 September
Dr Nick Waipara**

Dr Nick Waipara is a plant pathologist based at Plant and Food Research and the University of Auckland, and is part of Te Tira Whakamātaki (Māori Biosecurity Network). Dr Waipara has been involved in the kauri dieback programme since 2006, when he was part of the Landcare Research team led by the late Dr Ross Beever, who first isolated the pathogen in the Waitākere Ranges.