



## We're back in business for 2021

We have great news that funding is currently being negotiated from three separate sources to fund our operations throughout the 2021 calendar year. We are extremely excited as the funding will extend our operations outside the Auckland Region and we will be able to help landowners and mana whenua with supporting the health of their kauri wherever they are.

Our new funders will be:

[Ministry for Primary Industries](#) who are offering to fund our operations outside Auckland from their **Kauri Protection Fund** for the next 12 months.

[Auckland Council](#) who are offering to fund our operations throughout the Auckland Region until the end of June 2021.

[Ngā Rākau Taketake - Saving Our Iconic Trees](#) programme which is part of the Biological Heritage National Science Challenge who are offering to fund us for the next 3 years to collect monitoring data on trees we have already treated and for community engagement and citizen science for the next 2 years.

We are so very grateful to these organisations for supporting our work and enabling us to continue this kaupapa into the future.



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# Kauri Rescue Trust incorporated

More great news that after working really hard over the last few months we have now set up and incorporated Kauri Rescue as an independent charitable trust.

This means that we will be able to seek funding from sources outside government, take donations and establish sponsorship relationships with anyone who wants to support our kaupapa of improving kauri health. If you or your organisation would like to support Kauri Rescue's work please contact us to begin that conversation with the trust on [admin@kaurirescue.org.nz](mailto:admin@kaurirescue.org.nz)

We want to say a huge thank you to Plant and Food Research who have hosted the Kauri Rescue project for the last 3 years and will remain a key technical support organisation for us in the future. We could not have got to this point without you.



Our new Board of Trustees has been appointed and will be supported by a Technical Advisory Group that comprises the members of our original project team, plus we have invited a rep from Waitākere iwi Te Kawerau ā Maki onto the TAG, so that there is good continuity from our past into our future. We'd like to introduce our new trustees to you. They are:



**Mike Stanley CNZM is the Chair of our Board of Trustees and also the community representative.**

Mike has enjoyed a wide ranging career in sports management and governance and is currently the CEO of AUT Millennium and President of the NZ Olympic Committee.

Mike and his wife Jane have treated hundreds of kauri on their Silverdale property as part of the Kauri Rescue programme and support ongoing research into the effects of kauri dieback disease.



**Dr Grant Dumbell is the Treasurer / Secretary of our Board of Trustees**

Grant is a self-employed restoration ecologist who has practised professionally since 1988. After growing up in New Plymouth, Grant moved to Wellington to study at Victoria University where he completed his BSc before graduating with a first class Honours degree in 1982. He then travelled overseas before returning to New Zealand to take up a doctoral scholarship at the University of Auckland where he completed his PhD in ecology in 1988.

Grant's early career focused on the restoration of freshwater wetlands and the captive management of rare and endangered waterfowl species.

He travelled extensively to the USA, Canada, Australia and England to work with international partner organisations and see international wetland conservation first hand. This included establishing an international wetland education collaboration and founding charitable community organisations for both wetlands and threatened species captive management.

Since becoming self-employed in 1998, Grant's scope of work has broadened to include native forest restoration and invasive species management. He has now worked on over 100 separate client projects, including project managing an MPI kauri dieback project to test signage at cleaning stations. Some of these have extended for longer than 10 years, and have taken him from the Far North to Stewart Island and the Chatham Islands.

Grant approaches projects with a research focused methodology that relies on rigorous science so that outcomes are robust and defensible. Having run his own consultancy for over 20 years he has also developed commercial disciplines that have successfully carried the business through good times and bad.

Grant has now joined the Kauri Rescue Trust Board as a Trustee and has been appointed as Secretary / Treasurer. His current focus is on helping to establish policies and procedures to ensure the successes of Kauri Rescue's establishment phase will be the foundation of continuing success in the organisation's drive to ensure kauri remain the iconic tree of Aotearoa's northern forests.

**Waitangi Wood is the tangata whenua representative on our Board of Trustees**



Waitangi lives in Northland where she runs her own communications consultancy and will be the tangata whenua representative on the Kauri Rescue Trust.



**Dr Ian Horner is the science representative on our Board of Trustees. He is also the Chair of the Technical Advisory Group.**

Ian grew up in Massey in West Auckland, then went to the University of Auckland where, for his MSc, he investigated the role of Phytophthora in seedling establishment of kauri and kahikatea. Since 1984 Ian worked for DSIR and its successor organisations, HortResearch and Plant & Food Research, with a 4-year stint at Cornell University for his PhD studies. His research has mainly focused on soilborne diseases, mostly of tree and fruit crops such as apples, kiwifruit and strawberries, and for the past 38 years he has always had at least one project on Phytophthora. Since the early 2000's Ian returned to his roots in native forest pathology, with a focus since 2006 on kauri dieback. Research in this area has

included helping to develop techniques for detecting *Phytophthora agathidicida* in soil, subsequent determination of distribution of the pathogen, and the potential of phosphite treatment for healing diseased kauri or protecting trees from infection.

Outside work, Ian is married to Mary, with three adult daughters. They have a lifestyle block on the banks of the Tukituki River in Hawkes Bay, and his life's mission is to get it planted up in native bush. He has always been passionate about native flora and fauna, and relishes the opportunity to work with the community to protect New Zealand's unique and threatened forests for future generations

## Next steps

We have started back into our work establishing networks and engagement processes with mana whenua and communities in order to support landowners in Auckland. If you are on our waiting list for a treatment kit we will be in touch, if we haven't been already, to set up a time to deliver it to you.

If you have already treated your trees we will be in touch soon if we need you to reassess the health of your trees this year.

If you already have a treatment kit we hope you are making the most of the good weather to complete the work on your trees. Please let us know if you need some help with this as we have a long waiting list for kits.

For other regions of the country we will be establishing networks and engagement processes with mana whenua and communities so that we can support anyone who has concerns about the health of their kauri.

If you are concerned about the kauri on your property, or if you would like to work with us in any way or need some advice on how to keep your kauri healthy, please complete the form on our website <http://www.kaurirescue.org.nz/> to let us know how we can help. We offer advice and support as well as options for treatment.

If you'd like to help us with our work by becoming a Kauri Rescue Ambassador and doing either fieldwork with us or helping with our community engagement and outreach work please get in touch with Mels on [mels@kaurirescue.org.nz](mailto:mels@kaurirescue.org.nz) We will be running a full summer programme of monitoring and treatment workshops again this year so there will be plenty of opportunities for hands on involvement.



If you haven't seen it already please check out our new storymap website that tells the tale of Kauri Rescue and the amazing work of our community to help support the health of our kauri. Thanks to Auckland University and Ngā Rākau Taketake for production of this incredible resource <https://kaurirescue.nectar.auckland.ac.nz/> Photo by Heather Paterson-Shallard.

