



Lockdown update

We hope you are all coping ok with the latest lockdown. It feels very much like deja vu for us as we spent most of last winter in the same situation. Just hoping we can get on top of this outbreak quickly and back to our elimination status again soon.

As our fieldwork season won't start again until the ground dries up we are hopeful that we will be back to normal by then and the current situation won't disrupt our support for landowners with kauri too much. However we have already had a couple of our education and outreach events cancelled and postponed, so there was no Titirangi Village Market in August and may not be one in September either, and Mels Barton's talk at the Laingholm & District Citizen's Association AGM has been postponed.

The Kauri Rescue team sends you our best wishes and thoughts in this difficult time. Stay safe and kia kaha!



Bay of Plenty Great Kauri Count

Bay of Plenty Regional Council Toi Moana need your help to locate any stands of kauri on yours or any lands in the Bay of Plenty region that will build a picture of kauri distribution outside the Kaimai Mamaku range. This information will be vital in putting together programmes which protect kauri from Kauri Dieback disease throughout the region, a disease the Bay of Plenty region is currently free of, and they need your help to keep it that way!

It is easy to drop location pins on the participate page! Start with any large groves you know of or any trees you are concerned about for kauri dieback, and the Bay of Plenty Regional Council team can organise a site visit.

Please pass this on to anyone that may know of or have kauri on their property in the Bay of Plenty region. The team will be very grateful if you could contribute to this region wide initiative, with some cool prizes to be won. Click below for more details:

<https://www.participate.boprc.govt.nz/great-kauri-count>

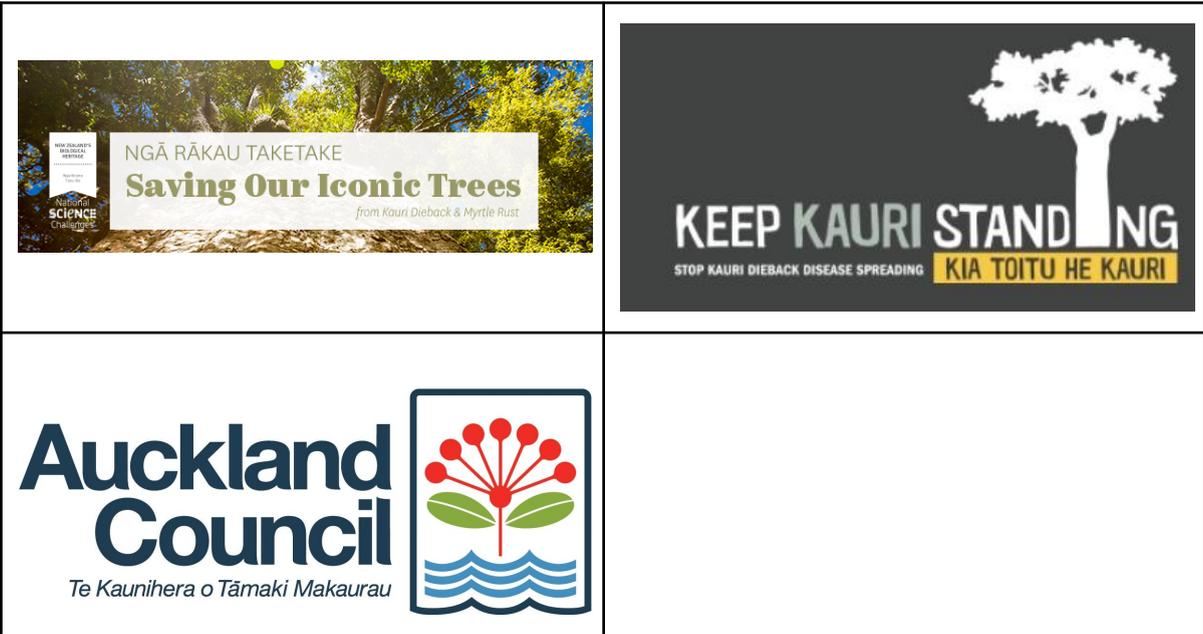


Latest Research Update

The Biological Heritage National Science Challenge Ngā Rākau Taketake: Saving Our Iconic Trees programme have issued a statement saying that they do not support claims that “kauri dieback was a not so recent arrival” and recommend no changes to current kauri dieback management.

There is concern over the interpretation of a recently published manuscript (The mitogenome of *Phytophthora agathidicida*: Evidence for a not so recent arrival of the "kauri killing" *Phytophthora* in New Zealand) and how speculative discussion by the authors has been taken as evidence to push for changes in our current management of kauri dieback. Changes to the management of kauri dieback must be backed by robust science and when they are, then appropriate changes should be made. Read more here: <https://bit.ly/3DhUINs>

The Ngā Rākau Taketake team send their thanks and kia kaha to everyone who is actively working to save our kauri from this devastating disease.



Funding Update

Kauri Rescue is currently negotiating a new funding contract with [Auckland Council](#) which will take us up to the end of the year.

Thanks to our other funders: [The Biological Heritage National Science Challenge Ngā Rākau Taketake: Saving Our Iconic Trees programme](#) and [Biosecurity New Zealand's Kauri Protection Programme](#) for their continued support of our citizen science project supporting landowners with kauri.

Make sure you check out our storymap website: [Rescuing Kauri One Tree at a Time](#) for the full story of Kauri and Kauri Rescue's work.

