



Friends of Oakley Creek Te Auaunga

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Editorial

Matariki, for me, has been the warm heart of a cold wet winter. How refreshing that Aotearoa – New Zealand now has its own mid-winter holiday, giving time to enjoy friends and family and reflect on our plans for the coming year. Ngā Ringa o Te Auaunga – Friends of Oakley Creek is in the midst of a very productive planting season. In the photographs on this page, you can see the results of our community planting in July, a significant expansion of the bush in the Waterview Glades area, achieved despite the rain and mud.

In this issue we reflect on Matariki. Marin's delightful piece invites us to take to heart the message of Waipunarangi – what you give is what comes back to you. We highlight a family that gives much of its spare time to conservation work. Sharing our seed bounty with other conservation groups could be said to be inspired by the spirit of the season. You will also find an avian mystery solved by the power of citizen science. Some reading to inspire you on those cold wet evenings. Enjoy!

Gina Hefferan, Editor



Photo (above): Waterview Glades North planting site before



Photo (above): Waterview Glades North planting site after

Matariki Working Bee & Tree Planting

By Wendy John

People often ask if we cancel working bees on public holidays. But experience has shown that, while some people are away, some others often feel they have some extra free time. This was the case on Matariki Day this

year. We had a great turnout and got an amazing amount of work done – clearing weeds, post-flood debris and dead trees from the floodplain, and weeds and silt from one of our precious dry-stone walls, and put-

ting more plants in the ground. Volunteers included a number of people who would normally be working on a Friday. It was lovely to have such an enthusiastic group join us to celebrate Matariki and all that it represents.



Photo (above): Matariki Day Working Bee team



Photo (above): Sarah & her daughter Emmie

Te Auaunga Partner Community Group Activities

By Wendy John

Things have been ticking along beautifully over the past few months with regards to our local partner groups. And aside from the actual 'working bees' we know that individuals are chipping away in the background helping to keep on top of the weeds and carrying out some infill planting in their rohe, with plants from our nursery.

Powell Street Sustainable Neighbourhood Working Bee – We gathered together on a cool autumn afternoon to undertake a number of tasks. These included the removal of more Tradescantia and Japanese honeysuckle; and clearing a large log that was blocking the creek – an opportunity for volunteers to hone their winch skills! As always, we concluded with a shared meal and some stimulating conversation.



Photo (above): Powell Street winch team

Oakley Loop Group – The Oakley Loop site is a challenging one, with lots of nasty weeds wanting to take control. But, along with some very welcome weed control by contractors, the locals are managing to keep on top of things. At the latest working bee, they spent most of their time clearing bindweed, black nightshade and woolly nightshade from around and amongst all the young plants that were planted, in 2023. Fortunately, with this hard work, the plants are doing great. And there'll be another 100 plants going in the ground this winter.



Photo (above): Oakley Loop Group

Moana Rua Zone Keas – The Moana Rua Kea co-ordinators were going to bring around 50 keas, cubs and adults, along to help with a rubbish clean up. However, while we weren't forewarned, we were fortunately, well prepared when around 100 of them turned up – yes, they just kept coming! So, along with the rubbish on the floodplain (not a lot), the team cleared an extensive area of Tradescantia down behind the community gardens. They filled up four weed bags – 2 large and 2 medium ones. What a wonderful effort! And now we can get in and do some infill planting. Thanks, heaps, Moana Rua Zone.



Photo (above): Moana Rua Keas & Cubs



Photo (above): Look at those weed bags!

Point Chevalier Girl Guides – The Pt Chevalier Girl Guides have been working hard to restore an area at the north end of Water-view Glades, for over five years. This year they expanded on their area with another 100 plants. Thanks to Sarah and Rosemary, and the girls for their commitment and efforts to protect our awa.



Photo (above): Point Chevalier Girl Guides

Collectively Kids – We were thrilled to have the lovely wee CK eco-warriors back on the creek for another tree planting recently. It’s an absolute delight observing the joy and excitement the children get from helping to plant trees. Marina and her team and tamariki have been working in partnership with us on the restoration of Te Auaunga since 2011.



Photo (above): Collectively Kids in action

Monthly Working Bees

By Wendy John

The planting season got off to a great start in May, with another 500 plants going in on the south side of Te Piringa Bridge in Waterview Glades. This area is really starting to look amazing. We’ve been working on it for a number of years now, slowly expanding on the narrow strip of bush that borders the west side of the creek.



Photo (above): Harbutt Reserve Rock Forest Planting

In June, once the contractors had been through and ‘drilled and filled’ another batch of tree privet, the volunteers rose to the challenge of planting in amongst the rocks in one of our ‘rock forest’ areas in Harbutt Reserve. And, since some of this area has some old dry-stone walls through it (refer to Autumn 2024 Newsletter), our resident archaeologist, Brent Druskovich was on site to talk about the heritage of the area, and to ensure protection of the archaeology during the planting.



Photo (above): Waterview Glades South (during)

Then, in July we headed back to Waterview Glades and put another 500 plants in, this time on the north side of Te Piringa Bridge – again, to expand on the bush area here, to further protect the creek and enhance the habitat for our native fauna.



Photo (above): Waterview Glades North planting team

The number of local volunteers who are turning up for the plantings is very encouraging. And a special thanks to Teresa Ma from Conservation Volunteers, for bringing volunteers along to help out.

Friday Working Bees

By Wendy John

One of the many advantages of joining our Friday Working Bees is that volunteers get to discover different parts of the creek that are not always easily accessible to the general public. So, as per usual, on Fridays we have been working across a range of sites – depending on the priority at the time. Activities have included helping to unload and move plants for the monthly community plantings, lots of clearance of weeds – privet, blue morning glory, *Tradescantia*, nasturtium, blackberry, German ivy, woolly nightshade and more, some general tidying up of dead / fallen trees and flood debris, plus some bamboo clearance and lots of infill planting.



Photo (above): Friday crew



Photo (above): Taking a break

Sites have included:

- Two archaeological sites in Harbutt Reserve;
- The Waterview Downs Bridge – an area that we planted last year, after a fallen pine tree had been removed and left a big gap;
- Two floodplain areas – one below Waterview Glades and another below the motorway vent stack;
- A floodplain area downstream of the waterfall that we worked at on two occasions (one being Matariki Day – see separate article on Matariki.)
- A 'bush island' in Harbutt Reserve

Corporates and Beyond Volunteers

By Wendy John

Manaaki Whenua / Landcare Research and **Auckland Council** – two staff members each from Manaaki Whenua, and Auckland Council's biodiversity team joined our Friday team at the end of June. Apart from lots of extra mahi being done, some stimulating conversations ensued, with our volunteers going away at the end of the session better informed on a number of issues related to protecting our taiao / environment. Definitely a win-win all round.



Photo (above): Two Degrees team

2 / 2 Degrees – The sun shone brightly, on a cool winter's day when we were joined by an energetic group from 2 Degrees. The old adage of 'many hands make light work' certainly rang true on this occasion, with 40 volunteers rolling up their sleeves and moving a mountain of mulch. They did an amazing job of filling in all the gaps around the plants that had recently been planted by the Pt Chevalier Girl Guides, and our 'monthly working bee' volunteers in Waterview Glades.



Photo (above): Two Degrees lean into the mulching

Outreach Report

By Sandra Maclean

Our biggest win over the last few months? For me, it's been the ground we've covered alongside the North-Western Shared Path, heading west from the Waterview Heritage Area (WHA). Every week we have made new inroads into the removal of privet and honeysuckle with our trusty Tuesday volunteers, backed up by overseas visitors from Sustainable Coastlines and the New Migrant Group from Conservation Volunteers New Zealand. (CVNZ)

We've now reached the concrete bunker which is over 200m from the WHA. This area was a proper mess of moth plant, wattle and woollies when we first tackled it with our crack roving weed team a couple of years ago. There were a lot of moth pods in there. So, to see it being replanted with natives is pretty special.

CVNZ also helped out at Powell St on the Esplanade Reserve, working with local residents to replant the floodplain and control Tradescantia, and at the bush below Waterview Apartments, where we tackled more privet and followed up with some enrichment planting.

Corporate groups from both Marsh and ANZ helped out below Great North Road, upstream and downstream of BP. The first of these excellent teams focused on privet control, and the second -cleared an area of a range of invasive weeds and then planted it up with natives.

Our roving weed busting team, Jean and Keith with their kit to tackle high moth plant pods, were engaged in Tait St, Waterview Downs and adjacent properties. There were



Photo (above): CVNZ New Migrant Group at the Esplanade Reserve below Powell St



Photo (above): BNZ and CVNZ volunteers at Waterview heritage area

some pretty prickly sites amongst these, so I really appreciated the help. Tejo also undertook some solo missions for pods beyond my reach.

Odyssey House residents continue to come out in numbers every second Monday, to restore their land opposite Alan Wood Reserve. And, thanks to funding from the Whau Local Board, we also have contractor assistance to back up the great work the volunteers can do with hand tools. Once the contractors are done in there, we will get busy with the next round of planting to keep the restoration moving at a good pace.

Water Monitoring on the Awa

By Wendy John

Our winter water monitoring has been completed at the seven sites across the awa. Most of our sites have good readings from the various tests – pH, phosphate, nitrate and DO (dissolved oxygen). But we do have one site, in the tributary on the west side of SH20, which often has high levels of sediment. We are working at tracing this to see if there are any hot spots that are the cause. And it's great seeing Verity Todd and her budding young scientist son, Stanley, growing into the role of monitoring at the St Judes Scouts Den site. (Partners Anne and her whanau were away at the time.)



Photo (above): Verity & Stanley water monitoring

Predator Control

By Wendy John

Our predator control teams continue to work hard at keeping the predator numbers down. Trappers Jude and his son, Reo are a great addition to the mid-circuit team – often filling in when others are away. And Tony McNeil continues as the ‘go to’ person to deal with any maintenance issues with our traps and bait stations.

Also, we’ve just finished the winter rodent baiting pulse across the mid and northern circuits on the awa and are just starting baiting in the southern circuit – to complement the trapping that is happening along the creek.



Photo (above): Mid-circuit trappers Team, Jude & son Reo



Photo (above): Tony checking bait stations

Volunteers needed – We are looking for volunteers to join our rodent baiting team, helping with baiting four times a year, on five consecutive Saturday mornings each time (1-1.5 hrs). Plus helping with predator monitoring twice a year – optional. Training and resources are provided.

If you are interested in helping, contact Wendy – info@oakleycreek.org.nz

Tradescantia Biocontrol

By Wendy John

In our Winter 2023 newsletter, we wrote an article about the release of the *Tradescantia* yellow leaf fungus biocontrol, that was released on the creek, up in Alan Wood Reserve. Not long afterwards we discovered that it had already made its way to the creek and was thriving.

Earlier this winter, Auckland Council officers, Ruari and Yue headed back to the release site of the fungus to check it out. The conclusion is that it is establishing well but is patchy – which is what we have noted in other areas along the creek.



Photo (above): Ruari & Yue Chen checking Tradescantia Yellow Leaf Fungus in Alan Wood Reserve

There are now four biocontrol agents in Aotearoa – the fungus, a tip beetle, leaf beetle and stem beetle. While these do not totally control the *Tradescantia*, they do play a major role in reducing the biomass, thus giving native seedlings the opportunity to establish.

For more info – https://www.landcareresearch.co.nz/assets/Discover-Our-Research/Biosecurity/Biocontrol-ecology-of-weeds/2022/tradescantia_overview.pdf



Photo (above): Leaf beetle damage

Auckland Tramping Club

By Wendy John

Auckland Tramping Club – Members of the Auckland Tramping Club included Te Auaunga as part of one of their Wednesday walks. Wendy joined them for a while to talk about some of the work we do, and some of the issues facing our awa and taiao / environment. It's always a pleasure 'walking and talking' along the creek with interested folk.



Photo (above): Auckland Tramping Club

Yes, there are 'faeries' on Te Auaunga ...

Akhil Roy wrote to Wendy...

"It was an absolute pleasure meeting you at Oakley Creek Falls the other day. As promised, I'm attaching a brief description of our experience along with some of the photos we captured during our time there.

My wife Teena and I, Akhil Roy, recently took a delightful trip to Oakley Creek Falls, nestled in the serene Oakley Creek Reserve. As we wandered along the mossy paths, it felt like stepping into a fairy tale. The gentle sound of the falls surrounded us, adding to the enchantment. During our fairy-themed photo-shoot amidst the lush greenery, we couldn't help but fall in love

with this hidden gem. The photos turned out even better than we hoped, capturing the love between us against the backdrop of Oakley Creek Falls.

We're thrilled to share a glimpse of our special day with you through the attached photos. Oakley Creek Falls isn't just a place to visit; it's become a sanctuary in our hearts, where nature's beauty intertwines with our own. Oh, and a bit about us – we're both from India, and we've made New Zealand our home. I'm a tattoo artist with a studio where I teach tattooing, and Teena's a professional model with an impressive modelling background."



Photo (above): Teena Roy (Akhil Roy)



Photo (above): Teena at the falls (Akhil Roy)

Railway Heritage Area Slump Remediation Works

By Wendy John

At last, KiwiRail is about to commence the remedial work on the major slump that appeared beside the shared path, by our mural, during the storms at the beginning of 2023. The works will include the removal of some natives that we have planted over

the past couple of years, to enable access to the work site. Parts of the area will be replanted once the work is completed. But, in the interim, to save some of the young trees our Railway Heritage Area kaitiaki, Chris, along with some help from

regular volunteer, Glenn (profiled in our Summer 2024 newsletter), have undertaken some very creative terracing (with local resources) on the adjacent slope, and moved some of the plants out of harm's way. Great work, team.



Photo (above): Railway Heritage Area slump



Photo (above): Glenn & Chris building terraces



Photo (above): RHA new terraces & translocated plants

Reflections on Matariki

By Marin Adams

I always thought it strange that Māori celebrated the start of the new year in the middle of winter. I just knew that New Year was a summer celebration, not winter. Of course, I had not factored in that I lived in the Southern Hemisphere and my Celtic forebears lived in the Northern Hemisphere. For both peoples, Māori and Celt, the New Year was a winter celebration.

The Celts welcomed the new year at a festival called Samhain on November 1st. It was cold and dark, and bonfires were lit with people enjoying communal feasts. Like Māori, the Celts divided the year into two halves, dark and light, with harvest preceding the light returning and darkness receding.

The first time I saw Matariki, I was staying at Great Barrier Island, perched on a bean bag with a telescope at eye level. The sound of waves gently breaking on the shore was a wonderful backdrop to my view of the night sky. Matariki looked like a small cachet of diamonds. I was amazed at their beauty. There are about five hundred stars in the Matariki cluster, but only a fraction of them are visible.

Māori gave names to the seven prominent stars with each one providing a lesson for us. For example, **Waipunarangi** reminds us that the rain that spills down from Ranginui (Sky Father) provides drinking water for people, animals and

plants. Waipunarangi knows that if you give to others, all that kindness will come right back to you, and it is this lesson that she shares with us.

Nau mai ngā hua

Nau mai ngā pai

Nau mai kia nui

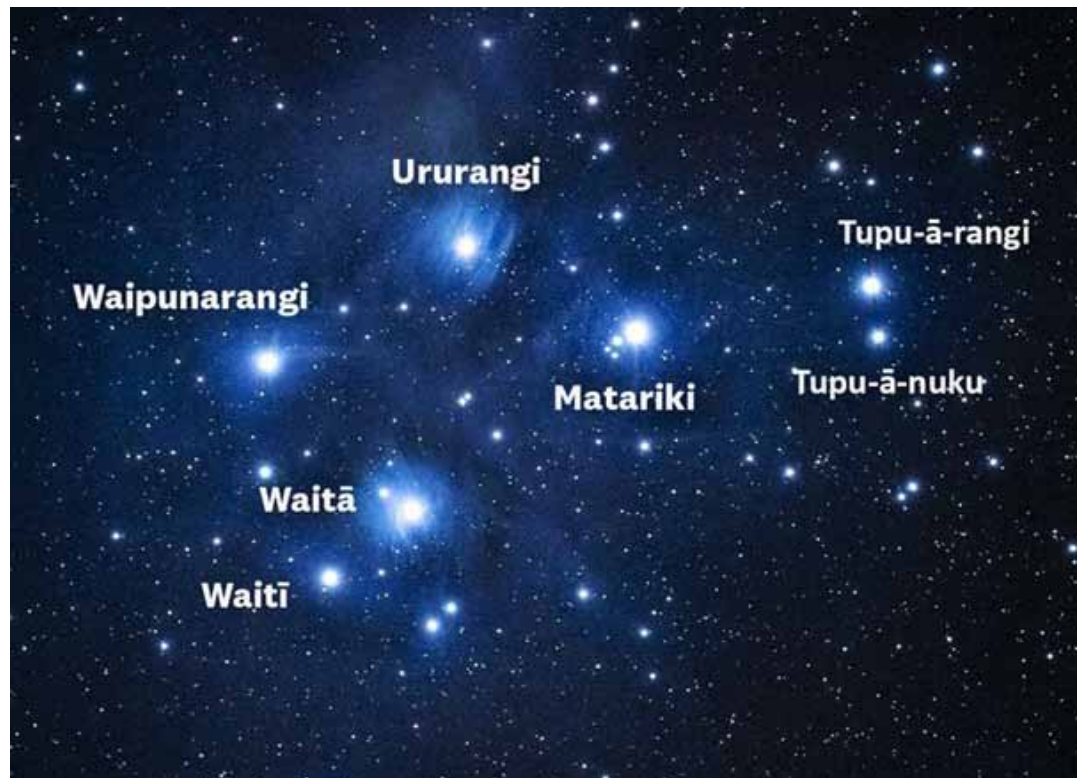
Kia hāwere ai

Welcome all things that have grown

Welcome all things that are good

May they be plentiful and abundant

There was no bonfire or communal feast on the awa this year. Instead, Ngā Ringa o Te Auaunga / Friends of Oakley Creek, held a working bee to celebrate Matariki. Volunteers were proactive in beginning the mahi required before the arrival of Koanga / Spring. They cleaned up rubbish, pulled out weeds and planted seedlings. One volunteer got up early, before the working bee, and travelled to Takaparawhau / Bastion Point to join Ngāti Whātua welcoming Matariki. I felt privileged to see the ceremony on Kā Papa Toitoi (Treble Cone, Wanaka) on TV, from the comfort of my lounge.



Matariki star cluster. Courtesy of Fraser Gunn www.astroimage.co.nz

Source: <https://www.tepapa.govt.nz/discover-collections/read-watch-play/maori/matariki-maori-new-year/whare-tapere/matariki-star-facts>

It's a Family Affair

By Gina Hefferan

What sparks active conservation commitment?

In the 13 or 14 years that Tristan Mulgrew lived at Point Chev and worked on Rosebank Road, she often walked or cycled through Unitec. She remembers how beautiful the path was. It strikes her now that she had no appreciation of the work that was involved in caring for the area.

In his teens, Martin Brown was involved in planting a forest on the North York Moors, on bare open farmland, in memory of a friend of the family who had died by suicide. He remembers that the event had a significant impact on him at the time. He had the sense that he had a hand in bringing good out of tragedy, and it was a healing process for both the family and friends.

While both Martin and Tristan work, they spend their regular, spare time helping to take care of Oakley Creek, as two of our most active volunteers. Their children, Hugo 13 and Alexa 15, are also often involved. Alexa particularly enjoys planting and is enthusiastic about her 'finds'; she has lost track of the number of different bugs she has found along the way. Hugo, a mulch specialist on community planning days, also loves cutting things down. He is an eco-stack specialist. While it is true to say that, as teenagers, they are not always enthusiastic about every opportunity to get involved, they enjoy being part of something bigger than themselves, being part of the team that cares for the awa.

How did this family first become involved with Te Auaunga? After the passing of his parents, Martin chose to 'throttle back' on paid work and decided to devote some time to conservation. It is fortunate for Friends of Oakley Creek that when he approached Liz Walker of STEPS at an event at Alberton, her project was not ready to start. Liz referred Martin to Wendy John, and the rest, as they say, is history. At first, he worked with Wendy and Conservation Volunteer NZ (CVNZ) groups all over central Auckland, and the creek was regularly included. The first Te Auaunga site he remembers working on was the floodplain area behind BP on Great North Road. It wasn't long before Martin and Tristan both became part of the crack volunteer team that works on the creek on Fridays.

The first time the whole family got involved was part of the re-naturalisation project in Underwood Park about five years ago. They approached their first family planting day with some trepidation. But the kids really got into it. Now the family is involved in con-



Photo (above): Tristan, Martin, Hugo and Alexa



Photo (above): Tristan, Martin and Hugo with Chris

servation work almost every day of the week: on Monday, Martin works with STEPS on Waititiko / Meola Creek; on Tuesday, he works with Sandra on the Oakley Creek Waterview Heritage Area; on Thursday, he works with a different group on Rosebank Road.

But the Friday volunteer sessions on Oakley Creek, that Tristan and Martin do together, remain their favourites. They particularly enjoy going into neglected areas to prepare them for planting. The job satisfaction is huge.

They've enjoyed developing their plant identification skills. They came into this job with minimal botanical knowledge. Now, while they can't always put a name to a plant, they recognise the ones to preserve. The team on Fridays have varying degrees of knowledge and different ways of working, but they work really nicely together. Tristan is not such a fan of rainy days. For Martin, the more gnarly the site the better, he is impatient to get rid of the privet canopy. They both like the fact that they can see the progress and the positive impact that their work is having. Bindweed is their least favourite weed.

The downside of this involvement is that they now recognise weeds everywhere they go. They are no longer blithely oblivious. They have recently revisited the area behind the BP station on Great North Road that was one of the early areas that they worked on. While it wasn't difficult to see the damage that the flood had caused, they're not daunted by the task of repairing that damage. Would they prefer to work in an area that was entirely flood free? No, because then the job would be done, and the project would be finished. Here you can see that nature needs help. There's satisfaction in that.

A New Zealander in Singapore?

By Marin Adams

Walking through a central park in hot, humid Singapore at the end of June, I saw a large bird with striking patterns feasting on orange berries. I emailed the photo to birding friends asking for an ID. The closest we got was a long-tailed cuckoo. Our cuckoos breed in New Zealand and migrate up to 11,000 kilometres to various Pacific Islands in our winter. But they don't usually go to the heavily populated island of Singapore. A mystery!



Photo (above): The Asian koen (female) in Singapore (Marin Adams)

I turned to Citizen Science and downloaded *iNaturalist*. Three ornithologists reviewed my photo, noting the location via GPS coordinates that were kindly provided by my iPhone. All were in agreement that the bird was not from New Zealand. It was an Asian koen. They accompanied their determination by posting a photo of a jet-black bird. Certainly not the bird I had seen. Should I, an amateur, challenge the ornithologists? Unwise, I thought. A mystery!



Photo (above): The Asian koen – *Eudynamys scolopacea* (male) (*iNaturalist* website)

The story ended happily. The koen was indeed a cuckoo (the New Zealanders were partly right) but the colouring shown in the screen image was that of a male koen. Koens are dymorphic i.e. male and female look very different. The female image was exactly that of the bird I saw. And after a few days I received a congratulatory email. (Click on the link below.)

Congratulations on posting your first Research Grade observation to iNaturalist!

Research Grade observations have been vetted by the community and are shared with scientists.

Did you know that, according to the Global Biodiversity Information Facility, more than half of all biodiversity records for most species this decade come from iNaturalist Research Grade observations?

So apart from satisfying my curiosity about the strange bird I came across, why am I such a fan of Citizen Science?

1. It allows me to contribute to science by collecting data in locations and at times that no scientific project could ever afford. Identifying and mapping species can help scientists that are working on environmental issues, and their research findings are available to inform public policy.
2. It gives me opportunities to learn more about the world we live in, whether it is becoming aware of hot spots for dolphins that need protection or quantifying the amount of artificial light impacting on the night sky.
3. It fits with my philosophy of working collaboratively with others for the common good.

<https://nzbirdsonline.org.nz/species/long-tailed-cuckoo>

https://www.sciencelearn.org.nz/citizen_science

<https://www.inaturalist.org/>



Photo (above): The long-tailed cuckoo – *Eudynamys taitensis* (Duncan Watson *nzbirdsonline*)

Seasonal gallery

We are constantly surprised by the fungal delights that turn up on the creek. One that beats the lot, is this gorgeous yellow club fungi (*Clavulinopsis helvola?*). One of our volunteers, Tony, managed to take a photo, using a mini-tripod, with the fungi releasing a fluid – with the spores in it. Yes, pure ‘magic’ – a chance in a lifetime!

Other sightings on the creek include *Rustgill fungi*, a giant wood ear fungi (*Auricularia auricula-judae*) and both the puriri (*Vitex lucens*) and kohekohe (*Didymocheton spectabilis*) are in flower.



Photo (above): Yellow club fungi (Tony McNiel)



Photo (above): From left to right: Rustgill fungi; Wood Ear Fungi (giant) – *Auricularia auricula-judae*; Puriri blossom; Kohekohe blossom.

Sharing the Bounty

By Wendy John

Being able to share some of our bounty with other projects is a true symbol of the success of the restoration of Te Auaunga. Recently staff from the Kaipatiki Project native plant nursery came to collect some pukatea (*Laurelia novae-zelandiae*) seeds from one of our

trees. Mature pukatea are not easy to find in the Tamaki Ecological District, so it's lovely to have seeds from our trees going out to the wider region. Derek also came back a few weeks later to collect some ribbonwood (*Plagianthus regius*) seedlings.



Photo (above): Kaipatiki Project team collecting pukatea seeds from the creek



Photo (above): Pukatea seeds

Yes, more ferns ... *Pyrrosia eleagnifolia* – Leather-leaf fern

By Wendy John

New Zealand has an unusually high number of fern species for a temperate country – approximately 200, of which about 40 per cent of these are endemic and occur nowhere else in the world. They range from the tiny, delicate little filmy ferns – just 20 mm long,

to stunning, tall tree ferns – mamaku / black tree ferns, which grow up to 20m tall. And they also range considerably in their look, texture and shape.

One such fern is the **leather-leaf fern** (*Pyrrosia eleagnifolia*). You will find this incredibly resil-

ient, epiphytic fern growing on hard substrate such as rock walls, large old tree trunks, old metal pipes, clay tiles, old fence posts etc.

As with many other ferns, it has both sterile and fertile fronds, with the fertile fronds being longer than the sterile ones.



Photo (above): Leather-leaf fern



Photo (above): On gabion wall



Photo (above): On oak tree

Hot Off the Press – Exciting New Nursery Addition

By Wendy John

At last, we are excited to report that we now have a lovely new shade house at our nursery. The weather conditions were challenging, but the 'Big Mal' team – Steve and Paul, just managed to get the job completed and

'wrapped up' before the weekend. Having a shade house will give us more space for our plants, especially for those that need shelter. A special thanks to The Trusts and the Albert Eden Local Board for their sponsorship.



Photo (above): Shade house construction



Photo (above): Shade house team

Subscriptions Due

Subscriptions are now due – Individual – \$10 and Family – \$20

If you are not already a member, we encourage you to become one to help support the protection and restoration of Te Auaunga. There is still lots to be done – and even more following on from the 2023 storms.

And, of course, donations are welcome.

These can be paid directly into our bank account – 38-9003-0978224-00 or at the AGM. Donations over \$5 are tax deductible.

Notices

Monthly Community Working Bees: As per normal, our monthly working bees are held on the first Sunday of each month – 10.00am-12.00noon.

Tuesday Working Bees: Tuesday mornings 9.30am to 12.00pm. This exciting project is looking for some more regular volunteers. For more information contact Sandra - 021 166 7647.

Friday Working Bees: Friday mornings 9.00am to 12.00pm. We work in different locations on Friday mornings, depending on the need at the time. If you're interested let us know and we'll include you in the Friday email list so that you can join us when you are free or contact Wendy – 027 232 6454.

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