

# Maraetotara Tree Trust

## 2012 | Autumn Update



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### Message from the Chair

Planting trees next to a river powered by a capricious climate certainly brings forth a few challenges, but we're still here making a net gain in tree numbers and areas protected with fencing. While we have learned to cope with droughts and floods, our current challenge is the effect of the wonderful growing season we seem to be in at the moment. Mother Nature long ago made the rule that weeds shall grow faster than any chosen crop, and this is never truer than along the Maraetotara River. Our coordinator Kapa Toa and his helpers have been working hard to keep the trifid-like growth at bay.



*At the Maraetotara Rivermouth*

During 2011 we again had the help of a team of young men from WINZ through the 'Community Max' Scheme. This straight-forward institution of trading work for education and experience worked very well for us and for the young men, most of whom went on to permanent employment. Most regrettably WINZ has replaced this scheme with something too involved and complicated to be of immediate practical benefit for us, however we are hopeful of working with any winners of the new tender process. Watch this space.

Going forward, we continue to have a great partnership with the Hawke's Bay Regional Council in clearing and fencing new areas for planting. We continue to purchase our trees from Plant Hawke's Bay, where Marie Taylor takes great satisfaction in delivering Maraetotara valley eco-sourced plants of excellent quality. Supporter Turley & Co has begun a process of upgrading our website to make it more effective in both providing information and encouraging the financial donations that are so very necessary for our river restoration project. ATTN! Marketing PR is building the website as a project sponsor. NOW broadband will host the MTT website as another sponsor.

My grateful thanks to all who have contributed to our work at the river: the students, WINZ workers, volunteers, HBRC, fellow trustees and our Trust officers. Special congratulations to Kapa Toa on his being awarded the Local Councils' environmental award for 2011.

**The Trust and project are in excellent heart and able to plan with great confidence further riverside planting and aftercare in 2012-13.**

Alec Olsen | MTT Chair



*At the Maraetotara Rivermouth*

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## In Memoriam

In Memoriam: Sir Rodney Gallen and Paratene Te Huia two of our Trust's cornerstone trustees have recently passed away.

Para and Sir Rodney were both part of the creation of the Maraetotara Tree Trust in 2003 and have helped guide the Trust with wisdom and dignity since.

When Para attended our special days at the river he always had fine words of support and encouragement for the Trust's work on the ground. His generous patronage was valuable, and much appreciated by his fellow trustees and trust officers.

Sir Rodney's hands-on knowledge and leadership at all levels helped shepherd the Trust through both good times and difficult patches. His endless patience and wonderful faith in mankind's better side helped keep the Trust focussed on the positive aspects of our environment and our people. Para and Sir Rodney are greatly missed by us all, and we offer our sincere sympathy to both families.

Alec Olsen & The MTT Team



Paratene Te Huia - Photo by Tim Whittaker



Sir Rodney Gallen - Photo by Pat Turley

## Plants of the Maraetotara River

### Medicinal uses

**Ti Kouka** (*cordyline australis*)  
Named the cabbage tree for its edible centre shoot or heart, which as well as being nourishing can help stomach pains, diarrhoea and dysentery. The juice of the tree is also good for blood disorders.

**Koromiko** (*hebe spp.*) Used for vapour baths. The bruised leaves are heated for use as a poultice for ulcers. Liquid from boiled leaves is used as a gargle, and also as a cure for diarrhoea and dysentery.



Koromiko flower

**Kowhai** (*sophora macrophylla*) The leaves are used as a rub for itching and skin diseases. An infusion of the bark with other plants such as koromiko and manuka seeds is drunk to relieve internal pains.

**Manuka & Kanuka** (*leptospermum scoparium* & *kunzea ericoides*) Also known as the red and the white Ti trees, respectively. An infusion of the leaves will treat kidney and bladder complaints, reduce fevers, and ease coughing in adults. The bark can cure diarrhoea and dysentery. The seeds can be chewed for stomach complaints, or boiled as an effective poultice for open wounds. The leaves and branchlets are brewed for tea or beer.

**Ngaio** (*myoporum laetum*) While the leaves are poisonous to animals and humans, an infusion of them can be rubbed on the skin as an insect repellent, and to help treat eczema. The inner bark, when rubbed on the gums or chewed, helps dental troubles.

Kepa Toa I  
Project Coordinator

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*The Maraetotara Tree Trust Team - Photo by Tim Whittaker*

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Thank you everyone!





## Profile | Marie Taylor

Because our native trees germinate and grow naturally under a canopy, the establishing of such a cover is most important. Growing on retired farmland adds to the degree of difficulty as do the sometimes extreme conditions encountered in the Maraetotara valley. Eco-sourcing seeds from within the area gives the seedlings the very best hope of survival and to this end the Trust has employed Marie Taylor to collect and grow the trees.

Marie has a Bachelor in Horticultural Science and has had experience in seed sourcing and growing over many years. She has worked as the local representative for QEII National Trust for 15 years, two of those in Nelson and the remainder in Hawke's Bay.

Her knowledge of rare and uncommon plants is impressive and she has been involved in re-creating a coastal forest in Bay View.

In 2005 Marie set up her own nursery on land leased from Landcorp and has grown for Hawke's Bay Regional Council, the Living Legends programme associated with the Rugby World Cup and many others including our Trust. The business has expanded to the stage where she now employs Sarah Gordon who works with Marie and who is also doing her Horticulture apprenticeship through Hort ITO.

Marie at Plant Hawke's Bay is contactable on (0274) 424 536.



Marie Taylor | Plant Hawke's Bay



Community Max workers with Kapa Toa field day, 27 Oct 2011. Photo by Hawke's Bay Today.



Flood effects, 27 Apr 2011



Lindisfarne college students releasing trees, 29 Nov 2011. Photo by Hawke's Bay Today.

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