



## Introducing



Tāne's Tree Trust  
Native Trees for the Future

### Our Vision

*“To see the majority of New Zealand landowners successfully planting and sustainably managing indigenous trees for multiple uses by 2020”.*

## BACKGROUND

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In October 1999, a conference called “Native Trees for the Future” was held at the University of Waikato. The conference highlighted the need to establish a vehicle for obtaining and applying funding for several purposes related to the planting and sustainable management of indigenous trees. This included consolidating and developing knowledge through research; establishing a network of practitioners and other stakeholders to share knowledge; and supporting both local and central government incentives that encourage increased planting of indigenous trees.

Early in 2001 a small steering committee was established and rapidly grew to become a diverse representation of interest in the growing of native trees. The steering committee decided that a Charitable Trust was the most appropriate vehicle to pursue its aims, and Tāne's Tree Trust was formalised in November 2002 to encourage New Zealand landowners to plant and sustainably manage native trees for multiple uses.

# THE TRUST

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## Our Objectives

In order to realise the vision the foundational objectives of the Trust are to promote indigenous forestry as an attractive land use option by:

1. Consolidating and advancing the state of knowledge of an increasing range of indigenous tree species - their establishment, growth, and productive use;
2. Maximising the economic incentives for establishing indigenous trees by reducing establishment costs;
3. Resolving legal and political obstacles currently serving as disincentives to the planting of indigenous trees; and
4. Building a network of knowledge-sharing amongst stakeholders.

## Trust Structure

The steering committee constituted the foundational trustees. Trustees serve for three years before standing down, and becoming eligible for re-appointment. To support the Trust anyone who wishes to be involved can join the Trust network. Currently the Trust consists of 13 Trustees from a wide range of backgrounds and within a decade has a network group of over 300 members including about 25 corporates being Regional Councils and Crown Research Institutes and companies.

Tāne's Tree Trust collaborates with and complements a range of forestry and environmental interest groups including the NZ Forest Owners Association; the Indigenous Forestry Section, NZ Farm Forestry Association; Nga Whenua Rahui; Project Crimson Trust; Kauri 2000 Trust; Trees for Survival Trust; NZ Landcare Trust; the NZ Institute of Forestry; and the Montfort Trimble Foundation.

## Funding

Membership subscriptions fund running costs of the Trust. The Trust has been successful in obtaining funding from the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry's Sustainable Farming Fund and many other sources for the purpose of revisiting old and establishing new research sites, setting up an archives database, publishing or assisting to publish bulletins and other material on native trees and running workshops for knowledge sharing. However, there is an ongoing need to obtain funding for the basic running costs of the Trust and expansion of the indigenous research programme.

## Activities

The Trust was launched on 8 September 2001 with a workshop and field day at Waharau Regional Park in the eastern Hunua Ranges south of Auckland. It operates under its Trust Deed and Strategic Plan. It has a web-site [www.tanestrees.org.nz](http://www.tanestrees.org.nz) which contains a great deal more information about the Trust, including a list of all publications available.

A newsletter is sent to all network members every four months. Current activities include production of further publications relative to native forestry, maintaining web-based databases such as a bibliography on planted native trees, a nationwide database on plantations, and future Trust workshops and events.

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