



TE KĀKANO
AOTEAROA TRUST INC.

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Annual Report 2007

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Welcome

Ever since this project was first considered, almost five years ago, indeed every step of the way, it has seemed that its timing is just right. The documents in this report outline where we have come, where we currently sit, and where we would like to be by this time next year. I'm sure you will agree with me that we have some very exciting times ahead.

It is important for me here to formally thank several of the people and structures which have been essential to the growth.

First and foremost the Te Kākano trustees, both current and past, on their invaluable work to date. It really is a credit to them that we stand here in an excellent position to get the nursery up and running with the current seed collection period.

Thanks also must go to the Sargood Bequest, whose commitment and belief in this project is evidenced by their outstanding financial support over the last two years, and to John and Jill Blennerhassett who, once again with extraordinary generosity, have provided a very special piece of land to site the nursery on.

Our founding documents – our identity, governance structure and strategic plan were brought together at the start of 2007 by Gerald Davies. These documents have issued us with several clear statements of intent, a strong sense of identity and an excellent base from which to proceed.

Finally, to the many people and groups who have helped us along the way and who have shared with us their enthusiasm towards the project.

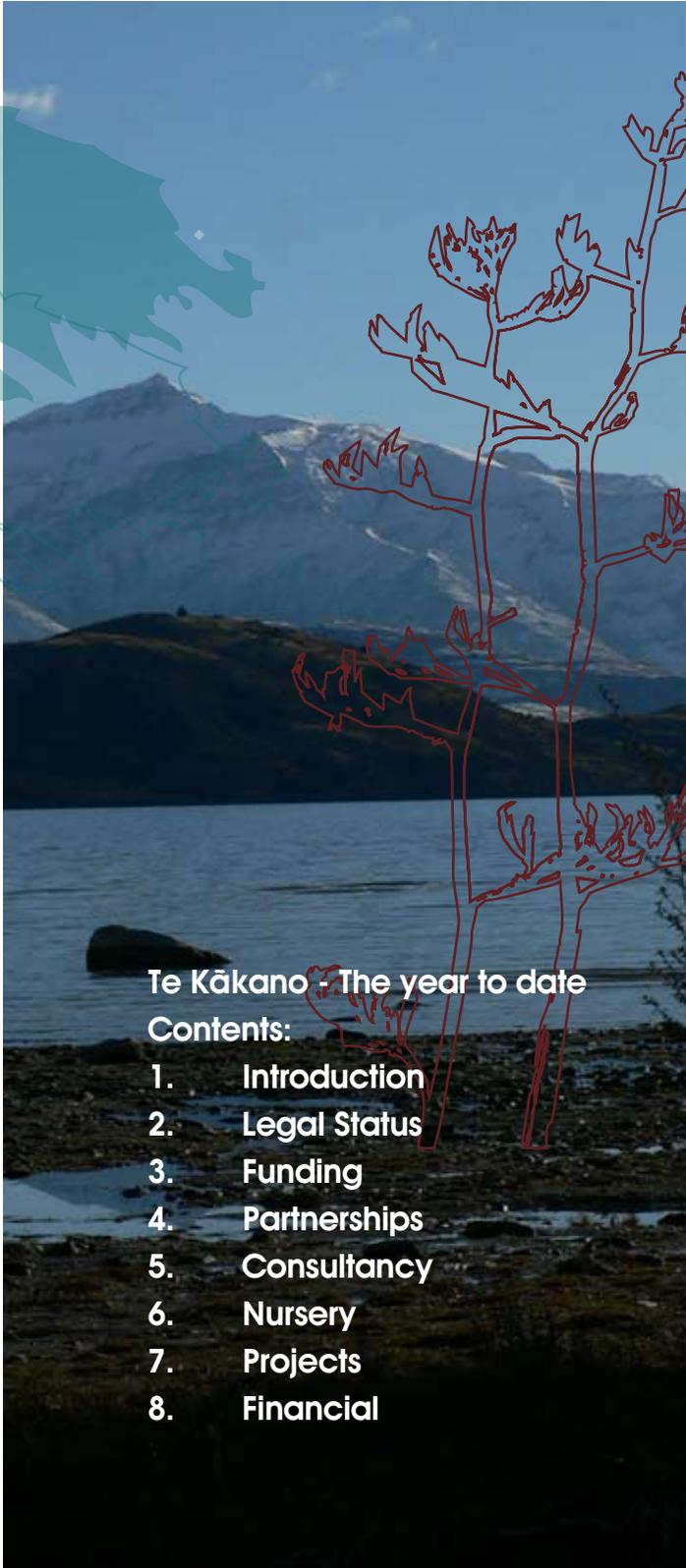
As a community, it is becoming increasingly obvious that we need to create a stronger link between the environment and humanity. In the following report you will find Te Kākano's vision; that by supporting communities in fostering healthy lands and waterways, we can do just that.

With kind regards and best wishes for a great year ahead,



Nick Mills
Chair
Te Kākano





Te Kākano - The year to date

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1. Introduction

Vision

Hands on community land care

Purpose

The core purpose of Te Kākano Aotearoa Trust is to support communities in fostering healthy lands and waterways so as to create a stronger link between the environment and humanity

Mission

To develop a successful, transposable model for community-based nurseries which can service large-scale restoration projects and, through education and hands-on participation, inspire the community to become closer to the land

To encourage other communities; local, regional, national, global – to adapt this model to their own lands.

The Name Te Kākano: The seed

To plant a seed of environmental stewardship, to help it grow and bear the fruit, to assist other communities to take the seeds of this fruit and plant them in their own land.

Values

1. Community focus, community involvement, community spirit
2. Practical ethos towards healthy land and healthy water
3. Co-operation, communication, inspiration
4. Sustainable principles and practices
5. Organic principles and practices
6. Thinking globally, acting locally
7. The use and development of simple concepts which are easily modelled & easily replicated
8. Enthusiasm, commitment, honesty
9. Environmental responsibility, the love of the earth
10. Integrity in all actions

2. Legal Status

Te Kākano Aotearoa Trust Inc. is an Incorporated society of NZ.

See Appendix Attached.

Te Kākano has applied to the New Zealand Charities Commission to become a registered charity. This confirmation of this is currently still pending; we do not expect to attain this status until mid 2008.

3. Funding

Significant and ongoing funding has been secured from the Sargood Bequest, a Dunedin-based philanthropic trust. We can state with gratitude that it is entirely through this funding that Te Kākano has operated to date.

Whilst the Sargood Bequest have indicated that they are committed towards the set up of the Te Kākano project, the Te Kākano trustees understand that, in its vision of seeding other community nursery projects and maintaining financial sustainability, it will become important to source funding from a variety of resources and to generate independent and ongoing income streams.

Current Trustees

Matthew Davidson, Accountant, Sorted Accounting Ltd

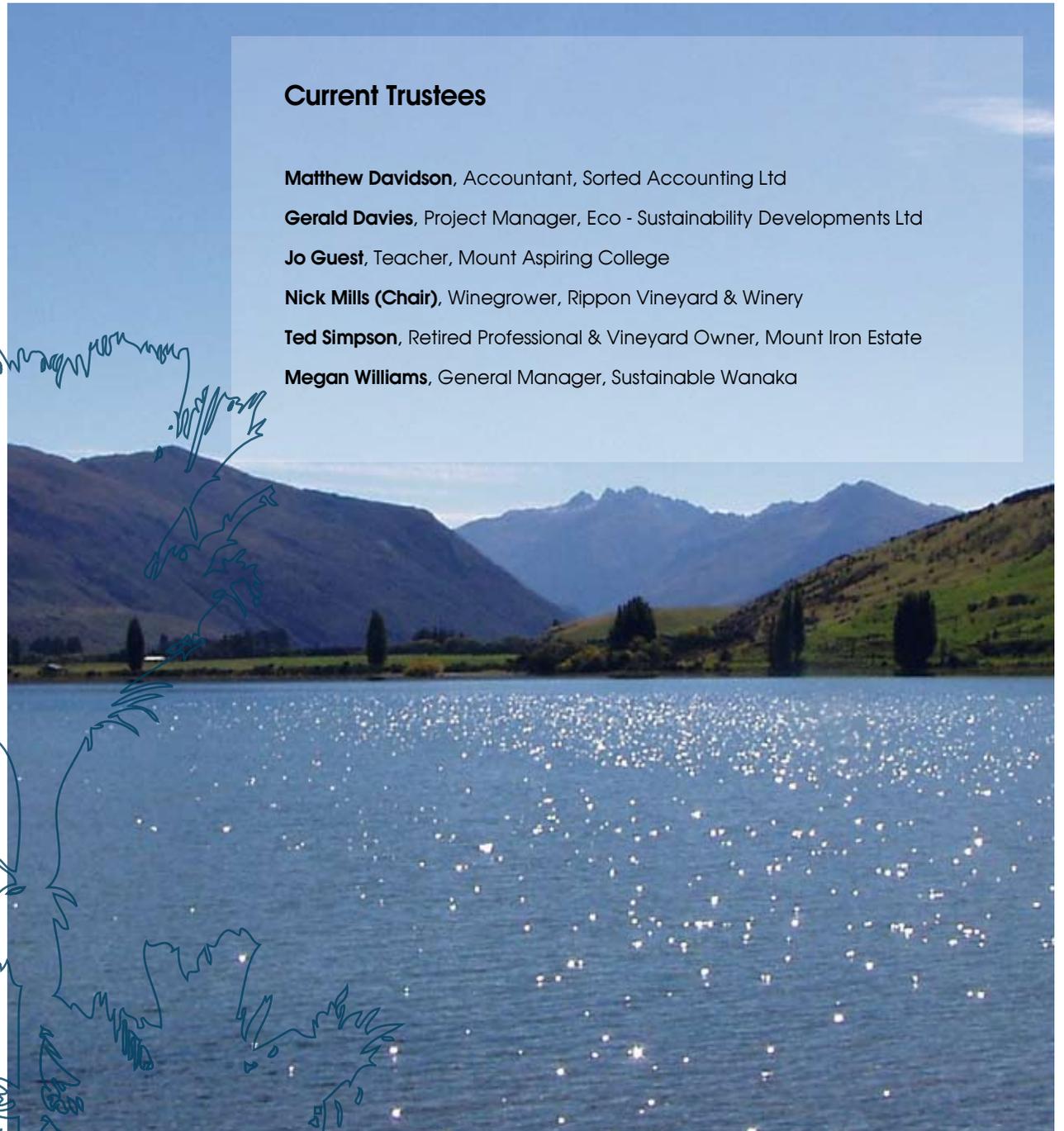
Gerald Davies, Project Manager, Eco - Sustainability Developments Ltd

Jo Guest, Teacher, Mount Aspiring College

Nick Mills (Chair), Winegrower, Rippon Vineyard & Winery

Ted Simpson, Retired Professional & Vineyard Owner, Mount Iron Estate

Megan Williams, General Manager, Sustainable Wanaka



4. Partnerships

The success of the Te Kākano project depends on the wealth of human input it receives, not just from its trustees, management and volunteers, but also from its supporters from other community groups and government organisations.

Below is a list of the relationships Te Kākano has been nurturing, along with statements of support from senior members of the groups concerned.

The Sargood Bequest

The Sargood Bequest is a philanthropic trust established in 1939 by Sir Percy Sargood. Sir Percy had a great affinity with the Dunedin and Central Otago communities over many years and contributed to the well being of both individuals and the community. The objectives of the Sargood Bequest are to support and encourage a wide variety of charitable causes. The current trustees have a particular focus on specific funding categories, namely children/youth, cultural, education, environmental and sports/outdoor. At a trustees' meeting in August 2005 it was agreed to fund an investigation into the establishment of a native nursery to inspire native regeneration with an educational element and community involvement which subsequently evolved into Te Kākano. The bequest's chair, Michael Ewen writes "It is fitting that the Sargood Bequest support and

encourages the objectives of Te Kākano as they mirror many of The bequest's funding criteria and objectives, including access, participation and inspiration. The Sargood Bequest is delighted to assist Te Kākano with its venture and looks forward to ongoing liaison."

Sustainable Wanaka

Sustainable Wanaka, a trust that itself has a vision recognising that we live in one of the most pristine and unique areas in New Zealand, actively promotes and manages the integration of ecological, social, economic and cultural goals for our community's sustainable development. Sustainable Wanaka is an organisation that works co-operatively to inspire and provide guidance for the benefit of the environment and future generations.

John Beattie the trust's chair writes, "The work that Te Kākano is doing fits our aims and is fully supported by Sustainable Wanaka. We wish Te Kākano every success in getting its nursery and subsequent activities flourishing and we look forward to working co-operatively together."

Clutha Mata-Au River Parkway

The Clutha Mata-Au River Parkway (CMRP) is the largest river conservation project in New

Zealand. The Parkway Group is a society of some 15 river stakeholders including the Department of Conservation, the QLDC, the CODC, Fish & Game, Forest & Bird and others who are working to establish a regional river park and trail to run the entire length (338kms) of the Clutha River. The trail itself will become Otago's longest single trail, providing significant economic and recreational benefits to the river communities and the region, while facilitating great community participation in river corridor improvement and management.

Lewis Verduyn, Chairperson of the CMRP Group writes "Te Kākano conservation nursery compliments our conservation objectives and as such has our full support. We look to working with you (TK) in the future."

Department of Conservation

The Department of Conservation is the central government organisation charged with conserving the natural and historic heritage of New Zealand on behalf of and for the benefit of present and future New Zealanders. Its mission is "to conserve New Zealand's natural and historic heritage for all to enjoy now and in the future".

Paul Hellebrekers, Area Manager for the Department

of Conservation in Wanaka writes that “The Te Kākano Conservation Nursery will complement our conservation work and objectives and thus has our support. I hope the trust is successful in obtaining funding and implementing this exciting project and I look forward to working with them in the future.”

Otago Regional Council

The Otago Regional Council’s aim is to promote the sustainable development and enhancement of Otago’s Resources, working to ensure that these unique resources are used in a way that preserves them for future generations. As well as looking after the environment, the ORC takes into account the people of Otago - their economic, cultural and social needs.

John Threlfall, the ORC Director of Environmental Information and Science, writes that “the Te Kākano nursery project values and vision fit in very well with the biodiversity principles of the Council. We certainly support Te Kākano’s activities and especially the commitment to action. We look forward to working with them in the future”.

Queenstown Lakes District Council

The QLDC works on many projects throughout its area that deal with conservation initiatives from wetland restoration areas to high country management. Council’s main focus is creating sustainable communities for its residents to live in and creating and open spaces both developed and natural for social and environmental purposes.

Gordon Bailey, QLDC’s Parks Manager writes, “The council is keen to develop a close relationship in the future with the Te Kākano conservation nursery to further enhance the district.”

Guardians of Lake Wanaka

The Guardians of Lake Wanaka are a group of people appointed by the Minister of Conservation to act as watch-dogs and to provide advice on preserving the pristine environment of Lake Wanaka. This includes maintaining water quality and protecting lake levels from manipulation. Promoting the preservation of the foreshore vegetation is a key option towards maintaining the water quality.

The Guardians endorse the Te Kākano native plant nursery proposal. The Guardians Chair, Peter Hook writes, “This excellent initiative would provide a quantity of locally sourced plants for foreshore restoration projects and would make a significant contribution to the preservation of the Lake Wanaka environment.”

Royal Forest & Bird Protection Society

The Upper Clutha branch of the Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Inc. has the preservation and conservation of New Zealand’s natural heritage as one of their primary goals. Nationwide they have over 30,000 members and as a society they are involved in dozens of conservation projects in different parts of the country. In the Upper Clutha they are active in the control of stoats and rats along the Makarora to Haast Highway, the restoration of the Lindis Pass Scenic Reserve, weed control and restoration of the foreshore of Lake Hawea and the revegetation of the Waterfall Creek- Millennium Track portion of Lake Wanaka.

In a letter expressing the society’s whole-hearted support for the Te Kākano project, its secretary, Angela Brown wrote, “We have an ongoing need for plants of local genetic stock to carry out habitat restoration and the Te Kākano Nursery would be a valuable source for suitable material.”

Wanaka Springs Trust

The newly formed Wanaka Community Springs Trust Inc. (WCST) seek to create a special natural springs water feature with a landscaped and native plant garden area for the benefit and well being of Wanaka residents and visitors. Among their primary objectives the trust also aims to promote and support the conservation, enhancement and sustainable management of the water resources of the area.

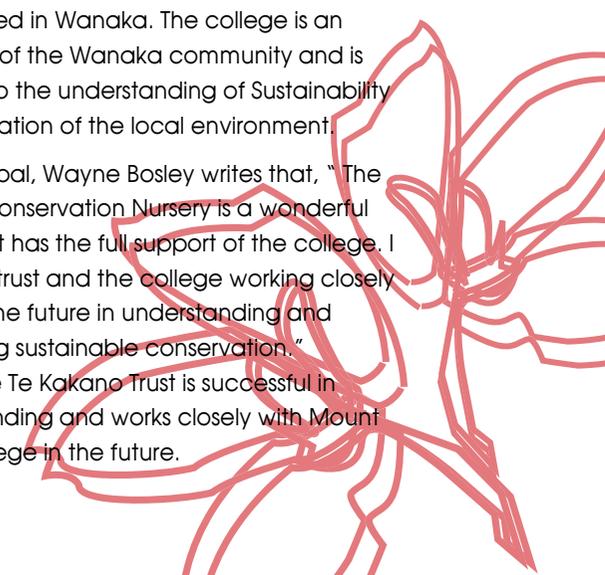
The WCST supports the objectives of Te Kākano. As Paul Kerridge, one of its trustees writes, “We believe that Te Kākano will provide a great resource for a large number of community groups and a variety of projects, all working to conserve and enhance our local environment. Once fully established the nursery will assist and enable conservation and enhancement ideas to develop into full projects, such as our own Natural Springs project. Accordingly we wish Te Kākano every success in its endeavors and look forward to a very positive working relationship.”

Mount Aspiring College

Mount Aspiring College is a Year 7-13 Composite school situated in Wanaka. The college is an integral part of the Wanaka community and is committed to the understanding of Sustainability and Appreciation of the local environment.

Acting Principal, Wayne Bosley writes that, “The Te Kākano Conservation Nursery is a wonderful concept that has the full support of the college. I can see the trust and the college working closely together in the future in understanding and implementing sustainable conservation.”

We hope the Te Kākano Trust is successful in obtaining funding and works closely with Mount Aspiring College in the future.





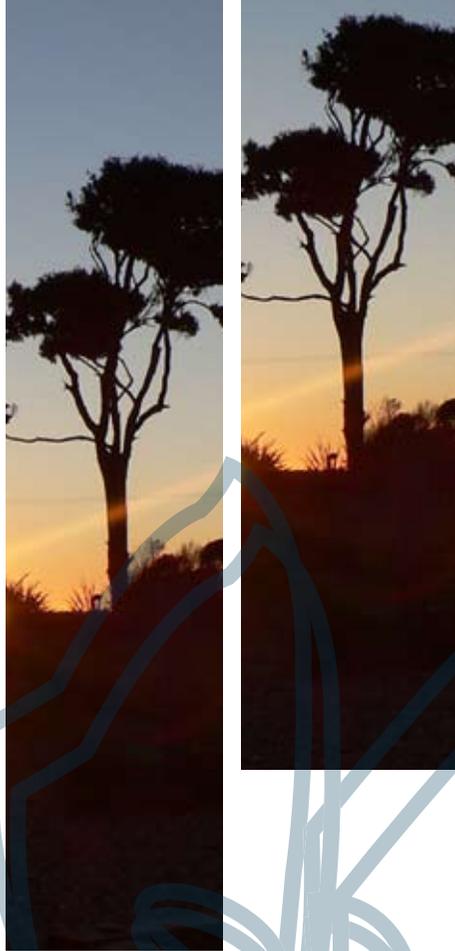
5. Consultancy

Jo Wakelin

Senior lecturer in Horticulture at Otago Polytechnic Cromwell Campus, Jo has been invaluable to Te Kākano at crucial steps along the way. Her knowledge, experience and realistic views regarding nursery set-up, staffing and project orientation is unsurpassable and her continued support and enthusiasm is highly valued.

Peter Johnson

A renowned local botanist, Peter has been close to the project since its inception. He has offered his encouragement and advice in its set up phase and has confirmed that he will be on hand to consult our nursery manager on matters of ecology.



6. Nursery

Nursery Land

Barn Pinch Farm, located on the western shores of Roy's Bay, is owned by Jill & John Blennerhassett. The Blennerhassetts have, with great generosity, offered an area of their land, a terrace bordered by a protected stand of kanuka, to be developed into a nursery.

As John and Jill have said, "Quite simply, we are very excited to be able to support a project that has such a strong base in responsible land care. We are really very impressed with the calibre of the people involved and have every confidence that this going to be an outstanding success."

It should be noted that the Blennerhassett family has already gifted considerable portions of their lands to the Wanaka community. They have also spent a huge amount of time and effort in planting out their farm with trees and as such provide inspiration to all involved in this project.

It is with gratitude and conviction that we will build and operate the Te Kākano nursery on this site.

Nursery Design

The design of this nursery has been developed to ensure that it can be easily duplicated by other community groups that may wish to mirror the Te Kākano concept. This has been done by using common, readily available products and materials. It is also designed considering possible relocation in the future.

Surfaces:

- Ground preparation will be a basic cut and fill to produce a level area for the nursery compound
- The Parking area will be covered in gravel to ensure that the excavated area is tidy and doesn't get muddy. Respect for the land and the first impression is very important

- The nursery area itself will be covered in weed matting to ensure weed control and will keep a tidy surface for the plants to grow. This is done by stretching out the matting and pinning it with weed mat pins

Fencing/Boundary:

- Compound area bounded by deer fencing with the addition of wind/shade cloth and rabbit netting to protect the plants from weather, pests and potential intruders.

Buildings:

- A converted shipping container (donated) with a dividing wall, windows and door.
- Storage/tool shed at one end and an office/information/meeting/morning tea room for staff and volunteers at the other.
- Repainted in Karaka (dark green) to conform with local environment. All work done has been undertaken by a professional container company (CSL) at cost price.

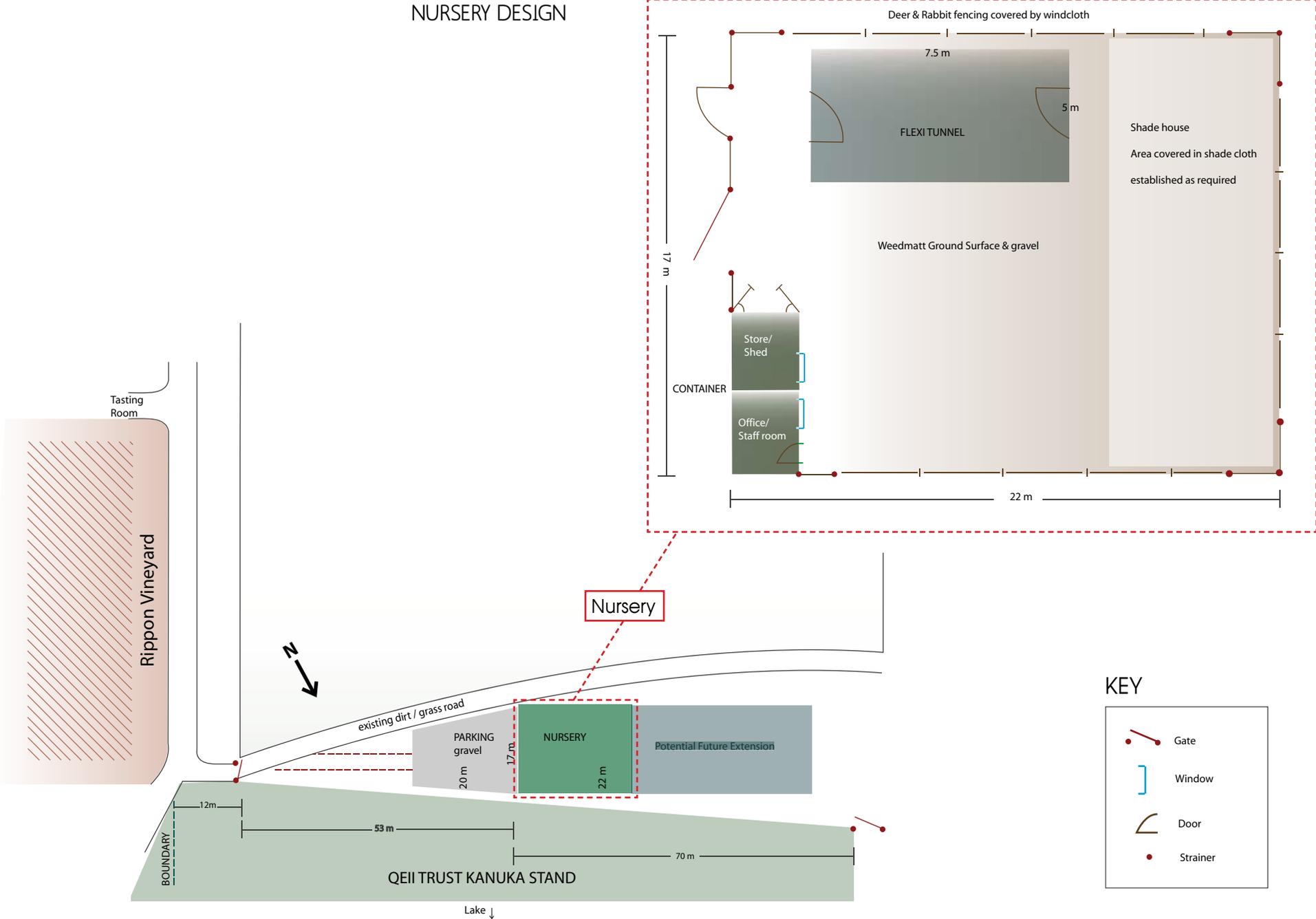
Propagation Room:

- Modular tunnel house has been chosen for its versatility and to allow for the nurseries future expansion.
- Excellent through ventilation, roll up sides and a roof vent to remove heat in hot weather.
- Simple construction and disassembly

Irrigation:

- Designed by experienced local company
- Battery rechargeable powered system is being used so the nursery does not have to invest in additional infrastructure with power.
- The irrigation system will be installed using volunteers under the guidance of Irrigation Services staff.

NURSERY DESIGN



KEY

-  Gate
-  Window
-  Door
-  Strainer

Nursery Construction

To commence in March 2008, the nursery will be constructed in such a way as to accommodate further, anticipated expansion and the directives of its resource consent status. The nursery manager, Andrew Penniket and Te Kākano trustee, Ted Simpson will supervise the construction once all the materials have been sourced and delivered. Wanaka is blessed with many enthusiastic volunteer supporters of community beautification schemes. It is envisaged that some of these people will be identified and approached to assist in the construction of the nursery. Completion target date is April 30 2008.

Nursery Manager

The position of Nursery Manager was, at the end of 2007, advertised nationally in the Commercial Horticulture Magazine, on www.nursery.net.nz and ODT and locally in the Wanaka Messenger.

Andrew Penniket was appointed recently as Te Kākano nursery manager. Andrew has set up and runs his own one hectare vineyard together with his wife Sue. He has excellent botanical knowledge of the Upper Clutha and has already instigated a replanting programme for Wanaka's Millennium track. He is involved in a number of local boards and groups

including the Otago Conservation Board, Forest and Bird Society, Guardians of Lake Wanaka and Mount Aspiring College. Andrew has had extensive experience in plant propagation, including weed and pest control, managing and motivating volunteers as well as raising funds for conservation causes.

The Te Kākano board is happy and excited to have someone of Andrew's calibre and character engaged in this position.



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7. Revegetation

Te Kākano has been approached by several local groups who have put forward potential revegetation projects.

Accordingly, the Te Kākano trustees have developed a set of internal selection criteria to evaluate a prospective site's potential for successful restoration according to its current need and long term viability.

Site specific

- Water (access to)
- Climate
- Vegetation
- Soils
- Distance from nursery
- Size
- Development timeline
- Disaster risk
- Immediacy

Community

- Recreation
- Accessibility
- Stakeholder opportunities
- Education
- Other groups/ Partners

Financial

- Cost
- Existing Funding

Legal

- Charitable
- Public Amenity
- Public access
- Land use

Profile

- Visibility
- Proximity to town
- Landscape

Fit with TK

- Vision
- Mission
- Values
- Strategic
- Achievability

Key Strategies for 2008

- Engage an experienced Nursery Manager.
- Set up and operate a functional, low-infrastructure nursery which will have the ability to expand according to demand.
- Involve the community, both in terms of construction, operations and the restoration of public amenity land.
- Create and maintain public identity through press-releases and web site.
- Maintain and strengthen both existing and new relationships with its key stakeholders and community groups.
- By the end of 2008 Te Kākano aims to hold a minimum inventory of 5,000 healthy, eco-sourced native plants.
- Maintain accurate and transparent record keeping.



7. Financials

Budget See Appendix

Profit & Loss

Profit and Loss

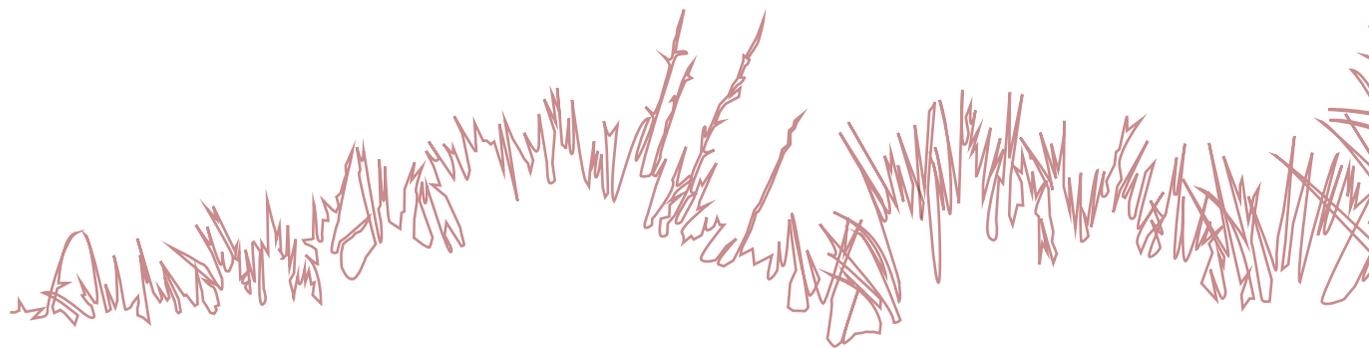
Te Kakano Aotearoa Trust For the 12 months ended 31 December 2007

Account	Dec-07
Income	
Donations	24,303.63
Interest Income	267.71
Total Income	24,571.34
Gross Profit	24,571.34
Less Overheads	
Accountancy	275.35
Bank Fees	16.70
Insurance	140.40
Light, Power, Heating	35.13
Meeting Expenses	63.00
Printing & Stationery	537.48
Rent	999.60
Telephone & Internet	174.99
Total Overheads	2,242.65
Total Expenses	2,242.65
Net Profit	22,328.69

Balance Sheet

Te Kakano Aotearoa Trust As at 31 December 2007

	31/12/2007
Assets	
Bank	
Te Kakano Trust - Now	1,531.50
Te Kakano Trust - Savings	12,163.31
Total Bank	13,694.81
Fixed Assets	
Preliminary Setup Expenses	8,925.23
Total Fixed Assets	8,925.23
Total Assets	22,620.04
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	395.75
Income Tax	(104.40)
Total Current Liabilities	291.35
Total Liabilities	291.35
Net Assets	22,328.69
Equity	
Current Year Earnings	22,328.69
Total Equity	22,328.69



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