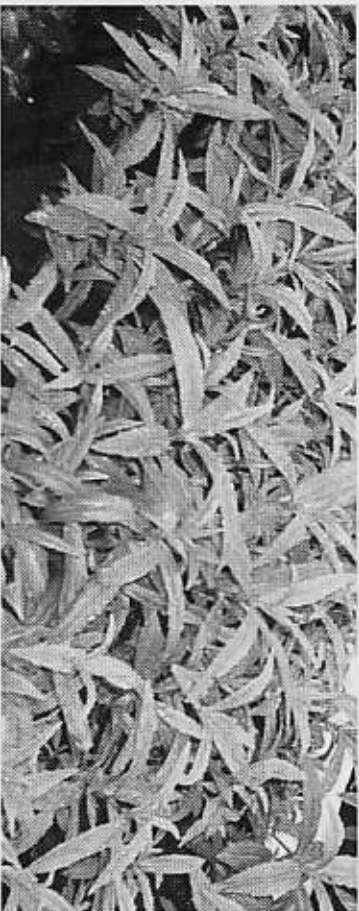


# Annual Report 2008



# Introduction

## **The Name Te Kāhano: 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.

## **Purpose**

The core purpose of Te Kāhano 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 largescale 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.

## **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

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# Welcome

Another very full year has passed at Te Kakano. At times, with our heads down, focussed on the tasks at hand, we're often too close to assess accurately how well we're meeting our targets and whether we are still projecting ourselves in the right direction. This reporting process is therefore extremely useful, not just for letting our friends and followers know where we stand, but for taking a good long introspective look at ourselves; getting down on paper exactly what we have already accomplished, what we hope to achieve and for refocusing on who we are.

It is with great pleasure and satisfaction therefore, that we present the 2009 Te Kakano Annual Report to you. In its pages you will find details of the milestones reached, our nursery operations, financial statements and, looking forward, our key strategies, projects and operations budgets for 2009.

In brief, some of the most notable highlights of the last 12 months are:

- Nursery built and operational
- Creation of support and funding network through friends of Te Kakano project
- Establishment of a strong volunteer working group
- Propagation of several thousand healthy native seedlings
- First restoration project identified and feasibility report commissioned
- Official opening of the nursery by QLDC Deputy Mayor, John Wilson

It is clear that we have already realized a great deal of the Te Kakano vision. For this, special thanks must firstly go to the Sargood Bequest and all our friends, volunteers and supporters who have been indispensable in getting the project off the ground. I am confident that everyone involved feels as contented with the progress as I and the other trustees do.

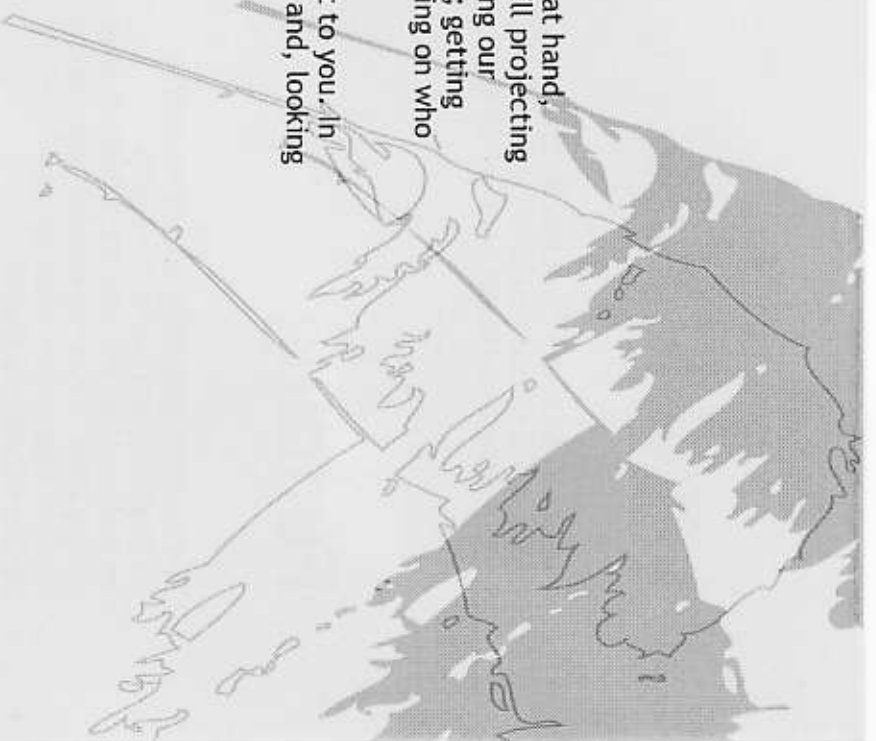
There is of course still plenty of work to do. Besides repeating all the collection and propagation work again this year, there is the hardening off of our current stock, the re-introduction of the plants to their native habitat and their care and protection once in it.

We look forward to working alongside you for the next 12 months.

With best wishes for another great year ahead.



Nick Mills, Chair



# Legal Status

Te Kākano Aotearoa Trust Inc. is an Incorporated Society and was registered with the NZ Charities Commission on 20 April 2008 (Number CC23553). Te Kākano is considered as a charitable organisation by the Inland Revenue Department and is exempt from income tax, in addition, any donations to Te Kākano are exempt from gift duty.

# Funding

The trustees gratefully acknowledge the Sargood Bequest for its continued commitment as Te Kākano's primary funder during 2008. Their support has allowed the Trust to take major steps forward in setting up the community nursery.

In 2007's annual report the trustees stated 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." The first step to achieving this was the creation of the "Friends of Te Kākano" programme which enables Te Kākano's supporters to contribute directly to the Trust's activities. This programme was successfully launched in conjunction with the Trust's website and the opening of the community nursery in November 2008 and raised \$990 in its first two months.



Jo Guest, Megan Williams, Andrew Penhiet (Nursery Manager), Nick Mills (Chair), Sophie Ward (Admin), Matthew Davidson

## Current Trustees

Matthew Davidson, Accountant, Sorted Accounting Ltd  
Jo Guest, Teacher, Mount Aspiring College  
Nick Mills (Chair), Winegrower, Rippon Vineyard & Winery  
Megan Williams, Consultant, Sustainable Wanaka

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

# Nursery Operations

This year saw the transformation of a bare corner of paddock into a fully functioning native plant nursery containing several thousand young plants, all raised on site and sourced from local genetic stock (eco-sourced).

Autumn 2008 saw extensive collections of seeds from a number of locations around Wanaka, in particular along the Millennium Track and around Ironside Hill, Glendhu Bluffs Conservation Area and around the Matukituki Gorge area.

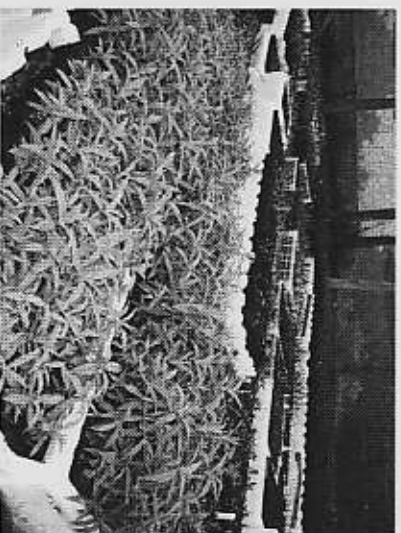
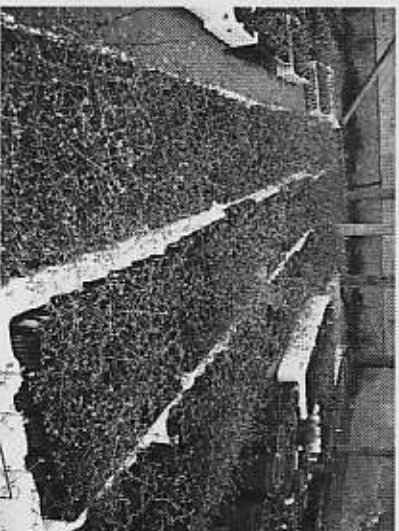
Winter was taken up with levelling a site, taking delivery of the container and erection of posts, netting and windbreak material. The tunnel-house arrived in September and is now erected although it was too late to be of use for the winter.

In spring, focus switched to sowing seeds and care of the seedlings. On November 8th we held the official opening of the nursery which was very well attended and enjoyed by all. Arising from this publicity we received a stream of keen volunteers, mostly on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. Numbers fluctuated depending on clashes with other events etc peaking at 13 but typically averaging 3-5 people. Volunteers have proven to be crucial to the operation and are rewarded with a strong sense of satisfaction at watching the plants grow and knowing they are contributing to the future well being of the foreshore.

We now have a total of twenty species in propagation: matagouri, kowhai, manuka, kanuka, putaputaweta, kapuka, porcupine shrub, lancewood, matagouri, mikimiki grey, mikimiki red, Carmichaelia, flax, kohuhu, mahoe, Hebe salicifolia, cabbage tree, Olearia avicennifolia, Lophomyrtus and ribbonwood. Numbers range from five (matagouri) to approximately 2200 (cabbage tree), with a total number in either root trainers, pots or bags, of approximately 7,181 individually potted plants.

Growth of some of these has been so rapid that several hundred will be ready for planting out this winter/spring 2009, considerably earlier than anticipated. We will easily be able to achieve our initial goal of providing several thousand plants a year for restoration projects around the region and we continue to enjoy strong support and community interest. A huge vote of thanks to all the volunteers, trustees and sponsors for their generous help and support.

Andrew Penniket, Nursery manager



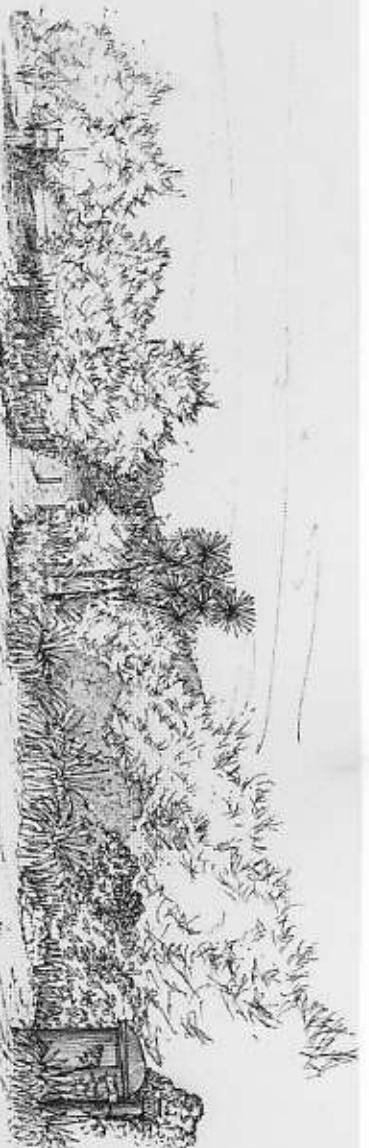
# Projects

## Waterfall Creek Project

The area surrounding the outlet of Waterfall Creek into Lake Wanaka has been identified as Te Kakano's first re-vegetation project.

Anne Steven provided an initial concept plan and has since been engaged to provide a full planting plan for the project site.

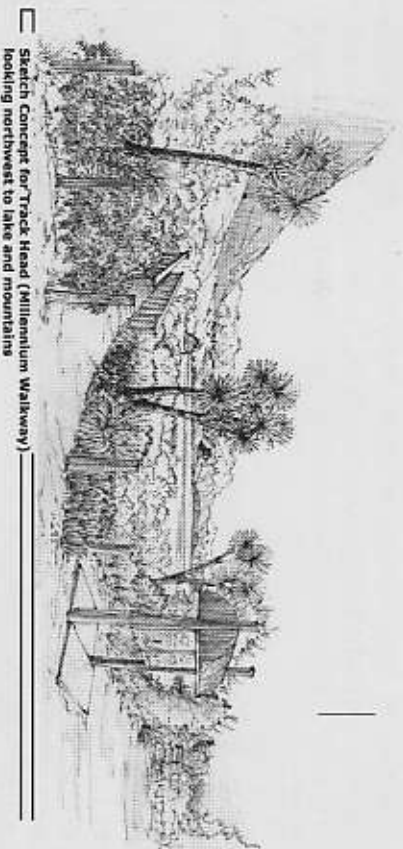
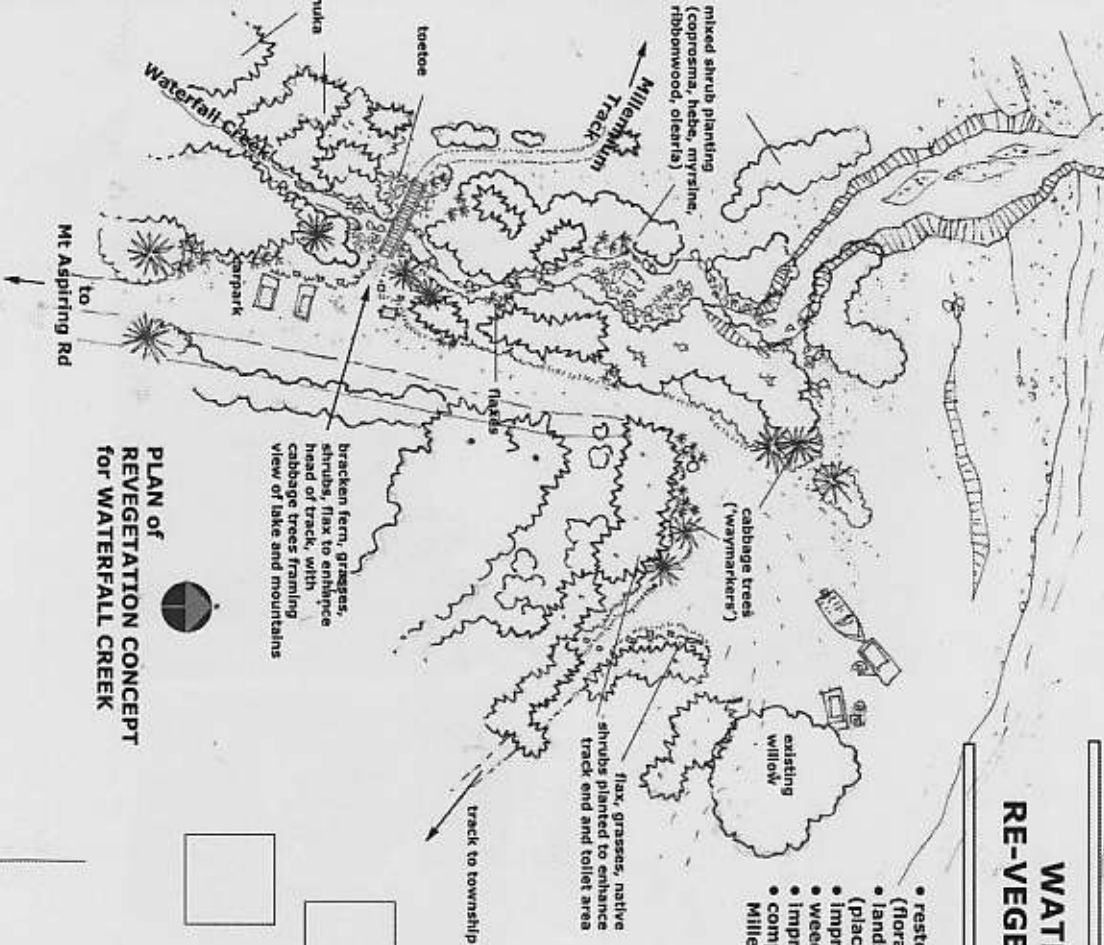
The Department of Conservation administer this area and have indicated that they would view a re-vegetation proposal favourably. Further discussions will take place once the planting plan has been completed.



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## WATERFALL CREEK RE-VEGETATION PROJECT

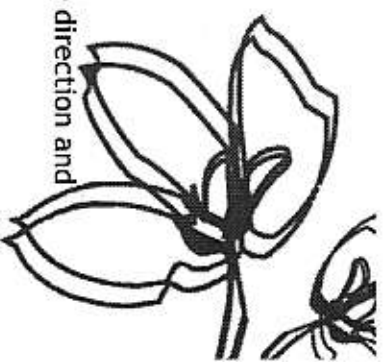
- restoring indigenous biodiversity (flora and fauna)
- landscape character (place "Wanaka, Upper Clutha")
- improved stream margin management
- weed control
- improved visual values
- complements existing Millennium Walkway planting



Sketch Concept for Track Head (Millennium Walkway) looking northwest to lake and mountains

# Performance

In the 2007 Annual Report the trustees highlighted their key outcomes for 2008. These outcomes, based on our strategic plan, give direction and focus for the Trust's activities and provide a means to measure the Trust's performance.



Key Outcomes for 2008	Status	Measuring 2008's Achievements
1. Engage an experienced Nursery Manager.	Successful	Andrew Penniket has been is contracted by the trustees 20 hours per week.
2. Set up and operate a functional, low-infrastructure nursery which will have the ability to expand according to demand.	Successful	A 1200m <sup>2</sup> area of the available land was set up as a nursery comprising 182m <sup>2</sup> of shade house, a 35m <sup>2</sup> tunnelhouse and 18m <sup>2</sup> of amenity buildings. The nursery has been built on a modular basis to enable it to expand as required.
3. Involve the community, both in terms of construction, operations and the restoration of public amenity land.	Successful	Over 150 members of the local community were invited to the official launch of the nursery which was opened by Councillor & Deputy Mayor John Wilson in November. A core group of volunteers have been assisting Andrew Penniket on a regular basis with 36 volunteers contributing 213 hours over an 11 week period.
4. Create and maintain public identity through press-releases and web site.	Successful	Te Kākano was well represented in the local and regional media, with stories, articles and adverts published in The Wanaka Sun, The Wanaka Messenger, The Southland Times and The Otago Daily Times. <a href="http://www.tekakano.org.nz">www.tekakano.org.nz</a> was launched in November 2008, a one page site providing information about Te Kākano and a link to the online donations page.
5. Maintain and strengthen both existing and new relationships with its key stakeholders and community groups.	Successful	Although much of 2008's focus was on the development of infrastructure, the Trust has identified its first re-vegetation project and has been working with DOC to secure the necessary permits to commence this project. QLCD has given the Trust permission to collect seed and take cuttings from land it manages.
6. By the end of 2008 Te Kākano aims to hold a minimum inventory of 5,000 healthy, eco-sourced native plants.	Successful	By the end of 2008 the nursery had grown-on approximately 7,181 individually potted plants comprising the following twenty varieties: matagouri, kowhai, manuka, kanuka, putaputaweta, kapuka, porcupine shrub, lancewood, matagouri, mikimiki grey, mikimiki red, Carmichaella, flax, kohuhu, mahoe, Hebe salicifolia, cabbage tree, Olearia avicennifolia, Lophomyrtus and ribbonwood.
7. Maintain accurate and transparent record keeping.	Successful	Te Kākano has been registered with the Charities Commission and the 2008 accounts will be filed made available online following the AGM via their website.



# 2009 Strategy

## **1. Infrastructure:**

Develop Te Kākano's infrastructure to incorporate three interlinking components of a plant nursery, reference gardens and education centre.

## **2. Restoration Projects:**

Identify & undertake appropriate restoration projects.

## **3. Volunteer Network:**

Develop a dynamic volunteer network which fosters and maintains a healthy community spirit.

## **4. Education:**

To provide educational opportunities to local groups, individuals and institutions.

## **5. Community Relationships:**

Build relationships with individuals & groups to enhance the trust's ability to add value to the community.

## **6. Best Practice Modelling:**

To incorporate best practice into Te Kākano's strategies and actions and to create a transposable model of the Trust's achievements.

## **7. Trust Capability & Capacity:**

Ensure Te Kakano has the capability and capacity to deliver on the Strategic Plan.



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