



**TREES**  
for Survival

PLANTING DAY REPORT 2024  
Moanataiari School  
and Thames Coromandel District Council



Together, we planted 1,000 native plants, well done!

Thank you for your commitment in supporting students to grow and plant native trees.  
Together we are having a positive impact through environmental education and ecological restoration.





## PLANTING DAY SUMMARY:

20 Jun 2024 at 101 Kuranui St. Thames

Moanataiari school first planting. YAY! An association with Thames Coromandel District Council on Burkes Stream with Rotary as great supporting planters.

Two large groups of 30 students in sequential plantings. Students will be able to follow the rakau in a taiao that is part of their daily life.

Lets build the vision of supporting the future plantings in and around Thames, replacing privet/wattles, and looking to integrate our connections by recloaking papatuanuku.

TfS Facilitator: Tim Cruickshank

Teacher: Claire Nankivell

No. of Students: 60

No. of Teachers: 4

No. of Parents, Landowners & Others: 8

Length of waterway planted: 120m





## 200 x Kānuka

*(Kunzea robusta)*

Kanuka is a larger growing tree than the similar looking manuka, growing up to 15m tall with beautiful white aromatic flowers in summer and leathery strips of bark. It is a great colonizer and provides a canopy for slower growing native species. It provides good perching places for birds.



## 200 x Māhoe

*(Whiteywood/Melicytus ramiflorus)*

Mahoe is a fast-growing small tree, common throughout NZ. It grows up to 10m with distinct serrated leaf margins and violet to dark purple berries in summer which birds are fond of. Mahoe has a high tensile root system making it an ideal stabilizer but it doesn't like frost or strong winds.



## 100 x Tī Kōuka

*(Cabbage Tree / Cordyline australis)*

One of our most iconic native plants. Ti Kouka trees prefer open wet areas and swamps and their large taproot helps reduce soil erosion. Flowers are enjoyed by insects and birds. It has the fastest growing root system over 5 years than any other species. It belongs to the lily family.



## 200 x Harakeke

*(Flax / Phormium tenax)*

Found throughout NZ, flax grows well in a wide range of habitats but favours wetlands and open riversides. Its flower stalks can grow up to 4m tall and tui and bellbird are especially fond of the nectar.



## 100 x Upokotangata

*(Giant Umbrella Sedge / Cyperus ustulatus)*

Abundant throughout NZ, it grows well in damp open areas like stream sides or wetlands where it makes great nesting habitat for aquatic birds. Growing up to 2m tall dark brown seed heads makes it easy to identify.



## 200 x Purei

*(Carex secta / Pukio)*

This sedge is widespread in wetlands throughout NZ and grows into distinct tussocks with a trunk like base. It can grow to 1.5m in height and has long drooping leaves and flower spikes. It prefers still water and can grow in water.



## What is Trees for Survival Charitable Trust?

Trees for Survival Charitable Trust is a Rotary initiated project now supporting over 230 schools and local communities across Aotearoa New Zealand to grow and plant native trees along waterways and environmentally at-risk sites.

Through hands on learning, our environmental education programme provides the opportunity for students to have a positive impact on their local environment.

## Trees for Survival Donation & Membership

From \$7.00 you can support the growing and planting of a native plant in NZ by TfS students. For donation and membership options visit us at [www.tfsnz.org.nz/donate](http://www.tfsnz.org.nz/donate)

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