



PLANTING DAY REPORT 2025

Moanataiari School with Elle & Gavin Lawrence



Together, we grew and planted 1000 native plants!

Thank you for your commitment to environmental education and the growing and planting of native trees. Together our actions are having a positive impact on environmental restoration.





PLANTING DAY SUMMARY:

23 Jul 2025 at 46 Maratoto Rd, Hikutaia

Rakau grown by Moanataiari School were outstanding, and the team that came to plant can be proud to say they came to represent the school at the Lawrence's Hikutaia planting site.

The weather was beautiful, the timings worked well, reminding us that just a small stop for refreshments can refuel tinana and hinengaro.

As focus turns to the new seedlings, for our 2026 plantings, lets pull together to replace Privet with rakau more suited to the Thames surrounds.

TfS Facilitator: Tim Cruickshank

Teacher: Deborah Trenwith

12 Students

6 Sponsors





350 x Tī Kōuka

(Cabbage Tree / Cordyline australis)

One of our most iconic native plants. Tī Kouka trees prefer open wet areas and swamps, and their large taproot helps stop 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.



160 x Karamū

(Coprosma robusta)

Common throughout NZ and easily recognized by its bright orange ripe fruit. This bushy shrub grows to 6m tall and provides food for birds in winter. It easily self-seeds which makes it a great plant for many restoration projects.



160 x Mānuka

(Leptospermum scoparium)

Manuka is great for restoration projects as it is common through NZ, hardy and tolerant of a range of habitats from wetlands to dry slopes. It is a good nursery crop, food source for birds and insects and honey produced from its flowers has strong antibacterial qualities.



170 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.



160 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.





What is Trees for Survival Charitable Trust?

Trees for Survival Charitable Trust is a Rotary initiated project now supporting over 250 schools and local communities across Aotearoa New Zealand to grow and plant native trees along waterways and on environmentally at-risk sites.

Through action based learning, our environmental education programme provides the opportunity for school communities to have a positive impact on their local environment.

Trees for Survival Donation & Membership

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