

Natural and Cultural Heritage Grant Application - Kauri 2000 Charitable Trust

TO	Mercury Bay Community Board
FROM	Heather Bruce - Community Manager
DATE	30 May 2018
SUBJECT	Natural and Cultural Heritage Grant Application - Kauri 2000 Charitable Trust

1 Purpose of report

To consider an application from Kauri 2000 Charitable Trust (The Trust) for a Natural and Cultural Heritage grant of \$4,620 towards the completion of the Coromandel Film Collective documentary about the Kauri of New Zealand.

2 Background

The Trust was established in 1999 with the purpose of planting 2000 kauri as a celebration of the new millennium. The Trust will this year plant their 50,000th kauri on the Coromandel Peninsula.

The Trust has previously provided funding assistance to The Coromandel Film Collective; a film production company based in Kuaotunu, for their Kauri documentary and are keen to see the film completed to celebrate the planting of the 50,000th tree, to educate the public about the plight of kauri and for special showings during the Tuia 250 celebrations.

Much of the documentary is filmed on the Coromandel Peninsula as well as Northland and Auckland with a focus on:

- The ecology of kauri
- Its place in the forests of northern New Zealand
- Cultural importance
- The heritage of kauri
- Threats to the species
- Community involvement

The film explores the uniqueness of the tree and the role it plays and is intended to be an educational resource available to New Zealand school students as well as the general public.

3 Issue

The Trust is seeking assistance from the Mercury Bay Community Board to fund the costs for final editing and narration as outlined in their application (**Attachment A**).

4 Discussion

The Mercury Bay Community Board has a Natural and Cultural Heritage contestable fund of \$10,500 and of that amount \$4,500 has been allocated this financial year to community groups, leaving a balance of \$6,000..

Council does not have a formal policy or criteria for the Natural and Cultural Heritage fund. This allows Community Boards to consider applications to this fund, based on the benefits of a project to the Natural and Cultural Heritage of the Thames-Coromandel District.

5 Suggested resolution(s)

That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Receives the 'Application for Natural and Cultural Heritage grant - Kauri 2000 Charitable Trust' report, dated 30 May 2018.
2. Approves a grant of \$4,620 from its Natural and Cultural Heritage fund to the Kauri 2000 Charitable Trust to enable them to assist the Coromandel Film Collective to undertake the final editing and narration of the Kauri documentary.

References-Tabled/Agenda Attachments

Attachment A: Application for a Natural and Cultural Heritage Grant - Kauri 2000 Charitable Trust

Attachment A
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