

Kaipupu Native Plant Nursery

This nursery has been established by volunteers from Kaipupu Sanctuary. Our goals are to:

1. To grow rare and missing species for Kaipupu Sanctuary, ensuring the Reserve has its full suite of species for healthy ecosystem function.
2. To enable our Good Neighbour campaign, increasing wildlife food source species in Picton gardens.
3. To support neighbouring restoration projects by growing rare or specialised species, improving habitat surrounding Kaipupu Sanctuary.

Nursery open times:

We open every (good weather) Friday, between 1pm and 2pm to carry out any tasks that need doing. Nursery 'rosters' can be found on our volunteer website here: kaipupupestmonitoring.weebly.com Please fill this in to let us know which Fridays you are available to join us. Or contact Hazel to let us know your availability.

Location:

Picton Powerhouse, 8 Wairau Road, Picton 7220 / State highway 1

Walk through the large wire gate and follow the driveway to the right past all the little sheds. The nursery is the end shed on the right.

Seed collection and propagation:

Seeds are eco-sourced and collected within a 10km radius of Kaipupu sanctuary.

These are propagated and grown in the nursery until they are big enough to be planted out.

Some plants are planted onto Kaipupu Sanctuary to help with restoration, while others are sold in the Picton Environment Centre to raise funds to support the nursery or provided to other local planting programs.

Tasks to do in the nursery:

- Check the plants are happy and healthy and are being watered enough,
- Check irrigation is working,
- Prick out seedlings,
- Re-pot plants from root trainers,
- Weed around plants,
- Weed paths and keep the nursery tidy,
- More tasks are listed on the bench in the nursery,

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Health and Safety, Kaipupu Native plant nursery

Read the below hazards and control methods, if you have any other concerns or suggestions, please let us know so we can minimize them to protect everyone.

Report any hazards, incidents or near misses as soon as possible.

Hazard	Hazard Description	Risk level	Hazard Control
Potting mix, Compost, Seed raising mix,	Legionnaires' Disease by inhaling dust from soil, compost, potting mix,		When working in the garden, protect yourself: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wear a face mask and gloves. - Open bags away from your face. - Work in a well-ventilated area. - Dampen soil/compost before use. - Wash your hands when you're finished.
Tools, Secateurs,	Cuts, bruises, scrapes,		Wear tough or protective gloves and clothing.
Adverse weather	Sun stroke, sunburn, dehydration, cold weather,		Wear sun hat, sunscreen, work in shade, drink plenty of water / fluids, When cold and wet dress appropriately with warm waterproof clothing.
Fatigue,	Fatigue,		Meal breaks and tea breaks to be taken at regular intervals for intake and maintaining fluid levels. Take regular breaks and rest as necessary,
Slips Trip falls	Slips Trip falls		Wear appropriate shoes and clothing, remove trip hazards from nursery.
Heavy lifting, injury,	Heavy lifting, injury, muscle sprains and strains injuries to muscles, and other structures in the back.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use two people to move heavy objects such as potting mix bags, - Bend your hips and knees to squat down to your load, keep it close to your body, and straighten your legs to lift. Never lift a heavy object above shoulder level. Avoid turning or twisting your body while lifting or holding a heavy object. - Position shelving and racking in storage areas at accessible heights. - Ensure work is done between shoulder and mid-thigh height and with the elbows close to the body.