

Memorial also worthy cause

■ I am writing in support of the ambitious project of native-tree planting at Cue Haven ("Great Gift for the Future", March 15).

We heard of the project in 2010, when our grandson, aged 3, drowned in Canada.

An extended family member wanted to have a memorial to him in New Zealand as he was of Canadian and New Zealand heritage. She found the Cue Haven project on the internet — largely due to a 2010 article in *The Aucklander*.

Family and friends from around the world have so far bought and planted 27 kahikatea and three kauri trees for our little Duncan.

We have named the grove of kahikatea "Duncan's Grove".



Tom and Mahrukh's vision, enthusiasm and dedication to the project is inspiring. They make us all feel so welcome when we visit what is a special and beautiful place to have a memorial, which will survive longer than all of us.

Their dedication also inspires us to buy more trees to help in a small way with a large undertaking.

We would like to commend this project and the support of it to

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anyone who wants a lasting memorial for a loved one. It gave us a positive way to express our grief while helping a worthy cause.

*Adrienne Welch,
Takapuna*

■ So the council claims the ridiculous proposed increases in dog registration fees are to cover the costs of "responding to dog attacks, a control service for dangerous dogs, kennel services, etc".

Simple answer: automatic \$500 instant fine for dog attacks; \$250 instant fine for a dangerous dog — no kennels needed, dispose of these dogs immediately.

It's called user pays, and will not affect responsible dog-owners or currently registered dogs.

*D King,
Hillsborough*



Thomas and Mahrukh Stazyk are converting an old dairy farm at Araparera into a native forest they plan to give to Auckland.

KELLIE BLIZARD

■ I would be a dog owner who wouldn't be too upset about a sensible increase in the fees . . . if the animal-management service that the Auckland Council uses to uphold the Dog Control Act actually did the job of dog control.

I have had an ongoing problem with a neighbour's dog which regularly enters my fenced property and attacks my dog. I have reported these constant attacks to the service five or six times in the past two years, and have received no help from it in sorting the problem.

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