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Notable Tree 6+

"Brooklands Lawn" p30

NATIVE TREE: 6+

SPECIES: *Agathis australis*.

Kauri Grove

NATIVE TREE: 6 +

+At the Northern edge of Brooklands Park lawn, 6 m from the access road down to the Bowl of Brooklands is a very peculiar kauri (**Fig. 16**). This tree begins to branch at 1 m into a multitude of heavy leaders, very untypical for a kauri, making it an interesting specimen because the spread is increasing more rapidly than the height.

15.9.01: Height = 20.25 m; spread = 13.8 m; diameter at 50 cm = 1.312 m.

The diameter reading was taken at 50 cm, making it possible to achieve an accurate recording in the future without interference from the lower limbs.

G. Fuller took measurements of this tree in 1973: Ht = 15.3 m; spread = 7.3 m; diameter at 90 cm = 87.4 cm.

(*Medbury, 1986: Ht = 18.3 m; diam at 90 cm = 1.057 cm.

Thought to have been planted following W. W Smith's acquisition of a kauri for Pukekura. This tree has always displayed multi-leaders. Planted c. 1911).