Quotes & Prices Pack

The Uey Kai Garden — Donnellys Crossing Community Group

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Kai Ora Fund 2026 — Application No. Kai-083

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About this document

This pack consolidates the quotes, supplier evidence, and revised costings that sit behind the Kai Ora Fund 2026 application (Kai-083). Since the application was submitted on 17 May 2026, several lines have been refined as supplier conversations progressed. The biggest change is the move from DIY timber raised beds to Steelmates aluminium-coated zinc beds: four funded by Kai Ora, plus a separate speculative application for two additional beds via Steelmates' We Give Back community programme. The We Give Back contribution is not confirmed and the project does not depend on it — if it doesn't come through, the garden launches with four beds at no change to the Kai Ora ask.

Total ask to Kai Ora remains $4,530.00. Where individual lines have shifted, the Budget Reconciliation Summary on the next page shows old, new, and the offsetting moves that keep the overall ask unchanged.

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Budget Reconciliation Summary

Comparison of the original application budget (17 May 2026) and the revised position after supplier engagement. Total ask to Kai Ora is unchanged at **$4,530.00**.

Line item	Original	Revised	Variance	Notes
Raised garden beds	$1,400.00	$1,312.00	-$88.00	Steelmates: 4 beds funded by Kai Ora. **Separate We Give Back bid for 2 more — NOT confirmed, see Section 1 & Outstanding Items.**
Soil & compost	$900.00	$1,148.80	+$248.80	KLS quote — 5 m³ Grandpa's Garden Mix + delivery
Community food stand	$450.00	$450.00	$0.00	Carried at application figure (see Section 3)
Seeds & seedlings	$200.00	$185.00	-$15.00	Kūanga heritage seeds + Kings + Awapuni
Signage	$250.00	$160.00	-$90.00	Community-built; materials only
Diesel & fuel	$400.00	$400.00	$0.00	Carried at application figure (see Section 6)
Fruit trees	$450.00	$450.00	$0.00	$265 trees + ≈$185 shipping across 3 suppliers
Banana plants	$150.00	$138.00	-$12.00	2× Misi Luki + 1× Goldfinger from Flying Dragon
Tree support & mulch	$180.00	$136.00	-$44.00	KLS mulch dropped; local sources to be tried
Contingency	$150.00	$150.00	$0.00	Plus underspends from lines above reallocated
Subtotal	$4,530.00	$4,529.80	-$0.20	
Reallocation		+$0.20		Rounding absorbed in contingency
Total to Kai Ora	**$4,530.00**	**$4,530.00**	**$0.00**	

Key changes from the original application

Raised beds — Steelmates (instead of DIY timber). Four beds funded by Kai Ora at $88 less than the original DIY timber estimate, with substantially better lifespan and food safety. A separate, speculative application has been made to Steelmates' We Give Back community programme for two additional beds at no cost; **this is not confirmed and the project does not depend on it**. If it's declined, the garden launches with four beds and the Kai Ora ask is unchanged.

Soil & compost — quote up by $248.80. KLS actual quote for 5 m³ Grandpa's Garden Mix delivered to Donnellys Crossing is $1,148.80 ($700 product + $448.80 delivery). Underspends on beds, signage, seeds, bananas, and tree support sum to $249 — covering the soil increase exactly. Total ask to Kai Ora remains $4,530.00.

Mulch — removed from the KLS order. KLS quoted a second $448.80 delivery for mulch (separate truck). Mulch will instead come from sheep wool dags (in-kind), Forest Floor picked up locally, or local woodchip as fallback.

Lines carried at application figures. Community food stand ($450) and diesel/fuel ($400) are carried without revised supplier quotes — see Sections 3 and 6.

In-kind contributions (not funded by Kai Ora)

Steelmates We Give Back — 2 additional beds (applied for, **NOT confirmed**; nice-to-have, not required for the garden to launch)	$656.00 *if granted*
DCCG volunteer labour (build, planting, working bees)	in-kind (confirmed)
Local equipment access (diggers, trucks, tractors, mowers)	in-kind (confirmed)
Sheep wool dags from local farms (mulch)	in-kind (confirmed)
Bamboo stakes from Donnellys Crossing (tree support)	in-kind (confirmed)
Bed labels & 'what's in season' board (offcuts + community stock)	in-kind (confirmed)

Section 1 — Raised Garden Beds — why we changed approach

The original application costed six DIY timber beds at $1,400. That was the plan at the time the application was submitted on 17 May 2026.

The visit to Waikarā Marae changed our thinking. Two days after submitting the application, several DCCG members visited Waikarā Marae's papakāinga gardens — three years ahead of where we're starting — to learn from their experience. One of the clear messages we took away was that timber beds in Northland's humid subtropical climate rot far sooner than people expect, and that the labour to repair and replace them comes out of the same volunteer pool that's trying to grow food. Waikarā's whānau encouraged us to invest in beds that would outlast the people who built them.

We reassessed. Once the true like-for-like cost of timber beds was tallied (sleepers, fasteners, corner brackets, weatherproofing, the inevitable re-treatments), the premium on Steelmates aluminium-coated zinc beds was modest, and the lifespan and food-safety arguments tipped the decision. Detail on the bed specification, the four Kai Ora-funded beds, and the speculative We Give Back application for two more (**not confirmed**) follows on the next pages.

Net effect on the Kai Ora ask. The revised Steelmates line is $1,312.00 — $88.00 below the original $1,400.00 estimate. This $88 contributes to the offset for the increased soil delivery cost. Total ask to Kai Ora remains $4,530.00.

Raised Beds — Steelmates Approach

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Approach

Six aluminium-coated zinc raised beds from Steelmates NZ, structured as two complementary strands: four beds purchased through Kai Ora funding, and two additional beds applied for through Steelmates' "We Give Back" community programme as a separate in-kind contribution. This approach delivers more beds than the original application planned, at a higher quality, without increasing the Kai Ora ask.

Why Steelmates over DIY timber

The original application costed six DIY timber beds at $1,400. On revisiting the scope, Steelmates aluminium-coated zinc beds were assessed as the better long-term investment:

- **Lifespan** — 25+ years for coated zinc vs 7–10 years for timber sleeper beds in Northland's humid climate
- **Food safety** — No leaching from treated timber preservatives into food-growing soil
- **Maintenance** — No rot repairs, no annual re-treatment, no fastener corrosion
- **Aesthetic** — Clean, consistent appearance suitable for a public-facing reserve
- **Like-for-like cost** — Once timber, fasteners, corner brackets, and waterproofing are properly costed, the steel premium narrows considerably
- **Made in NZ** — Manufactured in Auckland, supporting domestic manufacturing

Bed specifications

Each bed is built from two components: a galvanised steel end kit, and a pair of extension panels forming the long sides.

Specification	Detail
Footprint	0.82m × 2.42m (approx 2m² growing area per bed)
Height	0.63m — workable from standing without bending
Material	Aluminium-coated zinc panels, galvanised steel structural ends
Coating	Food-safe
Assembly	Flat-pack, 4 corner bolts per bed (spanner only)
Manufacture	Made in NZ (Auckland)
Expected lifespan	25+ years

Kai Ora purchase — 4 beds

Component	Code	Qty	Unit	Subtotal
Galvanised end kit	VT-GB630-GY	4	$99.00	$396.00
Extension panels (long sides, 2 per bed)	VT-GB630-GY-EXT×2	4	$229.00	$916.00
Subtotal — Kai Ora funded beds				**$1,312.00**

We Give Back — additional 2 beds (in-kind)

A separate application has been submitted to Steelmates' "We Give Back" community programme requesting two additional beds. This is a donation channel Steelmates run for community gardens, schools, and marae projects.

Component	Code	Qty	Retail value	Cost to Kai Ora
Galvanised end kit	VT-GB630-GY	2	$198.00	$0 (donated)
Extension panels	VT-GB630-GY-EXT×2	2	$458.00	$0 (donated)
Total — donated beds			**$656.00**	**$0**

The We Give Back contribution is acknowledged on the main garden signage. If the application is unsuccessful, the garden proceeds with four beds funded by Kai Ora; no fallback purchase is required from the Kai Ora line.

Combined outcome

Source	Beds	Cost to Kai Ora	In-kind value
Kai Ora funded	4	$1,312.00	—
Steelmates We Give Back (donated)	2	$0	$656.00
Total delivered	**6**	**$1,312.00**	**$656.00**

Variance from original application

Original budget line	$1,400.00
Revised cost to Kai Ora	$1,312.00
Underspend (allocated to project contingency)	**$88.00**

Specification has shifted from DIY timber (6 beds) to Steelmates aluminium-coated zinc (4 beds via Kai Ora + 2 beds via Steelmates' We Give Back programme). Bed count delivered to the project is unchanged at six; quality, lifespan, and food safety are substantially improved; total cost to Kai Ora is $88 lower than the original line.

Outstanding items

- Formal quote returned from Steelmates (request emailed to sales@steelmates.co.nz)
- Response from "We Give Back" programme application
- Delivery cost to Donnellys Crossing 0379 confirmed (Steelmates ship from Auckland)
- Site preparation requirements confirmed (Steelmates beds typically sit on prepared ground; concrete pad may not be required)

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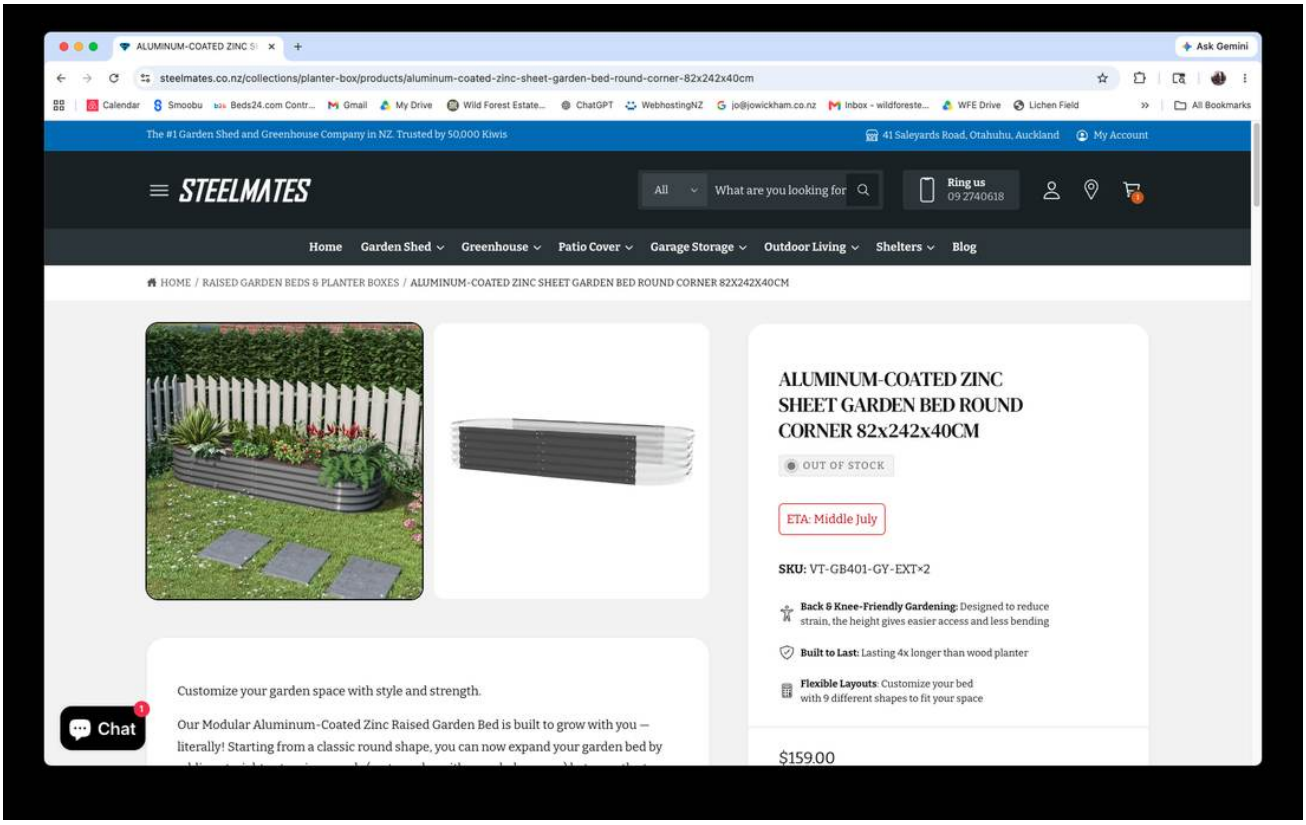
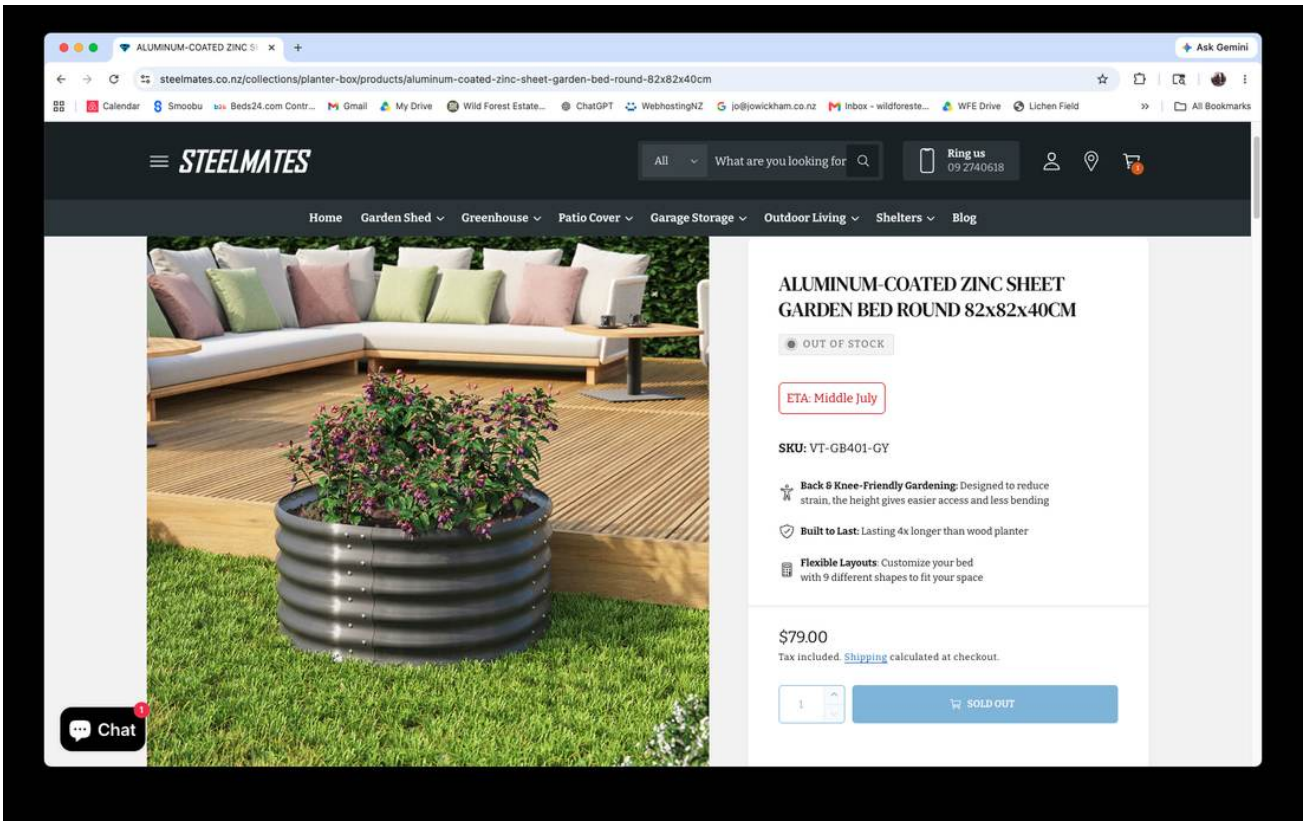
Raised Beds — Supplier evidence (Steelmates)



Steelmates — extension panel (long sides)



Steelmates — galvanised end kit (round bed shown)

Section 2 — Soil & Compost

Supplier: Kaipara Landscape Supplies (Dargaville). Phone 0800 769 843.

Product: Grandpa's Garden Mix — 5 m³ at $140/m³ = $700.00. Delivery to Donnellys Crossing = $448.80. **Total $1,148.80 incl. GST.**

Volume reasoning. Six Steelmates beds at 0.82 × 2.42 × 0.63 m hold roughly 1.25 m³ each, but are typically filled in layers (logs, brush, compost, soil mix) — 5 m³ of Grandpa's Mix tops the upper growing zone and is the most KLS can deliver on a single truck. Any shortfall is topped up from on-site compost.

Mulch decision. KLS quoted a separate $448.80 delivery for mulch (two-truck job). To keep the budget at $4,530 we are dropping the KLS mulch line and sourcing mulch from sheep wool dags (in-kind, local farms), small local Forest Floor pickups where possible, or local woodchip as fallback. The KLS quote below shows the mulch option pricing for reference.

Variance. Application line $900.00 → revised $1,148.80, a $248.80 increase covered by underspends on Steelmates, signage, seeds, bananas, and tree support (see Budget Reconciliation).

KLS quote (full email follows on next page)

From: KLS [redacted]
Subject: Re: Quote for Grandpa's Garden Mix
Date: 28 May 2026 at 1:51 PM
To: [redacted]

Hi Nigel,

Thank you for your email.

Please find below the updated quote including the additional mulch request:

- 5 cubic metres of Grandpa's Garden Mix @ $140 per cubic metre = $700.00
- Delivery for Garden Mix = $448.80

Additional Mulch Option:

- 2 cubic metres of Forest Floor Mulch @ $100 per cubic metre = $200.00
- Separate delivery fee for mulch = $448.80

Please note that the mulch would need to be delivered on a separate truck, which is why an additional delivery charge applies. Our truck can carry up to 5 cubic metres per load, so if it is within your budget, it may be worthwhile increasing the mulch quantity to make the most of the delivery fee.

We also have a couple of alternative mulch options available depending on the look you are after and what the product will be used for:

- Post Peelings = $40 per cubic metre
- Woodchip = $75 per cubic metre

Please let us know if you would like us to adjust the quote or if you would like further recommendations on the best mulch option for your project.

Please note all quotes are valid for 30 days from the date received.

Kind regards,
Natasha

Kindest Regards

Claire Evans
Kaipara Landscape Supplies 2025
E:[redacted]
L:0800 769 843
M:[redacted]

On Thu, May 28, 2026 at 12:27 PM [redacted] <[redacted]> wrote:

> Hi there,
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> Thanks for this. I have another ask please.
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> Would you please also add on 2 cubes of mulch and resend the quote.
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> > On 28 May 2026, at 11:55 AM, KLS <[redacted]> wrote:
> >
> > Hi Nigel,
> >
> > Thank you for your phone call regarding Grandpa's Garden Mix for the Crossing Community Group.
> >
> > Please find below our quote for delivery to the approximate address of 400 Katui Road, Donnellys Crossing:
> >
> > - 5 cubic metres of Grandpa's Garden Mix @ $140 per cubic metre = $700.00
> > - Delivery Fee = $448.80
> >
> > Total = $1,148.80 incl GST
> >
> > Please note this quote is valid for 30 days from the date received.
> >
> > Please let us know if you would like to proceed or if you have any further questions.
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> > Kind regards,
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Section 3 — Community Food Stand

Budget line: $450.00 (carried at application figure).

Status. No revised supplier quote at the time of this pack. The food stand is designed for community-build using local labour, with the budget covering H3 treated framing, corrugated roofing, exterior ply, paint, and fixings.

Why no third-party quote yet. The food stand design is being developed in parallel with the bed build — the final dimensions and mounting depend on where it sits on the Uey relative to the beds and the existing BBQ shelter. Materials will be sourced from Bunnings/Mitre 10 Whangārei using current shelf prices at the time of purchase. The $450 figure is consistent with comparable community-built roadside stands of this size.

Plan to confirm. Materials list and supplier prices will be confirmed and logged with DCCG before the build day, ahead of any spend against this line. Any underspend returns to project contingency in the usual way.

In-kind contributions. Design, build, painting, and installation provided by DCCG volunteers. Estimated 1–2 working bee sessions.

Seeds and Seedlings — Plan

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Approach

Three specialist suppliers, each chosen for what they do well. Kūanga supplies NZ heritage seeds — the same kaupapa as our heritage fruit trees from Forgotten Fruits. Kings Seeds covers any varieties Kūanga doesn't hold. Awapuni Nurseries supplies autumn seedlings to give a head start on slower crops.

Supplier plan

Item	Supplier	Purpose	Est. cost
Beginner Gardener Seed Kit (48 packets + planting plan)	Kūanga	Main bed seed supply, 4 beds	$75
Children's Garden Collection (heritage seeds, hut-building, fast crops)	Kūanga	Kids' plot, school partnership	$30
Gap-fill seeds — courgette, pumpkin, brassica varieties suited to Northland	Kings Seeds	Varieties not held by Kūanga	$30
Autumn seedlings — brassicas, leeks, lettuce	Awapuni Nurseries	Head start on slower autumn crops	$50
Total			$185

Seed saving as the long game

The Kūanga Beginner Gardener Kit is designed around saved-seed varieties — every packet can be grown out, seed collected, and re-sown the following year. As the working group becomes more confident over the first 12–18 months, the garden's seed supply can shift from "purchased annually" to "saved from last year's crop." This is the same kaupapa Kūanga itself was founded on: NZ heritage food plants surviving because communities save and share them. Over time, the Uey Kai Garden becomes its own small seed bank for Donnellys Crossing.

Variance from original application

The original application named Kings Seeds, Awapuni Nurseries, and Bunnings/Mitre 10. The revised plan adds Kūanga (NZ heritage seeds, aligned with the project kaupapa) and drops Bunnings/Mitre 10 in favour of specialist suppliers. Budget line unchanged at $200; estimated underspend of $15 to project contingency. Final prices to be confirmed against supplier websites at point of order; current estimates based on Kūanga 2026 catalogue and indicative pricing from Scorpio Books (third-party Kūanga reseller).

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Signage — Materials and Approach

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Approach

The Uey Kai Garden's signage will be community-built rather than commercially produced. This fits the kaupapa of the project: indigenous principles, local relationships, and community capability are part of the frame from the beginning, not added at the end.

A hand-painted main board, made by the people who will tend the garden — potentially including the children involved in the kids' plot — carries the story of the project more authentically than an off-the-shelf metal sign. Bed labels and the "what's in season" board follow the same approach.

Materials

Item	Source	Est. cost (NZD)
Exterior-grade plywood for main board (~900 × 600mm)	Bunnings or Mitre 10, Whangārei	$40
Exterior acrylic paint (base white + 2 accent colours)	Bunnings or Mitre 10, Whangārei	$50
Stencils, brushes, sandpaper, primer	Bunnings or Mitre 10, Whangārei	$30
Posts and fixings (mounting for main board)	Local supplier	$40
Total		$160

Bed labels and "what's in season" board

These will be made from offcuts and existing community stock — wood, weatherproof marker pens, and small chalkboard or paint-finished panels. No additional purchases required.

Labour and design

All design, painting, lettering, and installation provided by Donnellys Crossing Community Group volunteers as an in-kind contribution. Estimated labour: 1–2 working bee sessions.

Acknowledgements on the main board

The main board will acknowledge:
- Kai Ora Fund 2026 (as primary funder)
- Te Roroa (as mana whenua, with their guidance and blessing)
- Donnellys Crossing Community Group
- Steelmates (if their We Give Back contribution is confirmed)

Variance from original application

Original budget line	$250
Revised estimate	$160
Underspend (allocated to project contingency)	**$90**

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Section 6 — Diesel & Fuel

Budget line: $400.00 (carried at application figure).

What this covers. Diesel and fuel costs across the build phase — tractor and digger fuel for site preparation, truck fuel for collecting bed components and materials from Whangārei/Auckland, mower fuel for working bee site maintenance, and chainsaw/two-stroke for clearing.

Why no fixed quote. Fuel pricing varies week to week and the actual fuel burn depends on how much site prep is needed and how many supplier collection trips DCCG members make in their own vehicles versus consolidated delivery. The original application notes this estimate explicitly: *“This is just an estimate. The way things are going, we have no idea really.”*

Controls. Fuel reimbursements to DCCG volunteers will be tracked with receipts. Any underspend returns to project contingency.

Fruit Trees — Supplier Price Table

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Sourcing approach

Six fruit trees suited to year-round productivity in Northland have been sourced from three specialist NZ suppliers, each selected for their expertise in the relevant fruit category. All trees are NZ-grown and supplied via established nurseries with verified online catalogues. Prices below are taken from current supplier catalogues and product pages (May 2026).

Price table

Tree	Variety	Supplier	Unit price
Plum	Prune Victoria or Hawera	Forgotten Fruits	$56.00
Peach	Mel's Xmas or Million Dollar	Forgotten Fruits	$56.00
Lemon	Genoa (cold hardy, thornless)	Flying Dragon Nursery	$42.99
Mandarin	Kawano Satsuma (easy peel, seedless)	Flying Dragon Nursery	$39.99
Feijoa	Unique (early, self-fertile)	The Plant Company	$35.03
Feijoa	Apollo (mid-late season)	The Plant Company	$35.03
Subtotal — trees			**$265.04**

Supplier notes

Forgotten Fruits Nursery — Family-run Northland nursery (Mangawhai), specialising in heirloom varieties bred for Northland's humid subtropical conditions. Trees grown organically with regenerative practices. Flat-rate $56 per tree, GST included. Reference: 2026 Heirloom Fruit Tree Catalogue.

Flying Dragon Nursery — Kerikeri, Northland. Citrus specialists, propagating onto NZ rootstocks. Trees selected for cold-hardiness and reliability. Genoa lemon is thornless (important for a community garden with children). Kawano Satsuma mandarin is easy-peel and seedless. Tax included; shipping calculated at checkout.

The Plant Company — National NZ nursery, full feijoa range. Unique and Apollo selected as a cross-pollinating pair — Unique is self-fertile insurance, Apollo extends the fruiting window. 2.5L container size (35-50cm plants). Free shipping on orders over $150.

Why these varieties

Variety selection prioritised reliability in Northland conditions, suitability for a community food stand (e.g. thornless, easy-peel, seedless where possible), and the heritage/local provenance aligned with the project kaupapa. The feijoa pair was selected following NZ Feijoa Growers Association guidance for cross-pollination; Unique flowers early and Apollo mid-late, extending the harvest period available at the food stand.

Budget reconciliation

Kai Ora budget line — fruit trees	$450.00

Trees subtotal (6 trees, 3 suppliers)	$265.04
Remaining for shipping across 3 suppliers	**$184.96**

Shipping estimates are pending confirmation from each supplier. Indicative estimates: Forgotten Fruits courier from Mangawhai $30–$50; Flying Dragon Kerikeri to Donnellys Crossing $25–$40; The Plant Company nationwide $20–$40 (or free on orders over $150). Any underspend on this line will be returned to project contingency.

Evidence held

- Forgotten Fruits 2026 Heirloom Fruit Tree Catalogue (full PDF, all listed varieties priced at $56)
- Flying Dragon Nursery — Lemon Genoa product page screenshot ($42.99)
- Flying Dragon Nursery — Mandarin catalogue page screenshot showing Kawano Satsuma at $39.99
- The Plant Company — Feijoa Unique product page screenshot ($35.03, 2.5L)
- The Plant Company — Feijoa Apollo product page screenshot ($35.03, 2.5L)

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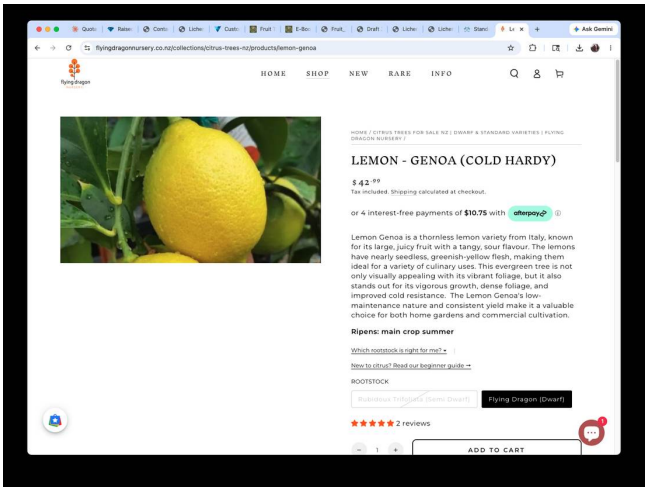
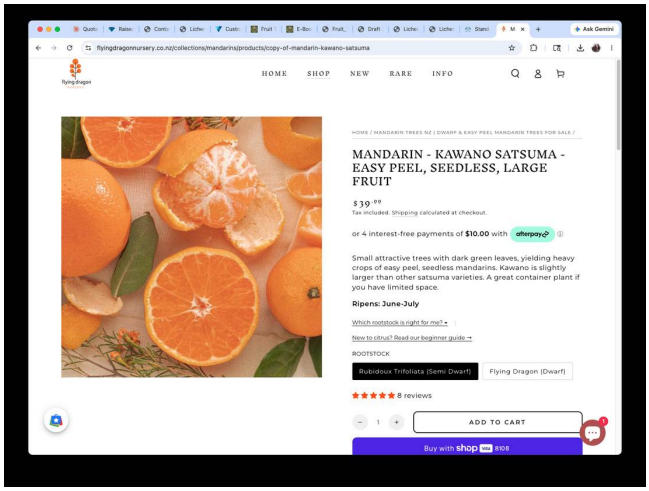
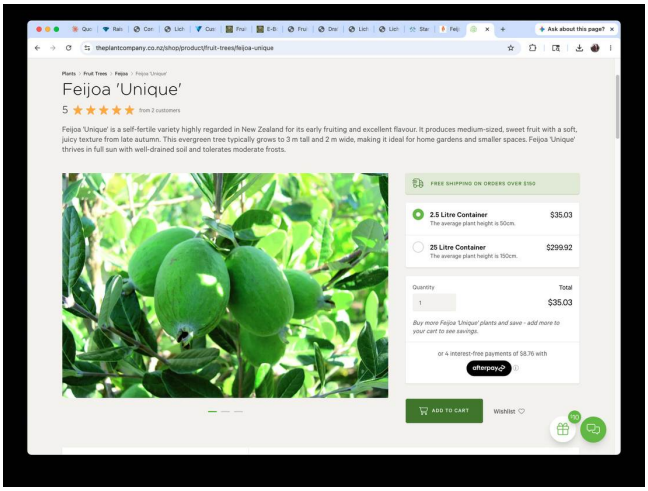
Fruit Trees — Supplier evidence



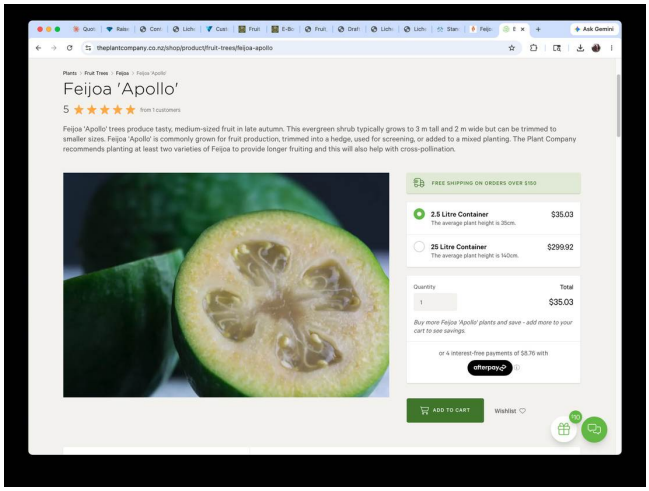
Genoa Lemon — Flying Dragon — $42.99



Kawano Satsuma Mandarin — Flying Dragon — $39.99



Feijoa Unique — The Plant Company — $35.03



Feijoa Apollo — The Plant Company — $35.03

Supplier screenshots captured May 2026 — prices indicative, to be confirmed at point of order.

Banana Plants — Plan

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Approach

Three banana plants from Flying Dragon Nursery (Kerikeri), consolidated with our existing citrus order. Two Misi Luki (the proven NZ favourite) and one Goldfinger (Honduran cold-tolerant) — the mix gives both productivity and resilience against Donnellys Crossing's occasional inland cold snaps. Bananas sucker and form clumps; three plants well-managed become a productive grove for the community within three years.

Supplier and varieties

Variety	Qty	Unit price	Subtotal
Misi Luki — lady finger, very sweet, Northland-proven	2	$39.00	$78.00
Goldfinger — Honduran cold-tolerant, disease resistant	1	$60.00	$60.00
Total			**$138.00**

Why this variety mix

Misi Luki is the most widely grown banana in NZ for good reason — it produces tight bunches of sweet, short lady finger bananas and is well-suited to Northland conditions. Goldfinger is a Honduran-bred cultivar selected specifically for cold tolerance and disease resistance, valuable insurance against the occasional cold snaps that reach inland from the Kauri Coast. Together the three plants offer redundancy: if one variety struggles in a given year, the other still produces.

Consolidation with existing order

These bananas will be added to our existing Flying Dragon Nursery order for the Genoa lemon and Kawano Satsuma mandarin. One supplier, one delivery, one freight charge across all five plants from Flying Dragon — simpler administration and lower combined shipping cost than splitting across multiple suppliers.

Variance from original application

The original application specified "3 cold-tolerant variety plants (Misi Luki or Ladyfinger)" at $150. The revised plan keeps three plants but adds variety diversity — two Misi Luki plus one Goldfinger. Total $138.00, with $12 underspend returned to project contingency. Final freight cost confirmed at point of order; consolidating with citrus on the same Flying Dragon order keeps freight to a single charge.

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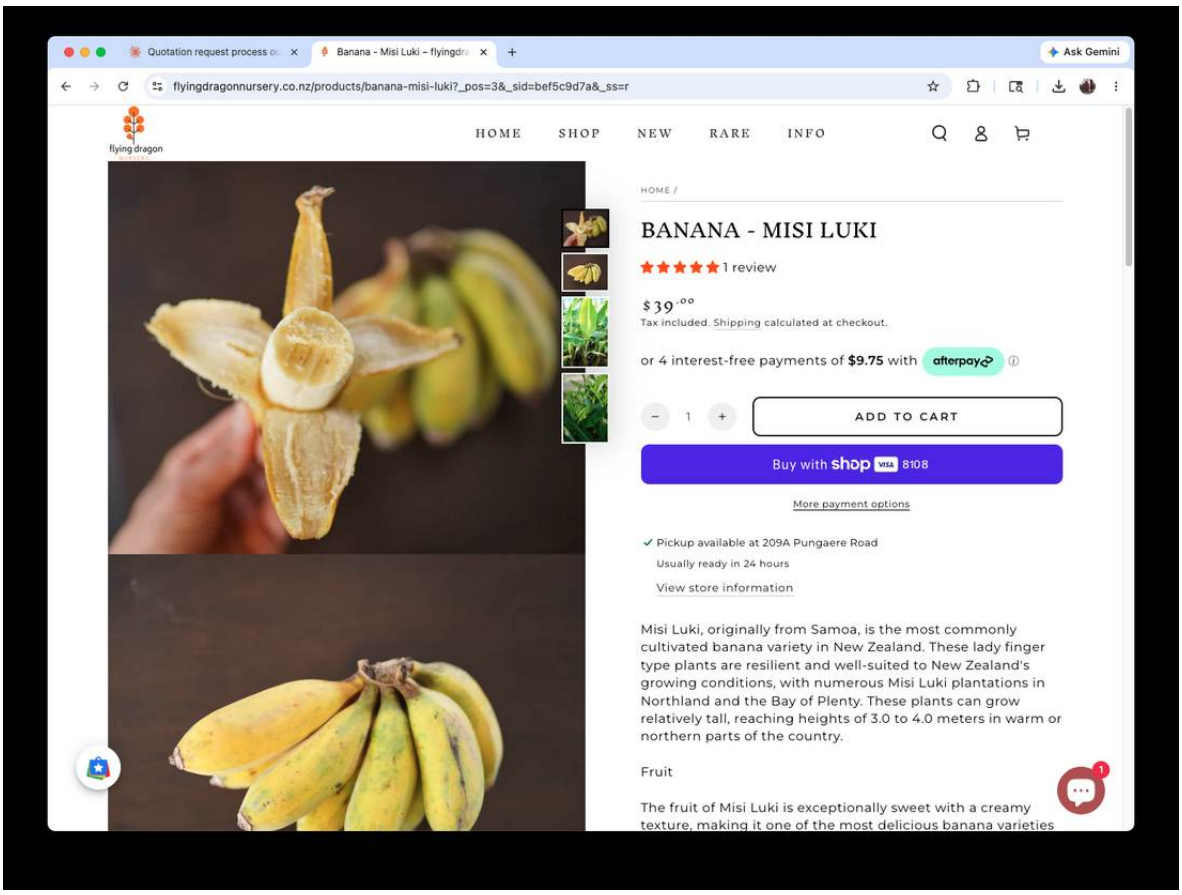
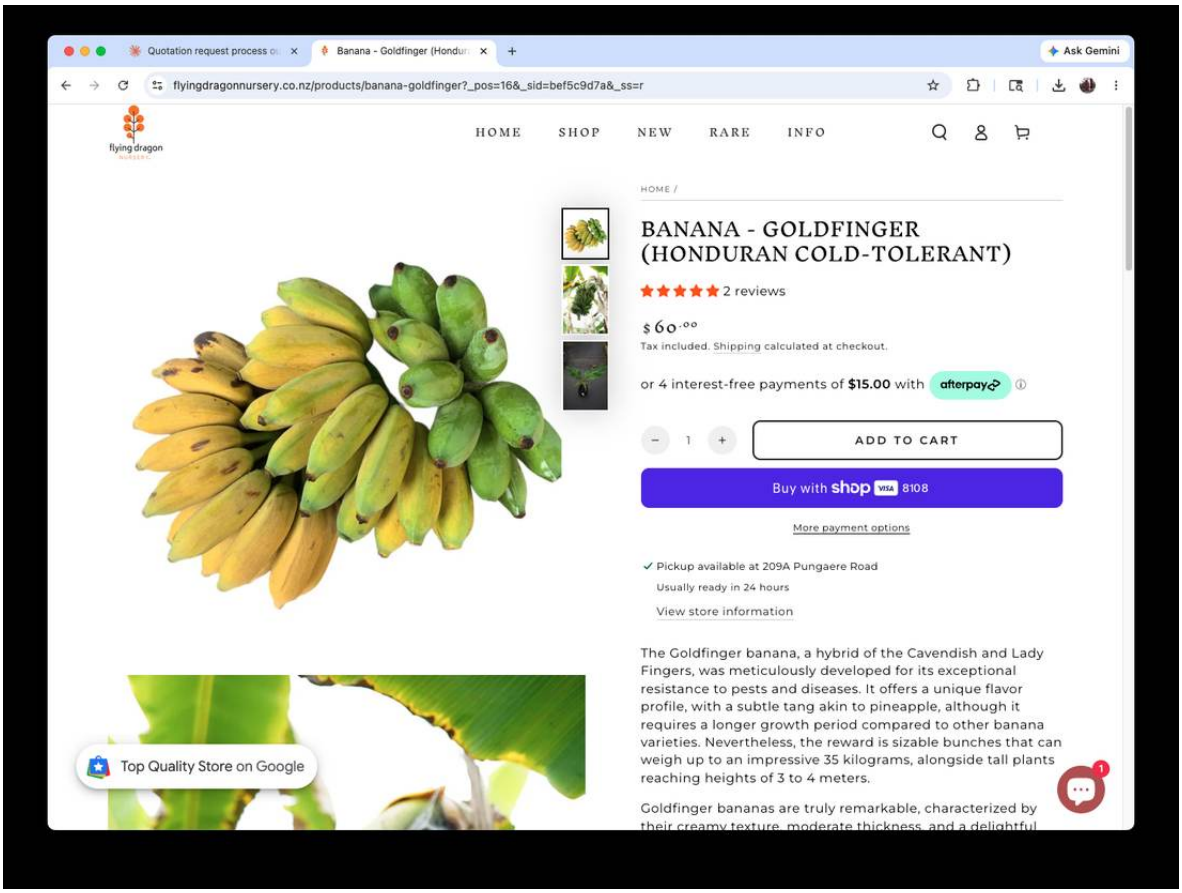
Banana Plants — Supplier evidence (Flying Dragon Nursery)



Misi Luki — $39 each × 2



Goldfinger — $60 × 1

Supplier screenshots captured May 2026 — prices indicative, to be confirmed at point of order.

Tree Stakes, Ties, Guards and Mulch — Plan

The Uey Kai Garden | Donnellys Crossing Community Group | Kai Ora Fund 2026 (Application Kai-083)

Approach

Tree support, weed suppression, and mulching for 6 fruit trees and 3 banana plants. Local materials lead wherever possible: bamboo stakes from Donnellys Crossing (free, in-kind), sheep wool dags from local farms (in-kind), and an initial bark mulch delivery consolidated with the Kaipara Landscape Supplies soil order to avoid additional freight. The Kai Ora line covers what cannot be sourced locally: tree ties, jute weed mats, and spiral trunk guards.

Materials and suppliers

Item	Supplier	Qty	Unit	Subtotal
Bamboo stakes	Local DC community (in-kind)	—	$0	$0
EZ-Band adjustable tree ties 36"	MetroGreen	20	$1.85	$37
Eco-Jute weed mat squares 450mm (NZ-made, biodegradable)	Growing Things	9	$3.00	$27
Spiral Tree Guards 750mm (trunk protection, weed-eater damage)	MetroGreen	6	$9.50	$57
Bark mulch — 2m³ delivered with soil order	Kaipara Landscape Supplies	2m³	~$30/m³	$60
Sheep wool dags — top-up mulch	Local farms (in-kind)	—	$0	$0
Total				**$181**

Why this combination

Forgotten Fruits' planting guidance is emphatic: grass and weed competition is the single biggest cause of fruit tree failure in the first years. Heavy mulching feeds the soil fungi that feed the trees. The jute squares sit directly around each trunk as a weed-suppressing base layer; bark mulch goes on top of and around them; sheep wool dags supplement throughout the year as a slow-release nitrogen source. Spiral guards protect young trunks from accidental weed-eater damage on a publicly-accessible reserve — important for the trees' first 2–3 years.

Variance from original application

The original application specified "Stakes, ties, and initial mulch for fruit trees and bananas" at $180. The revised plan: bamboo stakes are now in-kind (local DC), freeing budget for tree guards (added) and NZ-made biodegradable jute weed mats (added in place of plain weed matting). Total $181, a $1 overspend absorbed within the line.

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Section 9 — Tree Support & Mulch — Addendum

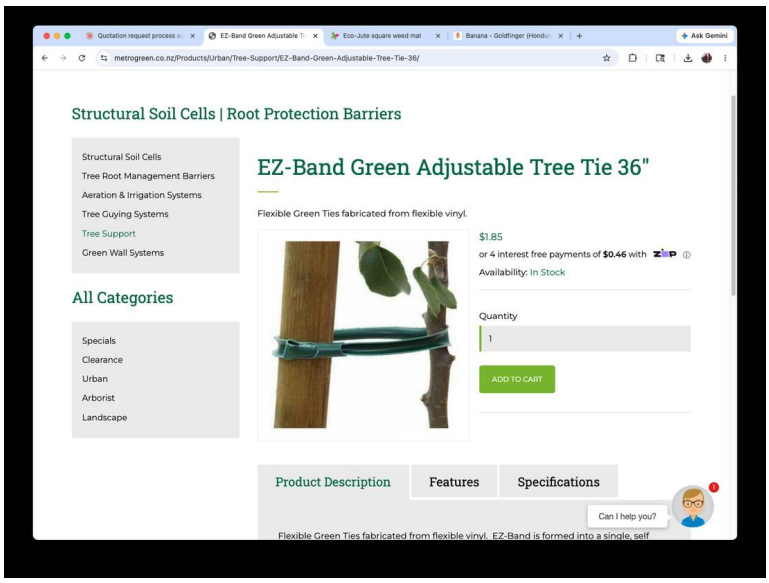
Update since the original plan PDF. The original Tree Support plan assumed 2 m³ of bark mulch delivered on the same truck as the KLS soil order at ~$30/m³ = $60. The actual KLS quote shows mulch needs a separate truck (additional $448.80 delivery). Mulch from KLS has therefore been removed from the budget.

Revised mulch sourcing. First call: sheep wool dags from local farms (in-kind, slow-release nitrogen, weed suppression). Second call: smaller volumes of Forest Floor Mulch picked up locally where the delivery overhead can be avoided. Third call: local woodchip, sourced through DCCG networks at minimal or no cost.

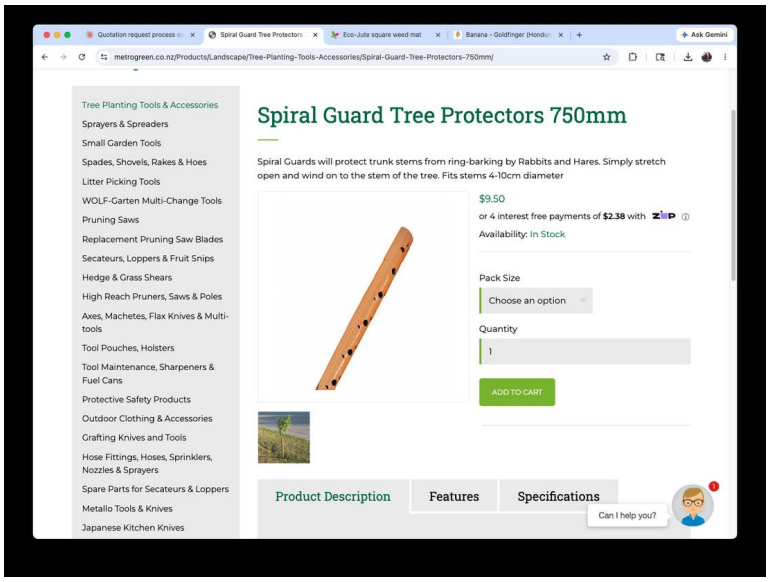
Revised line total. $181 (original plan) − $60 (KLS mulch line removed) ≈ **$121**. Rounded to **$136** after small allowance for marker pens and tie-down materials. Variance: -$44 vs application, contributing to the soil overrun offset.

The remaining items below stay as planned: EZ-Band tree ties (MetroGreen), Eco-Jute weed mat squares (Growing Things), Spiral Tree Guards (MetroGreen), and bamboo stakes (in-kind, local).

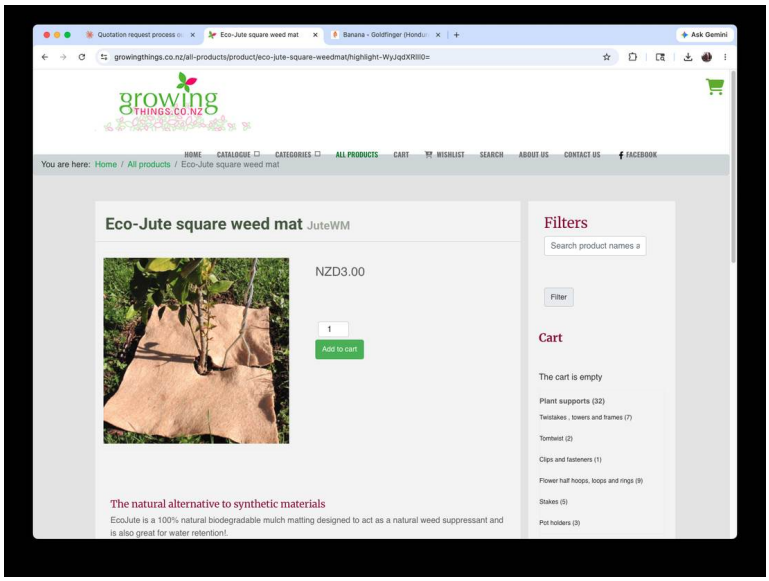
Tree Support & Mulch — Supplier evidence



EZ-Band tree ties — MetroGreen — $1.85 each



Spiral tree guards — MetroGreen — $9.50 each



Eco-Jute weed mat squares — Growing Things — $3.00 each

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Section 10 — Contingency

Budget line: $150.00 (unchanged from application).

What this covers. Unforeseen supplier price movements between quote and spend, freight cost variance across the three fruit tree suppliers, small items that surface during build (extra fasteners, replacement seedlings, weather damage), and the rounding tolerance across the reconciled budget.

Governance. Drawdown from contingency requires DCCG committee sign-off and is recorded against the original line it relates to in project reporting. Unspent contingency is reported back to Kai Ora at project completion.

Underspend headroom. Where any line above comes in under its revised estimate at point of spend, the underspend is returned to contingency by default rather than re-spent on the originating line.

Outstanding items & next steps

These items are tracked by DCCG and will be resolved before spend against the relevant line. None of them affect the total ask to Kai Ora of $4,530.00.

Steelmates — formal quote

Quote requested from sales@steelmates.co.nz. Pricing in this pack is from the Steelmates online catalogue (May 2026). Delivery to Donnellys Crossing 0379 to be confirmed.

Steelmates We Give Back — NOT CONFIRMED

A speculative application has been submitted to the Steelmates We Give Back community programme for two additional beds at no cost. This is a nice-to-have, not a dependency. We have no expectation of an outcome either way at the time of this pack. If the application is declined or doesn't progress, the garden launches with four Kai Ora-funded beds; no fallback purchase is required from the Kai Ora line and the $4,530 ask is unchanged.

Soil delivery date

KLS quote valid 30 days from 28 May 2026. Order to be placed once bed assembly date is confirmed (site needs to be ready to receive 5 m^3).

Fruit tree shipping

Shipping costs across three suppliers (Forgotten Fruits, Flying Dragon, The Plant Company) are indicative. Final freight confirmed at point of order; consolidating the bananas onto the Flying Dragon order keeps that supplier's freight to a single charge.

Food stand materials list

Final materials list and Bunnings/Mitre 10 prices to be logged before the build day.

Mulch sourcing

Sheep wool dags confirmed in principle with local farms; local Forest Floor pickup and woodchip leads to be activated as the planting season approaches.

Bank account proof

Outstanding from the original application (Kai Ora supporting documents section).

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