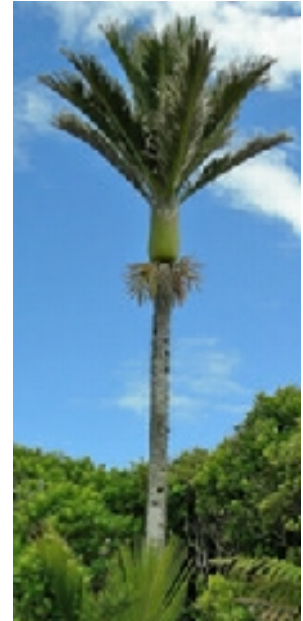


## SAVE THE MAARA ROA NIKAU !

**A Prize of \$100.00 will be awarded to the person (young or old) who plants a special Nikau Palm, the Jenkin Nikau – now ten years old and longing to get out of its plant bag into the Maara Roa soil.**

The \$100.00 will be comprised of a \$50.00 donation to the Maara Roa project, designated by the winner, and \$50.00 to keep for him or herself.

The competition is in two parts. Participants must first locate one or more of the mature nikau palms growing in the main valley of Cannons Creek, and take a photograph of the palm(s) on site. This should show where the participant intends to plant the new Nikau. Many can be seen from the Takapu Track, south of the bridge over the Creek. Participants should also provide a short written explanation of how they intend to access their chosen site, and why it is important to plant more nikau in this area. Email your entry to [sylvan@actrix.co.nz](mailto:sylvan@actrix.co.nz) or post to S. L. Jenkin, 67 Leicester St, Porirua 5024, by ~~July 31, 2012~~ August 31, 2012\*. *Important: register your intention before starting, as there are maps available and conditions/safety rules to be observed.*



The participant who submits the best plan and photo will be given the special Nikau to plant, the planting to be done between ~~August~~ September 1 and Labour Day, October 27, 2012. Further photos of the planting showing close-ups of the Jenkin Nikau in place and views of the nearby mature nikau palms must be produced to claim the prize.

The winner's photos will be placed on the Maara Roa website and in the Society's records, along with the winner's name.

*The Jenkin Nikau was germinated in 2002 on Colonial Knob (Porirua Scenic Reserve) and has been grown at the Jenkin home, "Haven", since then. Nikau are one of the slowest growing trees of New Zealand, taking up to 20 years to form a trunk, 30 to flower, and 50 to 60 years to be fully grown. A number of mature stands of nikau in Cannons Creek valley may be destroyed in the construction of the proposed Transmission Gully motorway.*

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**\* Notes:** The last date for Entries is extended to August 31, 2012. Rainy weather has made some possible access routes a bit tricky – especially the most easy one, up the creek bed – so this will allow more competitors to complete their entry.

As the Takapu Entrance to Belmont Regional Park is closed for lambing till Labour weekend, competitors should use the Cannons Creek entrance for this competition.