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*Arborworlds*

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Artist's Statement:

This exhibition of works had its genesis in a description of an old method of trapping migrating eel elvers (tunariki), from the book by R.M. Mc Dowall titled "Ikawai – Freshwater fishes in Maori culture and economy".

This method involved the creation of a tight ball of brushwood, which was weighted and submerged in areas of still water. The elvers gathered in these balls, which were later recovered, and the eels harvested for food. This image of fish in trees resonated with me and formed the beginning of a series of works titled "Towards Repair", which has continued in this series "Arborworlds".

This has been a meandering but nonetheless enjoyable exploration of a range of idea intermingling imagery to do with our native fish, trees, waterways, human intervention, and the pull of the moon.

1. *On either side of a Full Moon - Small fry gather / Galaxiidae (Triptych), 2021* \$18,000  
Cast bronze, steel, brass and copper  
1660 x 690 x 180mm
2. *A night sky under a night sky. Small fry gather - Galaxiidae / Kawakawa, 2021* \$7,000  
Cast bronze, steel, brass and copper  
850 x 520 x 195mm
3. *Wrenched Ribbonwood with Eels and Oxbow, 2021* \$6,500  
Cast bronze, steel, brass and copper  
1015 x 330 x 55mm
4. *From floods and freshes - Wrenched willow with Bullies, 2021* \$6,500  
Cast bronze, steel, brass and copper  
1100 x 395 x 180mm
5. *Arbordiverse - Pseudopanax with Eels, 2021* \$6,000  
Cast bronze, steel, brass and copper  
625 x 310 x 220mm
6. *In altered habitats - Composition with eels and tree form (2nd Variation), 2021* \$5,500  
Cast bronze, steel, brass and copper  
630 x 375 x 160mm

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| 7. <i>In roots small fry gather - Galaxiidae</i> , 2021<br>Cast bronze, steel, brass and copper<br>980 x 800 x 150mm                                    | \$7,500 |
| 8. <i>Waning Moon - Composition with Galaxiidae and tree form</i> , 2021<br>Cast bronze, steel, brass and copper<br>402 x 440 x 70mm                    | \$5,000 |
| 9. <i>Waxing Moon - Composition with Tunariki and tree form</i> , 2021<br>Cast bronze, steel, brass and copper<br>402 x 460 x 100mm                     | \$5,000 |
| 10. <i>Layering to extend - Tree form with fish - Galaxiidae (3rd Variation)</i> , 2021<br>Cast bronze, steel, brass and copper<br>870 x 330 x 210mm    | \$5,500 |
| 11. <i>Arbordiverse - Mixed arrangement with Galaxiidae and Bullies</i> , 2021<br>Cast bronze, steel, brass and copper<br>590 x 540 x 140mm             | \$6,500 |
| 12. <i>Arbordiverse - Mixed arrangement with trees and Galaxiidae</i> , 2021<br>Cast bronze, steel, brass and copper<br>760 x 970 x 145mm               | \$7,000 |
| 13. <i>From floods and freshes - Wrenched Lupin with Tunariki</i> , 2021<br>Cast bronze, steel, brass and copper<br>1275 x 310 x 100mm                  | \$6,500 |
| 14. <i>In altered habitats - Eels and Tororaro / from Kaitorete (2nd Variation)</i> , 2021<br>Cast bronze, steel, brass and copper<br>720 x 360 x 175mm | \$5,500 |