**Armillaria novae-zelandiae**

Cap: convex to applanate, subumbonate; 30 – 100 mm diameter; viscid; hazel to yellowish brown, with darker brown squamules towards the centre of the cap; hardly peeling.

Stipe: cylindrical with a bulbous or sub-bulbous base; often caespitose and in large troops; 50 – 120 × 5 – 10 mm; fibrillose; pinkish above annulus, drab brown to sepia below.

Gills: sinuate to subdecurrent; white becoming cream.

Flesh: off white, unchanging.

Taste: mild.

Chemical reactions: not noted.

Spores: white; ellipsoid; 7 – 8 × 4.5 – 5μm, inamyloid.

Basidia: clavate, hyaline four-spored.

Pleurocystidia: absent.

Pileipellis: a cutis of tightly woven brownish hyphae.

Habitat: very common in cool temperate rainforest in New Zealand and Australia.

Notes: recognised by its cap colour, mild taste, and bulbous base. It is often found in very large clusters. We need a good collection from Lamington or Springbrook!

Collections examined: Lake Daniels Track, Lewis Pass, New Zealand, Pat Leonard.