

# Eastland Wood Council Te Kaunihera Pororākau o Te Tairāwhiti

The Eastland Wood Council (EWC) is an incorporated society which provides a collective voice for the forestry industry in Tairāwhiti for the benefit of Tairāwhiti.

### Kia ora koutou

The two major weather events this past month have been felt right across the district. While there have been many challenges, these events demonstrate the value of collaboration and the progress our industry has made with increased measures and compliance which have reduced forestry impacts during extreme weather events.

The forestry industry is proud to be part of the community and our biggest priority remains the safety and wellbeing of our

workforce and their families.

EWC members are committed to improving the standards applied to the forest industry in Tairāwhiti and to observing the Code of Principles — view these on our website.

Production forestry, harvested in a sustainable way, supports domestic processing, generates considerable export earnings (supports our regional economy and community) and is a key driver of New Zealand's target to be greenhouse gas neutral by 2050.

While prices for log exports have remained stable, a number of factors reduced log supply such as severe weather, increased cost of fuel and delays/impact caused by Covid. The effects have been felt right across the supply

chain — silviculture operations, earthworks, quarrying, roading, harvesting operations, cart-in, domestic supply to sawmills, export and vessel loading.

Please be kind to others and be kind to yourself. If you are not feeling well, ask someone you trust for help.

You matter. Your whānau needs you. We need you.

Nga manaakitanga

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Forestry slash and wood debris are different!

Forestry slash is defined in the National Environmental Standards for Plantation Forestry (NES-PF) as tree waste left behind after plantation forestry activities.

Wood debris is the material that enters the river system over the lifetime of the tree growing; for example, by falling in from bank failure, or wind, or disease.

Wood debris consists of a number of different tree species, including poplar, willow, macrocarpa, natives etc.

This month we report on the Twin Berth Project at Eastland Port, two key staff at ISO, the transition of the Generation Programme to Turanga Ararau and one of our board members. We also acknowledge Mayor Rehette Stoltz and her team at Gisborne District Council.



Eastland Wood Council (EWC) members met with Her Worship the Mayor Rehette Stoltz to recognise the important collaboration the forestry industry has with Gisborne District Council and to acknowledge the Mayor's leadership and support throughout the local state of emergency. The team at GDC and affiliated organisations did a tremendous job in the face of difficult conditions. From left are Bill Wheeler, Ernslaw regional manager and EWC board member; Mayor Stoltz; EWC chairman Ian Brown; and EWC chief executive officer Philip Hope.

## Introducing Georgia Craig ...

Georgia Craig started her forestry career at the University of Canterbury where she completed a Bachelor of Forestry Science (BForSc) through Te Kura Ngahere (New Zealand School of Forestry).

Before completing the final year of her degree, Georgia was employed by Pacific Forest Products (PFP) during university breaks. She conducted research for her dissertation topic on behalf of PFP and Kaingaroa Timberlands, looking at bark-on and debarked log residue and the potential environmental impact on air quality.

After graduating in 2019, Georgia worked for OneFortyOne, formerly known as Nelson Forests, which covers an 80,000-hectare forest estate across the Nelson, Tasman, and Marlborough regions. Her role entailed environmental and silviculture aspects, while also

maintaining a broad overview of forest operations including the company's Kaituna Sawmill.

In March 2021, Georgia returned to PFP, relocating to Tairāwhiti for her current role as East Coast manager.

PFP group is a New Zealand based employee-owned company that exports logs across multiple ports around Aotearoa, Australia and Uruguay.

The exporting relationship between PFP and Eastland Port has continued to grow over the past 17 years, helping the local industry optimise its forest value for large- and small-scale Tairāwhiti forest owners.

PFP provides marketing and shipping services which account for 55 percent of the total export in Tairāwhiti and is the largest exporter of logs from Australasia into Asia-Pacific.

Acknowledging the significance of the relationship between PFP and Tairāwhiti forest owners, Georgia has been attending kura reo as she recognises Te Ao Māori is a positive and fundamental part of Tairāwhiti and the wider East Coast region.



EWC Board Member,  
Georgia Craig,  
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# Jo, Lorissa playing key roles in port logistic company's success

ISO Limited is a port logistics company providing innovative stevedoring, marshalling and information technology solutions to import/export supply chains. With over 1000 staff operating across 12 ports, ISO handles in excess of 20 million

tonnes of cargo annually. In Gisborne, ISO processes and offloads log trucks, maintains inventory in the log yard and load-out to vessels. ISO also receives and loads squash and kiwifruit, along with other project cargos. It has 140 staff locally across

four sites, completing a wide range of roles. Two of its key current staff members are Joanne Cairns and Lorissa Kendrick —



Joanne Cairns

**Joanne Cairns** is the checkpoint \* supervisor for the ISO team in Gisborne. Her key role is overseeing the accurate ticketing and scaling process of converting logs from tonnes to jas, and managing the safe and efficient manning of 30 personnel who work in our checkpoint.

Jo has a varied background from retail customer service to employment law. She was based in Auckland for 23 years but decided to move back to Tairāwhiti for, in her words — freshly-killed mutton, fresh kai moana, warm beaches and most of all, whānau.

Before joining ISO in 2017, Jo had no previous knowledge of the forest industry. She took on the huge challenge of learning an entirely new skill set and industry.

Through a lot of hard work, she quickly made the role her own, building a solid rapport with staff, customers and cartage companies.

The checkpoint has come a long way since 2017. Jo notes this is all about “having a robust process, safety mechanisms in place, patience and perseverance”.

Jo also acknowledges all past and present staff who have contributed to where we are today.

\* Checkpoint is the area where log trucks are received on port. Each truck's logs are cleaned, given a unique identifier (barcode) and then measured by one of the three robotic scaling machines at the port. Once processed through checkpoint, log trucks then enter the log yard to be unloaded.

**Lorissa Kendrick** is one of two duty operations managers working in the ISO marshalling division. She dropped out of school at an early age and started a trade apprenticeship. At 19, she qualified in automotive refinishing.



Lorissa Kendrick

After a few years, Lorissa decided on a change and followed a friend to the first ISO marshalling Gisborne intake in 2016, taking up a position in the checkpoint.

She quickly moved into driving shuttle trucks and operating machines at various ISO sites around the North Island.

When she got an opportunity to hone her skills, Lorissa left ISO in 2017 to work for a forestry contractor — processing stems and loading out to logging trucks.

A keen learner, she returned to ISO in 2019. She started working in inventory control and operating heavy machinery.

Lorissa continued to grab opportunities. She was a log marshalling supervisor before being promoted to her current position as duty operations manager.

Lorissa is responsible for the safe and smooth operations of the log marshalling department of around 90 staff. There is an array of key operations to manage — from labour and machine allocation to managing machine repairs and maintenance to staff training, managing MPI export requirement, vessel agents and load plans.

Her job is to make this all come together safely and efficiently, providing a seamless service to customers.

Reflecting on her progression, Lorissa says: “ISO provides opportunities to progress skill and knowledge within our industry to hard-working individuals with motivation to learn and grow.”



STAGE ONE OF TWIN BERTH PROJECT

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# Twin Berth project 'significant milestone'

Eastland Port is close to submitting resource consent for the Twin Berth project.

Five years in the planning, the Twin Berth stage 2 application is just weeks away from being submitted.

The application will cover the extension of wharf 8, one hectare of reclamation, dredging the channel and harbour, and rebuilding the outer breakwater.

It will also include upgrading the last of the port's log yards with its award-winning stormwater treatment system.

Eastland Port infrastructure manager Marty Bayley said, "This is a

significant milestone for Eastland Port and Tairāwhiti. We've worked with many different experts, hapū and iwi, neighbours, businesses, our customers, and the community to future-proof the port."

"Together we have developed a balanced solution that considers the integrity of historical and cultural sites around the port and the local environment, while at the same time supporting the community and economy."

"Now more than ever we need to upgrade our infrastructure and prepare the port to ensure we can keep ahead of the demand of projected volumes of

wood products, the growing horticulture sector, cruise ships and enable containerisation."

When the project is completed, two ships between 185 and 200 metres long will be able to safely berth at the same time. These will include logging ships, produce vessels, wood chip ships, coastal container vessels and smaller cruise liners.

"The Twin Berth project will help unlock Tairāwhiti's long-term economic growth by providing the capacity needed for a thriving forestry industry, offering more opportunities for exporters and importers, and creating more jobs for our region," Mr Bayley said.

"With more than a quarter of employment in Tairāwhiti coming from forestry and agriculture, and the processing of the products from these industries, increased capacity at Eastland Port will bring huge benefits to the region.

"Economic modelling for the project shows \$84 million will be put into the pockets of local contractors through construction and in the long-term it will enable an extra \$250 million to be added to our region's GDP."

Visit [www.eastlandport.nz](http://www.eastlandport.nz) for more information about the Twin Berth project.



— Stage one

- 1 Slipway reconfiguration
- 2 Wharf 7 rebuild 200 LOA, -12.5m

— Stage two

- 3 Wharf 8 extension 185 LOA, -11.1m CD
- 4 1ha reclamation
- 5 Breakwater repairs

- 6 Outer channel -11.6m CD
- 7 Inner channel -11.1m CD
- 8 Turning basin -10.6m CD

# Turanga Ararau takes over leadership of Generation Programme

Eastland Wood Council (EWC) is incredibly proud to have established the Generation Programme, says deputy chair Neil Woods.

The programme provides a quality professional learning opportunity by combining a six-week base camp with an individualised two-year training and career pathway.

Turanga Ararau has been the training provider since the establishment of the Generation Programme and funding has been provided by the Ministry for Primary Industries' Te Uru Rakau and the Ministry of

Social Development.

Turanga Ararau is the training provider arm of Te Runanga o Turanganui a Kiwa.

EWC is invested in the long-term success of the Generation Programme and sees this being achieved through collaboration.

"While Turanga Ararau has full responsibility (as of March 31, 2022), EWC will continue to support, all the while focusing on the collective interests of our industry."

Te Runanga o Turanganui a Kiwa chief executive Ronald Nepe acknowledged the Eastland Wood Council "for showing

confidence in our education and training arm (Turanga Ararau) to take over their Generation Programme".

"Having already been responsible for the delivery and awarding of their NZQA-approved forestry qualifications, Turanga

Ararau is well able to maintain the quality and successes the programme has achieved to date.

"This is another step further in our commitment to forestry and iwi development within our rohe, along with the planned Diploma in Forest Management programme."

Since the generation programme was launched by EWC in October 2018 (in conjunction with training provider Turanga Ararau), this workforce development initiative has enrolled more than 100 trainees. At least 70 trainees have achieved NZ National Certificates in Forestry level 2 and/or level 3. The majority of these young leaders have also been awarded NCEA. 65 have gone on to secure "apprentice type employment" in the forestry industry. The majority of other trainees have gained work in other primary industries.



ABOVE, pictured at the signing ceremony are Ronald Nepe (left), CEO of Te Runanga o Turanganui a Kiwa and Neil Woods, deputy chair, Eastland Wood Council and CEO of Aratu Forests. LEFT, they are pictured with Turanga Ararau general manager Sharon Maynard, Whare Gilbert of Turanga Ararau and Eastland Wood Council CEO Philip Hope.



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