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en MacArthur from Speirs Logging was over the moon to stand on the stage at the Eastland Forestry Awards 2021 and accept the award for Faller Mechanised or Manual Excellence.

Then to return to the stage and receive the top award was too much to comprehend on the night.

Ben is described as a person who has adapted seamlessly to an industry of evolving safety and environmental regulations.

He started in the industry as a teen, working his way to foreman. Now he is a highly-skilled mentor and leader.

Ben has been at the forefront of using certain machines and is a key contributor to innovation and mechanisation on the East Coast. He is always looking to improve health, safety and environmental practices and is considered an example around safer mechanisation, showing it as the way of the future.

"I always had a desire to get into forestry after going out with older mates and seeing how they worked on the big machinery and I thought the physical side of it was right up my alley," Ben said.

His first foray into the forestry sector was in Levin, where he gained work experience log making and cutting knots through a friend of a friend.

They offered Ben an apprenticeship and before long he was working in Masterton on a swing yarder, pole hauler and in a ground base crew. There was not enough work to keep the crews in the area so they looked

towards Gisborne.

"I moved with Blake Speirs, owner operator of Speirs Logging. He had only one crew but is focused on being the best — with the best workforce and best machinery.

"I progressed through to crew foreman and have been with Speirs Logging for eight years now," Ben said.

Ben's downtime includes spending time with his wife and three daughters, and he fills his weekends with hunting and motocross.

He is pleased to have been able to move to Tairawhiti with Blake. Before they started working together, the pair travelled around the world, and Ben said he is lucky to be able to work with his best mate.

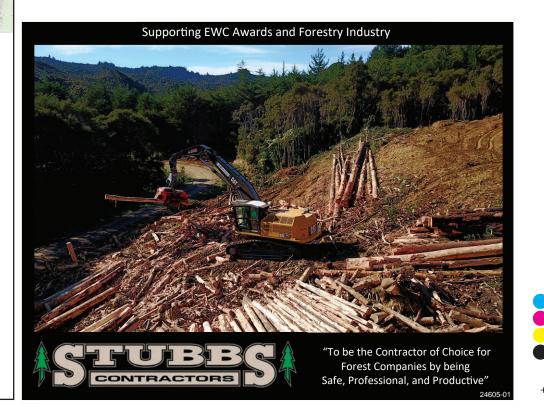
"Blake is always striving to be the best. He brings out the best in people and is very innovative, looking for the next best thing to make work safer."

Speirs Logging has made an effort to ensure more of a shared culture within the industry.

"Speirs Logging has been instrumental in paving the way for forestry on the East Coast," said Ben. "They are driven to improve health, safety and environmental practices and we are proud to say we have ensured reduced harm and improved environmental practices," said Ben.

Blake Speirs says: "Ben is an important part of the team and he mentors the crew on winch machines. He is always keen to help the young guys.

"Ben plays an integral role in the operation of the company. He is







fiercely loyal and is the longestserving employee.

"His can-do attitude makes him the complete package," Blake said.

"He is just such a humble guy and is always happy to put others before him. Ben has been working for Speirs Logging for 11 years and we have been mates since school."

"With a mechanical mind, environmental awareness, and the ability to plan, Ben ensures the crew runs smoothly. No job is above or below Ben and he is deserving of the title of Supreme Skilled Professional of the Year 2021."

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Awards judges applaud quality, quantity, diversity

an Brown of Woodhill Consultancy was the convenor of judges at this year's awards and spoke at the awards night on behalf of the other judges — Jeff Cornwall of H & S NewZealand Limited and Alan Paulson of Tairawhiti Timber Training Limited.

Ian thanked the industry for its enthusiastic approach to the awards this year.

He said the judges were blown away by the quality, quantity and diversity of the nominations.

In previous years the nominations have mainly been submitted by the forest owners/managers.

This year the majority of nominations came from

contractor principals and their

Also of significance was that 30 percent of the nominees were female, well up on previous years, demonstrating a growing recognition of the diversity within the industry.

These shifts in trends show the development of the awards process and the growing significance attached to them by the industry as a whole.

The outstanding feature, however, was the quality of the nominees

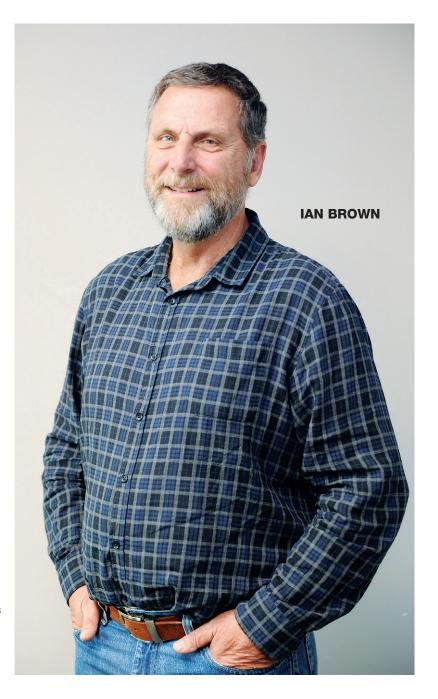
"We must have the most skilled, experienced, and dedicated people in the New Zealand forest industry right here in Tairawhiti, and so we should since we have arguably the most challenging forestry working environment in the country," Ian said.

"Having such talented people fills me with confidence for the future of forestry on the East Coast. They will collectively and individually continue to overcome the extreme challenges the industry presents."

Such quality made judging much more difficult.

Winners of each category were warmly applauded by the audience of 500 on awards night.

However, it was important to also acknowledge all 64 nominees and congratulate them on the outstanding mahi (work) they had done.





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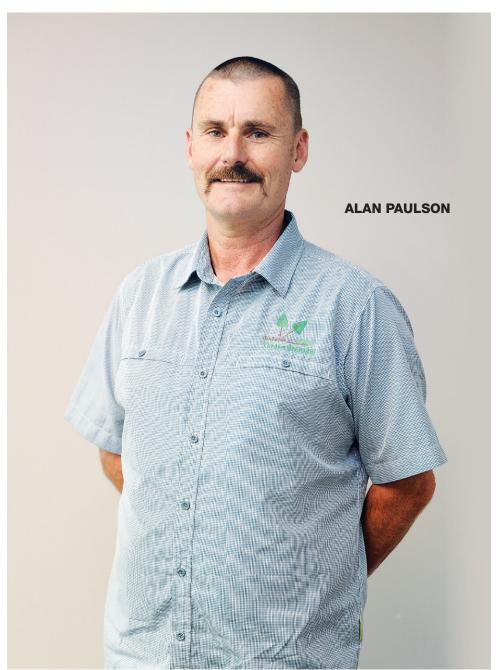
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Crew of the Year aspiring to share and learn



DESERVING WINNERS: Speirs Logging collected the Crew of the Year award at this year's Eastland Forestry Awards.

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t is no surprise that Speirs Logging was awarded Crew of the Year at this year's Eastland Forestry Awards. It is a family owned and operated company built on the foundation of innovation, efficiency and reliability.

It is a young company but Speirs Logging prides itself on its pioneering spirit, and boasts a team of professionals.

The company was the first contractor in the region to implement mechanised tree felling using self-levelling equipment on the steep slopes of the East Coast.

Speirs' crews are responsible for some of the region's highest production rates and continue to set new standards by reducing environmental impact and lowering health and safety risk through the ongoing development of a professional workforce and mechanisation.

Four years ago, owner operator Blake Speirs had a goal of being fully mechanised, but didn't want to stop

"There was a big focus in getting people off the steep slopes and the crew were right behind this. I would not have been able to make it possible without having the support of the guys.

"Forest Enterprises Limited are a huge support and we realised that there was a lot of value in being able to learn what others were doing around New Zealand.

"In the past I have tended to do my own thing. We are proud to be an individual business but we need to open our eyes and have a crack at doing more and being happy to share with others," Blake said.

"It is about the industry and we should take responsibility for the health and safety of our workforce."

Mechanisation is key to productive logging on the steep terrain in the Tairawhiti region, Blake says.

Principal-to-contractor relationships need to change and he advocates for a move away from the old-school mentality and being open to what is going to work for both parties.

"I am not stopping there. We have a strong desire to continue this journey and with the investment we have in our business we want to make sure we continue the good work and share it with the rest of the industry," Blake said.





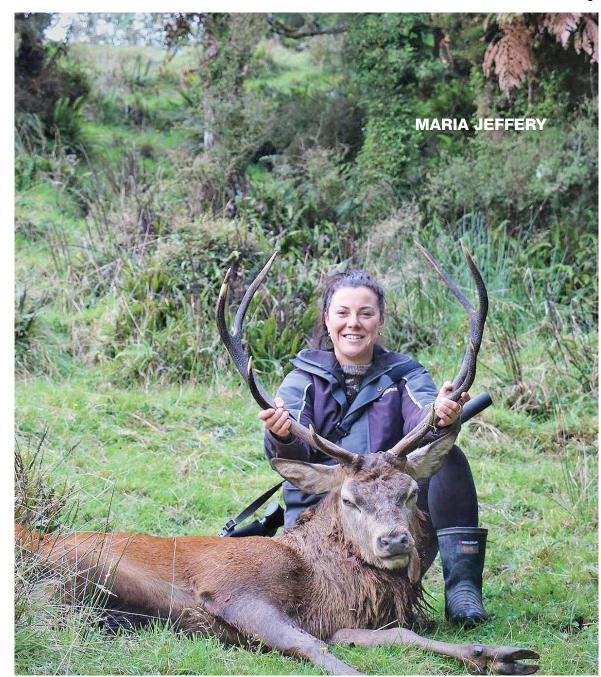
Talented woman steps up

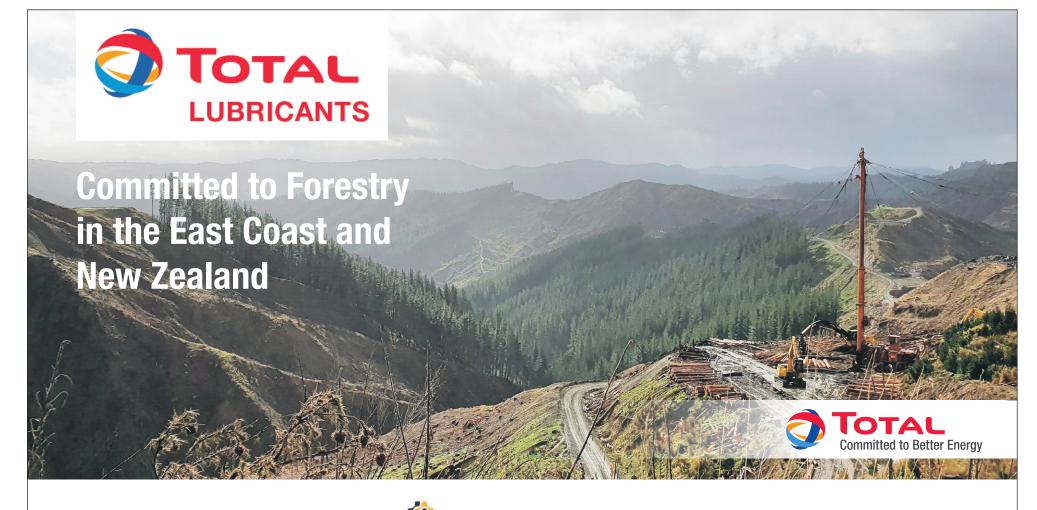
ongratulations Maria Jeffery from Stubbs Contracting – she was the winner of the Woman in Forestry Excellence Award sponsored by Blackstump Logging

Maria grew up in the bush, helping her parents in their work. The outdoors is where this woman feels most comfortable, so it was no surprise she joined a logging crew on leaving school. She initially chose tree falling and has steadily added to her qualifications in this field. Fast forward a few years and she is pursuing a career in health and

safety, overseeing 30 employees, ensuring all the right policies and procedures are reviewed and followed.

She is passionate about her work and has garnered the respect of the men and women she works for. Her experience across many facets of the industry means she understands their jobs well. Nothing is too much trouble, and everyone appreciates her more for that. Her employer Robert Stubbs says she has been an asset to his business. He was delighted to see her recognised at the Eastland Forestry Awards and to take the stage as a winner.









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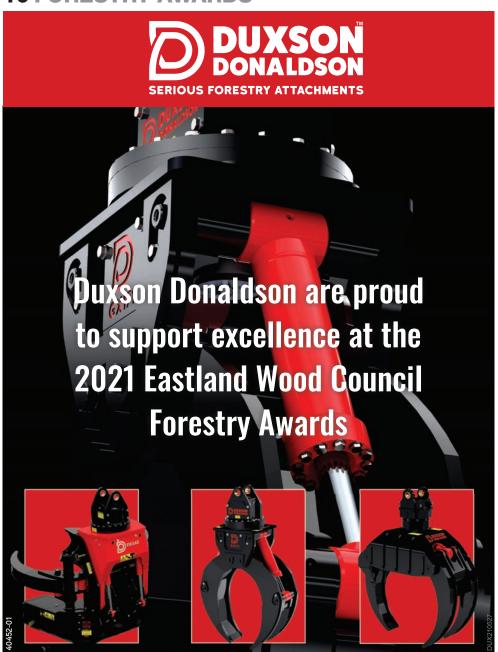
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This award recognises an individual for being a leader in their field of expertise, demonstrating excellence in professional skills, attitude & attributes are recognised by their peers and employers, and is of genuine good character.







Going above & beyond



rissy Mackintosh is the creator of #HEAR4U — an organisation committed to raising awareness around men's mental health and suicide

At the Eastland Forestry Awards she was recognised for her contribution to the community with The Good Deed Award — a new award for a person within the forest industry who has paid it forward, helped others or supported a charity through an initiative or action. It is intended for someone who has done something for someone else without thinking about themselves, beyond the call of duty.

Krissy is the wife of logger/contractor Matt, who is also well known throughout the Gisborne logging fraternity.

Her personal path through life has made her into an amazing and intuitive woman who has helped break stereotypical notions about male suicide and reached into people's lives when most needed. With a core group of talented friends, Krissy raised \$53,000 through an exhibition and auction to help fund the Headstart in NZ project.

It is just one of the projects Krissy has driven to raise awareness and help people recognise when, where and how to get

The following is a brief summary of the charity work achievements of Krissy and her team since 2019 —

1. The #Hear4U exhibition/auction: Held in January 2020, it raised over \$52,000 for The Movember Foundation

2. The "What He Taught Me" book: Good things take time. The book, which is in the hands of editors, is the collection of over 40 statements from men from all walks of life, advocating and sharing their thoughts and experiences in regards to mental health and suicide prevention.

3. The Speedway #Hear4u trailer: Griffin Law built and promoted #Hear4U throughout New Zealand during 2020 in honour of best friend Toby Fraser. Awareness grew overnight and the team have loved listening to those men who have shared their stories/battles due to Griffin's selfless and generous actions.

4. The Good Blokes Appeal: Steven "Huzzy" Husband was chosen as the team's Christmas "model" and his role was to show that men "speak up" not just verbally, but also non-verbally. The response was overwhelming. Over \$17,000 worth of goods and services were donated and these were gifted to deserving Tairawhiti men at Christmas

■ Krissy's team will officially have 80 runners/walkers representing #Hear4U at the Taupo half-marathon on July 31.

"I am blown away by the excitement and motivation of our team," Krissy said.



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ave Pardoe received a special accolade for his outstanding contribution to the industry at the Eastland Forestry Awards. After joining the New Zealand Forest

Service as a trainee, Dave went on to hold forest management positions at forests on the East Coast, namely Mangatu Forest and Ruatoria Forest, before moving to Kaingaroa Forest.

He spent four years working on forest projects in Western Samoa, logging the indigenous forest, managing nurseries and re-establishing forests in the tropical regions.

On returning to New Zealand he gained qualifications in industrial engineering before taking up a position as transport manager for the Bay of Plenty region with the New Zealand Forest Corporation.

This involved managing the transport of logs throughout the North Island and to the ports of Tauranga and Napier for export.

Dave has been involved with trucking for over 25 years. It is an industry he is passionate about.

For the past three years he has been working for the Tairawhiti Road

Transport Training Trust (TRT), a programme funded by the Provincial Growth Fund through secondment from Williams and Wilshier.

Dave started with Williams and Wilshier over 25 years ago, firstly as health and safety co-ordinator, and guided the company through the ISO accreditation quality management programme, leading to improved health and safety policies and staff welfare.

He then set up and managed the Gisborne operations for the company before taking on the TRT role.

He is recognised as an industry leader in forestry, working with MITO as a trainer/assessor, to develop driver training qualifications.

Next up for Dave is a cadet programme for under-25-year-olds.

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Daniel Gray of Forest Management Solutions, with wife Mia, after he was recognised for his health and safety commitment, particularly his leadership with drug testing and wellbeing support.



The karakia and first welcome was delivered by kaumatua Selwyn Parata.



McKay Cartage and guests. Back row (from left) are Matt McLeely, Megan McKay and Kevin McKay. Front: Trevor Williams, Candice Gate, Jas Ward, Iwi Harrison, Ash Richards and Matt Richards.



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Gisborne district councillor Meredith Akuhata-Brown having a laugh with Master of Ceremonies and television personality Jeremy Corbett.

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Stirling Logging's crew are Angela Harris, Alan Paulson (EFA judge), TeWaa Pukepuke, Michael Blazey, Jamie Cross, Ngaki Ngarangione, Shayna Runga, Shar, Chrystal Edmonds and Theresa Manuel.



Enjoying the night are Lynette and Jeff Cornwell (EFA judge), Ian Brown (EFA judge), Grant Duffy (WorkSafe), Gisborne district councillor Terry Sheldrake and wife Kathy, Misha Kocar and Craig Willson (The Gisborne Herald) and Joe Hauiti (WorkSafe).



One of the awards' valued sponsors BDO was also supported by their team. Standing (from left) are Stuart Armstrong, Zoe Spedding, Gemma Hogg, Bayley Taylor-Law, William Geuze, Katie Holden, Janene Swann and Jimmy Holden. Front: Hayden Keast, and Mase Finau.



This happy line-up of blokes celebrating success are (from left) William Grogan, Buck Trafford, Neil Woods (Aratu Forests) Wayne Trafford, Winiata Blane, Ona Orutaunga, Dylan Foster (JNL - East Coast Forests).



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