



BOARD MEMBERS: The Eastland Wood Council board is — back row (from left): Shaun Truelock (regional manager – East Coast Forest, Juken New Zealand Limited), Dan Fraser (Gisborne regional manager, Forest Enterprises), Reece Needham (director, Integrated Safety Solutions 2011 Ltd; chair of EWC Drug and Alcohol Focus Group), Georgia Graig (East Coast manager, Pacific Forest Products Ltd), Neil Woods (chief executive, Aratu Forests Limited; deputy chair of EWC), Bill Wheeler (regional manager, Ernslaw One), Philip Hope (chief executive, Eastland Wood Council), Marty Bayley (ports infrastructure manager, Eastland Port). Front: Neal Ebbett (Gisborne area manager, ISO New Zealand Ltd), Mark Brown (Gisborne regional harvest manager, Forest Management NZ LTD), Candice Gate (health and safety consultant, McKay Cartage; co chair of EWC Health, Safety and Training Focus Group), Sean McBride (general manager – National Forests, Juken New Zealand Limited (JNL).



Ian Brown (Eastland Wood Council chair, Woodhill Consulting Ltd managing director).



Selwyn Parata (Ngāti Porou Forests director and kaumatua).



Daniel Williams (Ngāti Porou Forests general manager).



Warren Rance (Summit Forests regional manager).

Eastland Wood Council – Te Kaunihera Pororākau o Te Tairāwhiti

Eastland Wood Council - Te Kaunihera Pororākau o Te Tairāwhiti (EWC) is an incorporated society which provides a collective voice for the forestry industry in Tairāwhiti for the benefit of Tairāwhiti. EWC members represent more than 130,000 hectares of production forestry. EWC members reflect the industry supply chain, principal forestry companies, forestry management, contractors, logging/trucking, Eastland Port, ISO, export and timber mills.

Kia ora koutou.
We welcome two new members to the Eastland Wood Council — Kiwi Lumber, represented by Peter Sutton, and Ponga Silva Limited (a forestry company with woodlots in the East Coast and Southland), represented by Tim Fleming.
EWC acknowledges the Tairāwhiti Regional Workforce Plan. We are dedicated to supporting training and education initiatives to help build capacity and resilience within the forestry industry —for example, through collaboration with respected training provider Te Rūnanga o Tūrangānui ā Kiwa – Tūrangā Ararau.

The forestry industry harvest volumes in our region are predicted to exceed four million tonnes in the next two-to-five years. This sees industry stakeholders planning the significant labour growth required to meet this increase.
While many in our industry are feeling more downbeat at the end of the June quarter, we admire and want to acknowledge everyone in the forestry industry supply chain for continuing to perform day in, day out in the face of bad weather, short weeks and low wharf gate prices.
Principal forestry companies have a tricky balancing act to try to keep harvesting crews operating through such a volatile market,

impacted by intense inflation and the lingering effects of Covid. Contractors have also been impacted by the increased costs of operating, and reduced margins.
Again we are reminded about resilience planning, the importance of health and wellbeing and the value of collaboration.
Forestry remains a very strong industry and will continue to be a key driver of the regional economy.
Our biggest priority remains the safety and wellbeing of our workforce and their families. Please look out for each other and ask for help if you need.
Nga manaakitanga.

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This month we share some forestry facts and showcase Te Pai o te Peka Wood is Good Programme which recently visited Waikirikiri School.






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Forestry Facts

Land use

Forest export returns per hectare are, on average, half as much again as from pastoral farming. This is despite most of the forests growing on inferior hill country land (reference — Plantation Forestry Aotearoa - Forest Growers Levy Trust).

Area & volume

- An average pinus radiata tree yields 2.4m³ of wood at harvest.
- A hectare of 28 year-old Pinus radiata contains between 650 and 800m³ of wood.
- One hectare grows up to 28m³ of wood each year.
- A log truck and trailer carries approximately 30 tonnes of logs (some trucks are rated and permitted to carry loads of up to 53 tonnes on specified routes).

Climate change

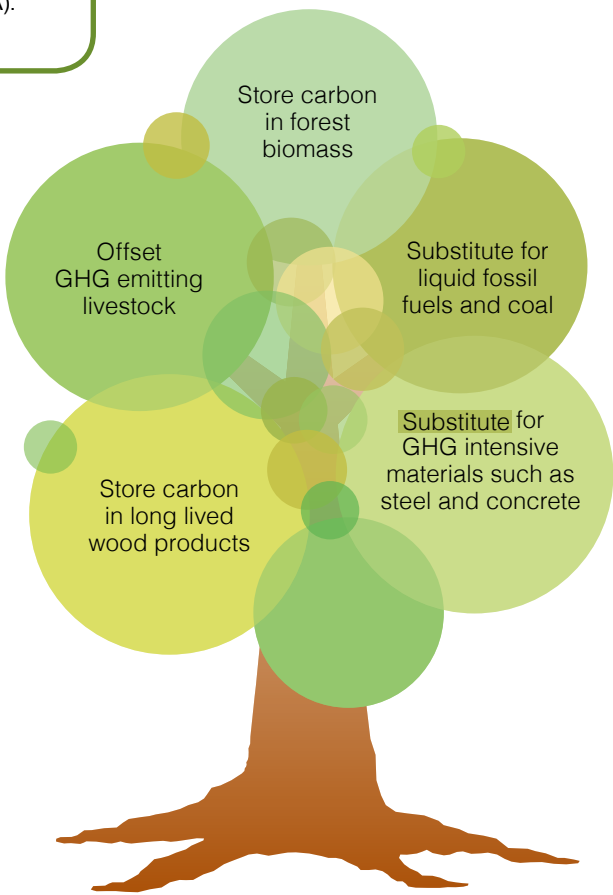
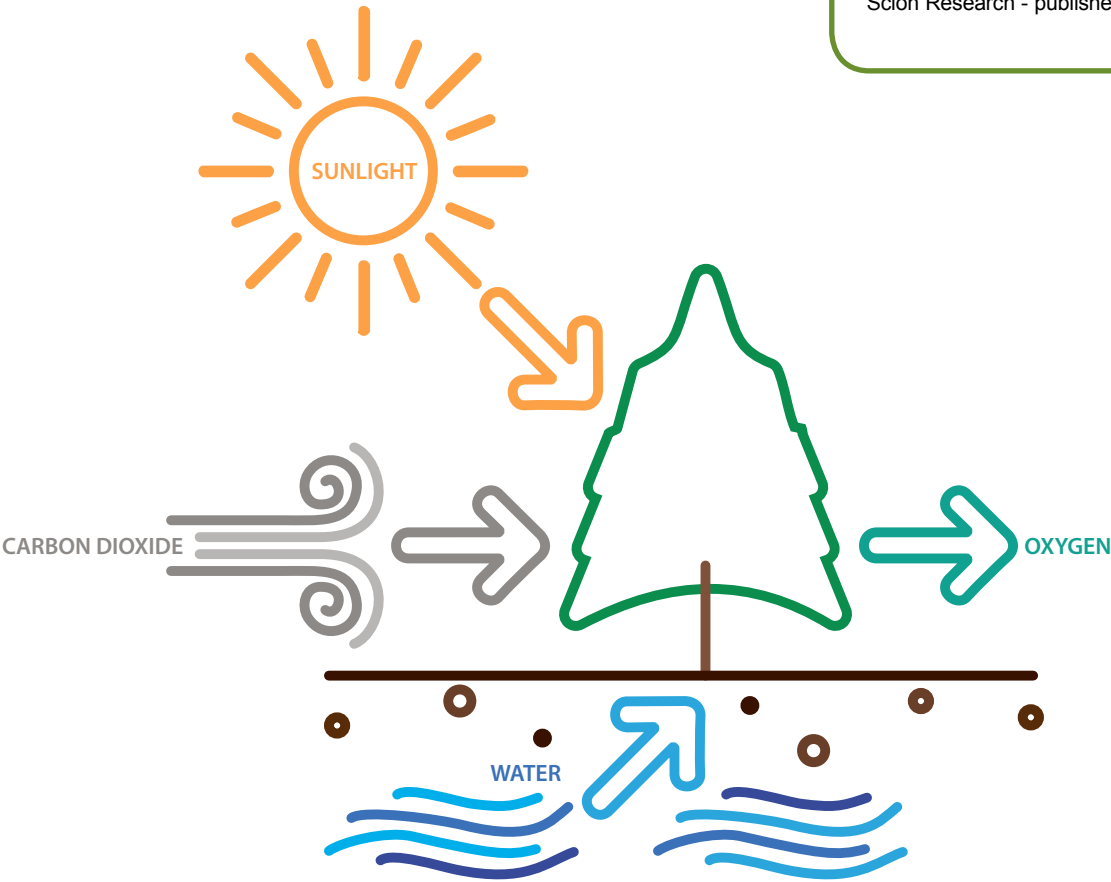
- Planting trees and forests is one of the best immediate responses to climate change.
- Sustainably grown trees capture carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and the carbon is stored in the forest biomass.
- Wood products and buildings continue to store carbon over their lifetime.
- Trees also provide energy alternatives that can substitute for fossil fuels.
- Timber and other wood products are low carbon-footprint materials compared with concrete and steel (reference — Planted forests and carbon - Scion Research - published by NZFOA).

Export

- A log ship contains approximately 30,000 to 35,000 tonnes of logs.
- By weight, the ratio of carbon to oxygen in carbon dioxide is 1-2.66.

Wood exports by destination

China	Philippines
Australia	Taiwan
Japan	Hong Kong
South Korea	Malaysia
India	Saudi Arabia
United States	Netherlands
Indonesia	Other countries
Thailand	(Reference — Facts & Figures 2020/21)
Vietnam	



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The in-person resource of the logging truck sweetens the learning deal.

Wood is Good — Te Pai o te Peka programme

The Wood is Good roadshow headed to its third school last week with programme coordinator Fushia Tibble entertaining and educating youngsters about the importance of safety around logging trucks.

The programme — Te Pai o te Peka — is run under the Eastland Wood Council and has been tailored to suit primary school students.

It is a holistic approach that includes career pathways, kaitiakitanga (guardianship of the land), climate change information and more, and is delivered across multiple platforms.

Fushia (Ngāti Porou) is passionate about her community and ensuring she puts back into the rangatahi coming through. Her grandfather used to work around large trucks so she is very aware of the rules around safety with trucks and other large machinery.

“Ngāti Porou are the second biggest iwi in New Zealand, so a lot of the kids in the schools I visit are my whanaunga,” says the

19-year-old.

When offered the coordinator job she jumped at the opportunity, knowing she could apply a te ao Māori focus to it, making it far more relevant for local rangatahi.

Fushia is in her third year studying biomedical science at Auckland University, so juggles visits around coming home and her studies.

When she glanced at the current resources she realised there would be plenty of work needed to get it ready for youngsters in Te Tairāwhiti.

Her visit to Waikirikiri School last week was a huge hit with the 60-odd children who got to sit in the cab of AKM Trucking's big rig, honk the horn and ask as many questions as they liked about driving such a truck.

“The programme is a great way to show the forestry industry in a positive light, and kids will take those messages home to their whānau.

“It is an industry that supports so many in this region.”



Pipi taura from Te Kura Reo Rua o Waikirikiri showing their best smiles.



Students learn about the range of blind spots for drivers, outlined by the traffic cones.



These taurira are examining their mirrors to double-check blind spots.

Hands up for Fushia’s road rules quiz — a good sign!

Engaging and inspiring rangatahi

Previously Fushia and AKM Trucking owner Andre Mansell visited Pae o te Riri School in Tikitiki and she teamed up with Jimmy Hailey and Agnes Rewi from Rewi Trucking to visit Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Ngā Taonga Tūturu ki Tokomaru.

“We deliberately visit schools that experience high volumes of logging truck traffic,” Fushia says.

“The Eastland Wood Council (EWC) is pleased to have Fushia Tibble lead the Wood is Good programme,” EWC CEO Philip Hope says.

Fushia is passionate about the

health and wellbeing of people and the environment.

“She also brings with her the ability to adapt the programme to meet the needs of individual schools.”

One of the new developments led by Fushia is the translation of the programme resources into te reo Māori.

EWC is committed to resourcing the Wood is Good — Te Pai o te Peka programme and they are thrilled to be working with and supporting Fushia in her key role, which is engaging and inspiring rangatahi here in Te Tairāwhiti.

