

Industry update

Forestry for life

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. 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 (stevedoring), timber mills and exporters.

Kia ora koutou

Our biggest priority remains the safety and wellbeing of our workforce and their families.

We begin in remembrance of Jason Rawiri, an experienced tree faller and respected forestry kaimahi who lost his life, the result of a tragic accident at a forestry block in Ngātapa near Gisborne on Friday, October 14.

Me te aroha tino nui atu. Rest in Peace Jason. Our love and respect remains with Jason Rawiri's life partner, his whānau, friends and colleagues. We support a thorough investigation into this tragic accident.

Eastland Wood Council is pleased to welcome three new members — Kuru Contracting, represented by Ma Parata, general manager; Te Uru Rākau - NZ Forest Service Ministry for Primary Industries, represented by Jason Blair, specialist adviser Forest and Wood Forestry Engagement and Advice; and Women in Forestry (WIF), represented by Erika Herries, WIF board member (director of Lumberjack Logging).

After a challenging winter, harvest volumes have increased the flow of logs from forestry blocks to the Port. During the month of November 240,000 tonnes was loaded across the port on to vessels — the biggest volume for the past 12 months.

Wood volumes loaded to vessels is in balance at the moment. This good position has been helped by very few weather delays (no demurrage) and a constant flow of wood through the supply chain.

Collaboration and camaraderie in our industry support resilience. We acknowledge the principal forestry companies, forestry contractors, trucking companies and other stakeholders in the supply chain for meeting the challenges together to keep a consistent flow of wood.

Despite the tough global economic environment, domestic inflation including fuel and RUCs, the lingering effects of Covid, forestry remains a strong industry that will

continue to be an important driver of the regional economy.

Earlier this month, we hosted a very positive meeting with Hon Michael Wood in his capacity as Minister of Workplace Relations and Safety. We share a commitment to eliminate fatalities and serious injury by improving the culture of safety, including a number of measures through improved collaboration.

Aside from economic and social pressures, weather events will continue to test the resilience of industry and community in Te Tairāwhiti with impacts on our region's infrastructure, for example roading and erosion.

EWC is committed to improving collaboration with GDC, Waka Kotahi, iwi, industry, community and central government to help ensure Te Tairāwhiti is best prepared to meet these challenges with improved resilience.

We acknowledge the Poverty Bay Agricultural & Pastoral Association for delivering the 2022 A&P Show held in October. EWC was pleased to support the Show and we congratulate president Rob Telfer, vice president Alaister Gray, general manager Erica McNeil and their team for producing such a great community event.

It was very fitting to see the return of wood chopping at the A&P Show and this year featured a memorial event in tribute to William (Hoot) Knowles, one of NZ's best axemen and a highly respected contractor in the forestry industry for 25 years, during which he was recognised for his roading excellence.

We acknowledge all of the council nominees for demonstrating leadership and a commitment to Tairāwhiti by standing in the local elections held this past October. Eastland Wood Council took the opportunity to invite all candidates for local elections, to attend a field trip to see firsthand, production forestry in action, prior to elections.

We congratulate the new members of council. EWC welcomes the return of a number of councillors, including the re-election of Her Worship The Mayor Rehette Stoltz and Deputy Mayor Josh Wharehinga.

Eastland Wood Council has established a forum with Gisborne District Council focused on woody debris and we look forward to working with GDC and other land owners to develop solutions for woody debris.

Eastland Wood Council members are pleased to be working collaboratively with Gisborne District Council to provide a solutions-focused forum which is focused on positive outcomes for the Tairāwhiti

community. Our kaupapa is to work together based on the principles of kaitiakitanga and manaakitanga to develop proactive solutions to potential issues through collaboration.

Gisborne District Council's project manager for wood solutions, Catherine Rossiter-Stead is delighted with the progress made through the initial meeting with Eastland Wood Council members.

Catherine says as part of the broader engagement with the Tairāwhiti community on the woody debris situation, council staff have begun working with sector stakeholders to understand the expectations, aspirations and potential mitigations involving woody debris.

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Eastland Wood Council recently concluded its role with delivering The Tairāwhiti Road Transport Recruitment & Training Programme (TRTP) funded by MBIE.

The Tairāwhiti Road Transport Recruitment & Training Programme recruited and trained 294 heavy vehicle drivers who provide diversity and resilience to the heavy transport sector. Every industry has benefited from this important driver development programme, including the forestry industry which recruited a further 91 drivers (31 percent of all heavy vehicle drivers).

Going forward this important programme is being delivered by the Truck & Heavy Machine Operator Training Trust with the same team previously led by EWC. We continue to collaborate and support TRTP, just as we do with the Generation Programme and Tūranga Ararau who have established a forestry management qualification programme in Te Tairāwhiti (NZ Diploma in Forestry Management Level 6) which is a major achievement for our region and the future of forestry.

Our message to everyone in the forestry industry — we hope you will use this festive season to rest and enjoy time with friends and whānau. Self-care is important too.

While we take time to rest during the summer break, our forests will be constantly cleaning our air, providing shelter, preventing erosion and growing in value.

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Introducing EWC Board member, Ma Parata, general manager, Kuru Contracting



Ma Parata
(Kuru Contracting, general manager)

Ma Parata is a professional and innovative general manager for Kuru Contracting Limited. Ma has more than 10 years of experience in logging and as a member of the forestry industry supply chain. Kuru Contracting is a valued member of EWC and we are pleased Ma Parata was elected to the EWC Board where he provides a voice for contractors and kaimahi.

Based in Tolaga Bay, Kuru Contracting Limited is a family owned and operated business. Kuru Contracting is one of the largest private employer on the East Coast and its operations include forestry/logging, road maintenance and quarry operations.



Daniel Williams
(Ngāti Porou Forests general manager)



Selwyn Parata
(Ngāti Porou Forests director and kaumatua)



EASTLAND WOOD COUNCIL: Back row, from left: Neal Ebbett (Gisborne area manager, ISO New Zealand Ltd), Dan Fraser (Gisborne regional manager, Forest Enterprises), Warren Rance (regional manager, Summit Forests), Shaun Truelock (regional manager - East Coast Forest, Juken New Zealand Limited), Bill Wheeler (EWC deputy chair; regional manager, Ernslaw One), Neil Woods (EWC chairman; chief executive, Aratu Forests Limited), Patrick Bethel (regional manager - Gisborne, PF Olsen). Front row: Marty Bayley (ports infrastructure manager, Eastland Port), Georgia Graig (Board Member, East Coast manager, Pacific Forest Products Ltd), Erika Herries (board member, Women in Forestry, director, Lumberjack Logging), Philip Hope (CEO, Eastland Wood Council).

Tūranga Ararau - providing leadership in forestry education and training

Representatives of Eastland Wood Council – Te Kaunihera Pororākau o Te Tairāwhiti were pleased to present a \$20,000 gift to the team at Tūranga Ararau in support of the Generation Programme and workforce development.

Eastland Wood Council values this important collaboration and we tautoko this training and development programme delivered by Tūranga Ararau which uplifts our rangatahi (our future leaders).

Tūranga Ararau have recently gained approval from NZQA to deliver a forestry management qualification and plan to launch Whakatiputanga Ngahere in Te Tairāwhiti in March, 2023. Whakatiputanga Ngahere will be a two-year programme that fulfils the requirements of the NZ Diploma in Forestry Management Level 6.

Eastland Wood Council members are on hand to help provide industry support to make this programme more relevant to the trainees' learning and career opportunities on graduation.



EWC DONATES \$20,000 TO TURANGA ARARAU: From left, front row, Stan Hovell (Tūranga Ararau); Sharon Maynard (Tūranga Ararau); Bill Wheeler, board member; Eastland Wood Council (regional manager, Ernslaw); Rocky Monika (Tūranga Ararau). Second row; Philip Hope (Eastland Wood Council); William Wetere (Te Uru Rākau - NZ Forest Service); Ingrid Brown (Tūranga Ararau); James Tuhi (Te Uru Rākau - NZ Forest Service); Nigel Te Aho (Tūranga Ararau).

Whakatiputanga Ngahere

Whakatiputanga Ngahere - New Zealand Diploma in Forestry Management Level 6 is a two year full-time or a four year part-time programme that will be offered by Tūranga Ararau launching in March 2023. The programme will provide graduates with the opportunity to gain employment at middle management, supervisory, technicians and researchers roles.

Year One:
Introduction to the forest industry
Leadership, Communication, and
People Management
Forestry Science
Technical Forestry and Data
Collection
Forestry Operations

Year Two:
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Forestry visit by Minister of Workplace Relations and Safety, Michael Wood and WorkSafe staff

Eastland Wood Council hosted a very positive meeting with Michael Wood on Thursday December 1 in his capacity as Minister of Workplace Relations and Safety. This meeting preceded the Ministers visit to a forestry crew at Mangatu Forest inland from Te Karaka organised jointly by WorkSafe and Ernslaw.

Philip Hope, of EWC, said they appreciated Minister

Wood's time to cover a large agenda.

"It included forestry health and safety priorities, improved collaboration with WorkSafe, improving the culture of safety, ACOP review, the important role of Toroawhi (a WorkSafe funded initiative), improving tikanga and addressing concerns about potential increased risks caused by inflation and harvest volume pressures."

MINISTERIAL FORESTRY VISIT: Workplace Relations and Safety Minister Michael Wood and WorkSafe, were hosted by Eastland Wood Council. From left: Rawiri Waru (Te Kawa a Tane lead), Warren Rance (Summit Forests and EWC board member), Gee Dennis (Kaiarataki), Joe Hauiti (Kaiarawhiti Te Tairāwhiti), Erika Herries (Women in Forestry and EWC board member), Michael Wood, Minister of Workplace Relations and Safety, Philip Hope (CEO Eastland Wood Council) and Te Hira Pere (Māori-Crown partnership manager).

Forestry field trip to Pamoia Forest

Eastland Wood Council was pleased to organise a forestry field trip for nominees of Gisborne District Council and guests on Friday September 30, 2022. This event was led by Shaun Truelock of Juken New Zealand Ltd (JNL), and Chris Hurring Logging Ltd. Forestry industry colleagues assisted by providing transport for our guests to and from Pamoia Forest in Waingake.

Managed by JNL and harvested by Chris Hurring Logging Ltd, Pamoia Forest

is a 1200-hectare pine plantation that is being harvested for the first time. The harvest operation is steep-slope swing-yarder logging.

Guests got to see first-hand, an active logging operation, including a tethered felling machine in action and the loading of logging trucks. Guests also visited the active skid site to see the rehabilitation of the skid site and best practice to secure logging slash. Rain was forecast for Friday, and it didn't disappoint!

Forestry crews work hard, and their long days begin early. The majority of forestry crews work in remote locations all the while exposed to climate extremes and navigating risks and hazards. Forestry workers must have completed the proper training, have the right safety equipment and remain vigilant and be constantly aware of their safety and the safety of others.



GDC and EWC establish a forum concentrating on woody debris

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WOODY DEBRIS FORUM: Around the table at the woody debris forum are (from left) Andrew Knudsen (Aratu Forests), Bryce McLoughlin (GDC), Dr Murry Cave (GDC), Pat Bethel (PF Olsen), Bill Wheeler (Ernslaw), Catherine Rossiter-Stead (GDC), Warren Rance (Summit Forests), Philip Hope (EWC), Graham Douglas (JNL), Graeme Withington (JNL), Mark Lumsden (Summit Forests), Georgina Holdaway (GDC), Kate Sykes (GDC), Kerry Hudson (GDC) and Dan Fraser (Forest Enterprises).



GOLF DAY WINNERS: Overall winners of the forestry industry golf day, pictured with event director Danny Boyle (right) are Matt MacIntosh and Zane Boyle (Danny's son).



Forestry Industry Golf Day

After an especially tough year for many in our industry we felt it was a good opportunity to support camaraderie and networking. Our good friends at Pacific Forest Products were the major sponsor and we thank them for making this event possible.

Good company and clear skies added to the success of this golf day

which was held on Friday December 2 at the Gisborne Park Golf Club.

Thanks to everyone for participating and to Danny Boyle, event director, the team at Summit (refreshments on the course by cart) and Karen McClutchie for preparing the early evening meal sponsored by Pacific Forest Products.

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