



EASTLAND WOOD COUNCIL

# NEWSLETTER

## Forestry for Life

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### Welcome, Kia Ora.....

2018 is rolling on...and already nominations have closed for the Eastland Wood Council Forestry Awards and now tickets on sale for the Awards Dinner on Friday 18 May begin so get in quick, we expect a great crowd with over 500 attending and with MC Pio Terei the evening should be entertaining.

We have a lot going on with our new programme – The Generation Programme which is gathering funding interest from central government, the NES Launch and also some traction on the funding for the Tairāwhiti Road Freight Transport Programme but read on more. I will most definitely be keeping you up to date with our successes.

We have had some meetings with GDC these last few months also gathering a much better understanding of each other's needs, there are the roads, there are consents and there is the NES that all need a collaborative approach to ensure they happen to advantage all.

And finally, the news of me accepting the position as Chief Executive for FICA (Forestry Industry Contractors Association) which will commence on April 1, in a part time capacity for the next 12 months, means I will continue as Eastland Wood Council CEO until a new appointment is made. I leave this role with much sadness, but a national role is a further challenge I can take up to ensure forestry stays at the forefront of economic contribution for all.

### He waka eke noa

*A canoe which we are all in with no exception*

Prue Younger, CEO



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### Generation Programme

The Generation Programme is taking shape and will provide a pipeline of attraction, recruitment, training and retention into the Forest industry.

A key component of the programme includes the **Forestry Base Camp Induction Course** aimed at providing comprehensive entry level training.

The programme will provide mapped career pathways for trainees to opt into the 'strand' that interests them i.e. silviculture, science, management, transport and logistics, Port, infrastructure – roading, engineering. Along with ongoing pastoral care and support which is a critical element for the success of the Generation Programme, both from an employee and an employer perspective.

Once trainees are in the Generation Programme they will pathway into paid employment with a certified employer and will have both on site and off-site training; their journey through the programme will be supported with pastoral care and mentoring to ensure successful outcomes, for the employee and the employer.

**Watch this space there is more coming soon very soon!**

## National Environmental Standard - NES

National standards for managing the environmental effects of plantation forestry (from establishment through to harvesting) come into effect on 1 May 2018. As owners and managers of forests it is important that you are familiar with the regulations and are planning for their introduction. In preparation for the new standards, the Ministry for Primary Industries has been undertaking a series of workshops with the forest industry and councils on the planned changes. In conjunction with these workshops, the Ministry is preparing guidance material to assist you in understanding and meeting the new requirements. This includes the supporting tools, such as the Fish Spawning Database and the classification system for Erosion Susceptibility.

The Gisborne workshop held on 2 March equipped the industry with an understanding of the new regulations.

### You may ask – why have them?

To better protect the environment, while improving the productivity of the forestry sector. Also, by applying consistent environmental standards to reduce operational costs.

### Its roots go back a long way?

2008 – FOA/FFA expressed frustrations with RMA to ministers

2009 – NESPF underway at MfE

2012 – MPI picked it up

2015 – Public consultation: 3<sup>rd</sup> round

2017 – August 3 gazetted

2018 – May 1 it commences

2019 – six months to get ready

For more information visit MPI website – search NES PF

Email [info@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:info@mpi.govt.nz) subject line: NES-PF  
Information is coming:

- User guide
- Consents and compliance guide

## Road Notifications – Process

1. For State Highways: contact NZTA – email through our website (<http://nzta.govt.nz/contact-us/complaints/complaint-form/>) or 0800 44 44 49
  - a. Calls get lodged in CRMS by the call centre and forwarded through to Tairāwhiti Roads, who then direct them to the contractor
2. Contact through GDC – email form and phone numbers on their website (<http://www.gdc.govt.nz/efix/>)
  - a. All calls are lodged as a Request for Service
  - b. GDC will then refer them according to whether they are local roads or State Highways
  - c. If a local road – get directed straight to contractor (Downer or SSE) and cc to Tairāwhiti Roads
  - d. If a State Highway – get referred to Tairāwhiti Roads

Tairāwhiti Roads then lodge the call in CRMS and refer to contractor

## Tairāwhiti Roads



## Buy your tickets NOW Eastland Wood Council Forestry Awards 2018

\$55 per person, tables of 8 or 10 available – be in quick as they are selling fast – May 18 Friday at the Farmers Air Showgrounds Event Centre with Pio Terei as our MC.

Tickets available from Prue Younger, Event Manager 021 2765484 or [prue@eastlandwood.co.nz](mailto:prue@eastlandwood.co.nz)

## News Bites



Interesting information to industry & the Eastland region during 2017 Competenz completed 470 new enrolments, achieved 14,825 credits & 217 trainees & apprentices completed qualifications. Nationally we achieved near the best results for forestry in all measured categories. Since inheriting the region this portfolio has continued to grow, we are always in the leading group. Competenz would like to advise the region & local industry that they are leading the way with industry training.

**TRUCKS,  
ROADS &  
PEOPLE.**

### Tairāwhiti Road Freight Transport Programme

A business case has been developed for the establishment of the Tairāwhiti Road Freight Transport Programme, (TRFTP); including an industry coordinator, stocktake and other deliverables, to ensure that the local road freight transport, forestry industry and heavy equipment operators are able to attract, recruit, train and retain licenced class 4 & 5 truck drivers. The TRFTP is the product of consultation and collaboration with key transport and forestry industry stakeholders, including the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment, (MBIE); Sector Workforce Engagement Programme, (SWEP) and the Ministry of Social Development (MSD), employers, national bodies and training organisations.

The Eastland Wood Council, (EWC) is the lead organisation for this business case and the TRFTP, as 65-70% of trucks in the region are in the forestry industry.

An application for funding has been endorsed by the Tairāwhiti Regional Economic Action Plan, (TEAP) Steering Group, under RGP Action 8.5 "work with employers in key industries (forestry, horticulture, tourism, engineering, and transport and trucking) to meet labour needs. "Firstly, through the support and funding by SWEP, we are undergoing the stocktake to know where we are at, in the current environment and have engaged

"The three main industry associations, Road Transport Association of NZ, National Road Carriers and NZ Trucking are supporting this initiative. The survey will give a clear number on what is needed now and in the future. This will provide evidence to government agencies that a dedicated coordination function is required to deliver the Tairāwhiti Transport initiative."

### Careers Expo

Eastland Wood Council will be there promoting our industry and over 44 jobs!

The Gisborne Herald  
**CAREERS  
EXPO**  
9-10 April, 2018

**FARMERS AIR  
EVENT CENTRE GISBORNE**

“Think outside the box - we offer more than you know”.

## A skilled workforce key to growth for Cranswick Enterprises Ltd

A management decision to have a strong emphasis on training and developing staff has paid off for Cranswick Enterprises Ltd who continue to grow as a business.

From employing just four staff around 5-6 years ago to currently employing 18 staff on the contracting side, Cranswick Enterprises recognises the skills of their workers as critical to continue to grow and be successful.

“These latest 5 graduates of Level 3 Forestry Earthworks bring our total graduate number to 11. Next year, we look to put another 5 through the new qualification, which is Level 4 Forestry Earthworks”.

“This qualification provides the clients that we service, with the confidence that the staff are trained for the task, and fully conversant with what is required in this modern working environment” says Managing Director of Cranswick Enterprises, Kim Cranswick.

“Some staff initially were reluctant taking on new learning, but the feeling of satisfaction and reward outweighed the task”.

Having ongoing support from Connexis Customer Service Account Manager, Grant Radovanovich really helped to keep everyone on track.

“The way the staff are trained through Connexis on-job training programme, the guys develop a real appreciation for their work and the

environment” says Kim Cranswick.

A big thank you also must go to Trainer and Assessor, Tama Koia, who is a huge part of the process.

**WANT TO ENROL OR FIND OUT MORE?  
CONTACT US AND WE’LL PUT YOU IN  
TOUCH WITH YOUR LOCAL CUSTOMER  
SERVICE ACCOUNT MANAGER**

[askus@connexis.org.nz](mailto:askus@connexis.org.nz)

**0800 486 626**

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Graduates of National Certificate in Infrastructure Works (Forestry Earthworks) in all 3 strands (Hydraulic Excavator, Bulldozer, Motor Grader).

From left to right are Cranswick Enterprises employees Dylan Pickering, Matauranga Maitai, Steven Telfer, Michael Bond, Adrian Friar, Tama Koia (Trainer/Assessor) and Grant Radovanovich (Connexis Customer Service Account Manager).



“Women make great truck drivers, these big toys are not just for the boys!”

Danielle Carrington, Farmers Transport

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