



## Durable eucalypt forestry field day

**Friday 26th Feb 2016, 12.00 – 4.30 pm**

**At TECT All Terrain Park, Pyes Pa Road SH 36, Bay of Plenty**

The New Zealand Dryland Forests Initiative (NZDFI) is a commercially-oriented research and development project to develop genetically improved planting stock and management systems for ground-durable eucalypt species suited to New Zealand's dryland regions. This includes highly innovative research into heartwood development and timber durability.

The NZDFI is working with farm foresters to develop best-practice pruning and thinning regimes so that growers can produce a range of products including posts and poles.

This field day is to view eucalypt trials planted in 2011 at Tect Park. These are part of an extensive trial series established by NZDFI throughout NZ's east coast to evaluate the potential adaptability, productivity and management of durable eucalypts. The establishment of these trials was supported by the Ministry of Primary Industries Sustainable Farming Fund.

- 12.00pm** Meet at Tect Park Arrival Centre for shared BYO lunch.
- 1.00pm** Presentation by Paul Millen, NZDFI Project Manager who will provide an update on NZDFI research programme followed by a question and answer session.
- 1.45pm** Presentation by Toni Withers, Scion who will provide an update on SFF Paropsis bio control research programme followed by a question and answer session.
- 2.30pm** Depart to inspect eucalypt trial site.
- 4.00pm** Field day ends.

Timely pruning has been a key part to management of these trials and **LAKESWOOD PRODUCTS LTD** **SUPPLIERS OF PRO-PRUNER** is one of the field day sponsors and will have pruning equipment available that attendees can test. Please bring your own lunch and wear boots suitable for rough terrain. Bring wet weather gear if required.

RSVP to Martin Newnham ([mnewnham@gmail.com](mailto:mnewnham@gmail.com))

For more information about NZDFI check out their website: [www.nzdfi.org.nz](http://www.nzdfi.org.nz)

