



Durable eucalypt field day

Saturday 20th Feb 2016, 1.30 – 4.30 pm

At Te Koawa Station, 1131 Whakarau Road, 50 km north-west of Gisborne.

Our host landowners are Bob Wishart and Meg Gaddum.

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 including Gisborne. 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 2010 and 2011 by Bob Wishart and Meg Gaddum at Te Koawa station. 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 in NZ drylands. The establishment of these trials was supported by the Ministry of Primary Industries Sustainable Farming Fund.

- 1.30pm** Woolshed presentation by Paul Millen, NZDFI Project Manager who will provide an update on NZDFI research programme followed by a question and answer session.
- 2.30pm** Depart for walk to eucalypt trial site for lunch.
(This is about a 2km round trip. Please bring your own refreshments, in a knapsack, and wear boots suitable for steep terrain. Bring raincoat if wet weather.)
- 4.30pm** Field day ends back at woolshed.

Timely pruning has been a key part to management of these trials and **LAKWOOD PRODUCTS LTD** **SUPPLIERS OF PRO-PRUNER** are one of our field day sponsors.

There will be plenty of time for questions and discussion throughout the workshop. Please bring your own refreshments and wear boots suitable for rough terrain. Bring wet weather gear if required.

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For more information about NZDFI check out their website: www.nzdfi.org.nz

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