

## **Durable eucalypt forestry field trip**

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2016, 2.00 – 5.00 pm**

### **Marlborough Regional Forests Pukaka Forest and Saggars Property, Ben Morven Rd**

The New Zealand Dryland Forests Initiative (NZDFI) is a commercially-oriented research and development project based at the Marlborough Research Centre 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.

In March 2015, NZDFI won the Supreme Award and the Business Innovation Award at the Cawthron Marlborough Environment Awards.

#### **Field Trip Programme**

There are two property visits planned for the field trip. The first is a visit to the Pukaka Valley to view eucalypt trials planted in 2003 and 2006 by Marlborough Regional Forests in collaboration with NZDFI partners. These trials were to test the potential adaptability of a number of eucalypt species that could produce durable hardwood suitable for vineyard posts. These trials have been pruned and thinned with some being measured as Permanent Sample Plots to evaluate long term productivity.

The second property visit is to 213A Ben Morven Road to view eucalypt trials planted in 2011 by Christo Saggars. 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.

Timely pruning has been a key part to management of these trials. <sup>LAKWOOD PRODUCTS LTD</sup>  
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| 2.00pm | Meet at Tuamarina in carpark across rail intersection on north side of the road.<br>Travel to MRF trials in Pukaka Valley. |
| 3.30pm | Depart Pukaka Valley for Saggars property.   |
| 3.30pm | Arrive Saggars property at 213A Ben Morven Road.   |
| 5.00pm | Field trip ends.   |

There will be plenty of time for questions and discussion throughout the field trip. Please wear boots suitable for rough terrain and bring wet weather gear if required.

RSVP to <mailto:info@marlboroughforestry.org.nz>

E mail [info@nzdfi.org.nz](mailto:info@nzdfi.org.nz) for more information about this field trip and check out their website:

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