



# S A W M I L L I N G   N E W S L E T T E R

## The One Billion Trees Programme

The Government has set a goal to plant one billion trees over 10 years. MPI has a key role in helping to meet this goal. Our initial estimates suggest about 500 million trees will be delivered through current planting rates. MPI's aim is to increase the rate of planting to meet the Government's goal.

This will take a combined effort by government, landowners, commercial foresters, conservation groups, regional councils, iwi, communities, and others.

We also want to make sure the right tree is planted in the right landscape. We'll be encouraging planting of both permanent trees and forests that can be harvested in the future. That will mean using a mix of exotic and native tree species on private, public, and Māori-owned land.

For more information: <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/funding-and-programmes/forestry/planting-one-billion-trees/>



### Living Wood Fair

MPI is sponsoring the Living Wood Fair, which is being held on 21-22 April, in Takaka, Golden Bay.

MPI will be hosting a stand at this event as well as running a presentation in the main building.

Topics covered in MPI's presentation include options for sustainable forest management under the Forests Act, indigenous timber milling regulations and planted indigenous forests. MPI will also be providing information on the emissions trading scheme, the afforestation grant scheme, and the billion trees programme.

For more information: <https://www.facebook.com/livingwoodfairnz/>

## Windthrown timber from recent storm events

Recent storm events have resulted in a considerable volume of windthrown timber on private land, particularly in the West Coast of the South Island.

Sawmillers are reminded that in order to mill windthrown indigenous timber, the sawmill must be registered with MPI, and the timber must have a written milling approval from MPI.

If you would like to register a sawmill, apply for a milling statement, or have any other queries, please email [indigenous.forestry@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:indigenous.forestry@mpi.govt.nz)

## The Afforestation Grant Scheme

The 2018 funding round of the AGS is open. MPI is accepting applications until **5pm on 14 May 2018**.

The AGS is a funding programme designed to help establish 15,000 hectares of new forest. To help get there, MPI is providing grants of \$1300 per hectare to plant new small to medium-sized forests (5 hectares to 300 hectares).

To find out more: <http://www.mpi.govt.nz/funding-and-programmes/forestry/afforestation-grant-scheme/>



## Important: Sawmill Records

Following a recent audit of a number of sawmills' quarterly returns, a number of issues have come to the attention of MPI:

1. Some sawmillers/contractors are not taking sufficient care in measuring, recording and reporting on logs received for milling.
2. Some sawmill returns show volumes as whole cubic metres, suggesting either that measurements are rough estimates only; or that
3. Accurate records are not being kept in a record book and therefore sawmill returns are not accurate.

Logs should be measured to the nearest centimetre (and rounded to the nearest even number), for centre girth diameter and to the nearest decimetre (10 centimetres) for length, for use with the table of metric cylinder volumes. This will provide an accurate volume in cubic metres and cubic decimetres (i.e. to 3 decimal places).

If in doubt, refer to the *MPI field guide for measuring indigenous trees and logs*. Copies are available on request and can be downloaded from the MPI website: [www.mpi.govt.nz](http://www.mpi.govt.nz)

The Forestry (Indigenous Timber Milling) Regulations 1993 state that:

6(1) Every sawmiller must keep a separate record book for each sawmill operated by the sawmiller...

6(3) A record book must contain, in addition to sawmill identification and milling consent details:

- (e) a description of the timber received, in particular:
  - (i) the number of logs in cubic metres by named species of the timber received;
  - (ii) the volume of logs in cubic metres by named species of the timber received.

**NOTE: QUARTERLY RETURNS MUST INCLUDE ALL LOGS RECEIVED FOR MILLING DURING THE PERIOD.**

MPI reminds sawmillers that it is an offence under the regulations if any person:

- makes any false or misleading statement or material omission, e.g. incomplete records;
- neglects or fails to supply any information or particulars required by the regulations.

MPI will be conducting inspections of registered sawmills over the coming months with a particular focus on record books, and will be taking the appropriate action when records are found to be incomplete.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

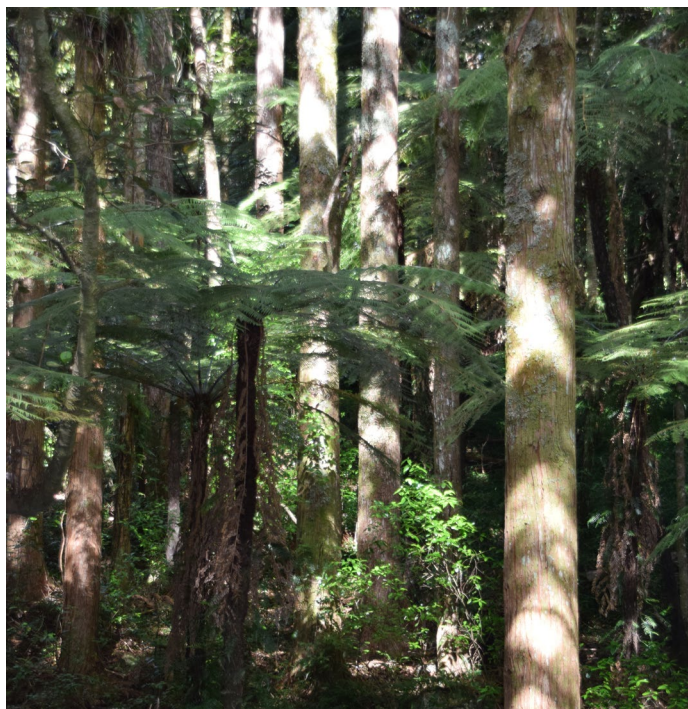
To find the indigenous forestry information and forms go to: [www.mpi.govt.nz](http://www.mpi.govt.nz) > Growing and Producing > Forestry > Indigenous Forestry

## Funding for Totara Project announced

A consortium including Scion, the Northland Tōtara Working Group, Northland Inc, MPI, and Te Tai Tokerau Māori Forestry Collective have recently announced a pilot project to assess the economics of an industry based on timber from sustainably managed regenerated Tōtara. This project has received \$450,000 in funding under the new Provincial Growth Fund.

This project will help to coordinate the indigenous timber industry, and encourage the development of high-value forest products.

If you are interested in learning more about the project, contact [indigenous.forestry@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:indigenous.forestry@mpi.govt.nz)



### IN MEMORY

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Over the years, many of you will have met Ian in the course of sawmill inspection or processing applications for sawmilling.

Some of you may not be aware that sadly, Ian passed away in mid-December following a short illness. He was part of the initial team who set up and implemented Part 3A of the Forests Act from 1993, and was respected as an especially knowledgeable, hardworking and helpful (to staff and clients alike), staff member and friend. He is sorely missed by the team.

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