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# Inaugural awards celebrate **region's forest industry**

New Zealand's largest forestry region celebrated its workers on Friday 5 August with the inaugural Central North Island Wood Council Awards.

MC Pio Terei kept the 450 strong crowd at the Energy Centre Rotorua formal dinner bubbling along as the heroes of the region were toasted for their professionalism, dedication and effort.

Minister Stuart Nash addressed the audience and commented on the fact that Rotorua is the home of forestry and that is why the Te Uru Rakau (NZ Forest Service) would reside there in the near future.

It's the last region in the country to establish awards but sports a real point of difference with quite different categories, including forest engineering, best native forest enterprise and best farm forester. The Generation Programme, which creates a pathway and training for those keen to get into the industry, was also celebrated.

Fast Harvesting showed their class, winning four categories – the South Waikato Investment Fund Trust-sponsored Silvicultural Excellence Award, the Taumata Plantations Ltd sponsored outstanding health

and safety management award, the Timberlands sponsored Female in Forestry, and the Competenz Trainee of the Year Award.

Taking out the First Security sponsored Hero of the Year was Leesa Haimona (Timberlands), with Lorraine Uatuku (Fast Harvesting) the runner-up. Those who know Leesa says her community involvement and promotion of the industry is exemplary. Her passion and knowledge of tikanga, her openness to be approached about anything health and safety related, and understanding of systems and rules, is second-to-none.

She has taken Timberlands health and safety standards to a whole new level.

Mereana Tobenhouse from Fast Harvesting was honoured as the Female in Forestry Award winner. She started in logging as an apprentice in 2001, working in skid crosscutting and quality control. Since those early days, she has progressed into operating skidders, haulers and mechanised processing machines, with a keen focus on health and safety.

She runs a tight ship for Fast Harvesting as their health and safety coordinator, general operational

support, and fill-in processor operator and crew foreman. She represented the company on the Safetree Technical Advisory Group and is on the Central North Island Health and Safety Forum Committee.

Running alongside her busy career are her four children and sport. She's a former New Zealand softball representative, has competed in the World Masters Games, and until recently coached junior level local teams. She's described as one who is never afraid to roll up her sleeves, and as a shining light to other women in the forestry industry.

Te Waa Logging took out the Wildlands-sponsored Best Native

Forestry Enterprise Award. This is a company known to walk its talk. Led by Waa Owens, its focus is all about the community and ensuring the natural and cultural values of any whenua being restored, are understood, protected and respected. Their meticulous work ensures only targeted species are controlled with no damage to existing native flora and fauna.

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The Central North Island Wood Council has been going for less than two years but is already making great headway.





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# Winners table CNIWC Forestry Awards 2022

## The winners

### Training excellence, Generation Programme Graduate of the Year

(sponsored by South Waikato District Council):

**Rawiri Te Hiko** (Brown Logging Ltd).

Excellence awards: **Connor Wallace and Olive Williams.**

**Trainee of the Year** (sponsored by Competenz):

**Jayne Walker** (Fast Harvesting).

**Skilled professionals; Silvicultural Excellence** (sponsored South Waikato Investment Fund Trust) : **Glenn Fountaine** (Fast Harvesting).

**Forest Protection and Services Excellence** (sponsored by SCION):

**Evan Rarere** (Timberlands).

**Harvesting Excellence** (sponsored by Manulife Investment Management):

**Rob Davy** (G White Logging Ltd).

**Distribution Excellence** (sponsored by RFH):

**Jody Reti** (Trimble Forestry).

**Log Processing Excellence** (sponsored by AB Equipment/Tigercat):

**Desmond Williams** (Progressive Harvesting).

Runner-up: **David Hatcher** (Fast Harvesting).

**Log Truck Driver Excellence** (sponsored by Patchell):

**Raymond Bradshaw** (Aztec FTD).

Runner-up: **Josh Fisher** (Green Transport Ltd).

**Forest Engineering Excellence** (sponsored by Ontario Teachers/Manulife):

**Campbell and RJ** (J Swap Ltd).

**Wood Processing Excellence** (sponsored by Oji Paper Company):

**Heath McMurtrie** (Donnelly Sawmillers)

**Outstanding Environmental Management** (sponsored by Tiaki Plantations Company/Manulife): **Crew 14** (Loggabull).

**Outstanding Health and Safety Management** (sponsored by Taumata Plantations Ltd/Manulife): **Fast and Evans Logging – Crew 26** (Fast Harvesting).

**Outstanding Regional Service Award** (sponsored by PF Olsen):

**Ritz (Retina) Ellis** (Ellis Forestry Training and Assessing Ltd).

**Female in Forestry Award** (sponsored by Timberlands):

**Mereana Tobenhouse** (Fast Harvesting).

Runner-up: **Sarah-Jane Luoni** (Manulife Forest Management New Zealand).

**Best Farm Forester Award** (sponsored by Rotorua NZ):

**Vivian Barr** (Te Tiringa Farms).

**Best Native Forest Enterprise Award** (sponsored by Wildlands):

**Waa Owens** (Te Waa Logging).

**Hero of the Year Award** (sponsored by First Security):

**Leesa Haimona** (Timberlands).

Runner-up: **Lorraine Uatuku** (Fast Harvesting).

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# Generation Programme **Jewel for Youth**

An exciting category unique to the Central North Island Forestry Awards was the Generation Programme Graduate of the Year. The CEO of the CNI Wood Council and the Generation Programme manager, Damita Mita introduced the programme to the audience on the night.

Adapted from a programme set up in Tairāwhiti – Gisborne, the Generation Programme is designed to pathway the next generation into our industry," Damita explained.

During the 12 weeks we spend with the trainees, they complete a NZCFFS level 2 and through field trips and presentations, the trainees are introduced to different sectors of the industry and the employment opportunities within them.

"We take care of our trainees, we teach them about health and nutrition with breakfast and lunch being provided, physical fitness bringing in a PT to work with them and we provide a kit of basic PPE gear. The key to this programme is that we provide a wrap around pastoral care service and support" Damita emphasised.

The CNIWC Generation Programme has successfully completed two programmes, one in Tokoroa and one in Rotorua with another in Tokoroa set to begin shortly. The success of getting our local rangatahi into work has been encouraging with 10 placed into employment at the end of the programme and 1 still exploring. Five are continuing their forestry education through the Level 3 Woodsman Programme at Toi Ohomai and one is enrolling into the Diploma Programme next year.

Damita

## The Generation Programme

### Whakatipua to tatou iwi

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is the Eastland Wood Council's Forest industry solution to the challenges of attracting, recruiting, training, and retaining its work force.

Many of those same challenges are also being faced by the Central North Island (CNI) forestry community. Conversations held with the sector by the 'working group' has resulted in a localized version of the Generation Programme being delivered by Toi Ohomai Institute NZ in partnership with the Central North Island Wood Council.

The Generation Programme key objective is to provide an industry backed training pathway for young people to good local jobs in the forestry industry.

The programme includes:

- a NZ Certificate in Forest Industry Foundations Skills – Level 2,
- work ready skills such as physical fitness, health and nutrition, understanding an employment agreement, CV writing, first aid, help to study for a driver's license and health and safety,
- pastoral care support such as drug and alcohol education, communication skills, counselling, and support,
- a comprehensive introduction to the industry through field trips and presentations, and
- the provision of basic personal protective equipment.

On completion of the programme the trainees will be placed into paid employment as an apprentice and will be continued to be supported through the programme for up to two years.



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# Brent Donaldson **applauded**

Despite not making it to the Awards on Friday 5 August in Rotorua for the Central North Island Wood Council, Brent Donaldson was most certainly not forgotten and Colin Maunder, Chair of the council referred to the significant work Brent had put into the awards campaign and highlighted the fact that he was the driving force in the establishment of the wood council for the region.

Brent was one of the founding members of the Central North Island Wood Council. It took Brent and Colin a couple of years to finally get the wood council off the ground given it's one of the last regions to get an organisation that provides a single voice to advocate on behalf of the entire forestry industry vertical and supply chain and to support the sustainable growth of the sector.

In conjunction with the establishment of the council, it gave a body to manage and roll out the establishment of the Generation Programme in the Central North Island. The impetus to getting the Generation Programme for the region came from the South Waikato Forestry Symposium held in 2019, to explore issues and opportunities for forestry in the region. One of the agreed outcomes of the symposium was to set up the Generation programme, with support from South Waikato District Council. Brent was central to getting it up and

running and getting local contractors on board to Generation Programme graduates after their initial induction into the forestry sector.

Brent has always been a very enthusiastic person who does not see barriers but rather sees the opportunities that would be very beneficial to the region. One could easily stick to one's day job, but Brent most certainly is not one of those people. He has been working 10 years in Central North Island after returning from Australia. Brent was working as Central Region Manager for Hancock Forest Management (NZ) Ltd, which was recently rebranded to Manulife Forest Management.

Brent has given much to the local community and always supported new forestry initiatives and worked closely with Maori land lessors to achieve their aspirations for their land. Brent was also a driving force behind setting up school student crews in Hancock Forest Management.. High school students with an interest in getting into the forest industry work school holidays to give them a range of forestry work experience, mentored by key forestry staff. This has given a high hit rate of new entrants into forestry, with a high proportion of the students now in employment in the forest industry. Brent is not short of motivation, connecting people together and getting things to happen. He is open

and fully immersed in ensuring the forestry license to operate with a strong mantra that suggested if we want people to work for in the industry then we need to support them along their journey.

Recently, Brent resigned from Manulife to take up a different journey working for the investment management company Gresham house, managing their forest investments in Australia.



## **FARM FORESTERS CLIMATE HEROES**

**Viv Barr - Te Tiringa Farms  
- Winner of Best Farm Forester Award  
at Central North Island  
Wood Council Awards 2022.**

Te Tiringa Farms, Awakeri, Whakatane, has been in the Barr family for 110 years. They have been pivotal in creating solutions to the environmental challenges the dairy sector faces and have gained a good understanding of the role forestry can play. In the mid 1980s they planted areas in pines, eucalyptus, acacia, and cypresses.

Viv also has a 112 ha hill block that was previously used for dairy grazing. Approximately 18 ha of native bush has been put into the QE11 Trust, 15 ha of this block has been left to revert to indigenous species and the remainder of the block has been re-planted in pines.

This area is registered in the ETS and carbon units will potentially be used to offset Dairy emissions.

NZ Farm Forestry Association supports sustainability on farms.

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# Wood Council thriving

Colin Mauger in his chair's role gave the 450 guests at the CNIWC Forestry Awards an overview of the Central North Island Wood Council as an incorporated society that has been operating for the last two years.

The council's vision is that the Central North Island's integrated production forestry is recognised as a world-class model of bio-circular and community kaitiakitanga. Pivotal to this vision it will bring recognition to the resilience and sustainability of CNI investments in forestry and wood processing over successive generations. The council will capitalise on the growing interest in naturally renewable and low environmental products through new investment and innovation. It will also build stability and pride in communities by fostering a diverse range of worthwhile employment opportunities.

Colin was pleased to suggest, "That's corporate code for "PROMOTING OUR GREAT INDUSTRY".

The region boasts that it is the largest of all New Zealand regions for forest area, process capacity, support services and the largest port in Tauranga. However, it is one of the last regions to set up a wood council entity. Colin confirmed that they also have supportive councils,

the national forestry researcher SCION, the technical institute Toi Ohomai and soon thanks to Minister Nash, the HQ of the new NZ Forest Service – Te Uru Rakau.

The Central North Island Wood Council is a membership body formally established in August 2020 to promote a positive forestry sector profile—to encourage investor confidence, community prosperity and responsible forest stewardship kaitiakitanga. Colin reminded everyone that with more membership the council will be even more valuable and manage more activities.

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- Support and represent smaller growers
- Undertake input into Regional Plans
- Facilitate and promote improvements to pertinent

transport and infrastructure  
- Making the industry attractive – cover training and labour

Colin also mentioned, "We all know and fortunately many of the CNI public know, how important our industry is, but not everyone does, and we really do need to promote and attract people to our industry." The forestry sector offers so much more from employment, environment, climate mitigation, and a significant regional economy.

For more information contact Damita at [damita@cniwc.co.nz](mailto:damita@cniwc.co.nz) or [www.cniwc.co.nz](http://www.cniwc.co.nz)

## LEGEND OF FIRE PROTECTION & SERVICES

**Evan Rarere** is a legend who has built a strong regional firefighting capability that benefits a wide portion of the Central North Island region. He took out the top award for Fire Protection and Services at the CNIWC Forestry Awards this month.

Evan has worked for Timberlands in some key capacities since 2003, but as Fire and Security Manager. Evan is a nationally recognized fire manager, representing Timberlands and the industry on the NZ Forest Owners Fire Committee, FENZ Deployment Working Group, FENZ Quantifying

Industrial Investment in Fire Risk Management group, FENZ Regional 2 Land Management Committee and previously the Pumiclelands Operations Committee.

Evan has established a first-class fire management entity (for Timberlands) that is often referred to as the best rural fire fighting team in Aotearoa-NZ.

Evan performs several roles including managing fire response, controlled burns (for training), organizing national and international deployment teams, leads investigations, engaging stakeholders and neighbours, and

ensuring people and resources are available, trained and maintained. Evan has trained over 1,000 people in this manner over the years.

There are many other aspects to Evan's regional contribution including providing painting and repairs for Ngati Whaoa-Ngati Tahu's office at Waiotpu, which as much appreciated, organizing our fire resources to help with flooding events, working with local communities on fire awareness and sponsorship to name a few. But most importantly Evan is a well proven emergency responder, when sh@T happens – call Evan!

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Congratulations Jodi Reti CNIWC Forestry award winner for Distribution Excellence

Jody has an exceptionally high work ethic and is always hard at work somewhere within the industry. Whether it's coming into work early on a rainy day to make sure the trucks are flowing Jody is always there. She is well respected and appreciated amongst the drivers in the Central North Island if there's some work to do Jody will be in the thick of it.

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# Four fabulous forestry women

The results from the category winners at the CNIWC Forestry Awards shows a change in the makeup of the workforce and a higher portion of females taking up key roles. We congratulate those that took the stage and recognise the Council is being led by Damita Mita, who is a great role model to others to step up and get involved. We acknowledge:

## Distribution Excellence

(sponsored by RFH)

Jody Reti has gone beyond the standard expectations of a dispatcher and has a willingness to do whatever it takes to get the job done. Her work ethic is complimented by her relationship and communication skills that allow Jody to positively interact with all stakeholders she works with. She constantly delivers above the KPI's required in her work planning. Customer orders are met while maximising the efficiency of the core trucking fleet and meeting crew uplift requirements.

Great effort...

**Jody Reti** – Trimble Forestry



## Female in Forestry

(sponsored by Timberlands)

Experienced, with 21 years in logging, Mereana Tobenhouse is highly capable and a multitasked character. She is passionate, honest, loyal, innovative, a mentor, empathetic and shows great leadership.



She began as an apprentice in 2001 doing skid crosscutting & quality control work then operated skidders, haulers, and mechanised processing machines in their time in the bush. Mereana or Min as she is better known have always taken on duties in the crews they worked in, which in turn led to them to taking on a Health & Safety co-ordinator role across the business supporting all the crews. She is a multi-skilled and hugely talented woman in forestry.

Congratulations

**Mereana Tobenhouse** – Fast Harvesting

## Best Farm Forester Award

(sponsored by Rotorua NZ)

Vivian Barr as a Farm Forester has been pivotal in creating solutions to the environmental challenges the dairy sector faces and has gained a good understanding of the role forestry can play. She has amazing energy and abilities, always ready to do the right thing and in the mid-1980s Vivian planted areas of pines, eucalyptus, acacia, and cypresses. She has also established a joint venture that was a harvested pine block of 112ha and some 15ha of this block has been left to revert to indigenous species, approximately 18 ha have been put into a QE II Trust block, and the remainder have been planted in pine. This area is registered in the ETS and carbon units will potentially be used to offset Dairy emissions. Taking the stage.....



**Vivian Barr** – Te Tiringa Farms

## Hero of the Industry Award

(sponsored by First Security)

Leesa Haimona has been described as an unsung hero of our industry. She has been instrumental in several health and safety initiatives and improvements, but it is with her dedication to the community involvement and promotion, this is exemplary. Leesa has a passion for and deep knowledge of tikanga that brings them to work, and they are the go-to person for anything health and safety. She knows the systems, rules, and ways like no one else and have many achievements under their belt, including the introduction of a new incident reporting and management systems for safety and the environment, development new company Health & Safety standards to take the benchmark into a new era. Hero(ine) of the industry, congratulations



**Leesa Haimona** – Timberlands.

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## Congratulations

CEO of the CNI Wood Council Damita Mita along with fellow committee members would like to sincerely congratulate Rawiri Te Hiko who was awarded the Generation Programme Graduate of the Year, Olive Williams and Connor Dunn Wallace who were both awarded Certificates of Excellence at the awards ceremony.

The Generation Programme is a 'real world' learning experience combining industry training and employment and has been designed to pathway the next generation into the industry.



Rawiri Te Hiko and Damita Mita. Rawiri was presented a chainsaw from WORKit, Tokoroa who supported the graduates with purchasing their first chainsaw.



Olive Williams, left, Paniora Daniels of WORKit Tokoroa who supported the graduates with purchasing their first chainsaw and Connor Dunn Wallace.

Considerable emphasis is placed on education and encouraging young people to follow a career in the forest and wood processing industries. In addition to the generation programme CNIWC offers the CNIWC Scholarship.

## CNIWC Scholarship

This scholarship aims to support a local person through higher education (university) who is focused on developing a career in Rotorua within wood processing and manufacturing and/or wood technology and/or timber design.

The recipient will receive:

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also...

4 to 10-week paid internships each summer with a Rotorua-based company within the wood processing, wood technology or timber design.

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Continuation of the scholarship depends on successful completion each year.

Applications close 30 November 2022. See our web site for further details.



Generation Programme field trip with FAST Harvesting, Tokoroa. Brendon Hirst, Shaun Van Orsouw, Connor Dunn Wallace, Rawiri Te Hiko, Hector Mankelow, Olive Williams (all Generation Programme students and graduates), Damita Mita CNI Wood Council CEO, Min Tobenhouse of FAST Harvesting.

### About

The Central North Island Wood Council (CNIWC) provides a single voice to advocate on behalf of the entire forestry industry vertical and supply chain and to support the sustainable growth of the sector. The council is a non-profit organisation, with its own Constitution and Rules and is governed by a committee.

### Our Focus

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Fast Karp's Harvesting, Crew 67 Crew Leader Shaun Kapene and Connor Dunn Wallace.

### Vision

The Central North Island's integrated production forestry recognised as a world-class model of bio-circular and community kaitiakitanga.

### Mission

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# The next generation

**R**awiri Te Hiko took out the Generation Programme Graduate of the Year category sponsored by the South Waikato District Council. He completed the programme in November 2021 and was awarded the NZ Certificate in Forest Industry Foundations Skills – Level 2.

Rawiri was the first student to commence work which was with Knight Logging in Tokoroa as a breaker-out. It had been Rawiri's dream from the beginning of the programme to be offered a breaker-out role and started work on the steep hills of Atiamuri, just down the road from his Marae.

Rawiri's determination and resilience was tested at times, and he completed just under three months in this role.

Following 'pastoral care' meetings with Knight Logging and Rawiri we agree to explore other employment options. Rawiri then moved temporarily to Forest Protect Services of Tokoroa until being placed with Brown Logging of Tokoroa where he is working as a QC.

Rawiri was recognized for his focus on what he wanted to do and was clear that if you want

anything in this world, you need to give it your best shot. He was encouraged to explore a future in the Forestry industry and soon demonstrated great sense of determination to complete the programme and make their own way in the world.

Rawiri loves a bit of fun but was very diligent in their book work and respectful to those supporting them. They passed their first drug test and was a class support to a fellow student that needed it. He was regular and punctual in his attendance to the programme. Rawiri likes being outdoors all day and being able to keep fit through work, as a serious league player who had competed at a national level.



**O**live Williams completed the programme in November 2021 and was awarded the NZ Certificate in Forest Industry Foundations Skills – Level 2.

Olive was placed as an interim employment placement at Forest Protech Services of Tokoroa until after the traditional Christmas/New Year break.

In January 2022 Olive commenced work at FAST Harvesting of Tokoroa and is working as a QC.

Olive was nominated for the Generation Programme Graduate of the Year award for the CNIWC Forestry Awards and was awarded a Certificate of Excellence.



**C**onnor Dunn Wallace completed the programme in November 2021 and was awarded the NZ Certificate in Forest Industry Foundations Skills – Level 2.

Connor was placed as an interim employment placement at Forest Protech Services of Tokoroa until after the traditional Christmas/New Year break.

In January 2022 Connor commenced work at FAST Harvesting of Tokoroa and is working as a QC.

Connor was also nominated for the Generation Programme Graduate of the Year award for the upcoming CNIWC Forestry Awards and received on stage a Certificate of Excellence.



## FAST GROUP

It is with great pleasure we share the amazing results and celebrate the achievements of these amazing forestry professionals who are not always recognised. We are just so incredibly proud of not only our nominees and winners, but of every single one of our 56 strong Fast team. Many of the wider team have contributed to those who were nominated by teaching, mentoring, encouraging and supporting them through their forestry journey and careers, and it was awesome to hear the winner's gratitude to the team in their acceptance speeches.

**The awards went to:- Female in Forestry Award: Mereana Tobenhouse - Skilled professionals, Silvicultural Excellence: Glenn Founaine  
Trainee of the Year: Jayme Walker - Outstanding Health and Safety Management: Fast and Evans Logging – Crew 26  
Hero of the Year Award: Runner-up: Lorraine Uatuku - Log Processing Excellence: Runner-up: David Hatcher**



The Fast group now comprises of 7 harvesting crews, with a mix of road line salvage, ground based and cable logging and 1 silver culture operation with a mechanised planting machine. Within the group there are 4 companies with staff members now being partners in those companies, and 2 other staff members who have bought their own machines and are sub-contractors. Smiley is always looking for that person who has the focus and motivation to better themselves and he enjoys helping them into that next step of their forestry career with the opportunity of some ownership. The same opportunity he and Ange were given 26 years ago. They have a large management team to ensure that every member of the team has the support, help and guidance they all need. Whether it be with regards to the day to day operations, training, health and safety, environmental compliance or personal well being issues, we like to think there is always someone available to listen and help. It also helps the management team to feel comfortable about taking leave knowing that their role can be covered by another passionate and competent team member which is very important. We believe we have an awesome culture within our team but remind everyone that we can never get complacent. Every day is new and different and requires consistent focus and communication for everyone to get home safe every day.



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# NZ Safety Blackwoods has you covered with 33 branches nationwide

NZ Safety Blackwoods is growing faster than your average Radiata pine and their branches now number 33 nationwide, which is great news because no matter where you are, a NZ Safety Blackwoods Trade Centre won't be far away. They are specialists in safety, work gear and footwear and have everything you need to get the job done. They've also got a stellar line up when it comes to power tools and hand tools, stocking your favourite brands like Milwaukee, Bosch, Makita and DeWalt. When you're working at height and with equipment that needs to be handled with care, they are your 'go to' for fit-for-purpose gear. They've got you covered from head to toe and if you need to power up, they can help with that too.

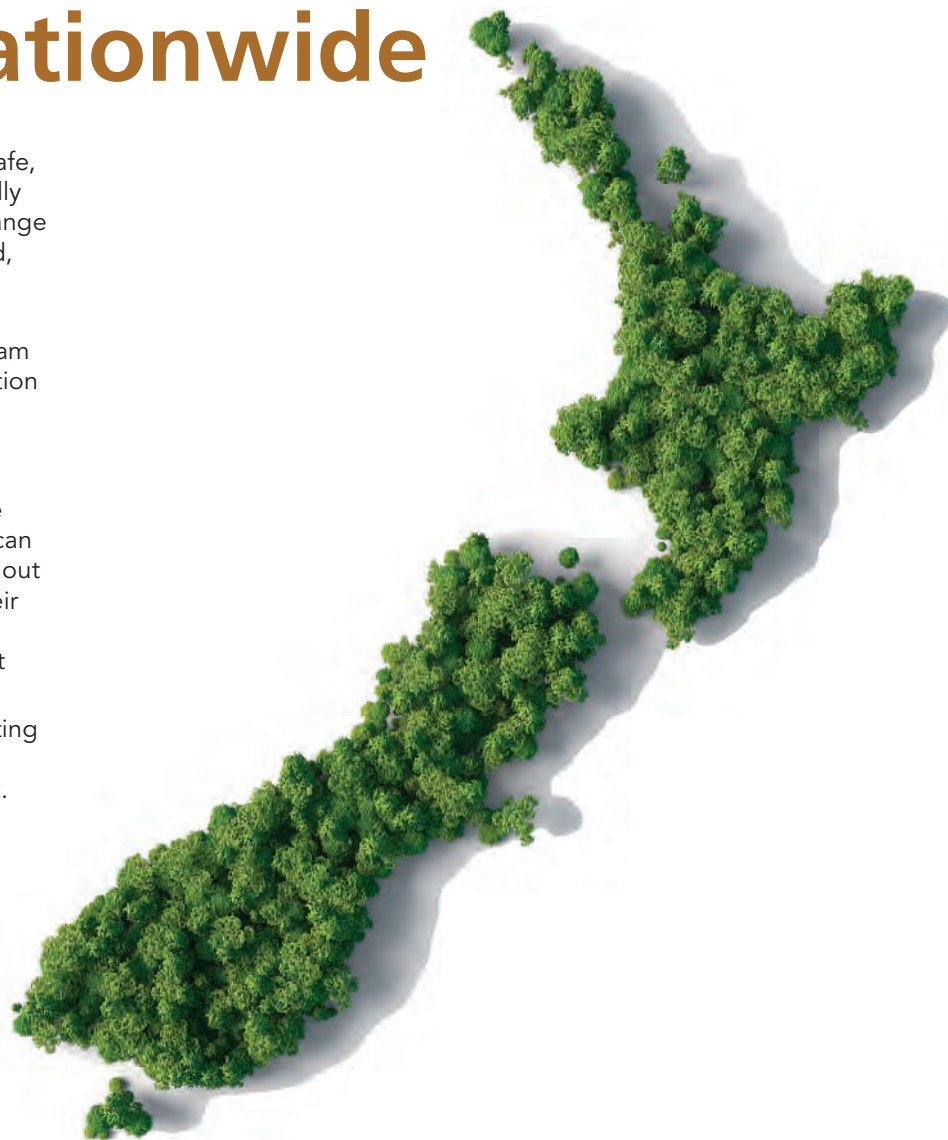
Did you know that NZ Safety Blackwoods have over 70 years' experience in New Zealand? They don't just sell products, they offer training too. NZ Safety Blackwoods Worksafe Training service offers courses that keep you safe at work including Elevating Work Platforms, Confined Spaces, Height Safety and more. Their dedicated training venues in Auckland, Tauranga, Wellington, and Christchurch are well equipped with classrooms and purpose-built facilities to provide

technical training where workplace conditions can be replicated in a safe, controlled environment. Additionally they conduct public courses at a range of venues throughout New Zealand, providing nationwide coverage.

But wait, there's more. NZ Safety Blackwoods Technical Solutions team can inspect and service fall protection equipment such as harnesses, fall-arresters and retrieval winches.

They care so much about safety, it's in their name and they have the equipment and training offer that can keep you safe as you work. To find out more why not have a browse of their website [www.nzsafetyblackwoods.co.nz](http://www.nzsafetyblackwoods.co.nz) or give them a call to find out more 0800 660 660.

NZ Safety Blackwoods – celebrating the finalists and winners at Central North Island Forestry Awards 2022.



## Manulife Investment Management

Manulife Investment Management Forest Management (NZ) Limited would like to congratulate and recognise all the nominees and winners of the CNIWC forestry awards. Especially the contractors who won awards that work for our Manulife clients. Well done to the CNIWC committee for organising such a great event



**Female in Forestry Award:** Mereana Tobenhouse (Fast Harvesting).

**Trainee of the Year:** Jayme Walker (Fast Harvesting).

**Hero of the Year Award:** Runner-up: Lorraine Uatuku (Fast Harvesting).

**Skilled professionals, Silvicultural Excellence:** Glenn Fontaine (Fast Harvesting).

**Outstanding Health and Safety Management:** Fast and Evans Logging – Crew 26 (Fast Harvesting).

**Log Processing Excellence:** Runner-up: David Hatcher (Fast Harvesting).

**Training excellence, Generation Programme Graduate of the Year:**

**Excellence awards:** Connor Wallace and Olive Williams.

**Training excellence, Generation Programme Graduate of the Year:** Rawiri Te Hiko (Brown Logging Ltd).

**Harvesting Excellence:** Rob Davy (G White Logging Ltd).

**Distribution Excellence:** Jody Reti (Trimble Forestry).

**Log Processing Excellence:** Desmond Williams (Progressive Harvesting).

**Log Truck Driver Excellence:** Raymond Bradshaw (Aztec FTD).

**Runner-up:** Josh Fisher (Green Transport Ltd).

**Forest Engineering Excellence:** Campbell and RJ (J Swap Ltd).

**Outstanding Environmental Management:** Crew 14 (Loggabull).

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**Female in Forestry Award:**

**Runner-up:** Sarah-Jane Luoni (Manulife Forest Management New Zealand).

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