

## WELCOME

This edition of *Sawmilling Newsletter* has quite a broad coverage. The main focus is the health and safety wellbeing for those of you involved in harvesting operations. Also, we have included an introduction to Paul Leonard, a Northland sawmiller and his interesting museum. There is an update concerning exporting and finally, we are letting you know who is who in the Forestry and Land Operations Directorate – these are MPI staff you mainly deal with.

Any questions with the *Newsletter* – Angela is happy to help.

## HEALTH AND SAFETY

Take care out there! As sawmillers, many of you are also involved in harvesting operations. Recent accidents highlight the importance of ensuring the health and safety of yourselves and those working with you.

The new *Approved Code of Practice for Safety and Health in Forest Operations* was released by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment last year. There are new requirements for Breaking Out, Tree Falling and Cable Harvesting.

Copies of the new code are available at <http://www.business.govt.nz/healthandsafetygroup> > Information & Guidance > Approved Codes of Practices (ACOPS) > Forest Operations - Approved Code of Practice (ACOP)

## PAUL LEONARD AND KOHA MUSEUM

Paul Leonard, a tree feller and sawmiller from Matarau has been milling for 20 years. He undertakes rural and urban felling and land clearing operations, milling anything worth salvaging (providing it's compliant with the Forests Act).

Paul also owns a small bush block on which he has a registered SFM permit. He refers to the block as his “Warehouse” and fells and mills to order. Species approved for harvest under the permit are kauri, rimu, kahikatea, matai, totara, tanekaha and taraire.

Paul's preference is for kauri but he likes totara for its versatility and saleability. His own log house was built using totara logs.

Paul has been collecting chainsaws since he was 16 and has now made an exhibition of his collection at his “Koha Museum” (which can be viewed by appointment). He has over 200 chainsaws on display, with the oldest dating back to the 1930s. For this reason it should come as no surprise that all Paul's milling is done using Alaskan chainsaw mills.

Right: Some of Paul's many chainsaws.



Below: Paul Leonard outside his log house in Matarau, near Whangarei.



## EXPORTING

Under the Forests Act, the range of indigenous timber export is restricted. However, there are still considerable opportunities for exporting subject to export approval from MPI. These are:

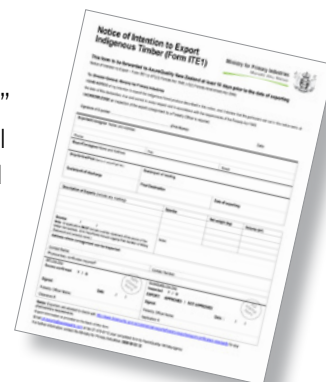
- » sawn beech or rimu providing the timber has been taken from a forest subject to an Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) Plan or Permit;
- » the size is limited to any length timber with a cross-sectional area not exceeding 30 000 m<sup>2</sup>;
- » stumps or roots, whether whole or sawn either taken from “non-indigenous forest land” or forest subject to an SFM Plan/Permit;
- » indigenous timber from a planted indigenous forest;
- » tree fern trunks or fibre taken from an SFM Plan/Permit forest or “non-indigenous forest land”, or land not subject to an SFM Plan or Permit but where the level of harvest is sustainable in perpetuity.

“Finished indigenous timber products” (that is, in their final form) or personal effects are allowed to be exported and do not require approval. Logs and woodchips of any species cannot be exported.

For full details of what can and cannot be exported, refer to the Export Controls (s67C) in Part 3A of the Forests Act at

[www.legislation.govt.nz](http://www.legislation.govt.nz)

A new *Notice of Intention to Export Indigenous Timber Form* is replacing the old mfm3 form. For more information on exporting indigenous timber contact your regional office.



## CANTERBURY WINDFALL

The Canterbury wind fall event has provided an opportunity for portable sawmills to gain access to small woodlots and farm shelter belts in and around Canterbury. Extra care should be taken when working in these conditions particularly where root plate upturn is involved and there is added stress on fallen trees. Remember safe working practices especially when working with farmers or small block owners who may not have experience in tree felling or log recovery.

For more information on possible milling opportunities relating to the Canterbury windfall, contact Alan Tinnelly on 03 943 3706.



## WHO ARE WE?

The regional Forestry and Land Operations staff are spread throughout the country. Contact your local adviser if you need any assistance with indigenous forestry, the Emissions Trading Scheme or the PFSI.

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