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End of February Already!

We hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Year.

The team at Woodnet has been flat out after a good summer break and is looking forward to being of service to our clients in 2018.

New Staff Profile - Rick Williamson



Rick Williamson joined us at the beginning of this year and will be involved with day to day forestry operations and forestry management division. Rick will be helping Chris set up for our 1.1 million tree planting programme this year. Let us know if you want to be scheduled for planting for 2019.

Rick studied Applied Science at Otago University, majoring in Environmental Management and Ecology. Previous to working at Woodnet, Rick was involved in day to day supervision of silverculture crews in both the North and South Island.

New Staff Profile - George Sims



Lucien has finished his summer stint with us and is heading back to university for his final year of study. We would like to welcome George Sims to the team.

George recently finished studying Geography at Canterbury University. He will be helping out around the office along with GIS mapping, being out and about in the field and being the friendly voice behind the phone.

George grew up in the Wairarapa and spent last summer as a surf lifeguard at Riversdale Beach.

Best GIS Job in New Zealand!!

Due to the expanding workload here at Woodnet, we have a vacancy for a competent and experienced GIS Technician.

Follow the link below for more information on the vacancy and how to apply.

<https://www.seek.co.nz/job/35535002?type=standout&userqueryid=11c6fdf19bf0c6149abc8598cb056daf-2288447>

Central Districts Field Days 15th - 17th March

FOMS and Woodnet will be sharing stand B19 at the Central Districts Fielddays.

Margaret and Stu will be there on the 15th and 16th to meet and discuss any queries you may have. If you would like a specific appointment please phone 06 370 2068 or email admin@woodnet.co.nz and let us know what you would like to discuss.

- Stand B19
- Free Lunch from Midday until 1:30 pm
- No booking need

MPI Seminar

With the government initiative and MPI funding now in place for new tree planting BakerAg and Woodnet are holding a seminar to explain/discuss the opportunities this has opened up for land owners. Representatives from MPI will also be present to provide information and answer any questions. If you are interested in attending please contact us on 06 370 2068 or email admin@woodnet.co.nz and we can provide you with the confirmed details in due course.

One Billion Trees Programme!



With the accelerating harvest of post 1989 forest, New Zealand is rapidly losing the carbon sequestration from these forests that effectively kept New Zealand below their international targets. To meet these targets going forward will require a change in our emission behaviour, however this will take time. To meet any imminent target we need to plant more trees.

The good news is that there is suitable land out there to do this, but to date lack of confidence in the Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) (potential cash flow), policy settings (read political interference) or the ability to fund plantings and ongoing costs has inhibited land use change.

Going Forward:

1. We believe the establishment of a New Zealand Climate Commission will remove the ability for political interference and introduce policy setting certainty.
2. Enduring carbon (no need to pay back if replanting) for new plantings is between 200 & 300 NZU's in the first ten years with a strong likelihood of increasing when carbon accounting mechanisms are reviewed, is now attractive with Carbon value exceeding \$21.00/NZU.
3. MPI announced this month that the...

Crown Forestry is looking for land to plant with private land owners as part of the Government's One Billion Trees programme.

In a 'nut shell' our understanding is that Crown Forestry, a business unit of the Ministry for Primary Industries, would lease the land and enter into a forestry joint venture for a one rotation (30 year) term. The Crown would pay for all establishment and management costs over the lifetime of the crop and pay a negotiated rent to the landowner. Rents will reflect the quality of the land, proximity to ports or wood processing plants and the costs Crown Forestry expect to pay over the lifetime of the crop. The landowner would retain all rights to any carbon credits. Any areas of regenerating

native forest within the block would be left as they are as unplanted enclaves within the forest.

We have started discussions with landowners considering commercial Radiata pine planting who have blocks of land that:

- are a minimum size of 200 plantable hectares
- have not been plantation forest before
- can have access within the block and to public roads from within the property.
- have terrain suitable for current forest harvesting systems
- are identified as suitable for production forestry in the relevant district council and regional council land use and water plans.

Woodnet believe, the combination of land rent, possible harvest revenue sharing and carbon make for compelling consideration.

The Process

Land owners can approach the Crown directly or via their forestry consultant (pick us!!). Crown Forestry will carry out a brief screening of nominated land. If it appears suitable they will fund a forestry feasibility study that will include a full financial report. This information will be shared with the landowner and will form the basis of a lease or forestry joint venture proposal for the landowners to consider. Proposals will be tailored to reflect local issues. Once an agreement has been reached Crown Forestry will commence forestry operations on the land.

If you are interested please contact us to discuss further or if you are wanting a direct contact try:

- General Manager
Warwick Foran warwick.foran@mpi.govt.nz
029 894 0394
- Assets Manager
Mike Candy mike.candy2@mpi.govt.nz
029 894 0390

New Zealand Carbon Unit (NZU) prices



The graph above shows price fluctuations of carbon unit prices in New Zealand over the past 2 years. The Current price for one NZU is around **\$20.80**.

A reminder that Woodnet is available to sell NZUs on your behalf when the time is right for you.

We are aware that there may be NZUs sitting in accounts from the pre-1990 compensation allocations in 2011 and 2013 that might have been forgotten about! Feel free to call to confirm your status in this regard.

Mandatory Emissions Returns for Post-1989 ETS Participants



We have recently sent out the emissions return information and instruction form to all our clients who have post-1989 trees registered in the ETS. With a reminder to those who haven't replied to our recent follow up email.

It is compulsory to submit an Emissions Return for the period 2013-2017 between January and June this year. This Return calculates any units you are entitled to receive from this period and any units you are obligated to surrender due to trees coming down. Please complete and return the instruction form to us as soon as you are able to if you would like Woodnet to action on your behalf.

Remember - This is mandatory, there are penalties that could be applied if your Emissions Return is not filed.

Also please let us know if there have been any changes to the names on title as this will affect the filing of your Emissions Return.

Log Price Update (Indicative)

Grade	Feb-18	Log Price Averages		
		12 month	24 month	36 month
Pruned	\$178	\$175	\$176	\$178
A	\$138	\$132	\$127	\$117
K	\$126	\$124	\$119	\$109
KI	\$114	\$117	\$112	\$102
KIS	\$107	\$110	\$105	\$94

The table above outlines log price movement over the last 3 years at Port Gate Wellington. Figures are in \$/JAS Tonne. These figures are average prices taken from affiliates FOMS Ltd.

Rural Fire Risk



Wairarapa continues to be in a "restricted fire season".

Despite the rain a **Fire Permit** is required for campfires, bonfires, rubbish fires, wood fired barbeques, braziers, fireworks, thermettes, pizza ovens, chinese Lanterns, welding plants, portable forges, and open incinerators in many parts of New Zealand. Fire Permits are not required for gas barbeques and properly constructed back yard incinerators which have approved spark arrestors fitted.

Take a look at your local rural fire district website (see here for Wairarapa: [Wairarapa Rural Fire District](#)) for further information. This website also shows real-time fire danger information.

Woodnet believes all forest owners should have a "fire plan" lodged with their local Rural Fire Force. This plan could prove invaluable in the event of a fire as it provides important contact, location, access and water source information, and often reduces your forest insurance premiums. Woodnet can assist you with the preparation of a fire plan. Please contact us to discuss further.

Our Services

WOODNET CAN HELP YOU WITH:

- Marginal land use options.
- Forest feasibility assessment and planning.
- Forest establishment, management and silviculture.
- Forest valuations and inventory.
- Forest purchase – due diligence and advice.
- Anything and everything ETS.
- Insurance options for trees and carbon.
- Assessment of harvest proposals.
- Support with marketing and selling your forest block.
- Transfer of forest ownership – implications and solutions.
- Structuring forest ownership for succession.

CONTACT US FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

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