

GREENPLAN

FOREST NEWS

ARAPITO LODGE - NOW AVAILABLE



*Matthew Barton
Director*

How time has moved on. In Greenplan's Newsletter "February 1999" we officially opened the Arapito Lodge. The purpose of the lodge was to provide pruning contractors with superior accommodation closer to the forests where work was being undertaken. Now that most of the work in close proximity to the lodge has been completed the pruners requirements for accommodation have ended. This has led us to reconsider the use of the lodge. The obvious solution

is to offer the lodge to investors and other members of the public as a holiday escape.

The Lodge

A near new 7 bedroom fully self contained lodge capable of sleeping 13 guests, located some 35 kilometres southeast of Te Kuiti on the Mapara South Road.

The lodge is situated in the Araroto Valley adjacent to the Mapara Wildlife Reserve, Greenplan Forests and Farmland. They offer endless hours of walking, bird watching or just simple relaxation.



Arapito Lodge. Nestled amongst Native and Exotic Forests.

The Araroto Valley:

A picturesque tranquil hideaway. Located on a 12km no exit gravel road approx. 30 minutes drive south east of Te Kuiti.

The valley redefines the meaning of peace and quiet with the only interruption to the peace and solitude being the songs of the birds.

The Mapara Wildlife Reserve:

Some 1400 hectares of native bush, the reserve has been the focal point for saving the endangered Kokako. This is one of New Zealand's most ancient birds and belongs to the wattlebird family. The Kokako is world renowned for its beautiful song. For those of you interested in birdlife the Mapara Reserve offers the real possibility of seeing and listening to the Kokako firsthand. The best time to see and hear the birds is at dawn or dusk.

Exotic Forests:

This is the valley where Greenplan was conceived. To date some 1000 hectares of Radiata pine is growing there. Endless opportunities for walks and exploring. Added attraction if you are a partner in one of the surrounding forests.

- Lodge Facilities:**
- Fully operational kitchen
 - Hot water showers, flush toilets
 - 7 separate rooms sleeps 13
 - Wood burner for warmth
 - Bathroom facilities

Come and enjoy the peace and tranquility the Araroto valley offers.

Phone Greenplan for reservations and queries.

Tarriff: valid until December 2005

Adults \$20.00 per person per night

Child (15 years old & under) \$10.00 per person per night



The interior, open plan layout.

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RECENT EVENTS:

Pest control is an important aspect of Forest Management. With the departure in November of our property manager we had a timely approach by a recreational hunting company, Ranginui Hunting Limited. Founder Mark Brough has offered to undertake all pest control activities on the Greenplan Forests south of Te Kuiti. With this introduction we also saw an opportunity for Mark and his team to manage the Greenplan Investors hunting requirements.

Our previous hunting policy was based around a permit system. Hunters wanting to try their luck requested an annual permit which once granted allowed access into the forest blocks. As at December 10th 2004 the permit system remains and all recreational hunting visits are to be co-ordinated through Ranginui Hunting. For investors there is no charge and the hunting is on a first in first serve basis. To make a booking you will need to contact Ranginui Hunting Ltd. Anyone wanting a permit will need to contact Greenplan.

This still left us with the requirement of pest control in the forest blocks north of Te Kuiti. To resolve this we have appointed Kerry Witchell of Te Waitere. Kerry has a vast range of skills and a passion for pest control. He will along with monitoring the forests, undertake the odd maintenance job as arises.

We feel very confident that the pest monitoring program will be kept to the high standard as previously attained by Mark Meredith (our previous property manager).

For more details on Ranginui Hunting Limited please visit their web site at www.bigskynz.com, or ph Mark on 07-8777559

Kerry can be contacted on 021-2057858. Alternatively contact the Greenplan office.



Dave Pikia, Operations Manager for the Greenplan Forest Maintenance Team, ready for another day!

ARRIVALS:

Many of you will by now have spoken to Corina Teague. Several weeks prior to Kathie Meredith's (previous Office Manager) departure we appointed Corina in the role of Customer Services Officer. Kathie spent the final two weeks of her employment with Greenplan familiarizing and training Corina for the role. Corina has quickly established herself and is proving more than capable in her new role. When you phone the office please say hi and introduce yourselves.



Corina Teague

MISSING PERSONS

Does anybody know the where abouts of the following people? If so please contact us on 0800 800 154

Name	Area last recorded
Ivan L Older	Pakuranga, Auckland
Stewart Shaw	Blenheim
Stephanie Rowse	Nelson
Clinton Somner	Tauranga
Tam Luen Or	Auckland
Llewellyn Powell	Unknown
Amber Williams	Browns Bay
Bruce Williams	Browns Bay
Gerard & Lyndley Field	Auckland

FIELD DAY MARCH 2005

We have been fielding plenty of enquiries as to when our next field day will be. Traditionally November has been the chosen date. However as you will have guessed the November 04 field day did not transpire. This was primarily due to Greenplan's involvement in the Waitomo District Centennial. John Barton as the Chairman of the Centennial Committee meant our prior commitments impeded on our ability to successfully run an entertaining and enlightening field day. The good news is that the centennial commitments have ended and we have finally organised a field day on Saturday March 12th 2005.

Our field day will involve bus trips to various forest blocks. Some of you may have experienced this sort of day before and from most accounts it was enjoyed by all. On the attached "lift out" you will see the forests that will be visited. Please complete the form and return at your earliest convenience. Due to restrictions on numbers it will be first in first served. If you have any field day queries please contact Corina on 0800 800 154 or via email at invest@greenplan.co.nz



The silhouette pruner

FOR SALE

LAND FOR SALE - 7.61 Hectares of Bare Land \$250,000 ono

On the slopes of Mt Pirongia, Otorohanga adjacent to the Scotts Bush Forest we have a lifestyle block for sale. Services are supplied to gate.

Contact Greenplan for more details.

WOOL PRESSES - \$100 per half.

We have several old Wooden Wool Presses for sale which have been extracted from woolsheds on Greenplan properties and are surplus to requirements. They would make excellent Bar Leaners or Character Cabinets. (not working)

Contact Greenplan for more details.

WORDFIND

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FOREST MANAGEMENT DIARY

Contractors working in the Greenplan forests have been kept busy during the summer months. While the season is somewhat later than normal for the King Country the trees have experienced excellent growing conditions over the past five months. This we expect to continue into March and April.

Spring rain during November and recently in December has kept the fire risk low throughout the Greenplan estate. We will be relocating contractors to other forests shortly to ease risk in the driest areas. Currently all staff and contractors carry fire fighting equipment. Forests are closely monitored at all times during this time of the year.

All third lift and thinning to waste operations are now completed in the 1996 forests. This is the final operation for these forests. An audit of final stocking and pruned height has recently been completed by forest consultants, P F Olsen & Co Ltd of Rotorua. All forests have achieved the required stocking and pruned height as outlined in the prospectus. The trees will now be left to grow and we will continue to monitor their development closely.

Third lift pruning is ongoing in the 1997 forests. Once pruning is completed the forests are then thinned to waste. This operation involves cutting the unpruned 'followers' down which leaves the pruned crop trees. The followers have accomplished their goal by controlling the growth rate and branch size of the crop trees. Thinning to Waste operations are currently underway in Coach Road No. 30 and will begin in Pig & Whistle No. 34 shortly. These operations are now complete in Arapito No. 28 and Rim Rock No. 33.

We have programmed to begin second lift operations this month. The Jones No. 39 and Huntaway No. 40 forests will be the first to be pruned followed by Boltaway No. 41, Clearwater No. 42 and finally Wild Boar No. 43. The second lift pruning operation involves removing the branches from the tree to approximately 5 metres. The pruning crews carry ladders which they use to achieve the correct pruned height.

First lift pruning is well underway in the 2000 forests. Many forests are now completed, there are a few areas of smaller trees waiting to be pruned after the summer. The 2001 forests are experiencing excellent growth and the pruning programme has commenced earlier than expected. The Dunmore North No. 48 forest is currently being pruned and small areas of pruning in the other forests is expected to begin after the summer.

Many forests were sprayed for *Dothistroma pini* in November 2004. *Dothistroma* is a fungus which affects the needles of the tree. It is easily controlled by spraying a copper oxy-chloride mixture over the affected controlled trees. We completed this operation in November using a helicopter. The affected trees are now showing signs of improvement. The fungus is also eliminated by removing infected branch's during the pruning operation. Some small infections, in localised areas of the forest, will be sprayed again in February.

The Wayleggo No. 62 and Scotts Bush No. 63 forests are now well established. There are a few patches throughout which will be sprayed again to kill competing grasses. This is usual in the most fertile parts of farmland. A forest establishment audit will be performed in Autumn.



Plantation Specialists Ltd performing second lift pruning at Jones No. 39



Pruning in Dunmore North No. 48



Greenplan (Dunmore North 2001) Forest Partnership No. 48



Greenplan (Wild Boar 1999) Forest Partnership No. 43



Greenplan (Rim Rock 1997) Forest Partnership No. 33



Greenplan (Pig & Whistle 1997) Forest Partnership No. 34

SECONDARY MARKET

The following units are for sale. * these units are subject to the clause two procedure, whereby partners in that partnership have a 28 day period first option in which to apply. The units not marked are available for sale to anyone. Please contact Corina Teague (invest@greenplan.co.nz) at Greenplan for more details.

Partnership Name	Planted	Number of Units	Price
Aratoro No.13	1995	1	\$11,000.00
Aratoro No.14*	1995	1	\$11,600.00
Awakino River No.16	1995	1	\$11,600.00
Awakino River No.17	1995	3	From \$11,000.00
Barker No.18	1995	1	\$12,000.00
Slab Hut No.21	1996	3	From \$9,700.00
Slab Hut No.21*	1996	1	\$9,700.00
Slab Hut No.22*	1996	1	\$9,800.00
Brakeside No.23	1996	1	\$9,800.00
Smith No.25*	1996	1	\$9,700.00
Tin Whare No.26	1996	2	From \$9,700.00
Touchwood No.27	1996	1	\$9,800.00
Coach Road No.30	1997	2	\$9,100.00
Stockyards No.32	1997	1	\$8,750.00
Squires Creek No.38*	1998	1	\$4,200.00
Jones No.39*	1998	1	\$4,200.00
Wild Boar No.43	1999	2	From \$4,100.00
Millennium No.44	2000	3	From \$7,200.00
Minormore No.49	2001	2	\$4,100.00
Twin Rivers No.51	2001	2	From \$7,000.00
Ducksfield No.53	2002	4	From \$7,000.00
Glen Afton No.54	2002	5	\$6,800.00
Big Valley No.55	2002	2	\$7,300.00
Hidden Valley No.56	2002	6	From \$6,800.00
Greatwood No.57	2003	12	From \$6,500.00
Whitecliffs No.59	2003	3	From \$6,800.00
Woodview No.58	2003	1	\$6,800.00
Pinegrove No.60	2003	1	\$6,900.00
Pinegrove No.61	2003	2	From \$6,800.00
Wayleggo No.62	2004	1	\$7,300.00

FORFEITED UNITS

The following units have recently been forfeited due to non payment. These units normally are treated as secondary market units and the asking price is paid in one lump sum. However due to Greenplan having no new partnerships available at present we have opted to resell the forfeited units on similar payment terms as new units.

Partnership Name	Planted	Number of Units
Hidden Valley No. 56	2002	6
Greatwood No. 57	2003	3
Woodview No. 58	2003	2
Whitecliffs No. 59	2003	1
Pinegrove No. 60	2003	2
Pinegrove No. 61	2003	3
Scotts Bush No. 63	2004	7

The unit price is \$7,500 which may be paid with one initial payment of \$500, then 35 monthly payments of \$200.

Please contact Corina Teague (invest@greenplan.co.nz) at Greenplan for more details.

NEWS CHIPS:

An article we came across showing that forestry investment is still attractive to astute investors.

Forestry Still Attracting Investors - 20/12/2004

Despite the tough challenges facing the New Zealand forestry industry with log exporters being hit by the strength of the Kiwi dollar and soaring freight costs, thousands of individual investors remained convinced that the sector has a worthwhile long-term future.

An article in the latest issue of Inwood, Australasia's biggest circulating wood business magazine, says that investors are moving towards direct investment in small plantation forestry schemes and are unperturbed by the fact that they will have to wait for up to 30 years for a return.

Several such schemes are on offer but the sector is dominated by three: Roger Dickie NZ Ltd, Greenplan Forestry Investments and Forest Enterprises NZ Ltd. Each has the same long term objective but there are distinct differences in the structure of each scheme.

Demonstrating the attractiveness of such forest investments, the article reports that one forest site brought an overall return to investors, including intermediate returns from thinnings, of 20% over the 26-year life of the plantation. [source: www.nzforestry.co.nz]



The Heaver Family from Canada, enjoyed an afternoon out in their Greenplan Forest, Pinegrove No. 60

Also from the same source we found evidence that New Zealand is leading the world in providing a sustainable wood resource.

A RARE STATE

Proportionately, New Zealand has one of the largest areas of protected natural forest in the world - nearly 6 million hectares.

It is also home to the world's biggest and most intensively managed tree plantations - now covering 1.8 million hectares.

Something of a paradox, we agree, but it nevertheless enables New Zealand to truthfully claim that almost all of its industrial wood needs are met from sustainably managed forests.

Very few other countries can match that. [source: www.nzforestry.co.nz]

3RD QUARTER AND 12-QUARTER AVERAGE

As at: October 2004

Generic Log Type & Pricing Point	September 2004 Quarter	12-quarter average
EXPORT (NZ\$ per JAS m3 f.o.b.)		
Pruned	142 - 249	197
Unpruned A Grade	58-96	97
Unpruned J Grade	57-76	86
Unpruned K Grade	50-70	84
Pulp	41-47	55
DOMESTIC (NZ\$ per tonne delivered at mill)		
P1	146-177	166
P2	99-150	127
S1	80-95	89
S2	70-80	81
L1 and L2	50-72	61
S3 and L3	49-68	62
Pulp	33-39	40

INDICATIVE NEW ZEALAND RADIATA PINE LOG PRICES

Returns to small growers may be lower than those recorded here owing to scale and buyers' margins. These log prices are historical and indicative only and may not correspond to actual prices paid, or grades used, in market transactions. A "best fit" is applied by survey respondents to align company log grade specification with the generic specifications. Direct comparisons with actual market prices may not apply, due to differences between the specification sets. The prices are subject to changes when further data becomes available. The sources for this information are ministry of Agriculture and Forestry industry contacts. [Source: www.maf.govt.nz]

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