



Kia ora koutou,

Hope you all are doing well and keeping safe.

The NZWCG has had another busy quarter - we decided to postpone our in-person conference to 10-11 March 2022 in Blenheim, but we're still going to have a few talks presented by speakers online via Teams on 4-5 November. Additionally, our AGM will still be on 4 November, held online. We'll send an email invite with the AGM agenda and reports soon, as well as more details about the online presentations.

The NZWCG is also gearing up for our advocacy campaign - we want to ensure continued support from the government for wilding conifer control and we don't want to lose the gains we've all made in our local areas. We'll keep you all posted on our advocacy plans.

We've also been working on an analysis of current policy and legislation relating to wilding management. Join us at our AGM for more information!

This newsletter also contains some exciting news: a new research programme titled Vive la Resistance has received funding for five years from MBIE. More details about this research programme are below.

Have a great weekend!



Webinar on 5 October about the value of controlling wilding conifers

On Tuesday, we facilitated a webinar by Maksym Polyakov about the willingness to pay for wilding conifer control. Based on the results from a recent survey, Maksym found that there was generally high willingness to pay for wilding control, although there was some regional variation. If you missed this webinar, you can watch the recording [here](#).



Vivé la Resistance: New Research Programme has received 5 years of funding

The Vivé la Resistance programme, led by Scion, has recently received funding from MBIE for research on understanding and preventing re-invasion of wilding conifers and building on the findings of the Winning Against Wildings research programme. The outcomes of the Vivé la Resistance programme will transform current wilding management practices by breaking the cycle of control/re-invasion/maintenance control.

Programme Objectives:

The programme will first quantify control success and re-invasion rate, providing us with new insights into what drives re-invasion. Then, the programme will establish field-based experiments to understand re-invasion patterns at a national scale.

The knowledge gained from the quantification of re-invasion rates and the field experiments will inform management strategies to prevent re-invasion which will be co-developed with the NWCCP. Additionally, we will work with Māori to co-develop an experimental programme on re-invasion that integrates the research above with tikanga and mātauranga, and we will also explore acceptable control options for iwi-led wilding control.

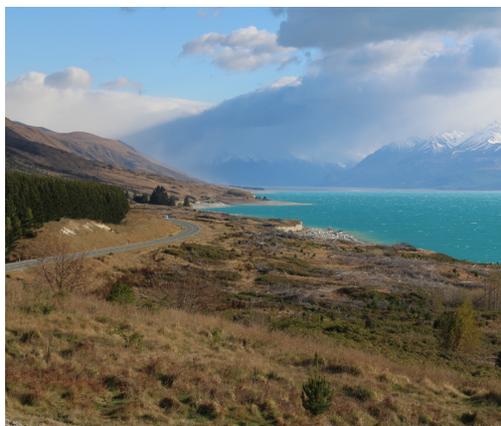
Next steps:

More details about this research programme will be shared in an online presentation before our AGM in November. Additionally, the research aim leads will contact the NWCCP team, the Operational Advisory Group, and the NZ Wilding Conifer Group about data collection and potential sites for the field experiments.

Community Meetings

The NZ Wilding Conifer Group has funding to facilitate and run community meetings across the country. If you are keen to have a community meeting in your area (when it's safe to do so!), please contact Rowan at rowan@nzwildingconifergroup.org.





Wilding Free Mackenzie featured in Tipping Point Wines

Al Brown has recently created a wine brand that features not-for-profits around Aotearoa New Zealand, and the Pinot Noir of this brand supports Wilding Free Mackenzie! Check out [this video](#) for more info (the part about Wilding Free Mackenzie starts around 6 minutes in).

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