



Kia ora koutou,

With the end of the financial year fast-approaching and Wellington in Alert Level 2, I hope things aren't too hectic and you and your family are keeping well! This is always a busy time of year, and it will be the end of the biggest year in wilding control ever.

Here with the Wilding Conifer Group, we've had a fun quarter - here are some of the highlights:

- We're starting to plan the the annual Wilding Pines Conference in Blenheim this year. The conference will be on **3-5 November 2021**.
- We ran two workshops in Otago in April about the impacts of wilding pines and an [impacts-forecasting tool](#).
- We've been facilitating an article about wilding pines for the NZ Geographic magazine - coming out in spring this year.
- We're looking into the [Year 1 Review of the National Environmental Standards for Plantation Forestry](#). There's a whole section on wilding conifers in this review.

The sun is finally out here in Christchurch and wishing you all a warm, dry, and safe winter.

Ngā mihi,

Rowan



Photo by Norm Mason

Tackling the hard yards in wilding control

We are now starting to control wildings in more visible areas and we need to get all landowners on board. We're keen to hear from you about how you convinced people or organisations to either control wildings on their property or support the wilding control programme. Please fill out [this survey](#) or email me with examples of what worked or what didn't when trying to persuade people to control wildings. We'll share the results of this survey in our next newsletter.

Community Meetings

The NZ Wilding Conifer Group has funding to run or facilitate community meetings across the country. If you think your area could do with a community meeting, please get in touch!

We recently ran a community meeting in Christchurch on 27 May about wilding control in the upper Waimakariri catchment.

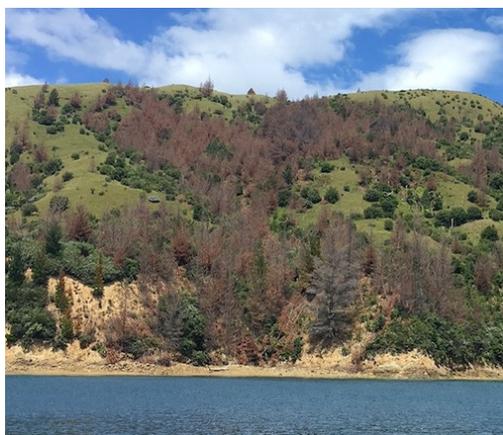


Wildings Webinar Series

The Wildings Webinar series has had a couple of webinars recently: one on fungi and one on native restoration in pine plantations. We have another one planned for 29 June about the Mid Dome Trust and its role in wilding control - [register here](#) to attend. If you've missed any of the webinars in the past, please find links to watch the recordings [here](#)!

Review of the impacts and legacies of wildings

Several researchers, led by Prof. Ian Dickie, have written a [review paper](#) summarising the impacts and legacies of wilding pines. This paper also includes a decision support tool about post-control land use options. Feedback and thoughts on this paper are welcome! Please email me if you have suggestions.



EPA: Call for Information on Glyphosate use

The EPA has issued a call for information about the use of glyphosate. The NZ Wilding Conifer Group will put together a submission, but we encourage groups who use glyphosate to put in a submission as well. More details are on the EPA's website [here](#), and submissions are due on 27 August 2021.

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