

Tree Growers Tairāwhiti, the Gisb/East Coast Branch of NZFFA, invites you to a Field day to:

Awapapa Station, Poplars within a Commercial Farming Operation

Wednesday the 20th September 2023 09:00 start Vehicles only. No Quads

Awapapa can be reached by traveling to Tiniroto Rd, until the road is closed. Allow 35 to 40 minutes from Gisborne.

There will be seven stops, 6 of them accessible from the road. Stop 7 is a short 10 minute walk along a track. We envisage having a 4 seater ATV present for those who are less able to walk 10 minutes.

Please bring your own lunch and drink.

We envisage the field day being concluded at about 14:00

Hawke's Bay Regional Council staff as well as a soil conservator/poplar expert from the Wairarapa will be present.

Please contact Kees Weytmans for further information, 0274-465658 (txt preferred as I am often out of reception) or email kees.weytmans@gmail.com

Chairperson Tree Growers Tairāwhiti, the Gisb/East Coast Branch of NZFFA



Stop 1. Introduction to Alex Campbell and Awapapa, history and land use alternatives. Here a multitude of species can be seen. Cedar, redwoods and blackwoods. Alex would allow for clearfelling in the future as the roots will hold the soil.



Stop 2. Collapsing radiata stand. What are the practical landuse options here ??? Discuss melanoxydon, deodar, macrocarpa and or robinia.



Stop 3. The poplars were the slash catchers.... 10km of fencing along the river. How to fence waterways???
How to fence moving lands? 1000 poplar poles planted most years. No sleeves, halving the costs.



Stop 4. 1.6 slips/ha on poplar planted Awapapa and 3.6 slips on un planted farm land on neighbouring Dumgoyne. What are the benefits of planting poplar?



Stop 5

Impossible to plant the waterways. Proximity of trees to the river. These poplars are Crowsnest



Stop 6 This poplar variety is I78.

The land to the left had been previously cultivated and sustained severe slips during Cyclone Gabrielle. Some farm consultants maintain loss of grass growth due to poplars.



Stop 6 but from a different view



Stop 7. Lunch spot, a 10 minute walk with further discussion. **Poplars in a commercial farming operation.**

Rain, hail or sunshine: the field day will go ahead. Wednesday 20th of Sept 09.00 start at Awapapa, Tiniroto Rd.

Any questions? Please phone or text Kees on 0274-465658 or email kees@knapdale.co.nz

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