



Notice of the Ordinary meeting of

Forestry Subcommittee

Te Kōmiti Āpiti, Ngahere

Date:	Wednesday 23 June 2021
Time:	1.00p.m.
Location:	Council Chamber Floor 2A, Civic House, 110 Trafalgar Street, Nelson

Agenda

Rārangi take

Chairperson

Mr John Murray

Members

Her Worship the Mayor Rachel Reese

Cr Kate Fulton

Cr Tim Skinner

Independent Forestry Expert Peter Gorman

Group Manager Infrastructure Alec Louverdis

Officer Paul Harrington

Quorum: 5, comprising the Chair and two elected member (decision makers), plus one Council officer and the independent forestry expert (for advice only)

**Pat Dougherty
Chief Executive**

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Forestry Subcommittee

This is a subcommittee that reports to Council.

Areas of Responsibility:

- All matters relating to the commercial forestry operational portfolio including environmental and recreational issues

Powers to Decide:

- In accordance with Council's Annual Plan and Long Term Plan:
 - Approval of forestry and harvesting management strategy and plans
 - Approval of the engagement of contractors/consultants and forestry tenders

Powers to Recommend to Council:

- Any actions relating to the oversight of all matters relating to the commercial forestry portfolio, falling outside the powers to decide, including:
 - Approval of forestry related budgets; and
 - Any other matters relating to continuing commercial forestry operations.

For the Terms of Reference for the Forestry Subcommittee please refer to document A1739267.

1. Apologies

Nil

2. Confirmation of Order of Business

3. Interests

3.1 Updates to the Interests Register

3.2 Identify any conflicts of interest in the agenda

4. Public Forum

5. Confirmation of Minutes

5.1 23 March 2021

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Document number M16512

Recommendation

That the Forestry Subcommittee

- 1. Confirms the minutes of the meeting of the Forestry Subcommittee, held on 23 March 2021, as a true and correct record.***

6. Chairperson's Report

7. Forestry Update - Number 15

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Document number R23768

Recommendation

That the Forestry Subcommittee

- 1. Receives the report (R23768) and its Attachments (A2669723, A2669570 and A2679734).***



Minutes of a meeting of the Forestry Subcommittee

Held in the Council Chamber, Floor 2A, Civic House, 110 Trafalgar Street, Nelson

On Tuesday 23 March 2021, commencing at 1.05p.m.

Present: Mr J Murray (Chairperson), Her Worship the Mayor R Reese, Councillors K Fulton, T Skinner, Independent Forestry Expert P Gorman, and Group Manager Infrastructure A Louverdis

In Attendance: Team Leader Parks and Facilities Activity Management (P Harrington), PF Olsen representative (S Nuske), LandVision Ltd representative (L Grant), Governance Adviser (J Brandt) and Governance Support (P Boutle)

Apologies : Mayor R Reese (early departure)

1. Apologies

Resolved FS/2021/001

That the Forestry Subcommittee

- 1. Receives and accepts the apology from Her Worship the Mayor R Reese for early departure.***

Skinner/Murray

Carried

2. Confirmation of Order of Business

There was no change to the order of business.

3. Interests

There were no updates to the Interests Register, and no interests with items on the agenda were declared.

4. Public Forum

Tom Kennedy and Roger May, of Friends of the Maitai, tabled a supporting document (A2598435) and spoke to their submission.

Attachments

- 1 A2598435 - Friends of the Maitai - Presentation to NCC Forestry Subcommittee 23Mar2021

5. Confirmation of Minutes

5.1 1 December 2020

Document number M15312, agenda pages 5 - 9 refer.

Resolved FS/2021/002

That the Forestry Subcommittee

1. ***Confirms the minutes of the meeting of the Forestry Subcommittee, held on 1 December 2020, as a true and correct record.***

Skinner/Her Worship the Mayor

Carried

6. Chairperson's Report

There was no Chairperson's report.

7. Forestry Update - Number 14

Document number R22589, agenda pages 10 - 25 refer.

Team Leader Parks and Facilities Activity Management, Paul Harrington, presented the report.

It was noted that the harvesting date for the Tantragee Block was being brought forward to May to September 2021. Originally, harvesting was going to be July to September 2021 to allow works to follow the proposed Brook Harvesting. A minor amendment was made to the resolution to reflect that it was a revised date.

It was noted that Nelson City Council had achieved Forestry Stewardship Council accreditation. The Subcommittee expressed their thanks to PF Olsen and everyone who had helped achieve this milestone.

Resolved FS/2021/003

That the Forestry Subcommittee

- 1. Receives the report (R22589) and its Attachments (A2582672, A2577989 and A2578176); and***
- 2. Agrees on a revised harvesting date for the Nelson City Council owned Brook blocks to be May to September 2021.***

Skinner/Fulton

Carried

There being no further business the meeting ended at 1.58p.m.

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings:

_____ Chairperson _____ Date

Forestry Update - Number 15

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To provide an update to the Forestry Subcommittee on forestry activities undertaken since Council adopted the Forestry Review recommendations in September 2016, and since the March 2021 update.

2. Recommendation

That the Forestry Subcommittee

- 1. Receives the report Forestry Update - Number 15 (R23768) and its Attachments (A2669723, A2669570 and A2679734).***

3. Harvesting

Bridges

- 3.1 An update of the progress with the bridges is shown below.

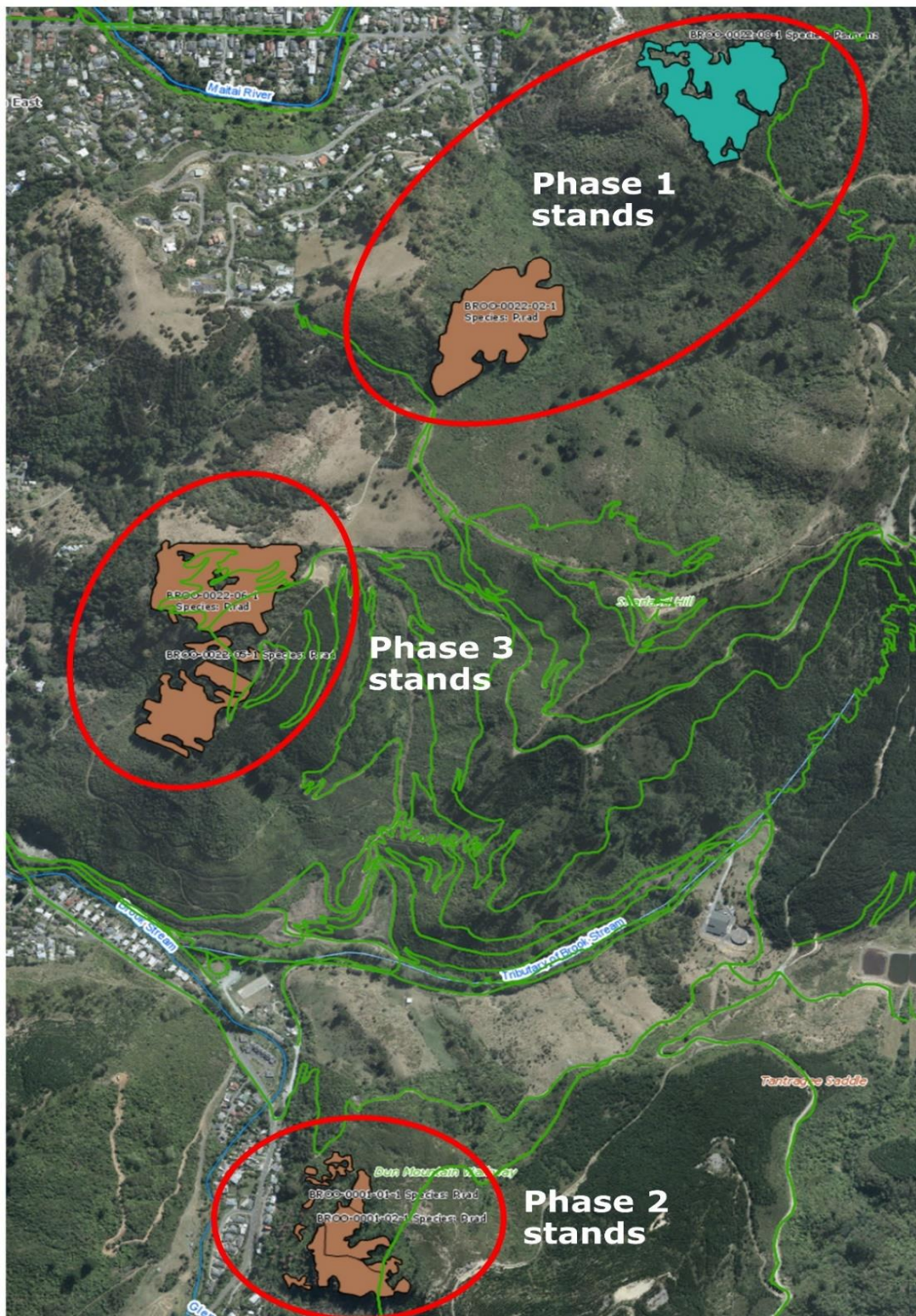
Maitai	Work is nearing completion
Roding	Work is about to commence

Brook harvesting

- 3.2 Brook harvesting is scheduled to commence in mid-June following a month's delay in securing the necessary resource consents. This is not expected to have any impact on the planned end date.
- 3.3 Information on reserve closures due to the harvest is available on Council's website (<https://shape.nelson.govt.nz/harvesting-our-forests>) and stakeholders have been regularly updated. The public were informed through media articles following a press release on 29 April 2021. Articles were also included in the printed newsletter delivered to all households and on social media.
- 3.4 Phase 1 involves harvesting stands in or near Atmore Reserve (blocks 22-8 and 22-2), Phase 2 relates to the Tantragee Block (Block 1-1 and 1-2, see below for more information) and Phase 3 will harvest blocks 22-6

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and 22-5, which are situated above the P51 mountain bike trail and include the Viral Flow trail.



Tantragee Block harvesting

- 3.5 Harvesting of these trees will follow the Brook harvesting work mentioned above. This is the last stage of the progressive removal of trees above residential properties, which has included the successful poisoning of trees closest to residential properties.
- 3.6 Directly affected residents have been aware of this plan for over a year as the harvest was originally planned for 2020 before being delayed due to COVID-19. All residents were contacted in April by way of letter drop and invited to a public meeting on 11 May 2021. Individual meetings with residents, as the team works through the Health and Safety Plan, have been undertaken in a collaborative spirit.
- 3.7 Whilst the steep terrain carries a very low risk that logs may move downslope during harvesting, a detailed health and safety plan has been prepared by PF Olsen, which is being both reviewed independently and by Council's Health and Safety Adviser. No harvesting works will commence prior to the Council and its contractors being confident that planned safety measures will mitigate the potential risks from the harvest.
- 3.8 Measures include ensuring that residents temporarily vacate their houses between 9am and 3pm during the works. There is one resident that unfortunately cannot leave their property for extended periods and plans are been put in place to provide safety through additional barriers. There are also a small number of night shift workers that will require alternative accommodation for a short period of time.
- 3.9 This work will commence on 28 July 2021 and is expected to take no longer than two weeks. For this two-week period, Brook Street along this section of trees, will also be subject to one-hour closures to expedite the works and to minimise the disruption to residents needing to be out of their properties. All affected residents in Brook Street will be advised of this through a letter drop and through Council's normal media channels including radio.

Maitai harvesting

- 3.10 Harvesting in the Maitai Valley is scheduled to begin in August 2021 and continue into early 2022. Various stands are planned for harvest which are generally located upstream of the Poleford Bridge. Further details will be reported to the next Subcommittee meeting.

4. Tasman Pine Forests and Waahi Taakaro harvesting

- 4.1 When Tasman Pine Forests Ltd harvest the block adjacent to the Waahi Taakaro Golf Club, the work will also include harvesting the small area planted by them on Council land. This work is expected to take one month, and PF Olsen will monitor the work to ensure that the trees on Council owned land are harvested to the required standards. The small area will be replanted with indigenous species.

5. Health and Safety

- 5.1 A Safe Work Observation (SWO) was conducted in relation to the Maitai Bridge project on 2 June 2021. This was attended by council officers, PFOlsen staff and the Chair of the Forestry Subcommittee.

6. Finance

- 6.1 An updated summary of Council budgets to March 2021 is appended as Attachment 1 and PF Olsen's Quarterly Report to March 2021 is appended as Attachment 2.

7. Alternate Uses

- 7.1 Council agreed to retire approximately 140Ha of forestry and consider alternate uses and an Alternate Use Plan has been approved. Refer to Attachment 3 for an update. Lachie Grant (Landvision) will be in attendance to update the Group further.

8. Alternative Commercial Harvesting

- 8.1 Council set aside funding in Y1 of the 2021-31 Long-Term Plan (LTP) to consider the feasibility of alternative commercial species (other than pinus radiata). That work is schedule to commence in the new financial year and will be reported back to the Subcommittee.

9. Forestry webpage

- 9.1 A page is now live on the Council's website providing general information about the Council's forestry estate, forestry operations and Forestry Stewardship Council accreditation:
<https://www.nelson.govt.nz/environment/sustainable-land-management/productive-land-use/forestry/>

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Attachments

- Attachment 1: NCC Forestry Accounts Summary at 31 March 2021 (A2669723) [↓](#)
- Attachment 2: NCC PF Olsen Forestry Quaterly Report - Q3 - 2020/21 (A2669570) [↓](#)
- Attachment 3: Alternative species update June 2021 (A2679734) [↓](#)

<p>Important considerations for decision making</p>
<p>1. Fit with Purpose of Local Government</p> <p>The regular updates support the effective and efficient management of Council's productive forests and through best practices and sustainability contributes to Local Government well-beings of social, economic, environmental, and cultural.</p>
<p>2. Consistency with Community Outcomes and Council Policy</p> <p>The Group aligns with the following outcome: "Our Council provides leadership and is supported by an innovative and sustainable economy".</p>
<p>3. Risk</p> <p>The Subcommittee has been set up to specifically have an oversight on all things relating to forestry to reduce the risk to Council.</p> <p>The key risks identified in this report relate to harvesting in the Brook, which are adequately mitigated by the planned safety measures.</p>
<p>4. Financial impact</p> <p>The Subcommittee has been set up to monitor forestry activity and to manage income and expenses accordingly. Any expenditure recommended in this report is in line with this oversight.</p>
<p>5. Degree of significance and level of engagement</p> <p>The report deals with several matters that have required individual engagement with individuals/groups.</p>
<p>6. Climate Impact</p> <p>Commercial pine forestry and harvesting is a sustainable practice and contributes positively to climate change mitigation.</p>
<p>7. Inclusion of Māori in the decision-making process</p> <p>Iwi have not been consulted in the preparation of this report but have been consulted on separately with respect to the FAMP.</p>
<p>8. Delegations</p> <p>The Forestry Subcommittee's areas of responsibility include:</p>

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NCC Forestry Accounts Summary at 31 March 2021

Account	YTD Actuals March 2021	YTD Operating Budget 2020/21	YTD Variance	Total Operating Budget 2020/21	Final AP Budget 2020/21
Income	0	(1,457,190)	-1,457,190	(1,942,925)	(1,942,925)
Other Income	0	(1,457,190)	-1,457,190	(1,942,925)	(1,942,925)
154005100233. Maitai Forest	0	(1,457,190)	-1,457,190	(1,942,925)	(1,942,925)
Expenses	353,049	1,623,384	1,270,335	2,157,255	2,157,255
Staff Operating Expenditure	17,192	12,033	-5,159	16,048	16,048
Base Expenditure	311,115	1,556,595	1,245,480	2,068,207	2,068,207
154020190232. Forest management: Brook/York	15,369	3,753	-11,616	5,000	5,000
154020190233. Forest management: Maitai	94,110	37,503	-56,607	50,000	50,000
154020190234. Forest management: Marsden	0	6,750	6,750	9,000	9,000
154020190235. Forest management: Roding	39,041	39,879	838	53,172	53,172
154020190800. Forest management: General	27,625	51,975	24,350	69,300	69,300
154023100232. Brook/York Valley Harvest Costs	1,005	7,497	6,492	10,000	10,000
154023100233. Maitai Harvest Costs	91,460	1,125,000	1,033,540	1,500,000	1,500,000
154023100235. Roding Harvest Costs	2,893	262,503	259,610	350,000	350,000
15402621. Rates	5,193	6,242	1,049	6,242	6,242
15402637. Insurance	24,441	15,493	-8,948	15,493	15,493
15402693. Admin (advertising, mapping, H&S)	9,979	0	-9,979	0	0
Unprogrammed Expenses	5,809	37,503	31,694	50,000	50,000
154033100232. Tantragee Hazardous tree removal	5,809	37,503	31,694	50,000	50,000
Programmed Expenses	18,932	17,253	-1,679	23,000	23,000
15404016. Land Prep/Establishment	0	17,253	17,253	23,000	23,000
154040160233. Forestry Disestablishment: Maitai	16,772	0	-16,772	0	0
154040160235. Forestry Disestablishment: General	2,160	0	-2,160	0	0

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Nelson City Council Forestry

Quarterly Report Budget Year 2020/21

Q3: January – March 2021



Below-ground structural work being completed on the Maitai South Branch bridge



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1. Summary**Health and Safety**

824 hours were worked, no incidents reported.

Two safety meetings were held.

Environmental

No incidents were reported.

NCCs FSC accreditation has been registered.

Work began under resource consent for the Maitai bridge.

Harvesting

Harvesting	Q3 Actuals	YTD Actuals	Full Year Budget	% Budget Achieved
Net Revenue	-\$29,099	-\$108,391	\$720,265	0
Volume	0	0	23,342	0

No harvesting occurred throughout the period.

Costs were for the planning and constructing of the Maitai bridge.

Forest Management

Forest Management	Q3 Actuals	YTD Actuals	Full Year Budget	% Full Year Budget Achieved
Cost	\$67,006	\$180,148	\$236,055	76%

Costs were for the thinning at the Brook and Maitai, including additional costs for managing access to the cycleways within the operational area.

2. Health and Safety

Hours Worked	824 hours were worked.
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Incidents	Nil.
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D&A testing	Nil.
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PF Olsen Auditing	Nil.
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Worksafe inspections	Nil.
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Meetings	A Two Local Safety Meetings were held in January and March.
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Initiatives	Planning ahead for our winter safety initiative which will involve having a bbq at all the contractor's work sites and making a presentation about specific to each crew's situation and achievements.
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3. Environmental

Incidents	There were no environmental incidents recorded throughout the period.
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PF Olsen Auditing	Nil.
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RMA/Compliance	Work began under resource consent to construct the Maitai bridge.
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Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)	The FSC accreditation for the NCC forestry estate has been registered. The NCC can now sell logs as being FSC accredited – this will mean improved access/prices for log sales to Kaituna, Southpine, Nelson Pine and Carter Holt Harvey sawmills.
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Work is planning to be, or is already, underway for the following surveys:

- Bats
 - Lizards
 - Water quality
 - Fresh water invertebrates
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Initiatives	Harvest planning and consultation is continuing for upcoming harvesting in the Brook and Maitai.
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4. Harvesting

Financials by Forest

Maitai	Volume (T)	Profit (\$'000)	Profit (\$/T)	Budget Volume (T)	Budget Profit (\$'000)	Budget Profit (\$/T)
Q1		-16				
Q2		-41				
Q3		-34				
Total		-91		16,895	591	35.0
Roding	Volume (T)	Profit (\$'000)	Profit (\$/T)	Budget Volume (T)	Budget Profit (\$'000)	Budget Profit (\$/T)
Q1		-17				
Q2		-5				
Q3		-1				
Total		-23		0	0	0

Financials Summary

Current Year	Current Year	YTD	Annual Budget	%	Comments
Volume (T)	Volume (tonnes)	0	23,342	0	
Profit (\$'000)	Net Revenue	-114	720	0	Planning/consenting for Maitai and Roding bridges
Profit (\$/T)	Net Revenue per tonne	0	30.85	0	

Operational Update

Construction of the Maitai bridge commenced in the quarter. We expect this work to be completed in mid-May.

Brook harvesting is scheduled to commence in May with initial road maintenance, followed by the arrival of the harvest crew in early June. They will be at the Brook for 2 months, after which they will move to the Maitai.

5. Forest Management

Forest Budget	Q3 Actuals	YTD	Annual Budget	Comments
Roading	\$4,866	\$13,649	\$20,000	
Land Preparation	\$0	\$6,433	\$37,076	
Establishment	\$990	\$29,876	\$93,283	
Tending	\$35,544	\$62,530	\$396	Thinning at Brook and Maitai
Protection	\$2,625	\$5,693	\$8,000	
Property Maintenance	\$121	\$958	\$8,000	
Forest Mgmt	\$14,114	\$17,357	\$0	Costs of managing recreational access during waste thinning operations
Monthly Admin fee	\$3,379	\$10,286	\$20,000	
NCC Valuation	\$0	\$4,150	\$4,300	
FSC Mgmt fees	\$0	\$6,097	\$5,000	Preparing, consulting and amending FSC plan
Misc Consulting	\$4,470	\$18,511	\$40,000	
Tantragee Hazardous Trees	\$897	\$4,608	\$0	Stage 2 poisoning of Tantragee trees
TOTAL	\$67,006	\$180,148	\$236,055	

Operational Update

Thinning to waste in the Brook and Maitai was the main operation.

Additional cost was incurred for the thinning to waste operation due to managing access for the cycleways within the operational area.

Establishment operations are limited to blanking of 2020 plantings this year at the Maitai.

Fertilising is planned for the Roding and Maitai forests.

Alternative species update – June 2021

Forest	Compartment	Update June 2021
Brook	22/02 & 22/08	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Being harvested this winter as Stage 1. Depending on the timing of the completion of the harvesting the area will be replanted either this winter or next winter.
Brook	22/05 & 22/06	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Being harvested this winter as Stage 3. Depending on the timing of the completion of the harvesting the area will be replanted either this winter or next winter.
Brook	29/01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed for removal this winter as Stage 2. Depending on timing this will be replanted with native species this winter or 2022.
Brook	21/04 & 21/05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The block harvested in 5-6 years ago next to the Brook Sanctuary Planted at around 1200 stems per hectare over two years (2019 & 2020) to satisfy the ETS requirements into gorse. Parks Team would like more plants in order to achieve a quicker canopy closure. The first years plantings were beating the gorse and now just ahead of the gorse. The second year plantings were planted into cut lines which were sprayed but now struggling to beat the gorse. Some areas with difficult access have been left to regenerate. A significant amount of work has been undertaken removing wildling pines. Deer continue to be a problem in the area.
Maitai Dam	9/02 & 9/04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Site visited with MPI in early March. Seedlings planted last winter have struggled in places with the gorse growth. Recommended to leave to regenerate through the gorse.