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**FORESTRY AWARDS**

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**JAMES WILSON**

ROSEWARNE CONTRACTORS

NORTHLAND FORESTRY  
AWARDS

**SKILLED  
PROFESSIONAL  
OF THE YEAR 2021**



**Future of Forestry**

# Strong entries at virtual forestry awards

**The awards were cancelled in 2020 due to COVID and in 2021 were postponed and then moved to a virtual platform, with comedian Jeremy Corbett hosting the online event on Friday December 3. The awards were established in 2016 and are a true celebration of a key industry that makes an impressive economic contribution to the region.**

**Andrew Widdowson, chair of the Northland Health and Safety Group and Wood Council thanked the 2021 judges for their time.**

**"This is a really fantastic judging panel," he said. "It is such an important element to the whole forestry awards model and programme."**

Diversity, strength and professionalism all came to the fore in the 2021 Northland Forestry Awards which saw a very colourful James Wilson walk off with the top award as the Skilled Professional of the Year.

James, a breaker out for Rosewarne Contracting who is better known as JDubb Yo who loves nothing more than to spread positive vibes through the industry, also won the Breaker Out Excellence Award. He was a unanimous choice from judges Nick Jessop, Brett Gilmore and Mandie Skipps who were impressed with the calibre shown amongst a solid number of nominations this year.

Judges described James as an "amazing professional bushman" who was humble with an incredibly high work standard and someone who was always focused on health and safety. He had done plenty of good for the wider industry and had led his team through some of the toughest country in Northland keeping them all safe and morale high. He had initially contemplated a career as an engineer but soon changed his mind and followed in the footsteps of his father into forestry.

It was a great award for Rosewarne Contracting with Scott Ringrose also winning the Harvesting Excellence crown with the other awards well spread across the region.

Judges were excited to see an exceptional number of wood processing nominations and tipped their hats to the women in forestry, saying some had to overcome a few extra challenges to do their job.

Leevon (Libby) Popata from Mold Logging Ltd won the hotly contested category. Libby was described as a woman with a real "can-do" attitude who balanced a busy home life with her work. From modest beginnings, she has achieved notable success through hard work and training. As a foreman on a high production ground-based harvesting crew, Libby has transformed the culture within. Those who work with her say she has reignited the fun in their work.

The Sullivan Family from Forest Protection Services won the Forestry Family of the Year Award. They are celebrated as a family whose strong desire to do things differently has been the driver behind their success in the industry. They have faced many a challenge that has seen the

family become even more committed to the industry with the second generation now well entrenched in the business. Family is at the heart of this business and those who have hired the company describe them as "just amazing". Forestry Protection Services also won the Contractor of the Year Award.

Judges also said how great it was to see high performing operators being mentors who would only strengthen the industry for the future.

Northpine also put up their educational scholarship once more and the recipient Hayden Bartlett from Bream Bay College was successfully awarded, setting him up with funding to study the Bachelor of Forestry Science programme at UC.



# A note from our judges

The three judges for the Awards were led by Brett Gilmore, Forestry Consultant returning to the judging team from previous awards. He was joined by Mandie Skipps, director of Skipps Logging and Nik Jessop, Health & Safety Inspector for Worksafe. In Brett's summation of the awards on the virtual show, he thanked all the nominators and nominees for the time and energy they had put into the nominations. The judges were humbled by the professionalism and dedication to the work of all nominees.

"We are grateful to have the opportunity to see the contribution every one of you is doing for the wellbeing of your fellow workers, your whanau, and yourselves." Remarked Brett "The awards embody the following Whakataukī from Sir James Hēnare

**"Kua tawhiti kē tō haenga mai kia kore e haere tonu.  
He nui rawa ō mahi kia kore e mahi tonu."  
you have come too far not to go further;  
you have done too much not to do more.**

It's been an honour and privilege to see this in all the nominees. Brett commented that being judges was not easy, and they gave each nomination the time and respect it deserved.

As the night went on at the virtual awards Friday 3 December, everyone got the chance to celebrate with the nominees, and the award winners, on their outstanding achievements.

Ngā mihi ki a koutou me o koutou whanau.  
Nō reira  
Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa.



■ Brett Gilmore, Forestry Consultant; Mandie Skipps, director of Skipps Logging; Nik Jessop, Health & Safety Inspector.

## Award winners 2021

- **Trainee of the Year (sponsored by Competenz):** Jordan Whitehead (Rosvall Sawmill)
  - **Training Company/Contractor of the Year (sponsored by UDC):** Anthony (Shorty) Murray (FNR Forestry 2019 Ltd)
  - **Forestry Excellence (sponsored by Northland Forest Managers):** Phil Cornelius (CPC Fencing Ltd)
  - **Roading Excellence (sponsored by Fortuna):** Robert Schrafft (JSB Construction)
  - **Harvesting Excellence (sponsored by AB Equipment - Tigercat):** Scott Ringrose (Rosewarne Contractors)
  - **Distribution Excellence (sponsored by Pacific Motor Group):** Andrew Ward (C3 Ltd)
  - **Wood Processing Excellence (sponsored by Whangarei ITM):** Ed Wilson (Northpine)
  - **Breaker Out Excellence (sponsored by Terra Cat):** James Wilson (Rosewarne Contractors)
  - **Tree Faller Excellence (sponsored by Hancock Forest Management):** Gary Wickman (Wickman Contracting)
  - **Woman in Forestry Excellence (sponsored by PF Olsen):** Leevon (Libby) Popata (Mold Logging Ltd)
  - **Log Truck Driver Excellence (sponsored by the Patchell Group of Companies):** Reece Mist (Mike Lambert Ltd)
  - **Emerging Talent of the Year (sponsored by North Tech Tai Tokerau Wananga):** Dan Kawana Pool (Rosewarne Logging)
- Skilled Professional of the Year (sponsored by Northland Forestry Health and Safety Group):** James Wilson (Rosewarne Contractors)
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- Bronze Sponsors:** Shaws, Trimble Forestry, Rayonier - Matariki, NZ Forestry Ltd, NZ Safety Blackwoods, Northpine, NZME, Deals on Wheels, FICA, Quest Hotel

## Congratulations to all 2021 nominees

Nominee	Business
Alfred Preuss	FNR Forestry 2019 Ltd
Andrew Ward	C3 Limited
Anthony (Shorty) Murray	FNR Forestry 2019 Ltd
Brendon Johnson	Rosewarne Contractors
Cameron Macrae	Rosewarne Contractors
Dan Kawana Pool	Rosewarne Logging
Daniel Horan	Waipapa Pine Ltd
Daron Turner	Despatch.NZ Ltd
Doug Clark	Mangonui Haulage Ltd.
Dylan Read	JSB Construction
Edward Wilson	Northpine Ltd
EF Hansen	EF Hansen
Far North Roading	Far North Roading
FPS Forestry Ltd	FPS Forestry Ltd
Gary Wickman	Wickman Contracting
Grimmer Contracting Limited	Grimmer Contracting Limited
James Wilson	Rosewarne Contractors
Joel Niha	Niha Contracting
John Tappatoutai	Wise on Wood Ltd
Jordan Whitehead	Rosvall Sawmill
Journee Houston	FPS Forestry Ltd
Kim Kire	JSB Construction
Luke Rosewarne	Rosewarne Yarding Ltd
Mold Logging Crew 7	Mold Logging Limited
Northpine Ltd	Northpine Ltd
Peter Davies-Colley	The Tree People ltd
Phil Cornelius	CPC Fencing Limited
Reece Mist	Mike Lambert Ltd
Robert Grimmett	Topuni Contracting Limited
Robert Schrafft	JSB Construction
Scott Ringrose	Rosewarne Contractors
Sharif Mangu	FPS Forestry Ltd
Shefali Kataria	Juken
Stan Houston	The Tree People ltd
Sullivan Family	Forest Protection Services
Tracey Gent	Grimmer Contracting Limited
Vernicia Kelleher	Waipapa Pine Ltd
Wise on Wood Ltd	Wise on Wood Ltd

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# Meet our 2021 NFA winners

## **Jordan Whitehead :** **Trainee of the Year (sponsored by Competenz)**

As winner of the Trainee of the Year Award Jordan is someone who quickly showed they had just the quality of workmanship their employer was looking for which led to an apprenticeship. He is a person who has stepped up to their role and applied themselves in every possible way for the good of those around them. His employer see Jordan as an "absolute asset" to the processing industry with abilities that already see them ranked up amongst the best.

*Judges were unanimous in awarding Jordan Whitehead from Roswall Sawmill the Trainee of the Year Award.*

## **Anthony Murray :** **Training Company/Contractor of the Year (sponsored by UDC)**

Those who know Anthony (Shorty) say he is nothing short of a legend. With more than three decades in the industry he is considered a hugely knowledgeable and experienced employee. Shorty is an integral part of a team who has a passion for all aspects of forestry which shines through with his teaching style and leadership skills. He takes pride in teaching new and up-and-comers correct technique and proper knowledge to ensure a high quality work out put in a safe manner. Judges noted that Shorty always goes that extra mile and is just the type of person you want around when pushing for good change within the industry.

*Congratulations Anthony (Shorty) Murray from FNR Forestry 2019 Ltd.*

## **Phil Cornelius :** **Forestry Excellence (sponsored by Northland Forest Managers)**

This was a very big category and judges faced the challenge of putting people side by side who worked starting on the skid before moving to full time in very different areas of the industry and in the end, the winner was described as a shining light that isn't always recognised. Phil started their business, CPC Fencing Limited 25 years ago and since then has worked on all manner of contracts including some that span many months. Their company now has nearly 20 staff split into five crews and they have continually invested in equipment that can only benefit the forestry industry. Phil is known as someone with a tonne of can-do attitude and enthusiasm. He has successfully evolved their systems from the requirements of one sector to those that satisfy the scrutiny of modern forestry.

*Congratulations Phil Cornelius from CPC Fencing Ltd.*

## **Robert Schrafft :** **Roading Excellence (sponsored by Fortuna)**

The star of the Roading Excellence category, Robert Schrafft has a wealth of experience that combined with a vast knowledge mean they often identify a problem area or spot issues in the roading network and organize repairs before they fail, saving both time and money for clients.

Robert has an easy-going attitude, a no-nonsense approach, is passionate about the industry and always strive to achieve the best outcome for the company and its clients. He also has the respect of his fellow workers and is a hugely valued, respected and trusted employee.

*Congratulations Robert Schrafft from JSB Construction.*

## **Scott Ringrose :** **Harvesting Excellence (sponsored by AB Equipment)**

It's no surprise Scott is a stand-out, given just how early he entered the industry. He entered as a teen, manual falling and processing for a ground-based crew. His employer says Scott's work is always to the highest standard. Scott's been at the forefront of new innovation and instrumental in helping to develop safe operating procedures, toolbox books and maintenance procedures for steep slope machines. He is highly sought after for their expertise too and Scott is conscious about the environment and always takes a lot of effort to do things right. He is now again at the cutting edge of the company's operations – an obvious choice thanks to Scott's strength of thinking outside the box.

*Congratulations Scott Ringrose from Rosewarne Contractors.*

## **Leevon (Libby) Popata :** **Woman in Forestry Excellence (sponsored by PF Olsen)**

Judges praised the quality of entries in the Woman in Forestry Excellence category and really had to delve down to find a single winner. The winner, Leevon Popata is a woman with a real "can-do" attitude who balances a very busy home life with her work. Leevon strives to always be the best can in what is typically a male-dominated industry. From modest beginnings, she has achieved notable success through hard work and training and as a foreman on a high production ground-based harvesting crew, she has transformed the culture within. Those who work with Leevon say she has reignited the fun in their work. Their meetings are now structured, inclusive and documented well. Leevon is well-respected by her crew and her employers.

*Congratulations Leevon Popata from Mold Logging Ltd.*

## **Ed Wilson :** **Wood Processing Excellence (sponsored by Whangarei ITM)**

This was a hotly-contested category this campaign. The winner, Ed Wilson after much discussion, is a person who started at the green table and worked his way up. Ed learnt how to operate all the machine centres, stepping up to new positions and gaining new qualifications over the years. He is very active within the company, helping the site health and safety committee with audits and the development of safe working practices, alongside emergency planning. Ed is both a trainer and assessor for the business. The employers note how impressive the growth and development shown by Ed is. He has a thirst for knowledge and a strong desire to better themselves and to continue to learn. Congratulations Ed Wilson from Northpine.

## **James Wilson :** **Breaker Out Excellence (sponsored by Terra Cat)**

James Wilson, winner of the Breaker Out Excellence Award is from a family of forest workers and James was introduced to the bush as a teen and never looked back. Judges described him as an amazing professional bushman, known to be diligent with a keen eye to health and safety, humble, one who sets a high standard and who walks their talk.

Felling trees has always been his passion.  
*Congratulations James Wilson from Rosewarne Contractors.*

## **Gary Wickman :** **Tree Faller Excellence (sponsored by Hancock Forest Management)**

Those who nominated Gary say it was a no-brainer, describing him as having work ethic and professionalism that is second to none. Consistency is his middle name, and his work is of the highest quality. Gary is known as one who tries their hardest to place the trees into the best possible position for the next phase – be that breaker outs or mechanised shovels. Gary's communication is exemplary, and judges described the job as one that will always be very important, and high risk, bringing skills that will be valued more and more as mechanisation comes in.

*Congratulations Gary Wickman from Wickman Contracting.*

## **Reece Mist :** **Log Truck Driver Excellence (sponsored by the Patchell Group of Companies)**

Reece is a person who has very quickly shone as the company's most consistent, reliable, and productive driver in the fleet. In nominating him, the company described Reece as all they look for in a driver and he is young, consistently the most productive operator and takes great pride in the appearance of his truck. Reece has an unblemished driving record and well respected by his fellow drivers who say they walk their talk. Judges noted this was a man on a mission – someone young but already striving to nudge higher.

*Congratulations Reece Mist, from Mike Lambert Ltd.*

## **Dan Kawana Pool :** **Emerging Talent of the Year (sponsored by Northtec Tai Tokerau Wananga)**

This winner, Dan Kawana Pool, continues to go from strength to strength in all he does. Thanks to some very top-class training, Dan knew exactly how they wanted to run their crew and the standard it needed to be – he set the bar high and has continued to strive for 100% on all inhouse monthly audits. Dan's employers say his dedication and results are a testament to his high regard for health and safety and is considered the most proactive of all the

foreman in the switch to a digital health and safety system. Dan leads by example, communicate well, and has a high-quality work output.

Congratulations Dan Kawana Pool from Rosewarne Logging.

*Highly commended in this category went to John Tapotoutai from Wise on Wood.*

## **Sullivan Family :** **Forestry Family of the Year (sponsored by Northern Forest Products)**

A desire to "do things differently" has seen this family rise to the top of the forestry industry. When the Sullivan family looked to expand their growing company, it was on the insistence that they would be a more professional and sustainable workforce than was the norm at the time and they achieved that and more. The Sullivans have faced many a challenge that has seen the family become even more committed to the industry with the second generation now well entrenched in the business. Family is at the heart of this business and those who have hired the company describe them as "just amazing".

*Congratulations to the Sullivan Family from Forest Protection Services.*

## **FPS Forestry :** **Contractor of the Year (sponsored by ISO Ltd)**

The winner of the prestigious Contractor of the Year crown, FPS Forestry is known for dedication to training over many years. They pride themselves in their professionalism and quality and see good training at the heart of any successful business and a necessary investment to take their staff on a lifelong learning journey which starts the moment anyone walks through the door. Judges praised the holistic efforts of this category winner, saying they were particularly impressed with their training, development of people and professionalism.

*Congratulations FPS Forestry.*

## **Daron Turner & Grimmer Contracting Ltd :** **Outstanding Health and Safety Management (sponsored by Summit Forests)**

Judges struggled to find a stand-out winner in the Outstanding Health and Safety Management category and ended up awarding the win jointly to two entries.

One came from a multi-generational industry family who has worked their way through the grades to now hold many tickets and qualifications. Daron Turner is known as someone who has always put health and safety to the forefront of all the operations they manage. He is considered a leader who goes above and beyond.

The other winner, Grimmer Contracting is recognised as a company who has always been innovative, continues to invest in both its people and machinery and tops that all off with plenty of hard work and a practical can-do approach to all they do. There is a constant focus to improve safety by working collaboratively across forest management, staff, suppliers, and visitors. Its investment in mechanical harvesting systems was directly linked to removing

their people from the high-risk roles associated with manual tree felling and breaking out. The company owners ensure their people have the right resources, equipment, and support to deliver a high level of safety compliance and leadership across all roles.

*Congratulations to our joint winners – Daron Turner from Despatch NZ Ltd and Grimmer Contracting Ltd.*

## **Peter Davies-Colley :** **Outstanding Environmental Management (sponsored by Wise on Wood)**

Peter is a person who has, as a harvest contractor, earned a reputation for always doing a good job for the landowner. He has innovated for better environmental outcomes from harvesting and is leading the way in small forest harvesting, significantly reducing soil disturbance and roading required to harvest trees on Northland hill country. Judges felt this was a real point of difference and was really focussed on innovation and technology that would be the future of forestry for generations to come.

*Congratulations Peter Davies-Colley from The Tree People Ltd*

## **Skilled Professional of the Year (sponsored by Northland Forestry Health and Safety Group)**

Diversity was certainly the theme for the 2021 Northland Forestry Awards and the Skilled Professional of the Year certainly highlights that. Judges spent a lot of time carefully debating who would win the various categories, with the winners from forestry, roading, harvesting, distribution, wood processing, breaker out, faller, woman in forestry excellence as well as the log truck driver all going head-to-head to find the Skilled Professional of the Year. It is an award that recognises an individual for being a leader in their field... one who has excellent professional skills, a top attitude and with attributes that are recognised by their peers and employers.

Forestry wasn't the first choice as a career, but this person soon changed their mind. They started their forestry career on the hill and stayed there for a while before moving to manual processing.

They have led their team through some of the

toughest country in Northland, keeping them all safe and morale high.

Their positive attitude is well documented and they have previously come to national attention for being the "happiest" worker in New Zealand and many know this winner as... J Dubbs.

James Wilson, from Rosewarne Contractors, was awarded the Skilled Professional of the Year trophy for 2021.

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# Man of many talents

**James Wilson aka J Dubb Yo is an unrelenting, happy person, so happy he has appeared on TV3's The Project twice.**

**During lock down in COVID-19, they heard about J Dubb, followed his face book page that now attracts over 41,000 followers each and every day and decided they needed to know what made this forest worker so happy with life.**

**S**o, it has not been a surprise to know that James was awarded with the most prestigious accolade in the Northland Forestry Awards, the Skilled Professional of the Year 2021 and also took out the Breaker Out Excellence Award in the category section.

What has been interesting is to know that forestry was not his first choice in career but having had the opportunity to watch his father Dave Wilson work in the bush all his childhood and at the age of 19 given the chance to work for his father, James stepped into the role unassumingly.

James's first job was as a poleman and in those earlier days where there was no automatic chockers on haulers, he had to manually unhook the logs off the line once they hit the skid. He did that for 11 months then he went chainsaw butting and trimming. His father was working for J B Logging at the time and could not

get enough workers so James was a real asset.

James then went into manual processing on the skid for 2 years fulltime and worked through his appropriate tickets before making another move to breaking out for just under 2 years which also set this trainee up with all his tickets again. It did not stop there, tree falling was the next job and no surprise his father Dave was the teacher. James cannot speak more highly of his father and what an awesome mentor he has been, his passion of forestry has certainly rubbed off and for a further 7 years, James became very skilled at that highly specialised role.

James has moved between Northland, Porirua and Gisborne working for a raft of contractors and being as multi skilled as he was, work has not been hard to secure. When he moved back to Northland, he picked up work at Rosewarne Contractors and filling a role that was hard to seek skilled workers, James returned to be a head breaker out.

He has trained up many, many people but he has seen the industry change significantly with the introduction of mechanisation and James understands to fulfil a safer environment out there on the slopes this is the right thing to do. Being the jack of all trades but a specialised one as a tree faller and breaker out, there will still be a requirement for manual applications in forestry.

To add to his repertoire James has also branched out into selling a range of plant-based health products having created a business when he started sharing stories about the products. A natural salesman born he then branched out with his own clothing brand. James is also hot on advocacy of mental health having lost a brother at the age of 16-years to suicide in 2008. He promotes wellbeing messages and hopes to make others aware that's its important to talk about this stuff, supported with his slogan "it ain't weak to speak."

Asked about the career opportunities for his young family, he suggested his kids can be engineers or builders or plumbers but maybe something else other than a forester.



## Scholarship winning teen following his dad's footsteps

**A** Waipu teen tipped to surely make his mark in forestry has been awarded the Northpine 2021 forestry scholarship.

Hayden Bartlett is following his father's footsteps into the industry, and next year will head to Canterbury University to do a Bachelor of Forestry Science.

"It is awesome to be awarded this scholarship," said Hayden. "It assists me to study in Christchurch and pursue my endeavours in forestry. My father has been in the industry his whole life so forestry has always been a big part of my life growing up. To follow in his footsteps is daunting but I am glad to be going into an industry which is so familiar to me and where I already have people I know."

Long term Hayden says he has his sights set on being a harvest manager, with an eye to the export side of business and the sawmilling industry. "As I learn more I will see where the road takes me."

He extended a big thank you to Northpine and



the Northland Wood Council for the scholarship. "It is a huge honour to be recognised and supported by them."

The graduate of Bream Bay College received glowing references from school principal Wayne Buckland who said he had been a significant

contributor to school as a leader, sportsman, musician and academic. He had no doubt Hayden would "rise accordingly to the rigours" of his chosen degree. "His innate savvy, natural resilience, great sense of humour, natural intelligence and problem-solving abilities will stand him in great stead for making his mark in the world of forestry," he said.

Hayden is looking forward to the four year degree and is hoping to bring his skills home to Northland on completion of his degree. He is well entrenched in the local community, having been a member of the Waipu Cove Surf Life Saving Club for a decade, and has moved through the grades from junior guard to patrol captain. Each summer he helps keep the beaches safe as a volunteer lifeguard.

The \$2000 cash grant is awarded annually by Waipu timber manufacturer Northpine to a Northland student enrolled in fulltime tertiary study or an employee within the industry with aspirations to undertake extra study.

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