

# Great Forestry Success Stories

*Ivan and Glenda Porter, of Whakatane, had around 11 hectares of land covered in Radiata pine. As some of them were nearly 30 years old, the Porter's decided it was time to take advice on harvesting and contacted PF Olsen.*



*Ivan Porter, Forest Owner from Whakatane*

"We bought the property with the Radiata pine already on. They were a little neglected and appeared to be used as more of a boundary, than forestry. Our section is more of a 'toy farm' and I would describe it as an oversized lifestyle block. We have 33 hectares of land and 11 of those are covered in Radiata pine.

I would think of myself as a horticulturist, so my wife and I nurtured the trees and looked after them.

In the last year or so, being only about 15kms from the Whakatane coastline, we have had some big winds blow up through the hills and these have caused the tops of some of the pines to be twisted or broken off. However, thanks to some relatively mild winter conditions, our pines have done pretty well. With the oldest of the pines being 29 years old, we felt it was time to harvest them.

We contacted PF Olsen because one of our neighbours had introduced me to one of the guys that worked there, some time ago. Their name had just stuck in my head so I gave them a call and they

came out to see us. PF Olsen saw the trees and explained what we could do and how they would be able to help us. I have to admit there were a few teething problems to start

with, as there was a change over in staff at their end.

However, when they came with the diggers and all of the equipment, it was really exciting. Apart from obtaining permission to cut down my trees, by entering Maori land, PF Olsen did absolutely everything for us. This was fantastic and took away the worry of it all. We were really pleased with our return too.

My next woodlot will be ready in 12 years time and I will definitely be giving them a call again. I would recommend them to anyone!"

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