

# Treescape News

Autumn 2023 Newsletter

Hello everyone,

The month of February has been one of the most challenging months on record for Treescape New Zealand, with severe floods and the arrival of Cyclone Gabrielle, which hammered the Central and Upper North Island like nothing we've seen before.

The way Treescape staff responded and pulled together was absolutely commendable. Crew's came from all over to help add capacity, working in shifts to get the work done. Splitting shifts and implementing curfews was necessary to keep staff safe, as they worked amongst slips, flooding, downed trees and live lines.

For the month of February, we had a record number of emergency and RFS calls, exceeding previous figures by double in amount. The Cyclone response included mobilising 35 crews from the Treescape New Zealand operations with 9 sub contractors supporting for an initial period of 3 weeks. Although the Cyclone State of Emergency has lifted, the response work continues with our teams working through these jobs and will be for some time.

Well done to all who participated in the storm response and the clean up afterwards, which for the Kumeu depot, was a significant job in itself.

Kind regards,  
Kevin Birdsall

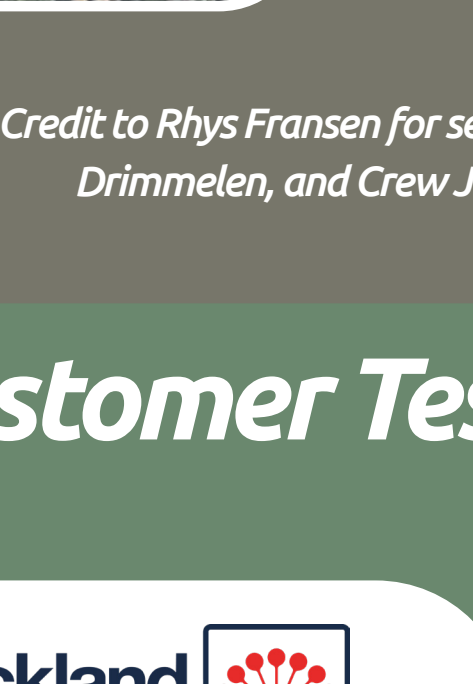
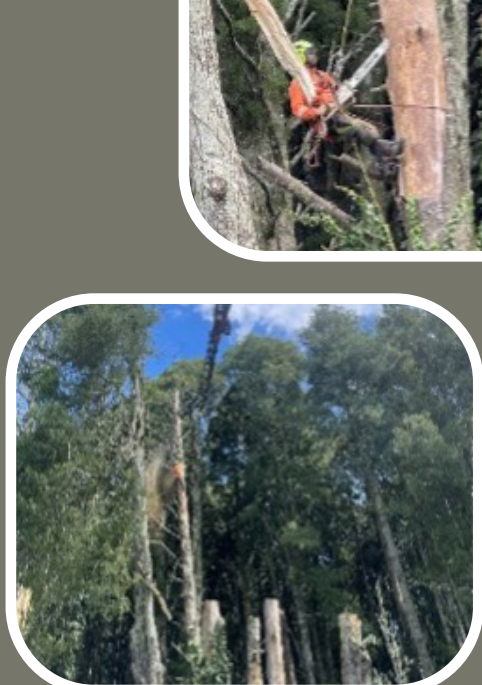
## Farewell Bryson

On the 24 March 2023 we said farewell to NU and TM Business Manager Bryson Middleton.

Bryson has been with Treescape for 19 years, making a tremendous contribution and impact to the company and his staff. Bryson was a great leader, always on hand to help and share advice to anyone who needed it. Bryson built an excellent rapport with fellow colleagues, staff, and clients. We know he will be missed by many at Treescape.

We wish Bryson all the best in his next chapter.

## Our Work

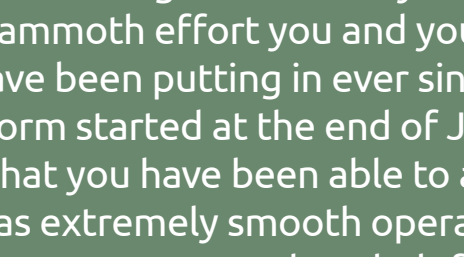


### Key Project

We were approached by Waipa District Council to put together a plan to remove some dangerous dead Kahikatea trees out of Yarmdleys bush, Te Awamutu (A Significant Natural Area). An Ecologist team were engaged which confirmed that bats were known to be in the area as aerial bat monitors picked up so much activity. This meant that we had to inspect the trees visually for bats before felling. We originally wanted to do the job with the Treescape X-Hipro grapple saw but if the section that was cut contained bats, we would have already destroyed their habitat as the piece would be on the ground. So, we used a hi-ab as an anchor point to inspect the very dead trees for bats and once the Ecologist was happy that we had searched the particular tree we were allowed to start sectionally dismantling them tree by tree. After all 9 trees were removed down to a safe height, the Arborists got stuck in and made some habitat for the bats using their chainsaws. They made upward bore cuts to create a small weatherproof hole to encourage bats to roost in.

Credit to Rhys Fransen for sending the story in, Foreman Chris Van Drimmelen, and Crew Jayden Downs and Sam McMillian

## Customer Testimonials



### Thank you from Auckland Council

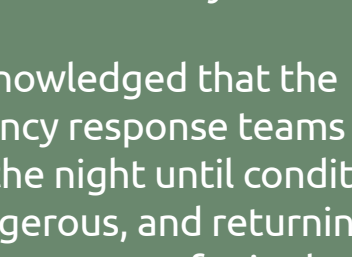
Hi Peter, Chris and the Treescape team,

This message is to thank you for the mammoth effort you and your teams have been putting in ever since the storm started at the end of January. What you have been able to achieve was extremely smooth operation and I cannot overstate how helpful this was for Auckland Council. It became apparent that we could call you literally anytime and with any sort of issue and we would consistently hear professional advice and see a timely action.

I appreciate that we are not out of it yet and that there is more work to do. However, from the bottom of my heart I can tell you how excited I am that we are working together because I can see that we are all heading in the same direction and can get through any challenge ahead of us.

Have a great weekend and please rest assured that the high standard you are delivering is noticed and very much appreciated.

Nāku noa, nā - yours sincerely,  
David



### Message from Waipa District Council

Waipā District Council would like to acknowledge Treescape's excellent response during and after Cyclone Gabrielle in February 2023.

It is acknowledged that the emergency response teams working during the night until conditions were too dangerous, and returning when conditions were safer in the early hours of the morning, ensured roads remained open with little effect on other emergency vehicles and road users.

The management of staff and collation of sub-contracts during the following week was exemplary, with fallen trees being inspected and "made safe" until further non-urgent work could be undertaken. Good communications were maintained throughout, with Rhys liaising with Council daily. A collated stump grinding, and branch clearance programme has been put in place following the initial emergency work.

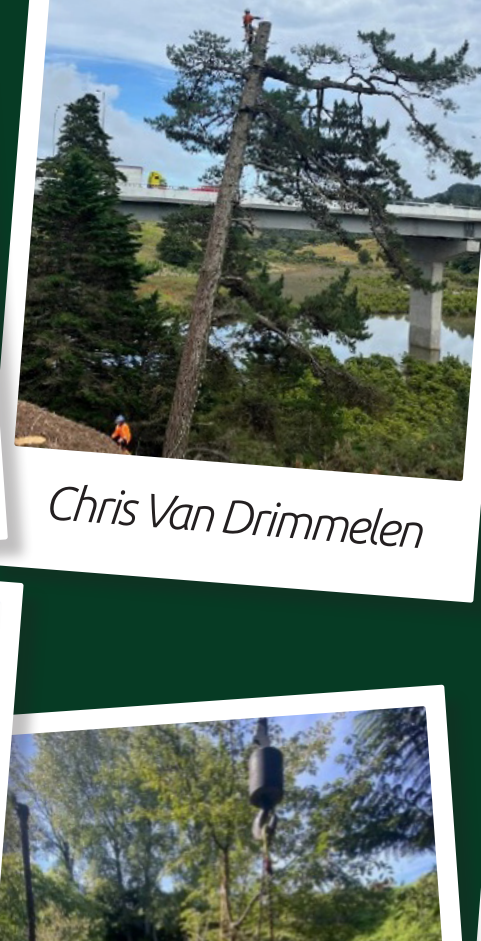
We extend our sincere thanks to both staff and management at Treescape for their support to Council and the Community during this extreme weather event.

Yours Sincerely,  
Peter Higgs

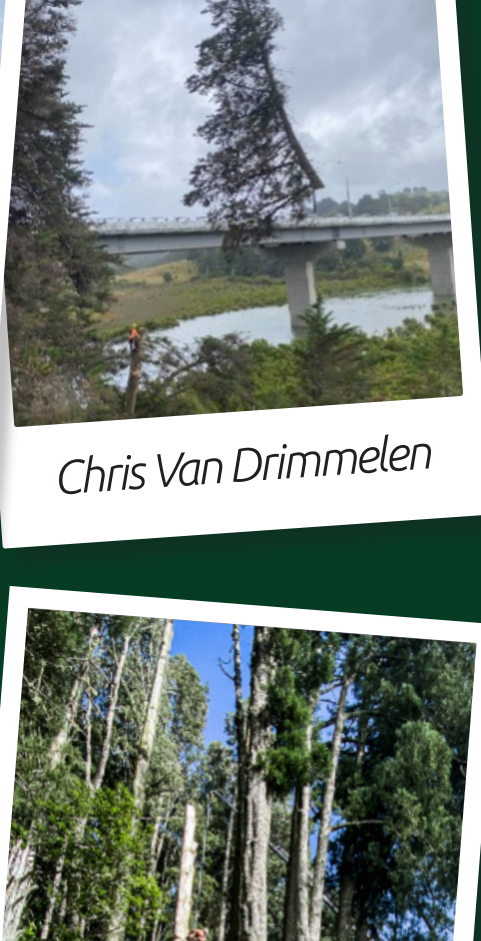
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Paul Lindsay



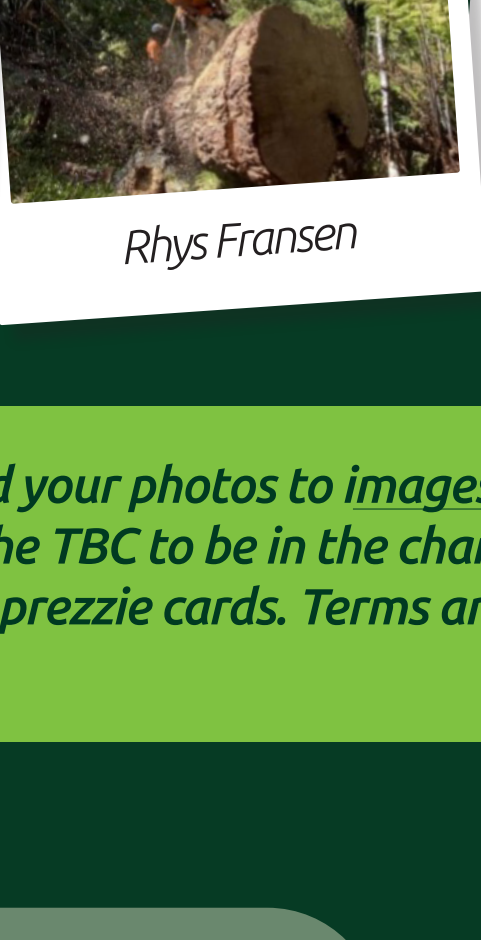
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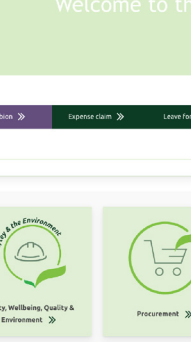
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Jayden Downs



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## Wellbeing



### Te Whare Tapa Whā - Maori Health Model

Te Whare Tapa Whā is a concept developed by Dr. Mason Durie that consists of four dimension of Maori health and is a holistic approach to achieving well being.

The four dimensions include: Taha waurua (spiritual health), Taha tinana (physical health), Taha whānau (family health), Taha Hinengaro (mental health).

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