



Central Wilding Group
Annual General Meeting

18 September 2024

7.00pm – 9.00pm

Alexandra Community House, 14-20 Centennial Drive, Alexandra

All Welcome!

Come and understand the problem of wilding pines, how we can help and how you can help reduce the issue”

Member’s Motions to be received by the Secretary by 5pm, 24 August 2024.
Nominations for Executive to be received by the Secretary by 5pm, 13 September 2024.

For Further Information contact: secretary@centralwildingconifers.co.nz

Our Guest Speakers for the evening are:

Robin Pieper

Robin is a local girl from Central Otago, daughter of our treasurer Inge Diks. An ex-Dunstan High School pupil, she was active in white water kayaking, skiing and mountain biking and has a real appreciation for the natural environment in Central. On leaving Dunstan High, she completed a Degree in Ecology at Lincoln University and worked for Council in Roturua for a few years. Robin was looking for an opportunity to move back to Central and was recruited by our then Project Manager, Phil Murray to work with him in project managing the Central Otago wilding conifer control programme in which she took over fully in 2019. Since then, she has stayed in the field of wilding control project management, working for Boffa Miskel Consultants for a period before being appointed to her current job as Wilding Conifer Delivery Lead in the MacKenzie district South Canterbury for Ecan.

Paul Paton

Paul farms a sheep and beef property on the eastern side of the Pigroot. He was one of the early collaborators with CWG in the fight to control wilding conifers on his property. An extreme wind event had spread seed from Naseby Forest onto his property in the late 1990’s which included *Pinus contorta*. When CWG became involved some of those original trees had coned causing a wave of seedlings that threatened to overwhelm Paul’s individual efforts. Consequently, he has been very grateful for the support of the group and the funding that came with the National Programme.

