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Re. short visit to Ruamahanga River terrace north of Gladstone.

After the discovery of a lone *Pittosporum obcordatum* at the Ruamahanga River terrace (T26.338.164) I visited some landowners to the north of the site on 18.10.1996. I talked to a Mr Hayes, who gave me the names and phone numbers of his neighbours (see sketch). I also spent approx. one hour looking at the vegetation on the river terrace, and made a plant list for the site. I did not find *P. obcordatum* in the searched area, but noticed a number of *Coprosma* spp that may need a closer/expert look.

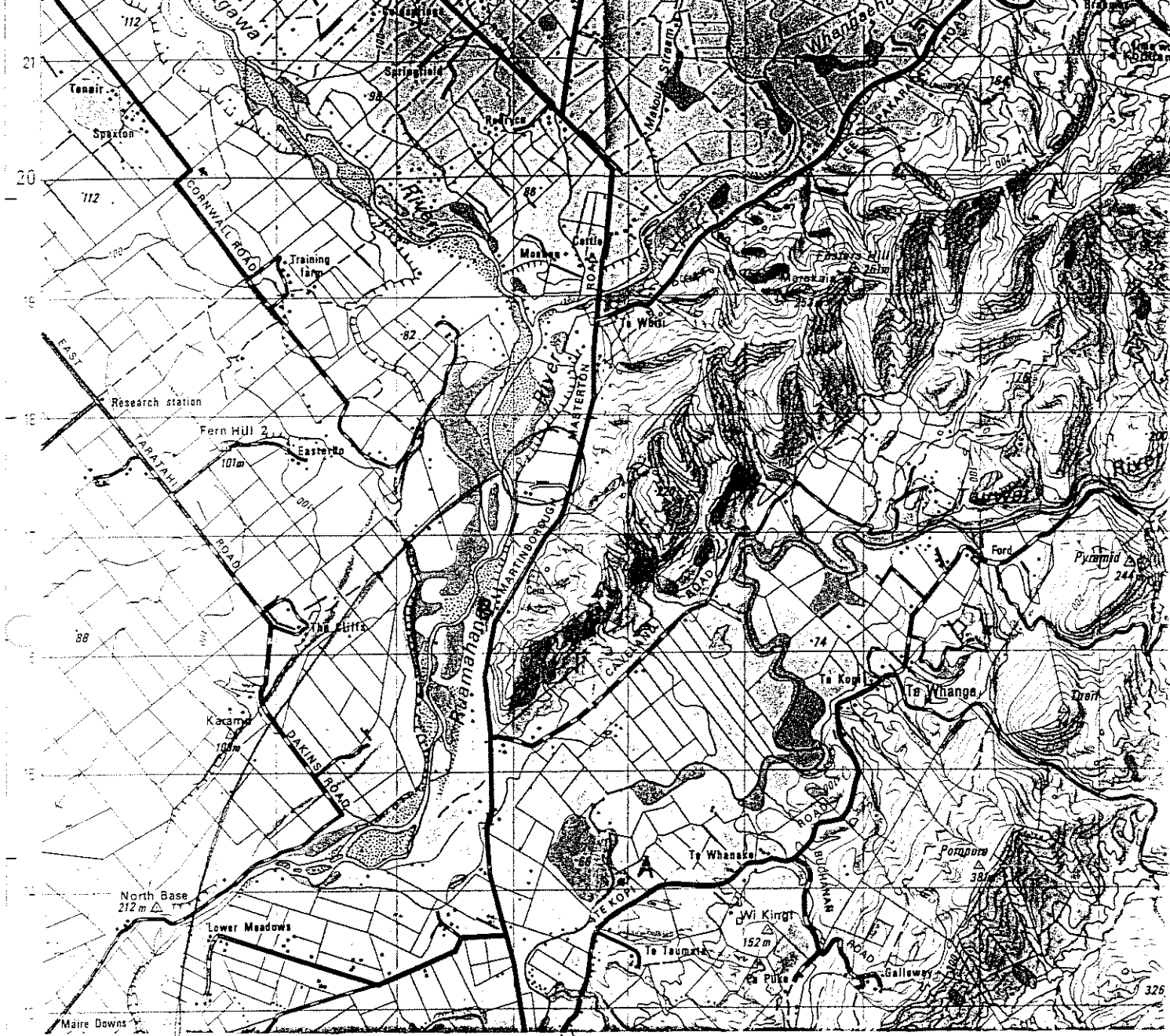
I searched a few 100m of river terrace on Mr Hayes and Tim Burn's properties (see map). Mr Burns has planted several 100 native trees on his property in recent years. There is little understorey at present, presumably as a result of grazing. Mr Burn's property is no longer being grazed and native vegetation has started to regenerate.

(Incomplete) plant list (18.10.96):

<i>Hedycarya arborea</i>	pigeonwood
<i>Beilschmiedia tawa</i>	tawa
<i>Alectryon excelsus</i>	tōtoki
<i>Sophora</i> spp.	kowhai
<i>Mysine australis</i>	
<i>Streblus heterophyllus</i>	
<i>Pennantia corymbosa</i>	kaikomako
<i>Nestegis montana</i>	
<i>Brachyglottis repanda</i>	rangiora
<i>Carmichaelia</i> spp.	native broom
<i>Mysine divaricata</i>	
<i>Melicytus ramiflorus</i>	mahoe
<i>Pseudopanax anomalus</i>	
<i>Coprosma rotundifolia</i>	
<i>Coprosma</i> spp (3+).	
<i>Clematis foetida</i>	
<i>Muelenbeckia australis</i>	
<i>M. complex</i>	
<i>Podocarpus totara</i>	totara
<i>Dacrycarpus dacrydioides</i>	kahikatea
<i>Prumnopitys taxifolia</i>	matai
<i>P. ferruginea</i>	miro

Tim Burn's property may be an excellent site for planting a number of nursery raised *P. obcordatum* plants in the near future. I will have a meeting with him on site in the next couple of weeks.

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 HAMISH CAMERON
 06.3772468
 ROB Irwin
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 TIM BURN
 04.4754099
 MR HAYES
 MR. Bayles
 06.3722800
 Ruamahanga RIVER
 A = TE Kōpi Ro.
 PITTOSPORUM DISCORDATUM
 SITE (9 ADULT
 plants 300+
 seedlings/saplings)
 B = NEW P. DISC. SITE
 = SEARCHED AREA ON 18/10/96

