



**B**otanic Man David Bellamy returned to Whirinaki Forest to help the Rewi family, the Minginui Community Services Trust and Whirinaki Minginui Resources Ltd launch its plans for a *whare wananga* — a natural and cultural learning centre — on 24 January 1988.

Centred around Whirinaki's now-protected "dinosaur" forests, the scheme aims to both enlighten visitors and provide jobs for the Tuhoe people of Minginui, hit hard by corporatisation of the Forest Service.

For one viewpoint on Maori attitudes to conservation see the interview with Forest and Bird executive member Sandra Lee on page 2 inside. *Photo Joe Crandle.*

Front Cover: *Fearsome looking, giant wetas do not deserve their unpopular reputation. In fact the world's heaviest insects are shy and gentle animals with no protection against predators like rats. This Kaikoura female weighs 15 gms and is 6cm long, twice the size of the male.* Photo: Brian Enting