

# NEW ZEALAND INSTITUTE OF FORESTERS (INC.)

## OFFICE-BEARERS, 1970-72

*President:* J. G. Groome

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D. A. Franklin, J. W. Levy, J. M. Mitchell, J. D. Rockell,  
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*Journal Editor:* C. G. R. Chavasse

*Newsletter Editor:* P. A. Painter

*Journal Subscriptions:* G. C. Weston

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1970

The 43rd Annual General Meeting was held in the Returned Services Association Hall, Gisborne, on Wednesday, 6 May 1970. The President, M. J. Conway, presided over an attendance of 4 Honorary Members, 42 Members, 46 Associate Members, 6 Affiliate Members, 7 Student Members and five visitors.

Apologies were received from 26 members.

The President welcomed the invited guests, being D. Chrisp, Chairman of the Gisborne Harbour Board, E. Adye, Manager of the Harbour Board, Mr Parker, Chairman of the Cook County Council, J. Hair, Chairman of the East Coast Coordinating Committee, and N. Richardson, Chairman of the Gisborne Section of the Sawmillers Federation.

The President then introduced the Mayor, Mr Barker, who welcomed the Institute to Gisborne, the M.P. for Gisborne, Mrs Tombleson, who spoke briefly, and the Minister of Forests, Hon. D. McIntyre, who addressed the meeting and formally declared it open.

## OBITUARY

The meeting paid tribute to the memories of Member T. N. Wardrop, Associate Member L. H. Bailey and Student Member W. W. Janssen who had died during the year.

## PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Mr Conway delivered his presidential address in which he dealt with the history of the Institute, the submissions it had from time to time made on matters of importance, and concluded that the Institute is not adequately recognized in the scientific and professional world.

## ANNUAL REPORT

The membership showed a further small increase from 526 to 542 during the year. A noteworthy feature of the membership record is that 19 Associate Members advanced to full membership and 10 Student Members advanced out of that grade.

The Council has met four times during the year with attendances of 11, 9, 8 and 7. Considerable travelling has been involved and it has been difficult to arrange dates suitable to all members of Council. A. Kirkland was granted leave of absence for two meetings following his move to the University of California.

A subcommittee and members of Council have put in considerable time on the revision of our Constitution and a draft has been prepared and circulated to all members for consideration at the Annual General Meeting.

Another subcommittee sought the opinions of members and prepared a submission on the future role of the Commercial Division of the Forest Service. The submission was vetted and approved by Council and put before the Parliamentary Select Committee.

The Institute has been represented at two public meetings of the Nature Protection Council held during the year.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer, C. H. Brown, presented and spoke to the annual Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet. The Income and Expenditure account showed a loss for the year of \$240 against a profit last year of \$830; mainly accounted for by a reduction in *Journal* income and increases in Council expenses, mainly in travelling costs, and in secretarial services and stationery in which the cyclostyling of papers for the 1969 A.G.M. played a large part. Nevertheless, he did not recommend any increase in annual subscriptions which remain at Members \$6.50, Associate Members \$4.50, Affiliate Members \$3.50 and Student Members \$2.00 — all subject to a reduction of \$0.50 if paid by 30 June; and \$1.00 for members of over forty years' service of which there are six.

## JOURNAL REPORT

The President announced that there was no *Journal* report and explained that Dr Jackson had relinquished the editorship the previous year after having held the position for ten years during which he had put in a vast amount of work and reached and maintained a high standard. The meeting acknowledged this by acclamation. The editorship had then been offered to Mr Kennedy who had considered it and found that he could not spare the time. At the last Council meeting the position had been offered to and accepted by C. G. R. Chavasse who had not yet had time to prepare a report.

## NEWSLETTER REPORT

Mr Thorpe had put in a report which was read by the Secretary, and in which he advised that two issues had been put out during the year and the third was assembled ready for printing. He also asked to be relieved of the editorship which he had held for five years, mainly because of difficulty in keeping in touch with forestry matters. Mr Thorpe thanked the section secretaries and others who had been of great help to him during that time. He was thanked by acclamation for the good work he had done with the *Newsletter*.

## SECTION REPORTS

These were presented for the Auckland Section by R. C. Lloyd, for the Rotorua Section by T. Johnson, for the Hawke's Bay Section by A. Cunningham, for the Wellington Section by P. A. Painter, for the Nelson Section by R. Cornwell, for the Westland Section by G. Jones, for the Canterbury Section by D. Guild and for the Southland Section by A. D. McEwen.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The President announced the results of the postal ballot for office for 1970-72, naming those listed at the head of this item. Slightly over 70% of the Members and Associate Members eligible had voted in the ballot. Mr Conway then offered the chair to the incoming President, but Mr Groome declined it until later in the meeting.

## HONORARY MEMBER

Mr Conway then read the Council's recommendation for Honorary Member of L. W. McCaskill; this was seconded by Mr Grayburn and carried by acclamation. Mr McCaskill was then admitted and welcomed and thanked the Institute for the honour done him.

## MANAPOURI

There was considerable discussion on the Manapouri issue after which it was resolved that the meeting support the action of Council in setting up a subcommittee to enquire into the facts relating to the proposal to raise the level of Lake Manapouri and to make a submission to the Committee of Enquiry.

## NEXT ANNUAL MEETING

It was agreed that the 1971 Annual General Meeting should be held in Taupo and that the topic should be "Labour in Forestry".

## PAPERS

During the Wednesday afternoon and evening and the Friday morning papers were presented as follows:

"Criteria for Production Forestry", Dr R. T. Fenton.

"The Evaluation of Criteria for Protection Forestry", J. Y. Morris.

"Evaluation of the Waiau River Catchment", R. S. Macarthur.

"The Tararuas — a Dual Purpose North Island Forest", J. Ure.

"Mangatu: a Production Forest with Major Protection Value", P. F. Olsen.

"The Case for Production Forestry in Westland", G. J. Molloy.

"Forestry and Water", M. King (Wairarapa Catchment Board).

"Forests in the Landscape", S. Challenger (read by Professor P. J. McKelvey).

"Multiple-use Forestry — Who Pays?", A. P. Thomson.

L. W. McCaskill summed up the discussions.

## FIELD TRIP

The Thursday was taken up with a field trip to Mangatu Forest on which the difficulties of coping with the many problems of afforestation on this highly erodable country were amply demonstrated.