

## WAIARIKI INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

### Maori and Pacific Island



Ryan Vercoe (left) and Walter Treviranus relax after their forest management classes.

A programme at Waiariki Institute of Technology's Faculty of Forestry aims to encourage young Maori and Pacific Islanders into forestry management. Ryan Vercoe and Walter Treviranus are two of the Maori and Pacific Island students working towards a qualification in forestry management.

Ryan Vercoe (19) is Ngati Pikiao, and comes from Whakatane. Last year he started the two-and-a-half year course towards the National Diploma in Forestry (Forest Management) at Waiariki. His fees for the first year of this course were funded by Skill New Zealand as part of the Skill Enhancement programme.

The programme aims to encourage young Maori and Pacific Islanders, between 17 and 21 years, into careers such as forest management where Maori and Pacific Islanders are current under-represented.

"The Faculty of Forestry and Technology has been running successful programmes with Skill New Zealand for a number of years in applied science, forest management and wood processing," said Dr Margriet Theron, Dean of the Faculty.

Ryan's family has a long history of involvement in forestry, and his whanau are forest owners through trusts, such as Rotoiti 15.

## LINCOLN UNIVERSITY

### Teaching block

The forestry programme has taken over management of a 0.6 ha block of trees adjacent to campus. The block, containing a mix of eucalypts acacias and other hardwood species, was planted nine years ago by David McNeil as a coppicing trial for firewood production. Being within walking distance of the main campus, students will have easy access for mensuration, planting and pruning skills training. As well, the stand will be managed long term by students for firewood production.

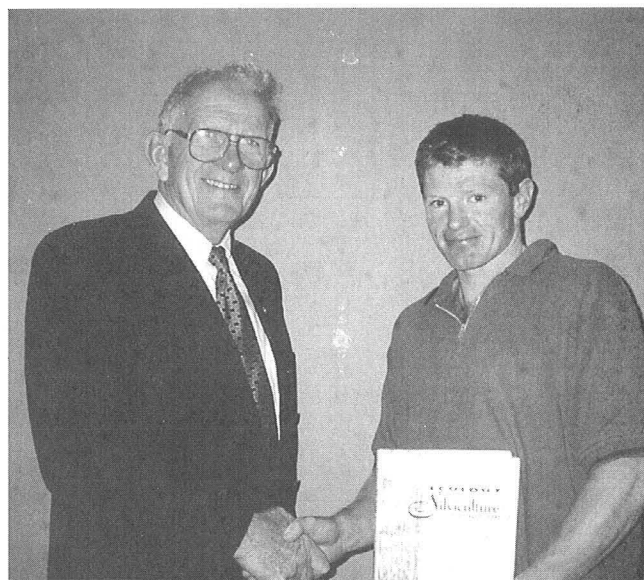
Walter Treviranus (19) was born in Samoa, and gets his surname from a German great-grandfather. Walter has been gaining forestry experience by working with a silvicultural contractor in the forests of the Wellington Regional Council during the holidays.

Waiariki has Skill New Zealand funding for 10 Maori or Pacific Island students for Year 1 of the Diploma in Forestry (Forest Management) for the year 2000.

## CANTERBURY SCHOOL OF FORESTRY

### Dr Bruce Manley

Dr Bruce Manley will join the staff for the New Zealand School of Forestry at the University of Canterbury as Associate Professor. Bruce Manley, who has a B.For.Sc.(Hons) from the School of Forestry and a Ph.D. from University of Washington, Seattle, is well-known in New Zealand through his work at Forest Research and his involvement with the New Zealand Institute of Forestry. He will be lecturing in the areas of management science and operations research, and it's great to have him on our team.



Congratulations to Andrew Clarke, who was recently awarded the first Dr Max Jacob Prize for obtaining top marks in Silviculture. The prize, to be awarded annually, was presented by Tony Grayburn on behalf of the M.R. Jacobs Memorial Fund.



Students on a mensuration exercise in the Lincoln University eucalypt block.