

Lincoln University have completed their Forest Valuation subject with Dr Hugh Bigsby. The degree's off-campus delivery format meant that people in the course came from around New Zealand, making use of self-study materials and combined with a number of meetings where everyone could come together. The next subject as part of the Forestry Business specialisation will be in the area

of wood products markets, and will be offered next year. In the mean time, students can continue to take other generic subjects in the degree.

Congratulations to Brian McKinley, a student in the Forestry Business Stream of the Professional Masters degree at Lincoln University, who was the recipient of the 2003 NZIF Postgraduate award.

## University of Canterbury School of Forestry

### Companies support scholarships to boost number of forestry graduates

Concern that too few professional foresters are graduating in New Zealand at present has prompted some forestry companies to offer incentives for school leavers to adopt forestry as a career. Scholarship programmes to support study for a BForSc or BE (For) are being set up by Rayonier New Zealand, Weyerhaeuser New Zealand, Nelson Pine Industries and Wenita Forest Products. As well as providing financial support, the companies are also offering student vacation placements.

### Graduates of 1976 hold reunion

School of Forestry graduates from 1976 held a very successful reunion in Christchurch over Anzac weekend. The reunion, attended by 19 graduates together with 12 wives, included functions at the University Staff Club, a visit to the Mt Hutt afforestation project and a roll call at the School. The latter enabled graduates to revisit the old F1 and F2 lecture theatres and share reminiscences. Although some graduates had not seen each other for 27 years none of the Forestry School esprit de corps had been lost in the intervening years.



*School of Forestry 1976 Graduates enjoyed an afternoon in the sun at the University of Canterbury Students Association Mt Hutt afforestation project during their reunion.*