

Lindsay is survived by his wife, Barbara, son Michael, daughter Jacqueline and grandchildren.

## Hamish Levack

A further anecdote about Lindsay Poole from Wink Sutton:

In late 1968 I was a young scientist at the Forest Research Institute. The leader of our research group, Dr. Bob Fenton, had sent a telex to Head Office critical of some Forest Service policy.

I was then on a visit to Head office and completely unaware of the upheaval Fenton's telex had caused. I was

having lunch with Gerry Yska and John Wendelken in the Bowen State Building staff cafeteria when Lindsay walked in. Seeing me he made straight for our table and said something like "What right did FRI have to comment on Forest Service policy".

I responded "Every right" and spent the next hour defending Bob Fenton's arguments. At the conclusion of our debate I said to Gerry "Well there goes my career." "No" he said "He is the Director-General. He heard some things he would normally not hear. If he had wanted he could have terminated the debate at any time."

In all the years I have known Lindsay he was always a gentleman and he never unfairly asserted the power that came with his position as Director General.

## president's comment

# How to feed a dragon - a glimpse of forestry in China

Have you ever thought what it would be like to be in charge of the state forestry in China with a requirement to feed a construction boom fuelling an eleven percent annual growth in GDP which requires forest products sourced predominantly from China? We all have images of the coal ships at anchor off the coast of Newcastle, Australia and nearly a quarter of the shipping in the world tied up taking products and goods to and fro from China. But can you imagine being required to produce the forest products "in-house"? It's mind boggling!



use forestry. All land in China is owned by the government, who determines tenancy, land use and development. There is strong public support for growing trees, and research programmes and universities are well funded. Reforestation and upgrading of existing ecological forests is happening on an enormous scale, driven by government funding, regular inventories and five year plans.

We were extremely well looked after and are grateful to the Society. We gained a much better appreciation of the challenges they face and I look forward to an ongoing relationship between our two organisations.

Just before Christmas 2007, NZIF councillors Howard Moore, Sally Haddon and I joined the Chinese Society of Forestry, as their guests, on a 7 day whorl wind tour of forestry in China. The scale is massive and the need for forestry production intense yet this must be balanced by the need to look after the ecological values of the forests. We visited a range of forests with field trips included a bamboo forest and bamboo reprocessing factory, Tianmushen Nature Reserve, a ten year old MDF company with 9 lines, plantation forest, urban forests and Longdong National Forest Farm. We also visited the Great Wall and Xihu Lake.

Official visits included the Chinese Society of Forestry, the State Forestry Administration, and the Forestry Department of Zhejiang Province. We also visited the Zhejiang Forestry University with 20,000 students and the South China Agricultural University in Guangzhou with 40,000 students. The Chinese Society of Forestry is keen to work on student exchanges and Sally has already been invited to do her masters there!

The concept of forestry in China covers everything from tea bushes to National Parks and embraces multiple

We will be presenting a paper at our May NZIF conference. This winter we also intend to plant some ginkgo trees (the Society's emblem), rimu (NZIF emblem) and celery pine (a NZ tree with flattened stems like the Ginkgo) at my Nikau Forest in Marlborough to mark the visit and also counter the carbon emissions we created by going there.

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Erratum: In the August 2007 issue of the NZ Journal of Forestry, John Schrider's name was misspelled as "Shrider". We apologise to John for this error.