



Waiariki School of Forestry,
Wood Processing and Biotechnology

NATIONAL DIPLOMA IN FORESTRY

(Forest Management)

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Qualification: National Diploma **Level:** 6

Start Date: February **Length of Course:** 2.5 years

Study Options: Full time, part time and flexi-study may be available.

Job Opportunities: Technical position within a forest company. Management position within a forest company. Forestry Consultant. Self-employed Forestry Contractors. Research Technician.

Campus: Rotorua (Mokoia)

Subjects: Technical Forestry, Environmental and Health and Safety Legislation, Forest Ecology, Forest Health and Protection, Nutrient Management, Forest Inventory, Seeds and Nurseries, Harvesting Operations and Planning, Performance Targets etc.

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Forestry and agriculture - collaborating for sustainability

Between the 15th and 18th of May this year, Foresters descended on Palmerston North to enjoy a really great conference. The Manuwatu/Wairarapa region is a hotbed of important issues, those really juicy ones, where forestry and agricultural ecosystems intersect with human values and culture. Take, for instance, the erosion that plagues hill country farmers, and further plagues dairy farmers in the Wairarapa during floods. Large areas of Manuwatu are crying out for afforestation, but trees are still the enemy in many of those parts, particularly stands of trees. Couple that with methane emissions from farms, the emissions trading scheme, and a Horizons District Council that is taking strong initiatives under difficult conditions to try to effect better land use practices, and you have an exciting mix. All of this was presented to us from a variety of points of view both during the conference and on the well-designed field trips.

The conference began with a student forum that should not have been missed, and then followed this with an engaging list of distinguished speakers, including scientists, forest managers, farmers, policy advisors, heads of State Departments and Members of Parliament. There

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was plenty of time for discussion and reflection. We enjoyed great food, breakfast meetings, and debates over coffee. The final wrap-up session brought out many ideas and plenty of food for thought.

If you missed this one then I extend my consolations to you.


Congratulations to the organisers. This will be a hard act to follow. For the record, the organising team was Andrew McEwen (chairman), Howard Moore (NZIF Treasurer), Clive Anstey, James Barton, Charlotte Cudby, Jon Dey, Peter Handford, Hamish Levack, John Schrider and Avinash Shrivastava in Wellington, along with Tony Groome, Denis Hocking, Mark Johnston, Peter Lissington and Ian Moore in Manuwatu/Wanganui.

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Kit Richards (left) accepts the "Forester of the year" award from Peter Berg.



Mrs Knowles accepts the Kirk Horn Flask award on behalf of Leith Knowles.



Andrew McEwen and Ket Bradshaw, incoming and outgoing Presidents of the NZIF.



MANAGING OUR ENVIRONMENT

Erosion - not an isolated problem



FACT: Following the February 2004 storm, severe erosion affected **29,000 ha** of hill country in the Region.



FACT: As a result of the erosion approximately **30 million tonnes** of sediment ended up in our waterways.



FACT: The total estimated impact on the Region following the February 2004 storm was over **\$300 million**.



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