

hunters into more remote areas. In the mid-late 1960s the introduction of helicopters first led to hunting from the air and the recovery of venison and its export overseas; and then consequent pressure by helicopter hunters capturing live deer and bringing them out to begin deer farms to manage local herds. To recognise and provide legitimisation of these new pressures and opportunities there were amendments to the Act in 1967 and Deer Farming Regulations 1969 but uptake was slow.

It was not until a more radical and comprehensive policy change, including a shift from extermination to control, was made in the Wild Animal Control Act 1977, developed and introduced to the sectoral interest groups under Ken's oversight and leadership that deer farming began to expand. As well as providing more comprehensive provisions for deer farms and safari parks, and recovery operations it also made provision for Recreation Hunting Areas to better recognise the contributions of recreational hunters and allow their contribution in the management of such areas. When one considers Ken's skills and career it is difficult to consider many others with the experience and range of contacts to lead such far reaching changes in policies and practices.

On his retirement in 1985 Ken was presented with a lichen covered piece of timber with his name carved into it, salvaged from an old hut he'd visited as a culler many years before. Ken and his wife bought a caravan and spent several months each year travelling around the country fishing and yarning with old mates before returning to winter at home in Levin.

Ken is mourned by his wife Beth, five children and six grandchildren.

Ken Miers the original good keen man, with wide knowledge, experiences and political acumen

Ken was admitted as an Associate Member in 1968, advanced to Full Member in 1980, resigned in the early 1980s

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## Sad loss to forestry

**Kevin Jamieson (1945-2009)**

Graduating as a NZFS forest ranger, Kevin worked at Gwavas and Karioi forests and then from 1973 to 1975 obtained overseas experience in Welsh and Danish forests. On his return to NZ he did another stint with the NZFS, this time at Golden Downs. After that he joined P F Olsen as an associate spending seven years in the Bay of Plenty. In 1985 he came to Wellington and set up as a freelance forestry consultant. Always an enthusiast for forestry, he took a group of forest owners and managers to the Elmia Wood conference in Sweden and organized a forestry tour of Sweden, Denmark, and Norway. Subsequently he attended the Emilia Wood Fair twice more and wrote and published articles about what he had learned.

Kevin did much to promote good forest practice. He was a past president of the Wellington branch of the NZIF, and for several years he organized the well-attended six-monthly forestry forums at Palmerston North that were designed to keep practitioners up to date with technical developments.

Kevin's demise is a loss to forestry practitioners in the Southern North Island. Our sympathy goes to his wife Christine their two daughters, Meredith and Erana.

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