

Annual Local Section Report

Presented at the AGM at Auckland
by Michael Orchard (Councillor)

As a result of constitutional changes introduced at the last AGM, I am able to report that the following Sections are all active: Auckland, Hawkes Bay, Wellington, Nelson-Marlborough, West Coast.

The Canterbury Section was active in organising last year's ANZIF Conference, but is technically in recess, as are the Northland, Rotorua and Gisborne Sections. The Otago-Southland Section has not reported but is known to be active and some of its members attended the Farm Forestry Association AGM at Oamaru.

In the future the Institute's Council is looking to establish new Sections in the Waikato and Manawatu-Taranaki areas.

Auckland Section

Annual Report

The 1991/1992 year was a very busy one, certainly for the organising committee of the National AGM and Conference! (See page 28.)

The Auckland Section covers a large area – from Warkworth to Raglan – and many of our members appear to be only part-time New Zealanders (including most of the committee). Organising meetings that will interest most and scheduling meetings so that a majority of the active members are in town are rather difficult tasks at times.

Meetings held this year include a very interesting talk by Paul Barton (FRI) on Land Treatment of Wastes and several joint meetings with the Northern Region Loggers Association, including Chilean forestry and Woodflow systems used in the southern USA.

Plans for the 1992/1993 year include another presentation on land treatment of wastes and talks on resource management and remote sensing use in forestry. Next year will be challenging for the Auckland Section as we aim to boost our active membership numbers and provide the activities and opportunities that our members want.

J.L. Scott
Secretary, Auckland Section, NZIF

in Napier and arrangements are well in hand.

Barry Keating
Branch Chairman

Hawkes Bay Annual Report

The Hawkes Bay Branch was in recess until June 1991 when a meeting was held and it was agreed to reform the Branch. This was formally done at the inaugural meeting in September 1991 when the following officers were elected.

Chairman: Barry Keating
Secretary Treasurer: John Coppola
Auditor: Ian Lyver

Since June we have held a total of four well-attended meetings, as listed below, and to date we have 60 financial members.

DATE: June 14, 1991
SPEAKER: Dr John Valentine, Secretary of Forestry
TOPIC: Forestry in 1995 – Where should we be?
ATTENDANCE: About 80

DATE: September 18, 1991
SPEAKER: Dr Wink Sutton
TOPIC: Plantations and New Zealand's Future
ATTENDANCE: 73

DATE: December 4, 1991
SPEAKER: Panel Comprising
– Tim Fraser, Ministry for the Environment
– Sue Giles, Hastings District Council
– Brent Cowie, Manawatu and Wanganui District Council
– Lionel Ellis, Carter Holt Harvey Forests Limited
TOPIC: Implications of the Resource Management Act for Forestry
ATTENDANCE: 45

DATE: March 26, 1992
SPEAKERS: Brian Pritchard, Carter Oji Kokusaku Pan Pacific Limited
Graeme Eager, Carter Holt Harvey Forests Limited
TOPIC: Marketing and Processing of the Hawkes Bay Wood Resources
ATTENDANCE: 52

The 1993 Institute AGM is to be held

WESTLAND HAS SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Westland Section of the NZ Institute of Forestry completed its most successful recent year, through the auspices of the West Coast Combined Forests Group, under which joint activities are held with the NZ Farm Forestry Association and the NZ Tree Crops Association.

Regular monthly field trips were held and included Biogrow properties, beech forest regeneration, nursery visits, two special beech forest management seminars, agroforestry, fruit/shelter plantings, flax growing and culture, John Adams' forestry property, and a convivial Christmas function at Punakaiki, including the Herb Society.

Members attended public meetings concerned with the indigenous forest policy, assisted council with submissions, and raised considerable local section funds from its very successful book sales operations.

Social occasions have in the main concentrated around evening dinners hosting visiting forestry groups. First was a visit by the Canadian Loggers Association members and spouses, and this was followed by two nights spent by Australians on the ANZIF pre-conference tour. Visits commenced in Inangahua looking at the potential for beech management, and proceeded down the Grey Valley and on along the Punakaiki

coast to overnight in Greymouth, before going across Arthur's Pass, or down to the podocarp forests of South Westland, and the glaciers on the World Heritage Area centred on Haast.

Hazel Nicholls, President of the Tree Crops Association, provided a stimulating evening discussion on crop trees and membership potential on her recent visit to the West Coast.

Quarterly Newsletters are sent out. Total branch membership is 49, comprising 11 national members and 38 local members.

Michael Orchard
Secretary