

growth, noise, dust, and increased soil erosion. Where relevant, these effects should be addressed through performance standards. In areas with particular soil erosion problems, controls on vegetation clearance existed prior to the Resource Management Act, and it is reasonable to expect them to continue under the new legislation.

Conclusion

In theory, the Resource Management Act is a significant step forward from the prescriptive Town and Country Planning Act,

and other resource management legislation that it replaced. In practice, we could be forgiven for thinking that nothing has changed in some parts of the country. Some local authorities have made a reasonable first attempt to grapple with the implementation of a formidable piece of legislation. Others live on with a mindset still fixed on regulation. The reality is that six years on we will clearly have to wait another ten years, and hope that the potential of the Resource Management Act is delivered in the next round of policy statements and plans.

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RECENT EVENTS



NZ Forest Service Reunion

About 300 former employees attended a function at the NZFRI in Rotorua over Easter. The function was one of several held recently around New Zealand some 10 years after the disestablishment of the Forest Service. 1997 is also important as it marks a century since the State became involved in planting exotic trees.

The meeting was a relaxed occasion where former employees were able to catch up with colleagues. In addition, there were a number of special get-togethers and luncheons and a golf tournament. These group functions included people from the National Forest Survey, Kainarua woodsmen, 1956 and 1957 technical trainee intakes, Draughting Division, FTC staff and MOF Rotorua staff. On Sunday a special memorial service was held in the Redwood grove.

Highlight

The highlight was launch of a book written by Andy Kirkland and Peter Berg in front of the old stables of the original nursery (see photo). The book, "A Century of State-Honed Enterprise", reviews the 100 years of State plantation forestry. Andy and Peter deserved congratulations for getting this book together and having it published within a six to seven-month period. The book will be reviewed in the next issue of NZ Forestry.

For me the most satisfying experience was to meet old friends again – many I had not seen for a very long time. I am sure this was true for most who attended this and other reunions of the former Forest Service.

Don Mead



Andy Kirkland and Peter Berg at the launch of their book.