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Prince of Wales Award for Sustainable Forestry – David Saathoff

Subsequent to the conference, on 1 October the New Zealand Institute of Forestry announced that **David Saathoff** was awarded The Prince of Wales Award for Sustainable Forestry in 2018.

This award recognises engagement in the principles and practice of sustainable forest management including

policy, planning, practice and sound science-based land stewardship. Awardees must be committed to public outreach and knowledge exchange, focusing on the wise use and conservation of forests and forest ecosystems.

Continuing Professional Development (CPD) workshop

A CPD workshop was held on the first day of the conference. Bill Liley provided a forum for discussion of 'Forest Value as an Alternative Fact', which also included an update on the current review of the NZIF Valuation Standard. Professor Tim Dare, University of Auckland, presented, 'The Role of Ethics for a Forestry Professional', indicating the increased, formal importance of ethical standards amongst NZIF members.

NZIF Foundation has record year

Andrew McEwen

The NZIF Foundation announced education and research awards totalling \$41,000 at the NZIF conference in Nelson on 10 July 2018. There were more awards, more applications and a record level of distributions this year than ever before. In 2012, the first year of the Foundation's operation, there were four awards totalling \$6,500.

For 2018 there were 10 award categories worth \$44,500 on offer. The 29 applicants who collectively made 43 applications came from a wide range of institutions and forestry interests, with research projects in plantation forest management, harvesting and trade, social issues, indigenous forests and urban forests.

Award recipients



Foundation Chair Andrew McEwen (left) presents the Jon Dey Memorial award to Cameron Leslie (centre) and the Otago/Southland award to Rhys Black

Awards announced and recipients were:

- **Trevor Best** – a PhD student at the University of Canterbury School of Forestry, who received a \$10,000 Future Forest Scholarship for his research on the way machine operators in the logging industry deal with stress within their work-life, with an emphasis on the implications for their health and safety
- **Leo Mercer** – a PhD student in environmental studies at Victoria University of Wellington received a \$10,000 Future Forest Scholarship for his research examining the role native forest restoration, in association with carbon farming, can play in the development of Māori land on the East Coast of the North Island
- **Matt Curry** – a Forestry Science student at Canterbury University received the \$5,000 NZ Redwood Company Scholarship
- **Logan Robertson** – a Forestry Science student at Canterbury University received the \$5,000 Invercargill City Forests award, which is available to assist residents of Invercargill City in studies, research or travel in an area benefiting forestry
- The Jon Dey Memorial award assists research projects in the areas of work study or new technology aimed at improving forest engineering and harvest productivity. \$3,500 was awarded to **Cameron Leslie** for his Master's project on the productivity of winch-assisted machines
- The Otago/Southland award of \$3,000 went to **Rhys Black**, a University of Canterbury student, for his

analysis of the availability of bulk vessels for log exports, using data from South Port and Port Otago

- The Frank Hutchinson Postgraduate Scholarship of \$1,000 went to **Yannina Whiteley** at the University of Canterbury, the University Undergraduate Scholarship of \$1,000 was awarded to **Phoebe Milne**, a first-year forestry student at Canterbury, and the Mary Sutherland Scholarship of \$1,000 was awarded to **Georgia Paulson**, who is in her second year of the Level 6 Diploma in Forest Management at Toi Ohomai in Rotorua
- Three forestry students from the University of Canterbury received prizes in the student poster competition at the conference. **Ben Reriti** received the first prize of \$800, **Millan Visser** the second prize of \$500 and **Lauchie Weston** the third prize of \$200.

The Foundation Trustees were delighted with the number and quality of applications. They congratulate the recipients of the awards, and thank all applicants and encourage them to persist with their research and education and to make a career associated with New Zealand's forests, which have a vital role to play in this country's environment, economy and society.

Background to NZIF Foundation

The NZIF Foundation was established by the NZ Institute of Forestry in 2011. It is a registered charity and has its own Board of Trustees. Its purpose is the advancement of education in relation to forestry



Foundation Chair Andrew McEwen presents Matt Curry (right) with the NZ Redwood Company Scholarship

in New Zealand. This includes: encouraging and supporting forestry-related education, training and research through the provision of grants, scholarships and prizes; promoting the acquisition, development and dissemination of forestry-related knowledge and information; and other activities.

NZIF provided initial funding with a donation of \$85,000, plus an offer to provide administration support at no cost to the Foundation. At the same time, the Institute asked the Foundation to take over four awards (totalling \$6,500 per year) that NZIF had been making for some years, a request the Trustees agreed to.

Trustees at 31 March 2018 were Andrew McEwen (Chair), James Treadwell, David Evison and Andres Katz.

Reliance on donations

The Trustees' objective is to accumulate funds to the point where they can fund the distributions they make from the earnings on those funds. With the amount so far accumulated and current rates of interest, earnings for the year ended 31 March 2018 were \$7,300, clearly well short of the \$41,000 distributed.

The shortfall was funded from a number of donations that are conditional on the Foundation making awards or scholarships for specified purposes. Once the donated funds are exhausted, the awards will cease. At 31 March 2018, \$85,200, or 35.8% of the Foundation's accumulated funds of \$238,232, were in this category.

The Trustees are very grateful to those who make the conditional donations, because they increase the profile of the Foundation and the amount available for distribution. The Foundation receives some income from the undistributed quantum of each donation. The Trustees are also grateful to those individuals and entities who have made individual donations.

Would you help?

If you have enjoyed your career or association with forestry in New Zealand, why not help the Foundation by donating and encouraging others to join you. The Trustees welcome unconditional donations and will also consider donations for specific purposes. As the Foundation is a registered charity, donations qualify for tax credits.

You can find out more about the Foundation via the link at the right-hand side of the home page at www.nzif.org.nz, or from the Charities Services website (www.charities.govt.nz – search for charity CC47691), or by emailing foundation@nzif.org.nz.

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