

Canterbury University

Last year NPWFL entered into a formal arrangement with the University of Canterbury to work closely together particularly in the field of research. Off the back of this relationship, this year the company invited a group of 12 final year students at the School of Forestry to do a study on forest management options.

Included in the class was Heath Nunn who was a recipient of one of the company's annual scholarships at Canterbury now finishing his forestry degree.



The project is divided into four stages: Stage one: growth model valuation; Stage two: site classification; Stage three: regime valuation; Stage four: wood flow forecast and estate modelling.

2 These are key technical aspects of forest management and the company is keen to evaluate options and alternatives that will generate the best return from the land and forest resource.

Stage one of the project has been completed and a report has been submitted to NPWFL. In the report Napirad was suggested as the preferred growth model to use for NPWFL.

Stage two of the project has also been completed and a report has been submitted. In that report a site index equation was developed for NPWFL and site index values have been generated for all NPWFL blocks.

Stage three of the project has also been completed and a report has been submitted. That report recommended that the 3/2 regime (3 pruning and 2 thinning) is the best regime, given the current view of costs and projected revenues at the time of harvesting.

The students are now working on the fourth report: wood flow forecast

and estate modelling, which is expected to be completed within a week. That final report will give us optimised wood flow forecasts and financial return over time.

NPWFL is happy with the project outcomes so far. The information presented to date has been helpful in verifying current practices in our forests. As it takes many



years to plant and harvest a forest, it is prudent to periodically revisit the assumptions made at the beginning of the forest project to reaffirm forest management practices or indeed to present options and justification to change these practices.

This work by the final year students at Canterbury has been useful in itself but also in formalising the company's association with New Zealand's School of Forestry in Canterbury.

The company congratulates Heath for his determination to go off and complete a full forestry degree at Canterbury and looks forward to seeing him back on the coast some time soon.



Editorial

Creative people inspire us with their works of beauty. They continue to motivate by sharing their skills so others can duplicate a sense of beauty around them and their whanau. From paint to pounamu we read about two talented Nati mokopuna in this June issue.

Higher learning opportunities can also create colorful futures. 'Te Koringa' will pilot out of Tairāwhiti with civic and community leaders, enrolling to create what looks like, a dynamic 'learning community'. Maori organisations like RNP advance their strategic visions with confidence, if the team has the 'pulling power' to push ahead. Tomorrow's people, will come out of today's school's. 'Te Koringa' is here today - for tomorrow.

Yesterday's people were the founders of Radio Ngati Porou and Te Runanga o Ngati Porou. A vision that will reach its 20th anniversary in 2007, when we co-host the Maori Media

Awards in Gisborne. We will soon communicate to people who travelled the 20 year RNP journey. Former Board members, staff and associates will be contacted shortly for people they feel contributed over time to our development. Their 'Ahi Kaa' stories and images will be brought together in book form that we would like to launch at the Maori Media Awards, March 2007. Our actual 'birthday' falls in September and we predict a double celebration will be held then with the Runanga.

It is important therefore they we pull our memories together and present this fine sample of Iwi commitment on time, by March next year.

Noho ora mai i roto i te mahanatanga o te wa.

Correction: In the last editorial of Nga Kohinga's April edition there was a typo error. "Tebaga Gap" was incorrectly named as "Tobago Hill."