

## NZIF awards

Included in this issue of NZ Forestry is a flier advertising various awards that are available this year. Unfortunately there is a very tight time frame for applications to be submitted due to our AGM being held at least one month earlier this year (April 1). Applications must reach the secretariat by March 10, probably less than three weeks after you receive this. Please note, however, that this allows the members of the various selection panels only three weeks to make their decisions.

Where applicable, please draw your colleagues' attention to the availability of these awards, as not all of them (e.g. the Balneaves Travel Award) are restricted to NZIF members.

### Reviewing All Awards

It is Council's intent to review all the awards. While they serve a useful purpose in promoting the Institute and rewarding effort, many of the awards have, with time, lost their meaning and effectiveness. A draft proposal on the revisions will be prepared for publication. Following feedback from members, Council will hopefully ratify changes in time for next year.

## Saving Pacific Rainforests : Greenpeace to launch Solomon Islands 'Ecotimber' in NZ

In a ground-breaking alliance, Greenpeace and tropical timber importers have launched sustainably managed Pacific 'Ecotimber' on to the New Zealand market.

The project has evolved from a double dilemma: the people of the Solomon Islands are losing their forests to Malaysian and Korean logging companies, while many New Zealand timber importers want to move away from importing destructively-logged tropical timber.

After public protests against the import of such timber, the New Zealand timber trade joined Greenpeace in the "Imported Tropical Timber Group" (ITTG). Together they have sponsored a three-year project in the Solomon Islands to provide sustainable sources of timber that also provide employment and an economic future for the people of the Solomons. The first-ever imports of sustainably-managed Solomons 'ecotimber' mark a significant move away from the import of destructively-logged tropical timber by New Zealand companies. Through this unique cooperative venture, the ITTG has committed itself to source all imported timbers

from sustainable sources.

Greenpeace's goal is for New Zealand to become the first OECD country to end all imports of unsustainably-logged tropical rainforest timber.

"'Ecotimber' is from small-scale, selective felling operations, using portable sawmills and is carried out with the full agreement of the whole community," said Grant Rosoman, Greenpeace New Zealand's forests campaigner, who has been working on the project for the last three years.

"The timber is milled in the forest and carried out by hand. Strict environmental standards are met, including setting aside reserve areas," he said.

"At last New Zealanders will be able to buy quality tropical hardwoods knowing they are not damaging delicate forest ecosystems or destroying forests," said Grant Rosoman.

The ecoforestry project has received some funding support from the New Zealand Government. The timber is suitable for decking, flooring, furniture and joinery.

## One Seminar You Mustn't Miss!



NZ Farm  
Forestry  
Association  
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## GREEN & GROWING An interactive guide to forestry & the environment in New Zealand

25 FEBRUARY 1997

Quality Hotel Durham Street Christchurch

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Quality Hotel Fenton Street Rotorua

The New Zealand forest industries' response to environmental issues will determine the future prosperity of companies and communities. This seminar explores the practical realities facing forest growers, processors & marketers:

- Cleaning up our act – the practicalities
- Planning for climate change – how good are we?
- Corporates, society & the environment – a conflict of interest?
- Maori, forestry & the environment – a lack of accord? • ... and more!

**DON'T DELAY! Enquiries & registration to: Pat Towersey, PF Olsen & Co**  
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Registration fee (includes lunch): NZ Institute of Forestry, NZ Farm Forestry & Commonwealth Forestry Assn members \$75 • Non-members \$115 • Students \$35