

Passing of a noted Auckland forester

ANDREW DAKIN -30 September 1939 to 12 June 2001

Andrew was born in England on 30 September 1939 and came to New Zealand with his family when he was about 12 years old.

He began his working life with the Forest Service in Southland, where he met Alison. They came north in the early 1960's where Andrew worked for Henderson and Pollard, first in the Mid North and then at Whitford. In 1968 he became Technician for the Auckland Regional Authority's Forestry section at Hunua.

He was in charge of the ARA's Hunua nursery, which produced native trees for forestry trials and for revegetating the scars left after the construction of the water supply dams at Moumoukai, Wairoa and Mangatangi. During this time he developed some innovative vegetative propagation techniques for rimu and kauri and qualified for the NZ Diploma in Horticulture. Later he took over the technical management side of the 2000 hectare exotic forest and in 1986 he became Forester in charge of the Auckland Regional Council's Hunua forest. He held this post until about 1992, after which he established himself as a Forestry Consultant.

Andrew made a study of the native plants of the Hunua Ranges and many other bush areas around South Auckland. He was especially knowledgeable about lichens and was one of few Zealand experts on this difficult group of native plants.

During the 1970's he collected over half of the specimens (including 300 lichens) in the Hunua Forestry herbarium. In 1986 this collection of



Andrew Dakin (right) explains kauri and rimu propagation to Governor General Sir Denis Blundell and Lady Blundell, 25 years ago.

2300 specimens was donated to the Auckland Museum.

Andrew took part in many Hunua District activities and was a member of the Institute of Forestry, the Farm Forestry Assn and the Auckland Botanical Society. Earlier this year he played a major role in organising the annual conference of the Institute of Forestry.

Andrew died at his home in Hunua on 12 June 2001 following a sudden heart attack.

Members of the Institute extend their sympathy to Alison and to Catherine, John, Jennifer and their families.

Ian Barton

New climate change network formed

The UN FAO has launched a new climate change network in recognition of the growing importance of the issues involved and their implications for forestry.

The move follows the 18th session of the Asia-Pacific Forestry Commission (APFC), held in Noosaville, Australia last year. During the meeting, member countries considered key issues related to forestry, climate change and the Kyoto Protocol. Given the importance of these issues and the likely implications for forestry, APFC members requested FAO to facilitate the exchange of information on forestry and climate change issues.

In response, the FAO has recently established an electronic server list, (entitled CLIM-FO-L) to disseminate and share current information and experiences on climate change and forestry. CLIM-FO-L, which is being managed by the FAO

Forest Products Division, will periodically send summaries of reports and other information to subscribers by email.

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