

## NZIF Fellows

NZIF members elected four new Fellows in 2013, bringing the total number to 51. An NZIF Fellow is a member who is recognised by their peers as having achieved eminence in the profession. The new Fellows are:

### **Geoffrey Cameron** **RMNZIF, Wellington**

Following the attainment of a Masters in Forest Science from Oxford, Geoff worked for over 30 years in the New Zealand forestry sector for the state (NZ Forest Service), the private sector (Tasman Forestry Ltd) and local government (Christchurch City Council and Wellington Regional Council). He augmented this practical management experience by gaining a Diploma in Management from the NZ Institute of Management.



Since 2000, he has applied the wealth of experience gained by working as a forestry consultant with a wide range of clients in both the private and public sectors. When he started his consultancy business, he immediately gained NZIF registration as a Registered Forestry Consultant. His standing in the sector is exemplified by his role as a contracted assessor to SGS Qualifor for Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certification, and this requires extensive knowledge and overview of all aspects of contemporary forest management.

Geoff Cameron has also been a staunch supporter of NZIF throughout his career. He joined shortly after he started to work in the sector, and so has been a member for over 40 years. He has taken an active role in the administration of the Institute – serving as secretary of both the Rotorua and Wellington sections, acting for a decade as NZIF newsletter editor, and serving for six years on Council. His experience, his standing in the sector, and his service to the Institute combine to make him a worthy Fellow of the NZIF.

### **Murray Parrish** **MNZIF, Auckland**

Murray's forestry experience dates from his employment as CHH Forests Environment Manager in 1991. He has held numerous roles associated with forest management and forest products processing in the intervening years, both with CHH and in organisations representing the sector, including more than 18 years' involvement with the NZ Forest Owners Association Environment Committee.



He has endeavoured to advance the interests of the forestry sector in interactions with national and international bodies including governments, the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), FSC and the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC). His advocacy of forestry has emphasised the need for a balance between social, economic and environmental outcomes for the sector to be sustainable, in the traditional sense of that word. He has consistently sought to promote forestry and forest land management based on the best technical and scientific knowledge.

Murray has a strong belief that the forestry sector must advocate more forcefully the benefits and opportunities it generates. He contends that the status quo is not sustainable economically or politically. He is always prepared, indeed often keen, to argue the merits of forestry in a wide range of fora to ensure it gets a fair deal and that its contributions to the New Zealand economy and environment are recognised.

Murray Parrish has for three terms now been on the NZIF Council, and been particularly active in writing submissions on behalf of the Institute on a wide range of topics. He is well known, liked and respected throughout the New Zealand forestry fraternity for the work he has done and continues to do on their behalf.

## Robin Webster RMNZIF, Auckland

Robin Webster is the epitome of a forester's forester – always ready to offer a very considered and balanced comment when his opinion is sought, especially by younger and less experienced foresters. Rob is currently Managing Director of NZ Forestry Limited. He has some 35 years' experience in the industry in New Zealand. He was Acting Principal Forester for the Auckland Conservancy at the demise of the NZ Forest Service and subsequently Forestry Manager for the Auckland District of NZ Timberlands, before becoming a Registered Forestry Consultant in private practice prior to the formation of NZ Forestry Ltd.



He is always available and willing to help when there is a call for assistance with an NZIF event such as a conference to organise or a field trip to arrange. He has been on the organising committee of three national conferences, two in Auckland and the 2013 Taranaki conference. His dedication to the Auckland section of the NZIF has extended over a couple of decades serving on its committee.

Rob's advice can be depended upon to always be appropriately researched and professionally and competently presented. He has an extensive base of practical knowledge and, as a consequence, a substantial number of well serviced and very satisfied forest industry clients. His focus and determination have been well demonstrated through his work in developing the fledgling redwood industry with thoroughness and dedication. As he came to see the potential for redwood to contribute to the New Zealand forest industry, he determined to facilitate the promotion of the species as a viable commercial forest crop.

He has established relationships with redwood growers, researchers and professionals in New Zealand to further the development of the redwood industry. He has also established relationships with redwood experts in California and elsewhere and gathered information and genetic material to benefit New Zealand redwood growers. He was responsible for initiating several key projects including: the development of an Interim Growth Model for New Zealand Redwood and associated tree volume tables and taper functions; the Sawing and Wood Quality Studies of the Mangatu Forest stand (the only mature, reasonably well managed stand in the country), which has been further refined into a grade/value recovery model; and the identification and collection of specimen trees suitable for clonal propagation.

Rob has consistently played an active role in supporting forest research, whether with NZ Forest

Research Institute cooperatives or latterly with Future Forests Research. He was chair of the Forest Fertiliser Co-operative for several years. He has willingly lent his support to research projects that have strategic importance, and has in fact suggested some of the more important lines of research and promoted these. He has been professional and committed to his work and has given much of his time and energy to projects he believes have merit rather than for commercial advantage. Rob Webster is motivated by what he believes will be good for the forest industry and often does not seek any reward for his work.

## Andrew Wiltshire MNZIF, Boston, USA

Andy has been responsible for bringing large amounts of investment to New Zealand forestry through his role with the Harvard Fund. Upon buying New Zealand's biggest forest, he took it back to forest principles and ensured the harvest age climbed. He did not chase the dollar to pay debt. Prior to his involvement with the Harvard Fund, he worked with Rayonier NZ and helped form and set up that company. He is also a mentor of young foresters.



Kaingaroa is an icon of New Zealand forestry. Kaingaroa deserves to be owned and managed by investors who will treasure it in a way that does justice to all the hard work from the NZ Forest Service people who created and sustained this marvellous asset. Andy has been instrumental in bringing to New Zealand investors who demand excellence in the selection and management of all the assets in their portfolio. This is vitally important to us as foresters because the Harvard Fund, as owners, have recognised the intrinsic value of the forest and put in place management which builds on its natural capital. In our opinion, Andy's vision for Kaingaroa has improved the performance of not only Kaingaroa Forest but also inspired many professional foresters to improve the way we all manage our forests.

Our Timber Investment Management Organization (TIMO) partners have not been recognised for the capital and management expertise which they have brought to this country, and we now have the opportunity to recognise a forester who has personally changed the way New Zealand forestry does business for the better. Andy Wiltshire has been a strong supporter of New Zealand forestry and has been instrumental in bringing it to the attention of the world.