

Reginald Barry Moorhouse

Barry Moorhouse commenced his forestry training at Auckland University College in 1927 and completed his B.For.Sc. degree at Canterbury University College in 1933.

He joined the State Forest Service and spent the next five years in Nelson Conservancy engaged on growth and sample plot studies in beech and rimu stands as well as forest management work in Golden Downs Forest.

He transferred to Head Office, Wellington, in 1938, working on forest management plans. In 1939 he transferred to the State Advances Corporation and was engaged on investigational work for the building industry with respect to grading rules for the new *Pinus radiata* timber.

In 1943 he resigned from the Forest Service and joined N.Z. Forest Products Limited at Pinedale as Assistant Forest and Milling Manager. Barry had earlier spent two long vacations during his student days assisting Norman Hall in establishing sample plots and conducting survival surveys for N.Z. Perpetual Forests adjacent to Tokoroa.

In early 1946, following the disastrous fires which ravaged the Central North Island pine forests, he was appointed Forestry Administrator for the company. In this position he was responsible for upgrading the forest fire protection for the company and at the same time played an important part in the draughting of the legislation for the Forest and Rural Fires Act and Regulations 1947, and in having amendments incorporated since then.

He became Chairman and Principal Rural Fire Officer of the Tokoroa Rural Fire Committee from its inception in 1948 and served in that capacity for 25 years until he retired in 1973. The efficient and effective rural fire protection system based in Tokoroa can be attributed in no small part to his influence and direction. Barry joined the Institute as a Student Member in 1928, became an Associate Member in 1934, and was advanced to Full Member in 1937. He served as a Councillor in 1938-9, Secretary-Treasurer 1940-1 and again as a Councillor from 1942 to 1952, a total of 14 years' service to the Institute.

Since then Barry has attended and participated in at least 15 annual general meetings and conferences. Since his retirement to Cambridge, Barry has been a regular attender at local section meetings in Rotorua.

Barry Moorhouse has served both the forest industry and this Institute well and faithfully, and is fully deserving of Honorary Membership of this Institute.

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