



NEW ZEALAND FARM FORESTRY ASSOCIATION Inc.
61th ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE, FEILDING

Main Conference: Thursday 6 April – Sunday 9 April 2017
 Optional Whanganui trips Monday 10 April



“The Challenge of Diverse Landforms”

Middle Districts Farm Forestry Association welcomes you to the 61st Annual Conference of our association. Main Conference venue will be the Feilding Civic Centre in the heart of the Manawatu. Field trips will highlight the challenge of forestry amongst a diversity of landforms: plains and terraces, rolling hills, “tiger” country with “unconsolidated” substrates, uplifted axial ranges, coastal sand country. Also challenging will be our speakers, topics to enlighten and stimulate debate. And as ever with farm forestry conferences, local hospitality will feature.

Conference Programme Summary

Thursday 6 April 2017 – Civic Centre Meetings
Optional Kimbolton-Rangiwahia Field Trip
Evening Social Hour and Welcome Dinner

The Feilding Civic Centre will open for registrations at 7:30 a.m. Branch Management meeting commences at 8:00 a.m. with the Council meeting following. The AGM commences at 11:00 a.m after morning tea. The Industry Speakers Session fills the afternoon.

For those giving the meetings a miss, a field trip leaves for Kimbolton gardens and Rangiwahia at 10:00 a.m.

In the evening at the Civic Centre, the Social Hour with drinks and canapes commences at 6:00 p.m., and is followed by the formal **Welcome Dinner**.

Friday 7 April 2017 – Special Interest Group Meetings
Manawatu Environs Field Trip
Alternative Sequoia/Cypress Trip to Hunterville
Evening Social Hour and Awards Dinner

At 8:00 a.m., Special Interest Groups will have the option of holding meetings at the Civic Centre. The main conference party will leave at 10:00 a.m. for the Williamsons’ where we will see a great variety of farm forestry tree species planted to advantage on broken-terrace country. Next, the Dermers’ Farm Forester of the Year Award-winning property where farm forestry complements cropping and livestock farming, and extensive development of wetlands benefits wildlife and environmental aesthetics. Later, at Stormy Point we will overlook the dramatic cliffs and terraces of the Rangitikei country and hear expert commentary on the story these tell of tectonics and climate change over geological time (climate change is not all that new).

Alternative to the main party itinerary, and also departing at 10:00 a.m., is an all-day field trip to Hunterville for those with special interests in Sequoia and Cypress. *[Continued in next column . . .]*

Back at the Feilding Civic Centre on Friday evening, a Social Hour again commences at 6:00 p.m. and is followed by the **Awards Dinner**.

Saturday 8 April – Sand Country Field Trip
Free Evening

We depart at 8:00 a.m. for Santoft Forest to view radiata plantation forestry by Ernslaw One and beach restoration, and then to the Waitatapia (Dalrymples’) property featuring a history of adapting farming techniques to the sand country including use of trees. In the afternoon we visit the pre-emptive dreaming-man’s farm forestry property of Denis Hocking.

An optional side trip leaving Dalrymple’s early will allow those with special interests extra time to view eucalypts, cypresses and blackwoods at Denis’s.

Saturday night is a **free evening** in Feilding.

Sunday 9 April – Goulters Gully and Ridge Road
Land Management and the SLUI
Wind Farm, Murray’s Nursery
Tui Brewery Evening BBQ Function.

Buses leave at 8:00 a.m. for the classic erosion horror site of Goulters Gully. We then view the highly erodible unconsolidated-sand-substrate hill country above the Pohangina Valley. Horizons Regional Council staff will commentate on the SLUI (Sustainable land Use Initiative). We travel to the Tararua district on the eastern side of the Tararua and Ruahine Ranges via Saddle Road to enable close-up viewing of the wind farm and a panoramic view of the overall geology of the region. In the afternoon at Murray’s Nursery in Woodville we look at “ground-breaking” innovative plant propagation technology and hear commentaries on the science underlying the innovations.

The evening BBQ function is at Tui Breweries, Mangatainoka, with jazz band entertainment. Final act – handing the baton over to the 2018 Conference.

Monday 10 April –Additional Day Trips to Whanganui Environs

- Two options:
- A. Sophisticated steep-land harvesting by Mangoihe Logging including commentary on latest research and environmental quality and health and safety issues.
 - B. Bushy Park Wildlife Sanctuary conducted tour and then historic Whanganui River waterfront precinct including Waimarie riverboat + Museum, Moutua Gardens, working tram + tramshed museum, art galleries, Queen’s Park, coffee shops (numbers limited)

Conference Venue: Feilding Civic Centre, 84 Aorangi Street, Feilding <http://www.feildingciviccentre.org.nz>

Provisional Conference Timetable

Registration opens daily from 7:30 a.m. and also between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday 5 April

Day 1

Thursday 6 April

8:00 a.m. Branch Management Meeting
9:00 a.m. Council Meeting
10:00 a.m. Optional Kimbolton-Rangiwahia field trip departs –returns before 5:00 pm
10:30 a.m. Morning Tea at Civic Centre
11:00 a.m. Annual General Meeting
12:00 noon Lunch
1:00 p.m. Industry Speakers Session
3:00 p.m. Afternoon Tea (time approximate)
5:00 p.m. Speakers Session concludes
6:00 p.m. Social Hour
7:00 p.m. Welcome Dinner

Day 2

Friday 7 April

8:00 a.m. Special Interest Groups meetings
10:00 a.m. A. Main party depart to Williamson's
B. Optional Cypress and Sequoia special Interest trip departs for Hunterville
12:00 noon Main party depart for Waipiko Farm (Dermer's) and Lunch
3:00 p.m. Depart for Stormy Point Lookout
4:30 p.m. Main party buses depart for Feilding
6:00 p.m. Social Hour
7:00 p.m. Awards Dinner

Day 3

Saturday 8 April

8:00 a.m. Buses depart for Santoft Forest
8:35 a.m. Arrive Santoft Forest
10:00 a.m. Morning Tea
11:00 a.m. Depart for Waitatapia (Dalrymples')

Day 3 Saturday 8 April Continued

11:15 a.m. Arrive at Waitatapia (Dalrymples')
12:30 p.m. Lunch
1:00 p.m. Optional side trip to Rangitoto Farm
Main party continue Dalrymples' tour
3:00 p.m. Main party arrive Rangitoto Farm (D. Hocking's) and afternoon tea
4:30 p.m. Buses depart for Feilding
Free evening in Feilding ensues

Day 4

Sunday 9 April

8:00 a.m. Buses depart for Goulters Gully
8:45 a.m. Arrive Goulters Gully
9:45 a.m. Depart for Ridge Road
10:00 a.m. Morning Tea at SLUI plantings
11:00 a.m. Depart for Saddle Road and Wind Farm
11:30 a.m. Regional geology talk at Wind Farm if conditions allow
12:00 noon Lunch at Murray's Nurseries
Viewing nursery operation follows
Supporting speakers on underlying science
5:00 p.m. Depart for Tui Brewery Social Function
BBQ Dinner and jazz entertainment
8:30 - 9:00 p.m. Depart for Feilding Civic Centre

Optional Day 5

Monday 6 April

8:00 a.m. Buses depart for Whanganui Options
Note Numbers limited for Option B
9:00 a.m. Option A arrives at Harvesting Site
9:30 a.m. Option B arrives at Bushy Park
11:45 a.m. Option B lunch at Bushy Park homestead
1:15 p.m. Option B departs for Whanganui River precinct to view river boat Waimarie etc.
4:00 p.m. Buses for both options arrive back in Feilding

KEY CONTACTS

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ACCOMMODATION

We have engaged i-site Palmerston North to manage accommodation bookings. **This service is provided free.**

Contact Travel Specialist:

Rachel Lamb, phone 06 350 1922
Email rachel@manawatunz.co.nz

Note that accommodation in Feilding itself is limited but there is plenty available nearby. Rachel will book people into Feilding establishments first if she can. Staying outside Feilding will add extra travel time into the length of your conference days.

It is advisable to book as early as you can.

Local Attractions There is plenty to see in the district but little time during the conference. Consider extending your stay a few days before or afterwards. Some attractions are open by appointment – we will assist in arranging times for parties if there is a demand. **Feilding:** Art Centre, Steam Rail Museum, Colyton Clocks, Maerewa Austin Mews, Rush Motor Racing Collection, Sale Yard Tours, The Coach House Museum, Thompson Motorcycle Museum. The Steam Traction Society. **Feilding Vicinity:** The Gables Classic Car Museum, Kimbolton Heritage Park*, Cross Hills Garden and Nursery*. **Wanganui:** Bason Botanic Garden, Bushy Park Sanctuary*, Waimarie Riverboat + Museum*, Sarjeant on the Quay Gallery, Tramshed Museum*. (* = included in Conference options) **For more information:** Feilding Information Centre, Aylmer Building, 10 Manchester Square, Feilding, phone 063233318, website www.feilding.co.nz

REGISTRATION FORM

SECTION ONE:

REGISTRANT DETAILS

“The Challenge of Diverse Landforms” – NZ Farm Forestry Association 61st Annual Conference 2017 - Feilding - Thursday 6 April to Sunday 9 April (optional additional Day Monday 10 April)

- Please use a separate Registration Form for each person attending (photocopies acceptable)
- Additional copies may be requested from the Registrar or downloaded from the NZFFA website www.nzffa.org.nz/conference/conference-2017
- You need to read all the information before completing the form
- Amounts are in NZ dollars and include GST
- **You can register online with your credit card at www.nzffa.org.nz/conference/conference-2017**

<p>Detach this page and forward with payment to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NZFFA MD Conference 2017 PO Box 254, Feilding 4740</p>	<p>To contact Registrar Jane Priest:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">phone 06 328 9852 mobile 021 239 3919 email mdconf2017@nzffa.org.nz</p>
<p>Full Registration per person for Main Conference incl. GST \$520 \$50 discount for early registration before 28 February 2017 Full Registration for Main Conference includes:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Conference literature and backpack</p> <p>Thursday Meetings and Industry Speakers Session at Civic Centre OR Kimbolton-Rangiwahia Tour option if selected Morning/Afternoon Teas, Lunch, Social Hour/Welcome Dinner</p> <p>Friday Special Interest Group meetings, Manawatu Environs Trip OR Hunterville Special Interest Group Trip if selected Morning/Afternoon Teas, Lunch, Social Hour/Awards Dinner</p> <p>Saturday Sand Country Field Trip, Morning/Afternoon Teas, Lunch [Saturday Evening is Free]</p> <p>Sunday Goulters Gully and Ridge Road Field Trip, Wind Farm, Morning/ Afternoon Teas, Lunch, Murray’s Nurseries, Tui Brewery BBQ</p>	<p>Daily Registration –Rates per Person per Event incl. GST are shown on the next page. The Registration Fee of \$50 applies to all Daily Registrations. [No additional Registration Fee applies to Full Conference registrants who take the optional Monday field trips to Whanganui.] A 10% discount applies to Daily registrations received before 28 February 2017.</p> <p>For both Full and Daily registrants, two free drink tickets (wine or beer) issued per person for each Social Hour and canapes provided. Wine provided on tables for Welcome Dinner and Awards Dinner. Two free drink tickets per person for Tui Brewery BBQ, otherwise cash bar.</p>

Title.....First Name.....Last Name.....

Postal Address.....

Telephone.....Mobile.....Name on Badge.....

Email.....

Special Requirements – Dietary/Medical.....

Other.....

Where Staying.....Contact phone.....

Partner (if attending).....(Remember they must register separately)

Emergency contact.....Phone (day).....(A/H).....

Arrival Date.....Time.....Flight Number.....Pick up required YES / NO

Departure Date.....Time.....Flight Number.....Drop off required YES / NO

Is this your first conference? YES / NO

Your contact details will be printed in the Conference Proceedings – unless you tick NO

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