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Mary Sutherland

FORESTER, BOTANIST & WOMEN'S ADVOCATE



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In 1916 Mary Sutherland became the first woman forestry graduate in the world, graduating from the University College of North Wales. It was daring to take up a male-only career when women's contributions were generally disregarded, and her job prospects were also affected by two world wars and economic depressions in England and New Zealand.

Mary was a founding member of the NZ Institute of Foresters, vice president for two years, and designed the official seal that today's logo is based on.

The skills she developed as a forester enabled her to move into botany and farm forestry. She also championed women's right to higher education and was active in the Federation of University Women. *A Path Through the Trees* tells the professional and personal story of this remarkable woman.

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