



## NEW ZEALAND FARM FORESTRY ASSOCIATION (Inc.) 64<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE

4~8 April 2020 - Invercargill  
“46° South Revisited”

*Members of the Southland Farm Forestry Association look forward to welcoming you to Southland for the Annual Conference. Return the attached registration form promptly and come enjoy southern hospitality. The Conference Centre is in the Ascot Park Hotel, conveniently located as you enter Invercargill on State Highway 1.*

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## Conference Programme

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### **Saturday 4 April Interest Group Meetings**

A day set aside for Interest Group meetings at the Ascot Park Hotel. There is allowance for up to eight interest groups to meet, with a projected meeting time of one hour. In the evening, there will be a dinner in the hotel at which it is expected that the Association's Patron will address us.

### **Sunday 5 April AGM and Strategy Talks**

Meetings continue – the Council, the AGM before lunch, then business sessions and strategy talks in the afternoon organised by the executive. There is an optional half-day tour to Curio Bay in the Catlins leaving at 9am.

In the evening the Opening Dinner will be held with a welcome by Mayor Sir Tim Shadbolt. The Minister of Forestry Hon. Shane Jones has been invited as guest speaker.

### **Monday 6 April Western Southland Field Day**

Buses depart the Ascot Hotel for western Southland where, at Pourakino (inland from the seaside settlement of Riverton, which is passed en route), we will be looking at a successful syndicate forestry operation now into its second rotation. Members of the syndicate will be on hand to explain the intricacies of their operation.

Lunch will be in Otautau as the buses take us towards central Southland and onwards to Ernslaw One's Avondale Forest. Operations Manager Trevor Tidey will coordinate a visit to the fire ponds where the company has developed the successful commercial farming of koura (the native crayfish).

The day will conclude back in Invercargill with the Awards Dinner and presentations in the evening.

### **Tuesday 7 April Central Southland Field Day**

The day begins with an industrial visit - to Kennington just east of the city, to the Niagara Sawmilling Company's sawmill and processing centre, to look at their finger-

jointing machinery. This, with other initiatives, has permitted the company to take sawlogs as input, to be processed in various ways with almost no resultant waste. Their relatively new and highly automated finger jointing plant is an important part of the process.

At 11 o'clock it's into the buses again for a journey to the lee of the Hokonui Hills in central Southland where we are to revisit an integrated farming and forestry family business. 3<sup>rd</sup>-generation Michael and Michelle Anderson (previous winners of the 1999 Husqvarna South Island Farm Foresters of the Year) will be on hand to explain their operations. Michael has prepared a series of tracks through several stands to allow everyone to view the variety of plantings, with several stops for explanation and discussion along the way. NB: This visit will involve a degree of uphill/downhill track walking.

In the evening, there will be a BBQ dinner at the hotel, and there will be the formal handover to the hosts of the 2021 AGM and conference.

### **Wednesday 8 April Northern Southland Field Day**

On the buses again : this time via State Highway 6 (the road to Queenstown) and northern Southland to Cainard Station at Fairlight in the upper Maitai River catchment, to visit Douglas fir plantings on this higher-altitude property. Cainard and Fairlight stations combine a high country farming operation with a planted estate of 3,630 hectares of Douglas fir. The forest manager will join us to explain the workings of this project.

On the homeward run, the buses will stop at Jollies Pass to view the problems associated with wilding pines which have germinated from soil erosion plantings in the 1960's on the western faces of Mid Dome (1478m).

The day is expected to be finished by about 4pm. A casual evening meal may be available at the hotel.

# Conference Timetable 4 ~ 8 April 2020

## **Friday 3 April – ASCOT PARK HOTEL**

12noon Registration desk opens.

## **DAY 1 Saturday 4 April – ASCOT PARK HOTEL**

7.30am Registration Desk open all day – Waihopai Room.  
8.00am Interest Group meetings – Takitimu Room Eucalypts.  
9.00am Cypress Interest Group – Takitimu Room.  
10.30am Indigenous & Broadleaf Groups meeting – Takitimu Room  
12noon Lunch in hotel foyer.  
1.30pm Redwood Interest Group meeting – Takitimu Room  
2.30pm AMIGO Interest Group meeting – Takitimu Room  
4.00pm Farm Forestry Timber Interest Group meeting  
4.30pm Forest Investors Group meeting – Takitimu Room  
6.00pm Pre-dinner drinks  
6.30pm Evening meal – Ascot Hotel – Guest Speaker Patron

## **DAY 2 Sunday 5 April – ASCOT PARK HOTEL**

8.30am Registration Desk open all day – Waihopai Room  
8.00am Council meeting – Otapiri Room  
9.00am Optional tour leaves - Curio Bay  
10.30am **Annual General Meeting** – Waiau Room  
12.00pm Lunch in hotel foyer  
1.00pm Business Sessions of AGM – Strategy – Takitimu Room  
4.00pm Company presentations – Mararoa Room  
6.00pm Pre-dinner drinks  
6.45pm **Opening Dinner and welcome** by Mayor  
**Guest Speaker Minister Hon Shane Jones**

## **DAY 3 Monday 6 April - Leader: Gary Morgan WESTERN SOUTHLAND FIELD DAY**

8.30am Buses depart Ascot Park Hotel  
10.00am Syndicate forestry – Pourakino  
12 noon Lunch at Holt Park stadium, Otatau  
1.30pm Leave for Ernslaw One's Avondale Forest  
Visit E1's koura management project  
5.00pm Return to Invercargill  
6.00pm Pre-dinner drinks  
6.30pm **Dinner and Awards Presentation**

## **DAY 4 Tuesday 7 April - Leader: Graham Milligan CENTRAL SOUTHLAND FIELD DAY**

8.30am Buses depart Ascot Park Hotel  
9.00am Visit Niagara Sm. Co's Kennington plant  
11.00am Buses depart for farm/forest at Hokonui  
12 noon Picnic lunch at Hokonui on-site (if wet, in barn)  
5.30pm Return to Invercargill  
7.30pm **BBQ dinner and 2021 Handover** – Ascot Park Hotel

## **DAY 5 Wednesday 8 April - Leader: Gary Morgan NORTHERN SOUTHLAND FIELD DAY**

8.30am Buses leave Ascot Park Hotel for Cainard Station (near Fairlight); Douglas fir forestry.  
12 noon Lunch on-site.  
1.30pm Mid Dome (wilding control).  
4.00pm Return to Invercargill.  
Evening free.

**NOTE:** We reserve the right to alter the programme where necessary without prior notice to participants.

## **CONFERENCE VENUE:**

### **ASCOT PARK HOTEL**

Cnr Tay Street and Racecourse Road

PO Box 711, Invercargill.

Phone: +64 3 219 9076

Email: [info@ascotparkhotel.co.nz](mailto:info@ascotparkhotel.co.nz)

Web: [www.ascotparkhotel.co.nz](http://www.ascotparkhotel.co.nz)

All meetings and functions will be held at the hotel/motel complex. Please consider the convenience of staying on site.

A special room rate applies.

Make your own bookings and mention the Farm Forestry Conference.

## **OTHER ACCOMMODATION**

A range of accommodation is available at motels on Tay Street. Bus pick-ups will be made only on Tay Street.

Admiral Court Lodge	03-217 1117
Balmoral Lodge	03-219 9050
Bella Vista Motels	03-217 9799
Birchwood Manor Motel	03-218 8881
Coachmans Inn Motor Lodge	03-217 6046
Colonial on Tay	03-217 6058
Hacienda Motel	03-217 6065
554 Moana Court Motel	03-217 8443
Monarch Motel	03-217 6114
Surrey Court Motel	03-217 6102
Tayesta Motel	03-217 6074
Townsmen Motor Lodge	03-218 8027
295 On Tay Motel	03-211 1295
388 Tay Motel	03-217 3881

## **TRANSPORT**

No cars allowed on field trips.

Airport Shuttle (214 3434) will provide group transport at reasonable cost.

## **REGISTRATION**

Registrations by **6 March 2020** please.

After this date they will incur a late payment fee of \$50.

## **CANCELLATIONS**

All cancellations are required in writing to the Registrar prior to 24 March 2020.

A refund will be processed less a \$50 administration fee. Cancellations received after this date will not be refunded.

**REGISTRAR: Lyn James**

Phone: 03-973 0519

Email: [lyn.james9810@gmail.com](mailto:lyn.james9810@gmail.com)

PO Box 6043, Invercargill North 9841.

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## Registration Form

**Registration Information**

- Please use a separate form for each person (photocopy acceptable).
- Additional copies can be downloaded from NZFFA website [www.nzffa.org.nz](http://www.nzffa.org.nz)
- It is important that you read all of the information before completing the form, including supplementary information on the NZFFA website.
- Amounts are in NZ dollars and include GST.

**Detach this page and post with payment to: Registrar, PO Box 6043, Invercargill North 9841.****Phone:** 03-973 0519 **Email:** [lyn.james9810@gmail.com](mailto:lyn.james9810@gmail.com)**Queries to Conference Chair****Ian Findlay** 03-217 8240[irfindlay41@gmail.com](mailto:irfindlay41@gmail.com)

SECTION ONE REGISTRATION DETAILS (One form per person) Please print clearly:		
TITLE:	FIRST NAME:	SURNAME:
ADDRESS:		
CITY/TOWN & POSTCODE		BRANCH:
PHONE:	MOBILE:	EMAIL:
NAME BADGE PREFERRED NAME:	First Name:	Surname:
PARTNER'S NAME (if attending)	First Name:	Surname:
ACCOMMODATION IN INVERCARGILL:	Name:	Phone:
SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:	Dietary	Other:
EMERGENCY CONTACT:	Name:	Phone:  Mobile:
ARRIVAL:	Day:	Flight:
DEPARTURE:		

Tick if this is your first NZFFA Conference

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Tick if you DO NOT wish to your details being printed in Conference Proceedings

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SECTION TWO: REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE	
(To assist with catering and transport arrangements - please tick)	
SATURDAY 4 APRIL	Interest Groups: Eucalypt <input type="checkbox"/> Cypress <input type="checkbox"/> Indigenous <input type="checkbox"/> AMIGO <input type="checkbox"/> Redwood <input type="checkbox"/> Timber <input type="checkbox"/> Investors <input type="checkbox"/> Oak/Broadleaved <input type="checkbox"/> Evening Meal <input type="checkbox"/> Council <input type="checkbox"/> AGM <input type="checkbox"/> Tour Curio Bay <input type="checkbox"/> Strategy <input type="checkbox"/> Opening Dinner <input type="checkbox"/> Western Southland Field Day <input type="checkbox"/> Awards Dinner <input type="checkbox"/> Central Southland Field Day <input type="checkbox"/> BBQ Dinner <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Southland Field Day <input type="checkbox"/>
SUNDAY 5 APRIL	
MONDAY 6 APRIL	
TUESDAY 7 APRIL	
WEDNESDAY 8 APRIL	

**Field day lunches:** Please note that lunches for the 3 field days are not being supplied : it is the responsibility of attendees to supply their own. The Ascot Park Hotel is offering lunch boxes if pre-ordered the previous day, at a cost of \$19.50 per person. These can be arranged by booking with the Registrar in the Waihopai Room. **Additional information** is contained in the NZFFA website - [www.nzffa.co.nz/](http://www.nzffa.co.nz/) - please read it.

SECTION THREE: CALCULATE YOUR FEES (all fees include GST)	
<b>FULL REGISTRATION (per person) \$620</b>  <b>If received after 6 March 2020 \$670</b>  Conference registration includes the following: ✓ Conference material and bag ✓ Saturday – Teas, lunch, meetings, evening meal ✓ Sunday – Teas, lunch, meetings, Opening Dinner ✓ Monday – Field trips, Awards Dinner ✓ Tuesday – Field trip, BBQ dinner. ✓ Wednesday – Field trip.  Does not include accommodation, or field-day lunches.  <b>Optional tour (Sunday am) \$50</b>  <b>TOTAL FOR CONFERENCE \$.....</b>	<b>DAY REGISTRATION (per person per day)</b>  Sat. Meetings and lunch \$35 ..... Welcome Dinner \$70 ..... Sun. Meetings and lunch \$35 ..... Optional tour \$50 ..... Opening Dinner \$70 ..... Mon. Field trip \$90 ..... Awards Dinner \$70 ..... Tues. Field trip \$90 ..... BBQ dinner \$70 ..... Wed. Field trip \$90 ..... Conference material & bag \$60 ..... Late payment fee after 6 March. \$50 .....  <b>TOTAL FOR DAY REGISTRATION \$.....</b>

SECTION FOUR: OPTIONS FOR PAYMENT	
This payment is for (Name) .....	
<u>Please circle one</u>	
A. Cheque/Bank Draft in favour of NZFFA Conference 2020	
B. Direct Credit to: NZFFA Conference 2020, Westpac A/c no. 03 1750 0449960-002 (please ensure your <u>surname</u> is shown as Reference so we can identify your payment)	
C. Credit Card: Visa / Mastercard Sorry, American Express not accepted.	
Card No.: .....	Expiry Date: ..... / .....
Name on card: .....	Signature: .....