

ANU Forestry Colloquium 2002: Biographical notes on speakers

Session 1

Lachlan Hunter

Lachlan has been a forester for about 34 years, starting as a woodman among real trees and finally spending most of the 1990s as a concrete jungle forester, trying to supervise ITTO's project program in tropical countries from an office block in Yokohama. In between he attended Oxford and Kyoto Universities, taught forest economics at the University of Canterbury (including study leave at the University of Melbourne), was executive director of the long gone NZ Forestry Council, and worked on consultancy assignments for various donors in Africa, Asia, the Pacific and the Caribbean. He also tries to grow trees.

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Ryde James

Ryde began his career in forestry in 1960 with the New Zealand Forest Service (NZFS), subsequently receiving scholarships from the NZFS and NZ Government to study botany at the Victoria University of Wellington and forestry at ANU. After graduation, he worked in forest planning at the NZFS head office, then as a scientist at the NZ Forest Research Institute. He took leave to obtain a doctorate from Oxford University. Returning to the NZ FRI, he eventually became program manager for the Plantation Management Research Group.

Ryde took up his current position (Senior lecturer in plantation management, silviculture to improve wood quality) in the Department of Forestry, ANU, in 1992.

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Bob Newman

Title of paper: Some Issues and Solutions for Marketing Farm Forestry Forest Products in Australia

R L Newman (Bob) has been consulting in forestry, forest products and environmental issues for some 30 years. His practice, RL Newman & Partners, centred in Canberra provides a full range of services and recently has merged with the widely respected Engineering Consultants, Gutteridge Haskins and Davey.

Bob Newman is a graduate in Forestry from the University of Melbourne and the Australian Forestry School and as well has qualifications in Business Administration and Wood Science.

He is Vice President of the Commonwealth Forestry Association, having served as its Chairman for several years in the 1990s.

As well, he has been strongly involved over the years in the Institute of Foresters of Australia, The Association of Consulting Foresters of Australia, The Australian Forest Growers, The Timber Preservers Association, and the Forest Industry Clubs.

His practice has carried out work in all Australian States on a regular basis and in USA, China, Ireland, PNG and Solomon Islands.

Currently, the practice audits 50,000 hectares annually of Australian plantations.

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Session 2

Shane Gilbert

Shane is the General Manager Strategy, State Forests of New South Wales.

In this capacity Shane is responsible for the positioning of State Forests of NSW to take advantage of the policy development and commercial opportunities in the rapidly emerging environmental services markets including climate change, renewable energy, salinity and biodiversity.

In this capacity he has been instrumental in developing the policy and legislative framework in NSW to take advantage of the carbon sequestration, renewable energy and land repair markets. He has contributed to the development of investment vehicles to successfully attract international investment in plantation forests in NSW that were compatible with the Kyoto Protocol.

In his previous careers prior to joining State Forests, Shane has been a Chief of Staff to Federal Cabinet Ministers and has had a fifteen-year career in the Australian Public Service where he operated in the Senior Executive Service across a range of portfolios.

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James Todd

James is a botanist with over ten years field experience in a wide range of Victorian habitats. He has worked variously for government departments, non-government organisations and as a private consultant. He has a keen interest in private land nature conservation and in particular the role that private land plays in maintaining biodiversity assets in fragmented agricultural landscapes.

James is currently Project Manager of the Victorian Government BushTender Trial — a policy initiative that is trialling a new approach to funding native vegetation management agreements on private land in two regions of Victoria.

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Digby Race

Digby joined ANU Forestry in 1998, and has over ten years of agroforestry and farm forestry experience in Australia and overseas.

His current research focus is analysing the social and economic outcomes of farm forestry for regional Australia, as a partner of the CRC for Sustainable Production Forestry. In addition, Digby has current (or recent) research contracts with the Commonwealth's Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry — Australia (AFFA), Australian Greenhouse Office, CRC for Greenhouse Accounting, Greening Australia Ltd., Dames & Moore NRM, Murray-Darling Basin Commission, and Food & Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations.

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