Environment and Nature in New Zealand Newsletter

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At the recent New Zealand Historical Association Conference in Auckland in late November 2005, the idea was mooted for a newsletter to be formed in order to link up people interested in topics relating to New Zealand and its environment. This includes people with interests in environmental history, landscape studies, literature and the environment, garden history, history of science, treaty history, and heritage issues.

This website aims to provide information about people and upcoming events, including conferences, books, seminars, etc.

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Current Projects: The X Club (famous white male, imperial scientists, located in London) The scientific community in N.Z. (c.1860-1910)  
Recent Publications (2004-6):
- ‘Lubbock, John (Lord Avebury) (1834-1913)’. In: Bernard Lightman...


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Current Projects: Chinese-New Zealand gardens; Japanese gardens in New Zealand; Asian-New Zealand nineteenth century medical science and forestry; Scientists educated in Scotland and northern Europe in British Empire and their contribution to natural history; colonial artist Alfred Sharpe; medical history; comparative Australian-New Zealand environmental history; ‘The Forgotten Romantic: Environment, Literature and Art in New Zealand, 1840-1920 (with Julian Kuzma); natural theology (with John Stenhouse).

Recent Publications (2004-6):
• “W. L. Lindsay, Scottish environmentalism, and the ‘improvement’ of nineteenth-century New Zealand”, in Tony Ballantyne and Judith A. Bennett, eds., Landscape/Community: Perspectives from New Zealand History, Dunedin, 2005, pp.43-56.
• Review of: Greg Bankoff, Cultures of Disaster: Society and natural hazard in the Philippines, in New Zealand


Other comments:
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Interests:
German connections with NZ and the Pacific, esp. German-Pacific scientific connections prior to WWI; European exploration of the Pacific; German anthropological interest in the South Pacific; Science History; Environmental History.

Current Projects:
German perspectives on environmental change in 19th century NZ; J.R. and G. Forster in NZ (1773 & 1774).

Recent Publications (2004-6):
(Select list only)


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**Current Projects:** Marsden funded project on Empires of grass: The transformation of the New Zealand Grasslands, 1850s-1920s. This involves a team of 8 historians and geographers and will result in several articles and a co-author book and University of Otago Humanities’ research cluster on the impact of sheep and dairy farming on the Mataura river basin in Southland, 1945 to the present. This involves working with a rural sociologist cum anthropologist of food and an ecologist.  
**Recent Publications (2004-6):**  

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**Current Projects:** Vice-President, Australasian branch of a global literature and environment network (www.asle-anz.asn.au); work on Wai 262 flora and fauna and cultural IP claim; occasional work on a book entitled *Writing the memory of rivers*  
**Recent Publications (2004-6):** Reviews in *Takahe* and *Canadian Literature* on environmental, indigenous rights and Māori language books; catalogue essay for Turi Park’s exhibit at www.idiom.co.nz  
**Other comments:** The ASLE literature and environment network complements this one (includes environmental historians/ecologists)

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**Current Projects:** Curating exhibition on 1913 strike for Museum of Wellington, City and Sea, working as researcher on Waitangi
Tribunal’s East Coast and Tongariro National Park inquiries

**Recent Publications (2004-6):**

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**Current Projects:**
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- God’s Own Country: Landscape & Literature in New Zealand – a book on environmental literature.  
- With Tom Brooking, ‘Land of the Long Environmental Silence: W. P. Reeves’ Ao Tea Roa as landmark environmental history’.  
- Writing a NZ historical romance.

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Current Projects:
• Governor-General history (UOP 06)
• Heartlands: NZ Historians Write About Places Where History happened (Penguin, Apr 06 co-edited with Ky Gentry)
• Chapter on Stone Store for Judith Binney book
• Helicopters (NZ) Ltd (Hazard Press 06)
• Reed Publishing (NZ) Ltd (Reeds 07)
• Anthology of Reeds writing (Reeds 07)
• Update of guide to writing local history (UOP 06) Te Ara entries Feb 06
• Recent Publications (2004-6):
Other comments: I am interested in environmental history, although it is not a primary research area.

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Recent Publications (2004-6):

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Current Projects: Ph.D.

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Environmental history (plant introductions and treatment, particularly c19th, settler/colonising adaptations to new environment/treatment of natural environment), Wellington heritage.

**Current Projects:**
Small publication entitled 'Heritage of Health: a brief history of medicine, maternity hospitals and motorways in Te Aro, Wellington' with Natasha Naus; research assistance for Associate Professor Don Garden (University of Melbourne) on historical El Niño weather patterns in N.Z.

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**Interests:**  
New Zealand’s nuclear history; Twentieth century New Zealand science and scientists  
**Current Projects:**  
PhD thesis on New Zealand’s nuclear history; Te Ara Encyclopaedia entry on Charles Cotton and changing ideas of landscape development in NZ  
**Recent Publications (2004-6):**  
**Other comments:**  
- Te Ara encyclopaedia entry on the Search for Radioactive Minerals in NZ due to go online in 2006.

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**Interests:**  
History of Science, History of Environmental Perception, History of Transport, History of Technology.  
**Current Projects:**  
The New Zealand Institute and a cultural history of New Zealand science, 1867-c.1905 (Ph.D. thesis in progress)  
**Recent Publications (2004-5):**  
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Interests:  
History of Australian (and comparative settler society) science  
Current Projects:  
environmental history of Australia, nationalism and science in settler societies  
Recent Publications (2004-5):  
• (with Tom Griffiths) ‘Environmental History of Australasia’, *Environment and History*, 10, 4 (December 2004)  
• *A Change in the Weather: Climate and Culture in Australia*, edited with Tim Sherratt and Tom Griffiths), Canberra: NMA, 2005.  
• *Strata: Deserts, Past, Present and Future*, edited with Mandy Martin and Mike Smith, Canberra: Goanna; Mandy Martin, 2005.  
In Press:  
Other comments: Co-ordinator of (Australian) Environmental History Network  

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Cultural history of nature especially the relationship between nature, popular culture, and citizenship, Specific interests include the popularisation of botany and natural history in museums, nature study in schools, tourism and outdoor recreation (especially tramping), the creation of parks and gardens, nature and aesthetics  
Current Projects:  
• Preparing a book about nature, popular culture and citizenship 1900-1960 for publication by AUP in its Studies in Cultural and Social History series (working title ‘A Proper Sense of Country’).  
Recent Publications  
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**Recent publications:**  

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Environmental history, historical geography, concepts of landscape, environment and technology, environment and popular culture

**Current Projects:**
Ph.D.: ‘Electric Landscapes: Electricity and Environment in 20th Century New Zealand’

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Environmental history (especially pre-contact)

**Current Projects:**
Ancestral land as a motivator for natural resource management

**Recent Publications (2004-6):**
- 2005a Research Report Freeman, Claire, Cheyne, Christine, Ellery, Norah, Ding, Paula
- *The Impact of Rising Property Prices on Coastal Settlement Communities* (My contribution was the material addressing impact on Māori coastal communities)
- 2005b Commissioned Research Report: Hokanson, Jeff, Chapman, Fred and Williams, Jim 2005; *ETHNOGRAPHIC INVESTIGATIONS AT CAMP GUERNSEY, WYOMING* Confidential report to the Wyoming Army National Guard.

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Empires of Grass (Marsden Fund project)

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- Environmental history of Canada (2 books)
- Recent Publications (2004-6):
  - “A Place for Geography?” New Zealand Geographer, (Special IGU Year Issue: Understanding Our Place in the World: New Voices/ New Directions), 60, 1 (April 2004), pp. 2-11
- “Shall We Linger along Ambitionless”? Environmental Perspectives on British Columbia” BC Studies Special issue “On the Environment,” #142/143 (Summer/Fall 2004), pp.5-67
- Lost in Translation, or, Adrift in Interdisciplinary Space,” BC Studies Special issue “On the Environment” #142/143 (Summer/Fall 2004), pp. 287-95
- “Of canoes, and pines, and rock-bound gardens,” Foreword to Claire Campbell, Shaped by the West Wind (Vancouver: University of British Columbia Press, 2004) (I am General Editor of the Nature/History/Society Series at UBCP in which this volume appears)

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**Call for Papers**

*Kōtuotu* co-editors, Professor Stephen Levine and Professor Paul Spoonley invite authors to submit research papers from all social science disciplines for consideration in future issues of the journal. Papers should be of high quality that can be expected to attract citations from other researchers, both international and domestic. As well as excellent disciplinary research, we welcome:

- Papers connecting social science research to other disciplines.
- Multi- and trans-disciplinary research.
- Links between research and public policy.
- Research into national and international trends and issues relevant to New Zealand.

All papers must be the original work of the author(s), and not under consideration by any other publisher.
For more information see http://www.rsnz.org/publish/kotuitui/
Please submit papers by email to: kotuitui@rsnz.org

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**Issue 1 of Kōtuitui: New Zealand Journal of Social Sciences Online to be launched in 2006**

The RSNZ’s newest journal, Kōtuitui: New Zealand Journal of Social Sciences Online, has been well supported since its establishment in July. The editorial team are currently compiling issue one, which is due to be launched early in 2006.

“Kōtuitui is the result of a dedicated team of eminent social scientists from different disciplines, tertiary institutions and research centres throughout the country working together and we look forward to celebrating its launch in next year,” said Steve Thompson, RSNZ Chief Executive. The peer-reviewed research journal encourages top-flight social science inquiry and research across all social science disciplines. The name Kōtuitui means interweaving and reflects the interdisciplinary nature of the journal. The journal will be freely available online facilitating the distribution of New Zealand social science knowledge both nationally and internationally.

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Conference

**Announcements**

Kahikatea forest, Westland
Nancy Adams

**Trans-Tasman Forest History: First announcement**

**Seventh Conference of the Australian Forest History Society**
29 January to 2 February 2007
Christchurch, New Zealand

Where? ..... For the first time, there is to be a forest history conference in New Zealand! The AFHS conference will be held in University Hall, a residential college of the University of Canterbury in Christchurch, with additional facilities provided by the University’s forestry school. The Hall has a conference room, accommodation in single rooms, and
provision for meals. For those preferring other accommodation, a list of nearby motels will be provided in mid-2006 with the registration brochure.

Christchurch is the largest city in the South Island of New Zealand, with direct flight links to Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Auckland, Wellington, Dunedin, and elsewhere. As one of the least forested parts of New Zealand at the time of European settlement, Canterbury Province became an early centre both for indigenous conservation and for exotic afforestation.

Visitors to Christchurch who wish to experience native forest in its fullest glory, both nothofagus and mixed podocarp, need only travel via Arthur’s Pass to the West Coast.

What? ….. In line with the six previous conferences, the New Zealand conference welcomes papers and presentations on every aspect of Australian forest history, and it is anticipated that there will be a strong attendance from Australia. As the first Society conference in NZ, however, there will undoubtedly also be a major contribution from New Zealanders, with greater than usual emphasis on NZ environmental and forest history.

The conference has been described as a Trans-Tasman Forest History Conference to encourage participants to consider links and comparisons between NZ and Australia’s environmental experience. Historical outlooks on both indigenous and exotic forestry and forests, as well as some papers on other environments, will be included.

For New Zealanders interested in their past and present forests, this is a unique opportunity to assess their country’s experience and to place it in an international context. Those from beyond the Tasman are also encouraged to attend and share their knowledge and perspectives.

When? ….. The conference will run from the evening of Monday 29 January through to the end of Friday 2 February 2007 and will include two full days and one half-day of papers, one afternoon and one full-day field trip, and a conference dinner. Field trips will be at least to Riccarton Bush and Banks’ Peninsula, with other possibilities further from Christchurch.

Who? ….. Australian Forest History Society conferences aim to be inclusive and sociable. They attract people from many different disciplines, occupations and walks of life. They provide a venue for the exchange of knowledge and outlook between foresters, activists, local people, and historians, geographers, biologists and other academics. Everyone is welcome.

The Australian Forest History Society was formed in 1988 and has members in Australia, New Zealand and other countries. It has held six earlier national conferences, in ACT, Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland, Tasmania and Western Australia. Earlier conference proceedings have been published, most of them in association with the Centre for Resource and Environmental Studies in the Australian National University, Canberra, ACT. The Society produces a regular newsletter and maintains contact with similar organizations devoted to environmental and forest history in other countries.

The aim of the Society is to advance historical understanding of human
interactions with the environment. While the Society’s main emphasis has been on Australian forest and woodland environments, previous conferences have also included contributions on forest environments in New Zealand, Asia and the Pacific, and on ecosystems other than forests. The Society does not provide a forum for advocacy of environmental or forest policy, but welcomes different perspectives. The Society operates without sponsorship. New members are welcome, but membership is not a condition for conference attendance.

For more information on the Australian Forest History Society Inc. and the latest information on the New Zealand conference, see the AFHS website: http://cres.anu.edu.au/environhist/afhsociety.html

Please e-mail the following details to starmulq@es.co.nz or mail them to Paul Star/Australian Forest History Society, History Department, University of Otago, PO Box 56, Dunedin, New Zealand.

**Expression of Interest Form**
Please record my interest in the seventh AFHS conference 2007 and send me further details when they are available.

Title...... First Name .................
Surname .................................
Address..................................
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Telephone ..............................
E-mail ....................................
I am interested in attending...........
I would like to offer a paper on .................
For accommodation I would prefer:

Single room in University Hall...........
Self-book in nearby motel.................
Make own arrangements ..................

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**Environment and Nature in Asia: Special Symposium**

Dunedin
2 September 2006

This special one-day symposium on Saturday 2 September 2006 aims to explore aspects of Asia’s environmental history. Speakers include scholars of environmental history, garden history, aesthetics, literature, garden history, and visual culture.

A Special Edition of the *New Zealand Journal of Asian Studies* in June 2007 will be devoted to selected papers from the symposium, as well as those by invited contributors.

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**The Cabinet of Natural History**

Department of History and Philosophy of Science, University of Cambridge (http://www.hps.cam.ac.uk/seminars/cabinet.html) welcomes papers on all aspects of the history of Natural History, including environmental history, and is a good venue for New Zealand historians to present work and receive feedback from an international audience.