

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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History of science: N.Z. c. 1800-1940;
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The X Club (famous white male, imperial scientists, located in London)
The scientific community in N.Z. (c.1860-1910)

Recent Publications (2004-6):

- 'Scientific Authority and Scientific Controversy in *Nature*: North Britain against the X Club'. In Louise Henson, Geoffrey Cantor, Gowan Dawson, Richard Noakes, Sally Shuttleworth, and Jonathon R. Topham (eds) *Culture and Society in the Nineteenth-Century Media*. Aldershot: Ashgate, 2004, pp. 223-235.
- 'Hirst, Thomas Archer (1830-91)'. In: Bernard Lightman (general ed.) *The Dictionary of Nineteenth-Century British Scientists*. 4 vols. Bristol, Thoemmes Continuum, 2004: vol. 2, pp. 973-77.
- 'Lubbock, John (Lord Avebury) (1834-1913)'. In: Bernard Lightman

(general ed.) *The Dictionary of Nineteenth-Century British Scientists*. 4 vols, Bristol, Thoemmes Continuum, 2004: vol. 3, pp. 1272-78.

- ‘Spottiswoode, William (1825-83)’. In: Bernard Lightman (general ed.) *The Dictionary of Nineteenth-Century British Scientists*. 4 vols, Bristol, Thoemmes Continuum, 2004: vol. 4, pp. 1889-91.

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Environmental history of New Zealand, India, Australia and China, colonial art history, comparative environmental history, nineteenth century German and Scottish science, medical history

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.
- with Dr. Paul Star, “State Forest Conservation and the New Zealand Landscape: Origins and Influences, 1850-1914”, in *Landscape/Community*, pp.17-29.
- Review of: Kavita Philip, *Civilising Natures: Race, Resources and Modernity in Colonial South India*, in *New Zealand Journal of Asian Studies*, 7, 2 (December, 2005), pp.
- with Dr. John Stenhouse, “God and the natural world in nineteenth-century New Zealand”, in John Stenhouse, ed., assisted by Antony Wood, *Christianity, Modernity and Culture: New Perspectives of New Zealand History*, Adelaide, 2005, pp.180-203.
- “Alfred Sharpe’s forest consciousness in New Zealand and Australia, 1859-1908”, in Michael Calver et al., eds., *Proceedings of the 6th National Conference of the Australian Forest History Society Inc.*, Rotterdam, 2005, pp.17-25.
- Review of: Greg Bankoff, *Cultures of Disaster: Society and natural hazard in the Philippines*, in *New Zealand*

- Journal of Asian Studies, 6, 2
(December, 2004), pp.193-6.
- “Rethinking Science, Religion and Nature in Environmental History: Drought in Early Twentieth-Century New Zealand”, “Special Issue: The Frontiers of Environmental History”/“Sonderheft: Umweltgeschichte in der Erweiterung”, *Historical Social Research/Historische Sozialforschung*, 29, 3 (November, 2004), pp.82-103.

Other comments:

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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)

- 2006. "die Königin der südlichen Welt?". Georg Forster und Neuseeland", *Georg-Forster-Studien XI* [forthcoming].
- 2006. [with Douglas G. Sutton] "The Case of Heinrich Wilhelm Poll (1877-1939): A German-Jewish Geneticist, Eugenicist, Twin Researcher, and Victim of the Nazis", *Journal of the History of Biology* [forthcoming].
- 2005. [with Wilfried Heller] *The 'Bohemians' in New Zealand – An Ethnic Group?*, Auckland, Research Centre for Germanic Connections with New Zealand and the Pacific, vii + 56pp.
- 2005. *Im Schatten zweier Kriege: Deutsche und Österreicher in Neuseeland im zwanzigsten Jahrhundert*, ed. by James N. Bade with the assistance of Gabriele Borowski and James Braund. Bremen, Edition Temmen, 391pp. [editorial assistant / translator / chapter author].
- 2005. "German-Speaking Scientists in New Zealand 1773-1951: Research Past, Present and Future", in: Bernadette Luciano and David G. Mayes (eds), *New Zealand and Europe: Connections and Comparisons* (= European Studies, vol. 21) Amsterdam, Rodopi, pp.173-187.
- 2004. "The Pacific Legacy of George Forster", in: *Europe's Pasts and Presents: Proceedings of the Fourteenth Biennial Conference of the Australasian Association for European History*, ed. by Stephan Atzert and Andrew G. Bonnelli. Unley [SA], Australian Humanities Press, pp.245-260.

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 impacts of farming, environmental history of
 New Zealand and New World comparisons,
 impact of British heritage, practice and
 attitudes on the environmental history of
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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 co-author
 book and University of Otago Humanities'
 research cluster on the impact of sheep and
 dairy farming on the Maitai 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):

- 2004 *The History of New Zealand*,
 Greenwood Press (USA) series.

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 Environmental history; literatures/arts & the
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 literature/culture/law
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:
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 environmental historians/ecologists)

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 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):

Essay on prefabricated housing in 1950s
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(*Journal of Society of Architectural History*
Australia and NZ) in 2006



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Environmental literature and history.

Current Projects:

- God's Own Country: Landscape & Literature in New Zealand – a book on environmental literature.
 - 'Introduction' to new edition of A. Rees' *The Merry Marauders (1913)*. (in press, Otago English Studies, 2006).
 - With Tom Brooking, 'Land of the Long Environmental Silence: W. P. Reeves' *Ao Tea Roa* as landmark environmental history'.
 - With James Beattie, 'The Forgotten Romantic: Environment, Literature and Art in New Zealand, 1840-1920'.
 - Writing a NZ historical romance.
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Heritage, local, imperial, business, transport history

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):
- Wellington: History, Culture & Heritage (UOP 2004)
- We Were Different: The Tasman Express Story (Ventures Two, 2004)
- *Frontier of Dreams* (Hodder Moa Beckett 2005, co-edited with Bronwyn Dalley)

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Recent Publications (2004-6):

- ‘Mana Maori Motuhake: Challenges to “kāwanatanga” 1840-1940’ [pp 163-170] and [with J. Stenhouse] ‘Ngā Poropiti me ngā Hāhi: Prophets and the Churches’ [pp 171-180] in Tānia M. Ka’ai et al (eds) *Ki te Whaiiao: An introduction to Māori Culture and Society* (Auckland: Pearson Educational, 2004).

Other comments:

I am interested in environmental history, although it is not a primary research area.

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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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New Zealand's nuclear history; Twentieth century New Zealand science and scientists

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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):

Popular articles related to thesis work include "Hot property", *NZ Listener*, 5 November 2005 and "Material evidence", *NZ Listener*, 27 August 2005.

Other comments:

- Article on Uranium prospecting on New Zealand's West Coast, 1950s-1970s (first presented at Historical

Geographers Conference in Auckland, December 2003) due to be published in *New Zealand Geographer* in 2006.

- *Te Ara* encyclopaedia entry on the Search for Radioactive Minerals in NZ due to go online in 2006.

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The New Zealand Institute and a cultural history of New Zealand science, 1867-c.1905 (Ph.D. thesis in progress)

Recent Publications (2004-5):

- "Isaac Frost's *Two Systems of Astronomy* (1846): plebeian resistance and scriptural astronomy" in: *British Journal for the History of Science*, 38:2 (2005) 161-177
- "'The democratic politician does not trouble himself with science': class and professionalisation in the New Zealand Institute, 1867-1903" in: *Tuhinga: The journal of scholarship and mātauranga of the Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa*, 16, (2005) 21-31.

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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.
- *Understanding the Environment: Bridging the Disciplinary Divides*, edited with R. Quentin, Grafton and Robert Wasson, Sydney: UNSW Press, 2005.

In Press:

Nature and Nation: Science, People and environment in Australia, Sydney: UNSW Press, (forthcoming, 2007).

Other comments: Co-ordinator of (Australian) Environmental History Network

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Current Projects:

- Co-curating an environmental history exhibition, *Blood, Earth, Fire. Whangai, Whenua, Ah iKä: The Transformation of Aotearoa New Zealand* – opening at Te Papa at the end of April 2006
- 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

Review essay of *The Wonder Country: Making New Zealand Tourism and Our Islands Our Selves: A History of Conservation in New Zealand* in *New Zealand Books*, August 2005



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New Zealand environmental history, forest
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Current projects:

Pasture development in New Zealand to
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New Zealand*

Recent publications:

- “Native forests to empires of grass:
The construction of New Zealand’s
grasslands”, in Michael Calver et al
(eds), *A Forest Conscienceness:
Proceedings of the Sixth National
Conference of the Australian Forest
History Society*, Millpress, Rotterdam,
2005, pp 575-585.
- Review of David Young, ‘Our Islands,
Our Selves: A History of
Conservation in New Zealand’,
Archifacts, April 2005, pp 103-106.

- (with James Beattie) “State forest
conservation and the New Zealand
landscape: Origins and influences,
1850-1914”, in Tony Ballantyne and
Judith A Bennett (eds),
*Landscape/Community: Perspectives
from New Zealand History*, University
of Otago Press, Dunedin, 2005, pp 31-
41.
 - “‘Doomed timber’: Towards an
environmental history of Seaward
Forest”, in Tony Ballantyne and
Judith A Bennett (eds),
*Landscape/Community: Perspectives
from New Zealand History*, University
of Otago Press, Dunedin, 2005, pp 17-
29.
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Ph.D.: 'Electric Landscapes: Electricity and
Environment in 20th Century New Zealand'

- 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
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Ancestral land as a motivator for natural
resource management

Recent Publications (2004-6):

- 2004 - a book chapter, "Traditional
Māori Images of Geographic Space",
in Kearsley, Geoff and FitzHarris,
Blair (Eds) 2004; *Glimpses of a
Gaian World*, School of Social
Sciences, University of Otago,
Dunedin, Pp 271 – 283.
- 2004b: Ph.D. thesis, '*e Pākihi
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Environmental History,
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Current Projects:

- Environmental history of Canada (2 books)
- Recent Publications (2004-6):
- "On Heroes, Hero-Worship, and the Heroic in Environmental History," *Environment and History*, 10, 2 (May 2004), pp. 133-51
- "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
- *BC Studies: On the Environment* Special Double Issue of *BC Studies* # 142/143 (Summer/Fall 2004). Guest Editor. ISSN 0005-2949; ISBN 0-9736638-0-4. 352pp
- "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)

- "Peeping Through the Cracks: Seeking Connections, Comparisons, and Understanding in Unstable Space," in J. Reid and S. Hornsby (eds), *Connections and Comparisons: New England and Atlantic Canada* (Montreal and Kingston: McGill-Queen's University Press, 2005), pp. 295-313, 404-6
- "Reflections on the Nature of an Urban Bog," *Urban History Review* XXXIV, 1 (Fall 2005 autumn), pp. 9-27. Special issue on *The Nature of Cities*, (with Sally Hermansen)

Call for Papers

Kōtuitui 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/>
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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.

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/envirohist/afhsociety.html>

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