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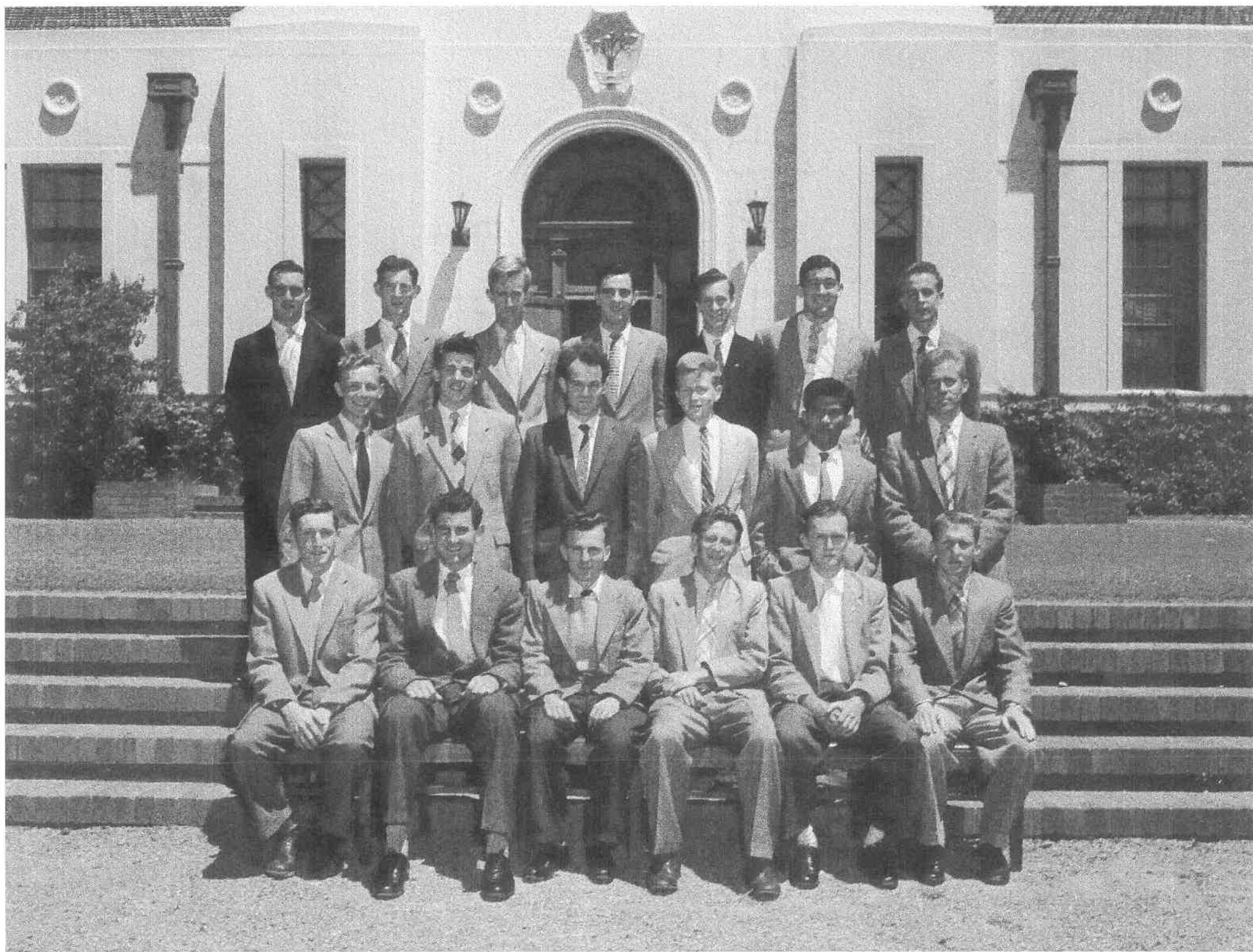
Biographical and career notes of former students

Compiled by Kim Wells



**The Australian
Forestry School
Year 2000 reunion**

1957



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The Australian Forestry School - Reunion 2000

Ex-student Resume

Name:

Bob ALLEN

Starting
year

1957

Qualifications (Qualification, Institution and year)

BSc (For) Sydney University 1959
Diploma of Forestry - AFS 1959

Awards (Post-graduate, Community, Honours etc.)

B. Bus (Admin) Riverina College of Advanced Education 1983

Family information

wife
3 daughters 1 grandson

Career highlights (positions, organisations, major projects) plus other activities, interests and reflections (during career and on retirement) - 250 words.

39 years with the New South Wales Forestry Commission.

Ranging from:-

Classification Surveys

Management of Native Forests

Establishment of large-scale Pine Plantations

Establishment of a new Forestry District (Walcha) to establish Pine Plantations

Administration of Forestry Regions

Establishment of the Albury Forestry Region

(Pine Plantations — Alpine Ash Forests — Cypress Pine Forests — River Red Gum Forests)

Administration of Forest Nurseries, Safety, Training etc.

Public Relations

Along the way, a member of many 'Forestry Related' organisations, those of significance being:-

Deputy Chairman of the Kosciusko National Park Advisory Committee

Various positions within the Institute of Foresters, of which I remain an active member

Thoughts and Reflections

What can I say!

Forestry has been a most enjoyable and rewarding time. Forestry people, by and large, are friendly, sincere, intelligent and caring for the environment.

The trends in recent years have concerned me. Forests that were managed with great care for many years have been transferred to Parks where management will be less than effective.

I have always been interested in the need to plant trees in the rural environment. However, I am concerned that, currently, large sums of Commonwealth money are being spent on encouraging farmers to plant trees, supposedly for future financial gain, in the lower rainfall areas where success is less than assured!

I am now retired and live on a few acres in rural Southern New South Wales.

My wife, of some 37 years, and I have a large garden and are planting an arboretum of rare and unusual trees. I belong to the local Bushfire Brigade and we are both very happy!

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Ex-student Resume

Name:

JOHN BECKHOUSE

Starting
year

1957

Qualifications (Qualification, Institution and year)

B Sc (For), Syd. Uni, 1959 ; Dip. For, AFS, 1959.

Awards (Post-graduate, Community, Honours etc.)

Family information

Married Lesley (ex-nurse, RCH) in 1959. 5 children
now in Newcastle, Sydney, Canberra, Timore.

Career highlights (positions, organisations, major projects) plus other activities, interests and reflections (during career and on retirement) - 250 words.

After postings to Taree, Blackheath, Urbenville, Raymond Terrace, Tumbarumba, Forbes, & finally ended up in Queanbeyan in 1980, where I went from District Forester to Regional Extension Forester to Regional Private Forests Officer. When, in the second restructure, it was decided to close Queanbeyan office, I decided it was time to retire. I was intending to pursue consulting, but became involved in other activities - local schools, community radio, etc - and "commuting" between Queanbeyan, Timore and Tumbarumba.

I am somewhat saddened to see what has happened to forestry in NSW.

Ex-student Resume

Name:

C. J. EDWARDS (JIM)

Starting
year

1957

Qualifications (Qualification, Institution and year)

BSc (For) University of WA & AFS.

Awards (Post-graduate, Community, Honours etc.)

No Postgrad. Paul Harris Fellow, Avst medal.

Family information

NIL

Career highlights (positions, organisations, major projects) plus other activities, interests and reflections (during career and on retirement) - 250 words.

I have had a simple career. With the Forests Dept. of WA I worked as a junior forester & over time assumed positions such as District Manager, Regional Manager & finally acting Chief of Division. In 1985 an amalgamation of the Forests Dept., wildlife & National Parks took place. I was Manager personnel & Director Operations & retired in 1991.

I don't think I'll bother about my reflections etc at this time. But no doubt if you prop me up in the corner of a bar with a glass of amber fluid & a smoke. I will be more forthcoming.

Ken Eldridge

After schooling in Melbourne and several other parts of Australia, I went to Melbourne University for a BSc and MSc in botany. In 1957 aged 22 I came to the AFS with a Commonwealth Forestry Scholarship for a one-year Diploma of Forest Technology, mainly taking second year subjects. It was a great year - good company, good accommodation, and good academic and field work. It was a privilege to have Max Jacobs as a teacher. He had a keen, critical and constructive approach to the application of botanical science in silviculture of native forests and pine plantations.

My first job was as a Research Officer with the Forestry and Timber Bureau. In a sense it has been my only job as I am still with CSIRO Forestry as an Honorary Fellow 42 years later. Marian and I were married in May 1958 and we lived for eight years at Traralgon, where our four children were born. I chose a job in Victoria because by getting a teaching position at Traralgon High School, Marian avoided having to pay the Victorian Education Department a huge bond for her university scholarship. At Traralgon I set up the Forest Experimental Station with Michael Hall of APM Forests Pty Ltd. My job was to start genetic improvement of radiata pine and Eucalyptus regnans. I was a pioneer tree breeder!

Then back to Canberra in 1966 for a PhD in forest genetics at the newly established Department of Forestry at the Australian National University, with generous help from a Commonwealth Public Service Post-Graduate Scholarship. In 1969 there was a vacancy in the tree breeding group in Canberra so the family were able to stay here, much to Marian's relief - she had had enough of Traralgon. Canberra was a good centre for travelling around and being involved in most of the tree breeding activities in southeastern Australia for 30 years. Also there was a lot of overseas travel.

One highlight of these busy years was around 1972 when I encouraged Richard and Val Routley, two philosophers at the ANU, in the preparation of their polemic "The Fight for the Forests" which rattled the cages of the Heads of Forest Services. That led to me being banned from entering NSW State Forests for a year. There was great satisfaction later in seeing State after State enacting legislation to prohibit clearing of native forest for plantations, and setting higher standards for harvesting and regenerating eucalypt forests for woodchip exports. Another highlight was the radiata pine seed collection in 1978 from the five native populations, a significant event in conservation of the genetic resources of this major "new" crop plant..

Marian stuck by me through all these years while she developed her career as a writer of fiction. She had four books published and I had one, "Eucalypt Domestication and Breeding". Thanks Marian.

Warwick Forrest

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6th December '99

Kim Wells, Bob Newman, Robin Cromer and other organisers
AFS Reunion 2000
ACTS, GPO Box 2200
Canberra. ACT 2601

Dear Colleagues from the past,

Firstly, let me apologise for the delay in making contact. Joan and I were excited to learn of the proposed reunion and we hope to be there. I received your correspondence a couple of months ago when we returned to Sydney after a few years working in Indonesia. We have moved a couple of times this year and I have mislaid the initial letter of advice, but I have the program details of 18th August and Kim's letter of 8 November.

Since retiring from the NSW Public Service in 1996, I have been engaged on a number of overseas aid assignments and it is quite probable (but not certain) that I will have another assignment next year. So there has been doubt about whether we would be in Australia in April or, if not, whether we would be able to return. But time is passing and our fate is still no clearer, so I should confirm with you our intent to get to the reunion if at all practicable. I should know in time to register before the end of February.

For Bob Newman, I have boxes of photographs from my time at the School, but these are in store and I won't get access to them till mid-February. I recall several that might be of interest and will get back to you as soon as possible, unless you advise you are already overwhelmed.

For Kim, I have no guidance on what is wanted for the "resume/biography". The 40 years since 1959 been a nice mix of conventional public service with unconventional interludes. The chronology includes:

1959 – 1977: NSW Forestry Commission;

January '59 to April '61, inventory and management plan preparation at Batemans Bay;
Highlights: Joan and I married and our first son, Wayne, was born. For irony, I have used the experience of drafting management plans as the basis for regional environmental improvement planning in the EPA and in guiding corporate planning for several environmental agencies, including the first in Indonesia. This was the first of many times when I was fortunate to have guidance from professionally capable seniors, in this case Graham Lugton and David Holmes.

-to December '65, silvicultural research at Coffs Harbour, rain forest and pine silviculture. Curiosity about why the pines at Barcoongerie plantation stopped growing at about 7 years prompted later post-graduate studies. *Highlights*: Son, Glenn, and daughter, Kim, were born. Guidance from Hugh Bell and George Baur was important. Our forays into direct seeding with southern pines also was fun.

From January 1966 to December 1968. I returned to Canberra for postgraduate study, initially for Masters but transferred to Ph.D. Les Carron, Bob Fenton (NZ) and I were to be the first students of the newly established Department of Forestry, ANU, to graduate with PhD. I learned much from Derik Ovington, and benefited greatly (in many different ways) from the wisdom of the faculty, such as Bachelard, Florence, Shepherd, Carron, Hamilton and Rudman.

-to February 1972, silvicultural research at Tumut. I still don't see any open plantations managed at the open spacing that I recommended as most productive and economic. Jim Watt and Brian Turner (at Head Office) gave me modest but lasting appreciation of the role of computers, and occasional visits from Wal Gentle were inspirational. This was my first experience at leading a small team of capable scientists; a joy that has now been repeated many times in widely different places and circumstances.

In late 1971 I was interested in an advertisement for a position in Nepal, but Andy Wood convinced me that was no place to take a young family and advised me to go to Laos instead – at the peak of the Vietnam war! Initially for two years with a brief to end the Laos reforestation project, it continued to be successful and we extended for a further 18 months. This first opportunity to use experience to assist others less developed was exceedingly rewarding and set the scene for “post-retirement” activity.

Shortly after returning to Sydney (August 1975), I took a secondment for 18 months with the then Public Service Board as adviser on scientific employment and issues. I don't know about the value of the advice, but for a NSW professional whose work experience was all more than 200 k from Sydney, this was a remarkable crash course in science management and Michiavellian bureaucracy. This new exposure prompted me to take a part-time MA degree at UNSW with Donald Horne, on Power and Privilege in Australian Society.

April 1st (some said appropriately) 1977, I made a career change, to environmental management with the then NSW State Pollution Control Commission. Mike Smith and I operated as almost token scientists in the SPCC's engineer-dominated management structure. But fate takes many curious turns, and I had become the Director of the SPCC by the time it was incorporated into the NSW EPA at its establishment in March 1993, and learned a lot more about the machinery of politics and bureaucracy along the way.

So my Public Service career ended with three years as Executive Director-Operations of the NSW Environment Protection Authority, and retirement (from the Public Service, not from life) in February 1996. This last period was overwhelmingly hectic. highlights interrupted only by drama. At retirement, I was able to give one view on the political

skills and environmental credentials of the nine NSW Environment Ministers to that time, seven of whom I had worked for. Most significant during this period, was to use the training in forest management planning learned at the feet of Kelly McGrath and practiced 30+ years earlier in the forests of the NSW south coast, to guide a strategic approach to environmental improvement in the eleven EPA regions, based on regional improvement planning.

Half of the period since "retirement" has involved working as team leader on several development assistance ("aid") projects; four months in the Punjab Province, Pakistan, on an AusAID project to assist the development of the Provincial Environmental Protection Department; nine months in Jakarta leading an Asian Development Bank project to prepare a master plan for massive ADB investment in the development of provincial and regional environmental institutions and, most recently, a further 18 months with the national environmental agency and the provincial agency of East Java Province, on an AusAID project for the development of pollution control and environmental protection capability.

In each case, the highlight has been the thrill and reward of working with the local professionals with deep commitment and enthusiasm, to make a small difference. At the more personal level, I had an early ambition to visit half of Indonesia's 27 provinces. I nearly made it, with visits to 13 provinces including Irian Jaya (West New Guinea), Riau (Sumatra), West Kalimantan (Borneo), North Sulawesi and, of course, Bali. More recent events have enabled my objective to be achieved by default. With the independence of East Timor, there are now only 26 provinces.

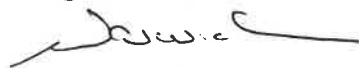
For those who might be sceptical, Joan and I will be on the earliest possible plane when (if) another assignment in Indonesia is offered. For wider interest, Joan has kept up and developed her interest and skill in handicrafts. The house is full of quilts, embroidery and dolls. Naturally, the few years in Indonesia, particularly, have added to the variety of materials, patterns and designs.

Looking ahead, we are currently negotiating to purchase a house at Point Clare, near Gosford on the NSW central coast, to which we will move in the New Year and eventually, more properly retire.

Well, Kim, that is longer than I intended, and many more thoughts intrude. Do with it what you will, or send me some guidelines and I will edit and/or elaborate on any aspect.

Again, Kim, we have noted your kind invitation to tea on the 28th and will be delighted to join with you, presuming we get to Canberra; I will keep in touch.

Meanwhile, regards and best wishes,



Warwick Forrest

The Australian Forestry School - Reunion 2000

Ex-student Resume

Name:

JOHN GODLEE

Starting
year

1957

Qualifications (Qualification, Institution and year)

B. Sc (FOR) W.A. '58 DIP. FOR (CAN) '59

Awards (Post-graduate, Community, Honours etc.)

Family information

WIFE ROSLYN
DAUGHTERS MEGAN, ROBYN

Career highlights (positions, organisations, major projects) plus other activities, interests and reflections (during career and on retirement) - 250 words.

NEW GUINEA.

O.I.C. KERAUAT (PLANTATION PROJECT) 1960-64

O.I.C. BULOLO (PLANTATION PROJECT) 1964-74

(LATELY AS REGIONAL FOREST OFFICER)

REGIONAL FOREST OFFICER - MADANG 1974-76

LECTURER SILVICULTURAL BULOLO FORESTRY SCHOOL

(SUBPROFESSIONAL TRAINING) 1976-77

PRINCIPAL, BULOLO FORESTRY SCHOOL 1977-80

FAO.

HEAD OF PROJECT (SUBPROFESSIONAL FOREST TRAINING)

LESOTHO 1981-82

HEAD OF PROJECT (SUBPROFESSIONAL FOREST TRAINING)

BURMA 1984-85

RETIRED TO PLAY GOLF AND GARDEN!

The Australian Forestry School - Reunion 2000

Ex-student Resume

Name:

TED MANNION

Starting
year

1957

Qualifications (Qualification, Institution and year)

DEP. FOR. (AFS - 1958) BSC FOR. (U.Q. - 1959) MF (Yale - 1963)
B.Sc (U.A. - 1970)

Awards (Post-graduate, Community, Honours etc.)

Family information

WIFE PAT, DAUGHTERS HEIDI (1963) &
MICHELLE (1966)

Career highlights (positions, organisations, major projects) plus other activities, interests and reflections (during career and on retirement) - 250 words.

LIFE in FORESTRY (TED MANNION)

My career, until my first retirement in 1990 was spent with the Old. Dept. of Forestry. After 3 years of a mixture of FIS, H.O silviculture and District work I received a scholarship to Yale where I felt quite at home - met up with fellow Aussies Ian Ferguson, Dave Bynd and Brian Turner. Pat & I were looking forward to a second honeymoon on the 5 weeks voyage to the US, but ran into Dave Bynd as the ship went through the Heads!

On return to Australia I was appointed to the Management section, H.O. (Freehold applications). After 3 years there the 330 to 1 shot came up when I opted to become the biometrician for the Dept. (remember those statistics classes at AFS) The carrot was a return to part time uni for a maths degree and a year of history & tradition at the CFI Oxford. I stayed in the position of Biometrician for some years until the urge to get some dirt under my nails became too strong and I took up a position in the Division of Operation (silviculture)

The most interesting and rewarding part of my career started in 1982 when appointed Team leader for the Dongmen Ecological Afforestation Project in Guangxi (Southern China). The Mannion family spent 3 yrs. there and returned in 1988 for the remaining two years of the Project. The intervening two years were taken up in North Old. as D/F Atherton (swapped positions with Keith Gould) where I was occupied more so with conservation issues than with conventional forestry. This N.O. stint actually led to my return to China. The Chinese bureaucracy was difficult to deal with but ~~not~~ babes in the woods compared to the "greenies"

I retired from the QFS more or less after returning from China. Then followed a 3 month consultancy in Vietnam and two consultancies of one year each in the Philippines. My 3rd & final retirement was in 1996 and that will remain permanent. My present interests are lawn bowls (social play & administration), tennis (doubles with a large regret), an interest in racing and enjoying life in general. Travelling is still a major part of life. In reflection, I find it difficult to think of a more satisfying career.

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Ex-student Resume

Name: **Geoffrey Frederick MARTIN (Geoff)**

Starting year **1957**

Qualification

Bsc Dip For

Awards (Post-graduate, Community, Honours etc.)

Family information

Wife of almost 40 years - Dawn

Daughter Lisa - Veterinary Surgeon Grafton, married 3 children

Son Ben - Solicitor, Norton White, Sydney, married 2 children

Son Adam - Solicitor, Finemores Transport, Wagga Wagga, married

Career highlights (positions, organisations, major projects) plus other activities, interests and reflections (during career and on retirement) - 250 words.

In late 1959, having been the odd jobber in NSW Forestry Head Office for Jack Henry, Bert Porter and others in the Forest Management Section, I achieved, with a posting to Kempsey Forestry Office, my objective to work in (enjoy) the native forests of the NSW north coast.

After being somewhat disillusioned by the prolonged wet weather of the early 60's I jumped from the frying pan to national park management at Kosciusko where I struck the heaviest winter on record (1964) and then the worst fire season (1965). With that introduction the new career path became most enjoyable although political involvement and grandstanding was testing and different from forestry practice of those times. With the establishment of the NSW National Parks and Wildlife (NPWS) in 1967 I had 4 years as Superintendent at Royal National Park and 4 years as Superintendent back at Kosciusko. I was lucky to return to the north coast in 1976 to Grafton as the first Regional Director appointed by NPWS, in charge of the NE quarter of NSW

I rode the wave of political and community enthusiasm for nature conservation over the next 20 years and I feel my greatest achievement was having a key role in the proclamation of the national parks and World Heritage Areas of northern NSW. I was put out to pasture in 1995

In the early 1980's I established an avocado/mango plantation on the northern edge of Grafton (within the flood levy system) and it still provides a superb residential locale and background activity.

Since 1996 I have been embroiled in a health odyssey with a rare gut cancer. During the ups and between baby sitting grandkids and fishing and relaxing at our Crescent Head beach house, my wife and I are squeezing in the compulsory golden age trips around Oz and overseas.

I look forward to continuing my diverse life style.

GEOFF MARTIN

The Australian Forestry School - Reunion 2000

Ex-student Resume

Name: DAVID ROSE

Starting year: 1957

Qualifications (Qualification, Institution and year)

Awards (Post-graduate, Community, Honours etc.)

Family information

Career highlights (positions, organisations, major projects) plus other activities, interests and reflections (during career and on retirement) - 250 words.

In 1960 married Jennifer Mannigel (who I had met at the Forestry School Ball in '57) and the same year left the Division of Wood Technology, Sydney to be full-time artist.

In 1962 commenced part time teaching of printmaking at the National Art School, East Sydney.

We travelled in Europe for 15 months in 64/65, studying etching in Barcelona, and producing a series of lithographs.

Our daughter Kristen was born in 1971, and our son Champion in 1973.

Since 1976 I have lived and worked in Ourimbah, on the Central Coast of NSW.

In 1980 Jen was diagnosed with breast cancer which was already metastatic, a crisis she met with great courage, her fight ending in September 1982.

I'm now married to Hannelore, a mother of two, who also lost her partner through cancer.

No grandchildren yet though, not any immediate prospect of any.

After a 10 year break from teaching, taught printmaking part time at Division of Fine Arts, University of NSW 1986-90. See over →

DAVID ROSE (Contd)

professional career

Since 1961 have had over 40 solo exhibitions and have represented Australia at over 35 international Print Biennales (USA, Britain, Japan, Germany, Yugoslavia, Italy, Norway, Poland)

Works represented in the National Gallery Canberra (now going on w.w.w.), all State Galleries, many Regional Galleries, Museum of Modern Art New York, New Parliament House, many University & corporate collections.

Name: Geoff Sweet

Starting Year: 1957

Qualifications: B.Sc. NZ 1955; Dip. For. (Dist) Canb. 1958. Schlich Medal

Postgraduate, etc. Ph.D. (Wales) 1967. D.Sc (NZ) 1978. Fellow, NZ Institute of Forestry (1988).

Family Information: Married Margaret, 1959. 3 children: Robert, b. 1961; Sarah, b. 1963; Andrew, b. 1966.

Career highlights: Early after leaving Canberra I discovered that the only alternative in NZ Forest Service to being transferred around the country every 3 years was to work in research. FRI in Rotorua thus got stuck with me from 1959 to 1985. By that time the kids had grown up and a bit of movement seemed in order. Having enjoyed being a student at the Australian Forestry School, the School of Forestry at University of Canterbury seemed an option. It proved much cheaper to get into the mountains from Christchurch than from Rotorua, so I worked there for 10 years until retirement beckoned. In retirement I consulted to the science sector for some 3 or 4 years.

I guess in retrospect that my career has been as much involved overall in science as in forestry. By moving to the university system at a significant time, I managed to avoid the worst impact of "user pays". Undoubtedly, research was much more fun in my 40 years than it is today. I share with most AFS graduates the belief that my 2 years at Canberra were an instrumental framework for my subsequent working life, and am thus extremely appreciative of the time I spent there.

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Ex-student Resume

Name:

Starting year

Qualifications (Qualification, Institution and year)

Awards (Post-graduate, Community, Honours etc.)

Family information

Career highlights (positions, organisations, major projects) plus other activities, interests and reflections (during career and on retirement) - 250 words.

Brian Turner (1957) Biography

After graduating from AFS, I began work as a forester in 1959 in Bulahdelah (NSW) doing management assessments and plans with Dave Hills and Barry Peick for about 18 months and then moved to Bellangry (Wauchope District) where Aussie Bourne and John Cousins were the senior foresters. The Forestry Commission sponsored me to go to Yale University on half pay in 1961 to do a Masters and I stayed another year to do the coursework for a Doctor of Forestry being joined by Ian Ferguson, Dave Hynd and Ted Mannion. After marrying Roberta Chaney from Indiana in 1963 we moved to Sydney where I worked mostly under the direction of Jack Henry in the Management Branch as a computer programmer, inventory specialist and statistician. When I arrived we had access only to a mainframe computer owned by the Public Service Board in Australia Square. It had 2K of memory and 4 tape drives. Many's the box of punched cards I carried down Margaret Street. In the 7 years we were in Sydney, I finished my dissertation using data collected by Dick Curtin and we adopted two children, Allison and Andrew.

In 1969 I decided I needed a change and after nearly taking a job with the Canadian Forest Service, opted for a lecturing/research position at Pennsylvania State University School of Forest Resources. I remember Bill Muir saying at my HO farewell that he was pleased that I was going to Penn State and not the State Pen! I found that PSU was in a delightful valley (called Happy Valley by the students) in central Pennsylvania in a smallish town called State College. We bought a house that had four levels if you count the usable attic and basement and settled in for what turned out to be 15 years. As well as teaching and doing research in the things I knew something about (inventory and forest management) I also got involved in an interdisciplinary group which was writing computer programs to analyse data from the then new satellites collecting earth information. We had some nice funding from NASA for that. A principal figure in the successful launch of the latest Landsat (No. 7) was my first Masters student. I also was part of a group which did research for the National Park Service which landed me the opportunity for visits to some interesting parks the most memorable being a project on river running through the Grand Canyon. I kept in contact with forestry in Oz through a sabbatical and other visits and when I learnt that Les Carron was retiring I thought this might be the time to return. I had reached the rank of Professor, the kids were finishing high school and even Roberta was ready for more blue skies and less snow.

I was appointed a Reader in Forestry at ANU in 1984 and we moved, eventually to another house with stairs in Hackett. Our teenagers made separate return trips to the States but eventually decided Australia wasn't so bad. Allison lives in Canberra and now has three boys, Daniel (now 14), Toby and Jessie. Andrew opted for warmer climes and now lives in Noosa. Roberta has worked in several social work jobs and is now taking a course in art therapy. To support her art interests we have turned our garage into a studio. I am still teaching forest management and planning, mostly to senior forestry students, and guiding graduate students in remote sensing, forest modelling and related fields. I seem to get involved in a number of consultancies, particularly recently around the RFA process. This all doesn't give me much room to do much else but I do a few things like being Treasurer of the local Prisoners' Aid, Inc, and various Quaker activities. Someday I'll think about retiring. (633 words)

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Ex-student Resume

Name: KIM WELLS

Starting year 1957

Qualifications (Qualification, Institution and year)

B.Sc (For) Sydney University, Dip For (AFS) 1958
Awards (Post-graduate, Community, Honours etc.)

B.Sc. (Oxford) M.Sc. (For) Berkeley, California, Ph.D. ANU

Family information

Son Thomas 15 years
daughter Clea 13 years

Career highlights (positions, organisations, major projects) plus other activities, interests and reflections (during career and on retirement) - 250 words.

Began serious forestry (after a few months living in a hut at Uriarra) on assessment in the wilds of Tasmania till 1961 when I followed in the wakes of apple boats to the UK where I undertook further studies at the Commonwealth Forestry Institute, Oxford. From there landed a job as Research Forester in the Northern Territory. Got out ^{after} a couple of years before the rum got me, to spend two very enjoyable years at the University of California, Berkeley, USA. Joined the CSIRO Ecology Section in January 1967 and stayed on for 24 years as a quasi-scientist working in various CSIRO Divisions till involuntary retirement from the Division of Forestry, Hobart in 1991. Since then I have worked in some interesting consulting positions, notably with the Resource Assessment Commission, but reached unplumbed depths when I had to join the Commonwealth Public Service for many months because there was nothing else - rude shock!

Still soldiering on, working at various things - the children are young yet!

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Ex-student Resume

Name:

IAN WHITESIDE

Starting
year

1957

Qualifications (Qualification, Institution and year)

B.Sc (Auckland University) 1955. Dip. Forestry (Canberra 1958)

Awards (Post-graduate, Community, Honours etc.)

Family information

Married. 3 children

Career highlights (positions, organisations, major projects) plus other activities, interests and reflections (during career and on retirement) - 250 words.

Employed by N. Z. Forest Service 1955-1991 (until retirement).

1959-63 District Forester at Tapanui, South Island (exotic plantations)

1963-69 Timber Officer at Auckland Conservancy Office, specialising in utilisation development.

1969-76 Principal Timber Officer Utilisation Development Division, Head Office, Wellington. Assisted in development of numerous standards for timber and wood products. Active in development of machine stress grading.

1976-1991 Scientist at Forest Research Institute, Rotorua.

1976-80 In Wood Utilisation section.

1980-88 Member of Radiata Pine Task Force (1980-84) and the Conversion Planning Project Team (1984-88), which developed integrated management system and computer-based decision support system for radiata pine plantation forestry, incorporating links between growing, processing and marketing. Personal contributions were in development of log grading rules, production of log grades from different sites and silvicultural regimes, development of sawmilling simulation model, and formulation of grading rules for clear and clear cutting grades.

1988-91 In Forest Management Group. Manager of STANDPAK, the computer-based decision support system for radiata pine plantation management.

AFS REUNION APRIL 2000

NAME: Jim Williamson

STARTING YEAR 1957

QUALIFICATIONS:

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| BSc | Melbourne University | 1956 |
| Dip For | AFS Canberra | 1958 |
| MF | University of Michigan | 1965 |
| MSc (Env Sci) | Murdoch University | 1984 |

AWARDS, HONOURS: Fellow of the Institute of Foresters of Australia

FAMILY INFORMATION:

Married 1968 to Heather Patroni, 2 children (Emma born 1971, Michael born 1974).

Separated 1978, divorced 1984.

With Pauline Tresise since 1985, whereby I also acquired 2 stepsons (Rafael and Jamie).

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

My forestry career in Western Australia began in 1959. For ten years I lived in country towns like Dwellingup, Kirup, Harvey, Pemberton and Manjimup mostly doing forest inventory work in both hardwoods and pines, as well as a few years district operations work. It was just unbelievable to be paid for doing what was so enjoyable.

By 1980 I was head of the inventory section of the WA Forests Department (FD) and responsible for 65 people. When the FD joined with National Parks and Wildlife Research to form CALM (Department of Conservation and Land Management) I became manager of planning branch and remain so at 2000, although my title is manager planning and visitor services because I have responsibility for 3 more sections - recreation site design and landscape management; visitor interpretation; and land administration- as well as management plans.

Highlights and major projects:

1961 : Being in Dwellingup on 24 January the night it was burnt out by the Dwellingup fire. (I can still hear the roar of the flames of the crown fire as it engulfed the town.)

1960-1964: The air photo interpretation of much of the State Forest in WA.

1964-65: A year studying forestry full time and travelling in the United States.

1970: Inventory of cypress pine in the Mitchell Plateau area of the north Kimberley of WA.

1972: Completing the first comprehensive inventory of forest resources in WA.

1974: Leading the team developing the successful mapping of jarrah dieback disease.

1980-1983: Supervision of the first inventory of sandalwood in the goldfields and pastoral areas of WA.

1980: Revisiting the Mitchell Plateau in both the dry season and, 3 months later, the wet season. Mitchell Falls are dramatic in the dry and unbelievable in the wet.

1982: Coordinating and editing the last General Working Plan (No 87) of the Forests Department before it became part of CALM.

1990: Taking part in a week long workshop run by the local aboriginal people at Mt Cotten in Rudall River national park.

1998: The feeling of humility after being thanked by an aboriginal elder after running a workshop for aboriginal people in connection with the preparation of the management plan for Millstream national park in the Pilbara.

OTHER INTERESTS, ACTIVITIES, REFLECTIONS:

The IFA (Institute of Foresters).

After being a committeeman and secretary I became chairman of the WA division in 1977.

Travel

At first it was to the USA, Europe and Indonesia. Now it is just back to France every few years as we own a small place, built about 1450, in a medieval town in south west France not far from the Lascaux caves.

In 1960 Jim Edwards and I held the record time for the ascent of Bluff Knoll in the Stirling Ranges in southern WA.

In 1979 I went on a water management study tour of Israel for one month organised by the Muresk campus of Curtin University. It was as interesting for the archaeological and historical aspects as much as for the water management aspects.

In 1982 I did the 12 day trek in the Himalayas from Pokhara north to the Annapurna Sanctuary and back. It was a fantastic pilgrimage for me amongst those high snow covered mountains.

Reflections.

Given my time over I would still do forestry. For me it has been a satisfying mixture of the scientific, practical and social aspects of life, especially rural life. For rural life read real life.

The community in WA has recently, in my view quite wrongly, withdrawn some of its respect for forestry. I think over the next few years that respect will be regained.

And the two years at the AFS - surely some of the best years I've had. The conviviality, the mixture of lectures, field trips and sport were superb.