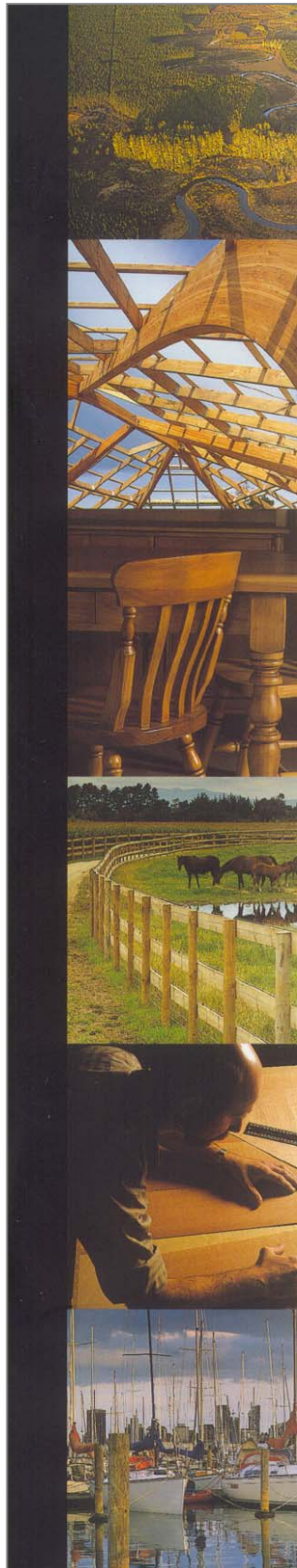


Woodco

Wood Council of New Zealand Inc



Annual Report to 30 June 2006



**Chairman's Report
Doug Ducker**

The Wood Council of New Zealand (Woodco) was successfully incorporated under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908 on 2 March 2006. As such, this Annual Report includes a brief Chairman's report and the financial statement of accounts to 30 June 2006.

The initial Chair of Woodco was Tony Johnston and his efforts during the formation are appreciated. From 5 September 2006 I took up this role following nomination from the Wood Processors Association and with the full support of the Board. I have compiled a brief report on the activities of Woodco to 30 June 2006.

Woodco's members include the following associations:

1. Wood Processors
2. Forest Owners
3. Farm Forestry
4. Pine Manufacturers
5. Forestry Industry Contractors

The interim Board of Woodco includes the following who have indicated their availability for reappointment at the Annual General Meeting on Thursday 23 November 2006:

Processor's Group

1. David Anderson
2. Brice Landman
3. Marty Verry
4. Owen Griffiths

Producer's Group

1. Peter Berg
2. Phillip Langston
3. Lees Seymour
4. Mike Halliday
5. Jacob Kajavala

Woodco has a management committee that comprises the Chief Executives of the member associations. The management committee is the team responsible for significant projects, such as ForWood.

From the inception of Woodco and following on the excellent coordination program of the Establishment Board under Rick Christie the focus has been on building the representation of the total Forest Industry under a common umbrella organization.

Progress has been made on the Forest and Wood Products Strategic Plan with the objective being "to improve sustainable profitability at all levels of the value chain"

The plan highlights needs in Research and development, technology transfer, marketing and sales, operating infrastructure, public relations and leadership.

The new organization has been successful in establishing joint industry funding to support Government funding to enable development of initiatives such the forWood project and work progressed with the Trade Access Group, both in association with FIDA.

The operation of Woodco remains on the basis of a lean organisation with the support of FOA, WPA and PMA executives invaluable in providing effective outcomes.

It will take some time to build the reputation of Woodco and inherently this requires demonstration of stability in operation and full representation of the organization.

By taking the Chair, I am targeting to enhance the collective position of all aspects of the Forest Industry through the use of the collective strengths of the established industry associations.

As Tony Johnson noted 'The achievement of a pan industry under the forWood banner was an historical industry first, and an indication of what can be achieved by the industry working in a collaborative manner.

Doug Ducker - Chairman