

Welcome to issue 34 of the Network for Women in Forestry (NWIF) newsletter. If you would like to subscribe to receive the newsletter directly please email sonya@blackburnegroup.co.nz. **This newsletter is for you, Women in Forestry, and we welcome your feedback and suggestions for future content.**

Women Stand Tall and Proud

As the shortlist for this year's Fairfax Media and Westpac Women of Influence Awards is announced, Laura Walters profiles two women making waves in New Zealand.

Julie Bartlett

Julie Bartlett has helped young people with disabilities gain the respect and pride of their loved ones through her performing arts charity StarJam, now she's shooting for the moon.

Bartlett has been named a finalist in this year's Fairfax Media and Westpac Women of Influence Awards in the newly added arts category.

The Auckland set up the Remuera-based charity with her husband, Roy Bartlett, in 2002.

Bartlett said she was inspired by her late younger brother who had Down Syndrome, after he gave an "inspiring, spontaneous" speech at her wedding that had a massive impact on her guests.

Even old friends started treating her brother, Ross Moses, like a real person for the first time, she said.

The charity, which gives young people with disabilities the chance to perform through music and dance, gives its "jammers" the opportunity to be themselves.

Bartlett said she was proud of herself for not being discouraged by people who said that her vision was not achievable.

Bartlett, who was made a member of the New Zealand Order of Merit last year, said it would be a step in the right direction if women's achievements were seen as normal rather than extraordinary.

This is a newsletter for you - the Women in forestry. Please email us and let us know what you want to see and read about in the next newsletter.

Beatrice Faumuina

Sports star and role model Beatrice Faumuina is helping develop a new voice for Pasifika through her work to create strong leaders in the Pacific community.

The former discus thrower and Dancing with the Stars competitor has been named a finalist in the second annual Fairfax Media and Westpac Women of Influence Awards for her work in fostering much-needed Pasifika leaders.

A world champion, World Cup champion, four-time Olympian, Halberg Award-winner and two-time Commonwealth champion and record holder, Faumuina began her leadership journey as one of New Zealand's sporting heroes and has achieved success again by forging a path of excellence for the next generation of Pasifika leaders.

In 2005 she was made a member of the New Zealand Order of Merit for her services to athletics.

Faumuina has headed the BEST Leadership Academy since its inception in 2010.

The leadership course aimed to lift incomes and living standards in New Zealand's Pacific Island community by increasing the number of Pasifika people starting and leading Kiwi businesses and organisations.

Almost 40 Pasifika business leaders have undertaken the Auckland course so far after being nominated by their employers.

The 38-year-old said the course helped Pacific Island leaders reach their potential by instilling them with more confidence in their abilities.

Faumuina said the course's success to date had exceeded her expectations.

The course also assisted employers by increasing awareness of traditional cultural and behavioural values of Pasifika people.

Source: www.stuff.co.nz/WOINZ, 24 August 14



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Rural women to be recognized

By Ilona Hanne

Entries are now open for the Enterprising Rural Women Awards, offering women running small rural businesses the opportunity to boost their profiles and gain recognition for their achievements.

"This is the sixth year we've run the awards and we're already fielding inquiries from women keen to enter," says Rural Women New Zealand national president Wendy McGowan.

Last year's supreme winner, Diane Coleman, of Treeline Native Nursery in Rotorua, says business is booming after the publicity that followed her win.

Though entering the awards may be outside some people's comfort zone, Diane encourages rural businesswomen to pluck up the courage, as she did.

"Winning this award has been a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that was challenging, exciting, scary, fun, humbling and has really put my business on the map."
 - Diane Coleman

There are four award categories:

Love of the Land - sponsored by Agrisea - for all land-based business, from animals to agriculture.

Help! I need somebody - sponsored by Access Homehealth - for businesses providing any type of service - from retailers to agricultural contractors.

Making it in Rural - sponsored by Telecom - for businesses that involve manufacturing or creativity.

Stay, Play Rural - sponsored by Xero - for businesses engaged in rural tourism or hospitality.

To enter the awards, women have to own and operate a small business with less than 10 full-time equivalent staff, based in a rural area. The business must have been running for at least two years. If in partnership, women must be an active partner of 50 per cent or more in the business.

The awards will be presented at the Rural Women New Zealand national conference in Rotorua on Saturday, November 15.

Each category winner will receive \$1000 in prize money and a trophy, with a further \$1000 going to the supreme winner.

Source: Stratford Press, NZ Herald

National invests in forests

National plans to subsidise the growing of small forests on marginal land.

Prime Minister John Key said in Gisborne today that the Government, if re-elected, would invest "a touch over \$22 million" in planting forests of between five and 300 hectares.

"It'll most probably be in difficult and marginal sort of land," he said.

"They'll get \$1300 a hectare for planting and we expect over the five-year period about 15,000ha will be planted.

"It's an assistance to those who would otherwise not plant that land.

"It's good from a forestry perspective. It's also good for the land itself because of erosion and other difficulties, and equally its important from a climate-change perspective."

National forestry spokeswoman Jo Goodhew said the plan meant the party was close to fully funding the planting.

The scheme replaces the Afforestation Grant Scheme, which wound up last year.

In return for accepting the grants, recipients will forfeit carbon credits to the Crown for up to a decade.

Source: Stuff News, 29 August 2014

UPCOMING FICA EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
24 Sep	Logging Costing for Profitability Workshop	Taupo
8 Oct	Logging Costing for Profitability Workshop	Nelson
7-8 Nov	FICA AGM & Conference	Napier

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