



Exploring Australian rainforest, 1840s

*8th National
Conference*
of the
**Australian
Forest History
Society Inc**

7-11 June 2010

Lismore,
New South Wales

Where?

The conference will be held at Invercauld House, the functions and conference facility of Southern Cross University in Lismore, northern New South Wales. Invercauld House has conference rooms, in-house catering, and on-site accommodation in motel-style units. For those who prefer to stay elsewhere, there are several motels nearby.

Lismore, a city of about thirty thousand people, is the largest urban centre in the Northern Rivers Region of New South Wales. The region has a rich history of forest logging, forest destruction (mainly for farming), forest conservation, forest activism, and native and exotic afforestation. It also has a great diversity of biological communities, including eucalypt forests, rainforests, forested freshwater wetlands, and mangrove forests.

There is a direct air service between Lismore and Sydney. Nearby Ballina Airport (east, 30 min. drive) also has flights to and from Sydney. Gold Coast Airport (north, 1hr) services many Australian and some New Zealand cities. Brisbane (north, 2hr) has a major domestic and international airport.

What?

In keeping with the forest history of the Lismore region, conference participants are encouraged to consider the themes of rainforests and rainforest products, and of landscape-scale forest transitions. Nevertheless, the Australian Forest History Society welcomes papers and presentations on all aspects of Australian and New Zealand forest history.

When?

The conference will run from the evening of Monday 7 June through to the end of Friday 11 June, and will include sessions of paper presentations, short field trips, and a conference dinner. It will be followed by a separate three-day study tour in north-eastern New South Wales and south-eastern Queensland.

Who?

The Australian Forest History Society, founded in 1988, has members in Australia, New Zealand, and other countries. It has held previous conferences in most Australian states and in New Zealand. The aim of the Society is to advance historical understanding of human interactions with Australian forest and woodland environments, but conferences typically include contributions on those environments in New Zealand, Asia, and the Pacific region. The Society does not provide a forum for advocacy of environmental or forest policy, but welcomes different perspectives. New members are welcome, but membership is not a condition for conference attendance.

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 historians, geographers, biologists and other academics, foresters, activists, and local people. All are welcome.

More information about the Society and the latest information about the Lismore conference can be found at:

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