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The Award

The award provides financial assistance to officers of the Department of Conservation and Land Management to participate in courses of study that are relevant to their employment.

The Award, which covers the cost of travel, tuition and accommodation, enables the recipient to study anywhere in Australia and New Zealand for up to six weeks.

The recipient will be required to submit a 1500-word report on the study within six months of return and will be encouraged to give a presentation where appropriate.

Eligibility

All officers of the Department of Conservation and Land Management employed under the Public Service Act, and engaged in forestry management activities, are eligible to apply for the award.

Applications

Applicants must indicate to the Trustees in writing the purpose and destination of their study. A draft itinerary showing the places intended to visit, what is expected to be seen there and the estimated cost should accompany the application. CALM will assist, if necessary, in finalising the itinerary with host organisations for a successful applicant.

The application must be accompanied by a recommendation from the applicant's officer-in-charge.

Address your application to:

Chairman of Trustees
Lane Poole Memorial Trust
State Operations Headquarters
Department of Conservation
and Land Management
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Applications close 31 July 1998

For further information contact Hamish Crawford or Shirley Dennett at CALM, Crawley on 9442 0300

C E LANE POOLE MEMORIAL TRUST



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS 1998 AWARD

Lane Poole—the man

The award has been named after Charles Edward Lane Poole, who was appointed Inspector-General of the Woods and Forests Department in Western Australia in 1916, and who was responsible for establishing the legal framework on which the State's forestry operations have since been carried out.

That legal framework was the 1918 Forests Act. Before the Act was introduced there was no legislation to control the amount of timber cut, the place and manner of cutting, or to regenerate the forest after cutting.

When he arrived in Western Australia in 1916, Lane Poole saw the consequences of 70 years of uncontrolled felling in the State's hardwood forests and realised that without regulation the forests would be devastated within a short time.

He formulated forest management regulations that would reduce the amount of timber cut to a level the forest could sustain.

Part of his plans included dedicating all the remaining forest as State Forest by an Act of Parliament, and the appointment of Forest Officers who had the legal powers to enforce the management regulations.

Against opposition from sawmilling and commercial interests, Lane Poole was successful in getting the necessary legislation through Parliament to lay the foundations for forest management aimed at conserving rather than exploiting the forest.

Without his efforts and those of his successors it is likely that there would be little of the State's forest left today.

The WESFI Connection

The Lane Poole Memorial Trust was established to commemorate the work of Charles Edward Lane Poole and, in particular, the connection between the former Conservator of Forests and the late Thomas Cullity.

The Trust was initiated by WESFI Chairman, Denis Cullity, and developed by a Board of Trustees representing the former Forests Department and WESFI.

The current Chairman of the Board is the Executive Director of the Department of Conservation and Land Management, Dr Syd Shea.

The WESFI connection resulted from a belief held by Lane Poole that forestry needed to be interdisciplinary to cater for the needs of society.

In 1917 he argued with the Commonwealth Government that research into forest products be developed in Western Australia.

As a result of his efforts, investigations into pulp and paper manufacture from eucalypts began at the Perth Technical School, where a small laboratory paper machine was built.

This work by Isaac Boas was fundamental to the birth of the pulp and paper industry in Australia.

Mr Boas went on to become the first Chief of the Division of Forest Products with the CSIRO.

A timber seasoning kiln was also installed at the School of Engineering at the University of Western Australia, in conjunction with the Forests Department and with the full support of Professor Tomlinson, the first Head of the School of Engineering.

Professor Tomlinson persuaded a young final year engineering student, Thomas Cullity, to run the kiln and to use his investigations as a basis for his degree thesis in civil engineering.

When Thomas Cullity graduated in 1918, Lane Poole offered him the newly created position of Utilisation Officer in the Forests Department, which he held for one year before leaving to start up Millars' new commercial kilns at Yarloop.

Thomas Cullity maintained an interest in forestry and timber for the rest of his life and founded Cullity Timbers in 1928 and Westralian Plywoods in 1943. From these companies WESFI was formed.

It is of interest to note that Mr Cullity was succeeded as Utilisation Officer at the Forests Department by his life-long friend, Stanley Clarke, who later became the second Chief of the Division of Forests Products, and in whose honour the Stanley A Clarke Medal has been established by the Institute of Wood Science.

Since its introduction in 1983, fifteen employees of the Department of Conservation and Land Management and the former Forests Department have received the C E Lane Poole Award.

Past Winners

1983 — Paul Marsh, Ray Fremlin

1984 — Graeme Hutchinson

1986 — Gerard van Didden, Tony Brandis

1987 — Peter Keppel

1989 — Greg Voigt

1990 — Andre Rynasewycz

1991 — Greg Mair

1992 — Mervyn Smith, Derek Winters

1993 — Alan Hordacre

1994 — Michael Cully

1995 — Tim Birmingham

1996 — Bob Hingston