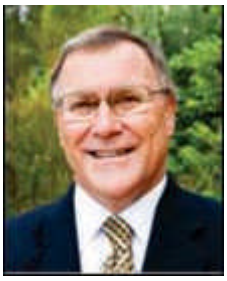
User Strategic Advisory Panel

Whaimutu Dewes
Independent Director

Whaimutu Dewes holds a number of directorships including Aotearoa Fisheries, Contact Energy, Housing New Zealand, Ngati Porou Seafoods and Ngati Porou Forests. He is also a member of the Green Growth Advisory Group. Whaimutu Dewes holds a Master in Public Administration from Harvard University and Bachelor degrees in Arts and Law from Victoria University; he is of Ngati Porou and Ngati Rangitihi descent and lives in Rotorua.

Whaimutu was also appointed to the Green Growth Initiatives Advisory Group in January 2011.



Doug Ducker
Managing Director

Doug Ducker has been Managing Director of Pan Pac Forest Products since 2004 – this appointment followed almost 30 years service with the company in roles including process engineering, technical R & D, project management and production management associated with the pulping side of the business. He is an executive committee member of the Japan New Zealand Business Council over the last 4 years and currently Chairman of the Wood Council of New Zealand, Director of Wood Processors Association and Vice President of the Hawkes Bay Chamber of Commerce. Doug is the Sector Leader for Forestry and Government Affairs on the JNZBC.

Phil Taylor
Managing Director

As Managing Director of Blakely Pacific Limited, Phil oversees all aspects of the New Zealand-based forestry businesses in both the North and South Islands. Prior to joining the company in 2006, Phil was Chief Executive Officer of City Forests Limited, a forestry company based in Dunedin.

Phil is an avid proponent of sustainable forest management and the importance of the concept of “stewardship” in all aspects of resource-based asset management. With over 25 years of experience within the forest industry, Phil has worked to progress forestry not only as a business but also as a scientific endeavour. Phil has served on the Executive Committee of the New Zealand Forest Owners Association and as a past Chairman of the New Zealand Radiata Pine Breeding Company. In 2009, Phil was honoured with a fellowship from the New Zealand Institute of Forestry.

As well as being Managing Director of Blakely Pacific Limited, Phil is currently the Chairman of Future Forest Research Limited and a Trustee and Director of the Otago Rescue Helicopter Trust.

Phil attended the University of Canterbury where he studied forest management and graduated with a Bachelor of Forest Science degree with first class honours in 1984. Phil

also has a New Zealand Certificate of Forestry, graduating from the Forestry Training Centre in Rotorua in 1983.

Owen Griffiths

Marketing Director

Owen joined McIntosh in 1969, being appointed Marketing Director in 1988 and has been involved for 36 years in the development and manufacture of structural timber solutions. Specialising in laminated timber, he has been involved in expanding the international awareness of NZ Glulam's potential as a prime structural design option for McIntosh. He has been instrumental in introducing NZ Glulam structures to a number of overseas markets that have previously been dominated by steel and concrete. These include a large number of distinctive timber structures in Asia and the Middle East.

Owen is an active member of New Zealand Pine Manufacturers Association, New Zealand Timber Certification Board, Structural Engineered Timber Manufacturers Association and New Zealand Timber Design Society. He has presented various papers and spoken at a number of international seminars on timber design.