



Headlines



MSI bids

CBRE led a MSI bid for **mammalian pheromone research** to develop chemical lures for rodents and possums – New Zealand's leading environmental pests.

CBRE contributed to a second MSI bid on the **Future NZ forests – post-peak oil** along with Te Kawa a Maui (Dr. Maria Bargh), Psychology (Dr. Taciano Milfont) and Architecture (Prof. Brenda Vale, Mr. Tobias Danielmeyer).

Biodiversity across VUW

CBRE and Facilities Management are seeking a MSc candidate to conduct research towards biodiversity inventory and planning on VUW's multiple campuses.

Student success

Bridget Johnson was awarded the Golden Plover Award and \$2000 from the New Zealand Wetland Trust for her Master's research at the Wairio wetlands into the most cost-effective method for converting abandoned pasture back to Kahikatea swamp forest.



Director's Diaries

Wayne accepted an invitation to tour **New Zealand's Centre for Conservation Medicine** (NZCCM) from its Director, Dr. Richard Jakob-Hoff, last month. The NZCCM's new facilities are 5 years old and will grow substantially next year with the addition of a new pathology laboratory. Richard affirmed his desire to see collaborations between their Centre and CBRE – an opportunity for growing inter-disciplinary research.



Wayne was invited to speak about **animal translocation for meta-population restoration** at the Institute of Natural Sciences, Massey University – Albany, last month. The talk motivated discussions over historic datasets and their capacity for meta-analyses of animal restoration success. Wayne presented an evaluation from southern Africa.

Wayne and Stephen met with a representative of the Animal Health Board to discuss funding for a 10-year project in **Aorangi Forest**. The project aims to evaluate ecosystem-wide responses to pest management. A proposal has been circulated for your input.



Wayne gave a research seminar in **The School of Architecture and Design** during May to initiate new research relationships, especially with the landscape ecologists. The theme was a call for inter-disciplinary teams to come together over large bids for funding from Ministry of Science and Innovation. The very next day Prof. Brenda Vale (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brenda_and_Rober_Vale) called seeking biodiversity expertise for her project ideas about 'Post-peak oil forestry in NZ' (see Headlines: 'MSI bid').