

NZIF introduces... NZIF Registration Board Member Ian Page



After emigrating from the UK in 1966, Ian's first role in New Zealand was four years as a frontline forester at Kaingaroa responsible for re-establishment following harvest, seed collection and weed control.

After post graduate study in Canada he joined the Forest Research Institute (FRI) in Rotorua where he formed and led a multi-disciplinary team encouraging and developing mechanized techniques for growing plantations. The team was involved in some of the first industry funded applied research in New Zealand with a strong emphasis on rapid dissemination of results to front line managers.

After 6 years Ian left FRI to develop his own farm and forest enterprise just outside of Whangarei. With the farm/forest established, Ian, his wife Sandy and a business partner built a forestry contracting and technical services company in Northland. In 1982, leaving this business in the hands of his partner, Ian (and family) spent a year with Chilean forestry giant Forestal Arauco

Ian Page continued

developing establishment techniques, standards and management systems.

Ian joined Chandler Fraser Keating in 1984 and was a director of the company at various times since then. He set up the Northland office of the company in 1985. As a general forester with specialist experience in plantation establishment and mechanization, management audit and general resource studies, he led CFK valuation, due diligence and other projects in New Zealand, Chile, Uruguay and the Pacific Islands. He left CFK in 2011

Ian has been active in the New Zealand Institute of Forestry (NZIF), spending time on the national council and chairing a local Northland branch for several years in the 1980s. Before becoming a retired member a couple of years ago, he was the longest serving Registered Forester in New Zealand (registration No 3) and is currently in his fifth term on the NZIF Registration Board.

Ian has pushed strongly for Registered Forester status to be expanded from the exclusive domain of private forest consultants. This is now a reality but expansion of the body of registered foresters is needed. Any form of registration is very difficult to maintain with the low numbers we have at present. However, and much more importantly, expanded peer recognition and audit of all experienced, competent and ethical foresters can only be good for the health of our vocation and Institute.

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PRESIDENT'S COMMENT

I continue to receive feedback on the strong stance I have taken regarding regulatory imbalances within New Zealand. The favouring of agriculture, particularly the dairy industry, over other land-based industries must stop. The majority of feedback remains positive of this stance. There is also a general recognition of the need for NZIF to continue speaking out after years of quiet but ultimately unsuccessful representations on issues. I had intended to let the matter rest for a while but a number of published articles has caused me to change my mind.

Dr Gareth Morgan felt compelled (see [LinkedIn](#) for a link to this article) to repeat his view that clean water is a public asset. I consider this to be a variation on the position NZIF is advocating.

Lack of regulation of non-point source nitrate emissions has resulted in those benefiting financially from these emissions to continue polluting. What is worse is scrutiny of the problem has highlighted the financial value of existing rights. The 'tragedy of the commons' suggests the issue could become rapidly worse as people act to be able to claim grandfathered rights to pollute more than their neighbour.

BNZ chief executive Anthony Healy was reported in the Herald as throwing his weight behind efforts to clean up the country's waterways. One can only speculate why the banking sector, with its obvious interest in the substantial amount of debt secured against farm land values, would wish to highlight the Parliamentary Commissioners concerns 62% of NZ waterways are unsuitable for swimming. However it is reasonable to assume unsustainable swings in land value and associated speculative bubbles do no one any good in the long term.

So what is the Government and its advisors doing to address a concern so obvious, even those not directly affected are prompted to publically comment?

The Associate Minister for primary Industry made her position clear last year: Market forces.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENT continued

Her take on a National Policy Statement on fresh water is to provide flexibility for councils to decide the extent to which the costs of improvement are more appropriately borne by other resources users rather than those which are responsible for the contamination.

With market forces like those it is no wonder investors are choosing to divest forestry. If the retrospective tax imposed on the forestry sector, in the form of the Climate Change Response Act, was not sufficient, then advice some environmental limits like sediment should be managed at the catchment level while others, like nitrate, can be managed by the "Freshwater Management Unit" should send forest owners rushing for the chainsaw. Apparently sediment (think roading and harvesting) can affect a whole waterway, while highly soluble nitrate (think a paddock of cows) cannot cross council-prescribed boundaries!

A cynic might suggest this allows for the environmental costs of the New Zealand dairy industry to be pushed onto the politically less powerful forestry and grazing sectors. How to sustainably manage the environment and the economy is for the public to judge. Based on recent media opinion pieces this is what they are doing.

NZIF welcome these valuable inputs into the debate and encourage all members to speak out against any regulations which advantage one land-user over all others

James Treadwell *RMNZIF*



ANZIF CONFERENCE

Beyond tenure: managing forests across the landscape

[ANZIF Conference](#)

Wed 13 – Fri 15 April 2015

Novotel Forest Resort Creswick, Victoria, Australia

Pre conference workshops confirmed

Monday 13 April 2015

- Workshop 1

[Forest genomics: a practical guide to its application in future forests](#)

Presenter: Dr Antanas Spokevicius, The University of Melbourne

- Workshop 2

[Radar remote sensing: hands-on training for forest management](#)

Presenter: Dr Mihai Tanase, The University of Melbourne

- Workshop 3

[Maximising the potential of Australia's forests - collaborating and innovating to realise the opportunity](#)

Presenters: Professor Eric Hansen, Oregon State University, Dr Lyndall Bull, Lynea Advisory and Mr Braden Jenkin, Sylva Systems Pty Ltd

- Workshop 4

[Australian bushfire fuel classification](#)

Presenter: Gary Featherston, AFAC Limited

- Workshop 5

[Sampling of forest carbon stock](#)

Presenter: Zoe Ryan, Forecast Climate Management Services

Announcement

NZ Forest Service, Christmas Drinks

Date: Thursday 11 December, from midday

Venue: Trax Bar, Wellington Railway Station.

Independent Forestry Safety Review Reducing injuries and fatalities on our forest blocks - Press Release

The Independent Forestry Safety Review has recommended a three-year action plan to drive improvements in the forestry sector. The action plan will leverage the commitments to a new safety culture and a better safety record made by the forestry sector during the Review process. It will be a document against which the actions of the sector - at all levels - can be measured.

The Panel Review believes the first action that needs to be undertaken is the development of a Safety Charter and an agreement by leaders across the industry to meet the mandatory health and safety and employment standards already in place.

In the 21st century being unable to achieve these basics is simply not acceptable and has a negative impact on the culture of a workplace and the ability to work safely. It sends terrible signals to workers about how they are valued and the priorities of their employers. It also has a direct impact on safe working practices.

The Panel Review believes all participants in the forestry sector need to make a concerted effort to improve the basic standards on the forest block to reduce the numbers of serious injuries and fatalities. If there are industry participants at any level that cannot or will not meet the standards, they should consider exiting the industry.

The Review has seen and heard from many examples of good forest owners and managers, contractors and crews during our consultation process. The challenge is to take the good culture and practice, and roll it out across the industry. It is possible. The Review Panel has a vision of a safe, sustainable and professional forestry sector by 2017, achieved in partnership by government, industry and workers.

With rapid implementation of the Review's three key recommendations, the Forestry Leadership Action Group and the Forestry Sector Health and Safety Action Plan, we believe the rate of serious injuries and fatalities can be lowered quickly and dramatically.

Media contact: [Trevor Walton](#), 021 381 465

Full document [here](#)

Announcement

A Genome Sequence of Radiata - what will it look like and mean? [Scion FSS Seminar](#)

Rimu Room, Scion, Wed 12 November, 10.30am-3.30pm

As part of Scion's radiata pine genome sequencing research, Scion is hosting a workshop aimed at informing forest industry representatives and other stakeholders of current research in pine genome sequencing and potential impacts.

The cost for attending this is \$40.00 per person. Register [here](#)

Announcement

Anerley Field Day

NZ Farm Forestry Association Wairarapa Branch
The Pottinger legacy: visit to Anerley, Tinui Valley Road, Wed 12th November, 12-4pm

Jim and Airini Pottinger arrived at Anerley, a remote, unimproved and erosion-prone property, in 1950 and began transforming the land into a highly productive sheep and beef farm. Trees soon became an integral part of the farming operation.

Bring your quad bikes!

For more information, contact
[Harriet Palmer](#) - 021 025 23529
[Stuart Orme](#) - 06 370 2068

Please RSVP to Harriet Palmer. Full invite [here](#)

Announcement

XIV World Forestry Congress (WFC)

Durban, South Africa, 7-11 September 2015.

WFC, convened every six years, is the largest global conference regarding forest and forestry sector. The theme for 2015 is *Forests and People: Investing in a Sustainable Future*. More details on the WFC's subthemes can be found [here](#).

Organizers are now issuing a [call for abstracts](#) for papers, posters and videos until 15 December.

Announcement

Scion hosts seminar: *Applying modelling tools to improve decision making in land management and for the conservation of biodiversity in a climate of uncertainty*
Dr Bruce Marcot, United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service

Venue: Te Aro Room 3, Terrace Conference Centre, Level 4 St John House, 114 The Terrace Wellington

Date: Friday 21 November

Time: Tea and Coffee served from 9.30am, seminar from 10-11am and interactive question time from 11am till 12noon

Numbers are limited so please RSVP to [Joy Wraight](#)

More information can be found [here](#)

LinkedIn

All NZIF members are able to join the NZIF LinkedIn group. Join the discussions, keep up to date with forestry industry news.
nz.linkedin.com

Member's Voice

We look forward to hearing from NZIF members each week about current affairs in the forestry industry. Anyone can submit up to 300 words and entries received on Friday before 5pm will be included in the newsletter the following Monday.

ADVERTISING



WOODHILL FOREST, AUCKLAND – NEXT ROTATION FORESTRY RIGHT OPPORTUNITY

On behalf of Ngā Maunga Whakahii o Kaipara (NMWoK), CBRE Agribusiness is pleased to offer the opportunity to secure tenure in Woodhill Forest, as land is handed back from the incumbent forester, post-harvest. Key aspects of this opportunity include:

- Land with proven timberland performance with potential to enhance;
- Extensive roading and infrastructure already in place;
- Cost effective ground based harvesting afforded by easy contour;
- Initial annual hand back of some 600 hectares for planting in 2015;
- Up to approximately 10,000 hectares of potentially plantable area to be handed back over the next 35 years;

NMWoK have retained CBRE Agribusiness to manage a two stage Expressions of Interest (EOI) process to consider interest from the market and select the preferred party. A simple, short form submission approach has been adopted to deliberately encourage any and all interested parties to efficiently and cost effectively participate in the non-binding Stage 1 of the EOI.

Expressions of Interest close 5pm NZST 13 November 2014.

Contact CBRE (Agency) Limited – Licensed Real Estate Agent (REAA 2008) to view the 3 minute video clip and receive a copy of the Information Memorandum.

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When it comes to protecting the earth, forests have a lot to offer.

Only a handful of New Zealand lawyers can interpret the complexities of carbon trading. Craig Nelson, as a fellow NZIF member, understands all legal aspects of your forestry investment.

Craig's significant experience covers forest sales and purchases, operational and management contracts, and specialist advice on the ETS.

Over the last 15 years Craig Nelson has acted for forest owners of all sizes and types, as well as managers and consultants. In terms of the ETS, this includes:

- Developing working business models with pioneers in carbon forestry
- Advising on all aspects of the ETS and its impact on forests
- Leases and forestry rights for carbon
- Carbon credit trading arrangements

What's more, Craig's expertise extends across many areas of commercial law in a broad range of industries. Together with the team at Martelli McKegg, Craig can provide legal care for all areas of your business and personal life.

If you would like help in any of these areas, simply phone Craig on +64 9 300 7613, email can@martellimckegg.co.nz or look out for him at the Auckland section meetings.



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The New Zealand Anglican Church Pension Board - Expressions of Interest

The NZ Anglican Church Pension Board (the “Seller”) is considering options for selling its land and plantation forest which is located approximately 55km south of Napier.

The Seller now wishes to seek expressions of interest to assess possible market favour towards these options.

The estate consists of several titles of freehold land with a total land area of approximately 742 ha of which approximately 673 ha is stocked with radiata pine.

The forest consists predominantly of 1992 and 1993 plantings and has been managed under an intensive tending regime and is now approaching harvest age.

Total available volume for harvest at maturity (28 years) will exceed 400,000m³ that can be harvested in one or more tranches. The Seller is prepared to consider options for sale including:

1. Hapua forest and land, partially or in its entirety;
2. Hapua Forest cutting rights, partially or in its entirety, for the plantation forest estate with flexible terms for completion of harvest.

The Seller is not obliged to accept or consider any bids or expressions of interest and reserves the right to withdraw the forest and land, and/or cutting rights or management contract from the market at its sole discretion and for any reason.

The Seller reserves the right to negotiate with any or all interested parties at its discretion.

An Information Memorandum, proposal documents and technical information will be made available to an interested party upon signing a Confidentiality Agreement in the form provided by the Seller. This action will confirm an interested party's registration. Registrations close 5:00pm, 7 November 2014.

Forme Consulting Group Ltd will assist the Seller by providing technical information and coordination of the process, whereas sales decisions and transactions will be managed by the Seller at its sole discretion.

All questions pertaining to the forest, information and sale process are to be forwarded directly to [John Schrider](#) at Forme Consulting Group Ltd on 04 232 7155 ext. 5. Questions and answers of a material or technical nature not covered in the information memorandum will be circulated to all registered parties.

Inspections and access to the forest will be by appointment only through Forme Consulting Group Ltd as above.

Expressions of interest are required to be delivered to the Anglican Church Pension Board offices before 5pm, 19 December 2014.

Expressions of interest received after that time may be excluded from consideration.

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CALENDAR

NZIF takes no responsibility for errors in this calendar. Please visit the website or contact the organisers to confirm times, locations, costs.

Nov 2014

- Thurs 6 Rutherford Lectures, THE LAND, Dame Anne Salmond, Charles Luney Auditorium, St Margaret's College, 12 Winchester St, Merivale, Christchurch, 7pm, enquiries [email](#)
- Wed 12 Anerley Field Day, NZ Farm Forestry Association Wairarapa Branch, 12-4pm Contact [Harriet Palmer](#) or [Stuart Orme](#)
- Wed 12 *A Genome Sequence of Radiata - what will it look like and mean?*, [Scion FSS Seminar](#), Rimu Room, Scion, 10.30am-3.30pm
- Thurs 13 Rutherford Lectures, PEOPLE AND POWER, Dame Anne Salmond, Soundings Theatre, Te Papa, Wellington, 6pm, enquiries [email](#)
- Sun 16 Rutherford Lectures, RIVER – GIVE ME THE WATER OF LIFE , Dame Anne Salmond, Royal Wanganui Opera House, 69 St Hill Street, Whanganui, 5pm, enquiries [email](#)
- Sun 16 - Wed 19 [A place to live national conference](#), Royal Society of NZ, Wanganui War Memorial Centre
- Wed 19 - Thurs 20 [ForestTech 2014](#), Distinction Hotel Rotorua, full programme [here](#)
- Fri 21 Scion [seminar](#) *Applying modelling tools to improve decision making in land management and for the conservation of biodiversity in a climate of uncertainty*, Level 4 St John House, 114 The Terrace, Wellington, 9.30am-12 noon, [email](#)
- Fri 28 ANZIF Conference abstract submissions due

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- Tues 2 Scion Swiss Needle Cast Workshop, Rimu Room, Scion, full programme [here](#), contact [Lynn Bulman](#)
- Thurs 11 NZ Forest Service Christmas Drinks, from midday, Trax Bar, Wellington Railway Station.
- Mon 15 Abstracts due for XIV [World Forestry Congress](#), Durban, South Africa

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- Mon 13 - Wed 15 [ANZIF Conference 2015](#), *Beyond tenure: managing forests across the landscape*, Novotel Forest Resort Creswick, Victoria, Australia

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- Mon 7 - Fri 11 XIV [World Forestry Congress](#), Durban, South Africa

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- Mon 23 - Tues 24 New Zealand History of Science conference, email [Rebecca Priestley](#)

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