

NZIF introduces...

Forest Policy Project Chair Garth Cumberland



Garth Cumberland was schooled in Auckland and graduated from Massey University with an Agricultural Science degree in 1964. Now *well* retired, Garth is a Fellow of both the New Zealand Institute of Agricultural Science and New Zealand Institute of Forestry.

Following completion of Massey studies in 1964, he was awarded a position as a Field Research Scientist for the Government's (then) Department of Agriculture. He undertook an array of practical research work and collaborated with members of Ruakura Research Station and the Farm Advisory Divisions. Notable agriculture-orientated projects include the Otakanini fertilizer grazing trial on West Coast sands and, in conjunction with FRI staff, the inter-relationships of pasture, trees and animals in agroforestry.

Garth Cumberland continued

In the 70s and 80s he managed his family's forest and farming investments which included horticulture, dairying, goats, beef, sheep and agroforestry. Spin-off activities included businesses in the fields of animal breeding, wool processing and timber marketing.

From the late 80s until retiring in 2012, he established and managed a forestry consultancy providing investment and management services to forest industry investors; mostly families and professional groups and partnerships based about the northern part of the North Island.

Since 2012 he has 'worked at' and enjoys glorious retirement. In that capacity Garth has as yet unsuccessfully applied himself to seeking professional opportunities in petanque, kayak fishing and Gold Card touring using public transport. The capricious extremes of his enthusiasm require full-time restraint by Vivienne and Bruno.

Garth's strong support for the NZIF Forest Policy Project arises from a belief that the forest sector has a barrelful of benefits for the New Zealand economy and the Global environment but this fact of life appears not to have permeated the sanctums of our bewildered leaders.

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PRESIDENT'S COMMENT

Christmas seems to be approaching rapidly and with it comes a sense of "how am I going to get everything done?!" Your Council meets next week and part of this meeting will be a stocktake of what has been completed since this Council took office. It is fair to say we are probably way behind target in some areas, ahead in others, and have taken on additional responsibilities in some areas.

I am hoping to get some feedback on the survey which a large number of you completed. Once the Council have reviewed the findings I will report these within this newsletter. The results of the survey will guide the Council in its priorities and actions for the next 12 months. It is intended to set clear goals for 2015 and to report against them at each council meeting. Whilst voluntary, the Council all wish to ensure they are doing their bit to grow the Institute.

I know this is becoming a theme of these columns, but we will be looking for help. The Council will identify members we believe can help us in our goals and we will be tapping you on the shoulder. I hope all of you (if tapped) will accept the challenge and help the Council complete its goals for the Institute.

Some key areas which the council will be working on during 2015 are

- Forest Policy
- Advocacy
- Membership benefits
- Website (and newsletter) upgrade
- ANZIF conference
- Growing local sections
- Efficiency throughout the Institute

If you have a particular interest in any of these area then please let me know. The success of the institute is not built on the council. It is built on you.

You will see a profile on Garth in this newsletter along with an update from him on the Forest Policy Project. This project is about to enter the hard work phase as the working groups are formed and they knuckle down to produce the final details of the proposed policy.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENT continued

We have almost completed the formation of a Governance Group which will provide some guidance, but will also help us promote the final document. As discussed this is greater than NZIF so it is pleasing to see Department of Conservation, Superfund, FFA, WPMA and Key environmentalists within this Governance group. I am putting a large priority on this project in 2015 and I hope all of you will see the benefits and help where you can. I will leave it to Garth to keep you all informed from now on. He will be providing regular updates to you within this newsletter over the course of the project as the policy develops.

I am hoping to complete a round of meetings with key Government Ministers. These meetings are aimed at convincing Ministers of the importance of Forestry to New Zealand, and to brief them on the Policy Project. As regular readers will know, I am probably not the Government's favourite forestry representative right now, but I am pleased to say I am not persona-non-grata. If members have key messages they wish for me to convey to Ministers, please send them to me.

Finally I am trying to find ways to visit local sections meetings. I want to hear from you what you want from the Institute so will be asking that question at the meetings. I look forward to hearing your responses.

James Treadwell *RMNZIF*



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Member News



Tony Grayburn of the NZIF Central North Island Chapter celebrated his 90th birthday in September. This photo was taken at his birthday, of Tony with John Mitchell and Jim Spiers, three of the original Forest Service Technical Trainees appointed in 1941 and 1942, who are all members of NZIF.

John retired from Tasman Forests with particular work on Tarawera Forest. Jim retired as CEO of Logging Industry Research Association after senior positions with the NZ Forest Service. Tony retired as CEO of NZFP Forests Ltd after 26 years with the parent company.

Thanks Tony for this important memento!

Local News

NZIF Hawke's Bay Section

Notice of Meeting

Speaker: Gordon Williams, Environment & Sustainability Manager, Landcorp
Topic: Landcorp - sustainable land management and farm forestry
When: Tuesday 25 November, 7.30 pm
Where: The Salt and Pepper Club, (previously the Quayside Conference Room), West Quay, Ahuriri, Napier
Contact: [Barry Keating](mailto:Barry.Keating@landcorp.co.nz), 06 844 7250

Gordon has worked for over 40 years with the then Lands and Survey Department and now Landcorp. For the last 11 years he has overseen the forestry portfolio for Landcorp. He will speak on the important role that forestry plays in Landcorp operations and on their focus on farming sustainability.

Non-members welcome. No door charge. Hope to see you there.

Local News

NZIF Nelson/Marlborough Section

Notice of Meeting

Speaker: Kent Gibbons - Gibbons Holdings Ltd
Topic: Timber Use in Commercial Buildings - with site visit to Queen Street development
When: Thursday 27 November, 4pm
Where: Meet outside TDC Offices, 189 Queen Street, Richmond
Contact: [Angus Malcolm](mailto:Angus.Malcolm@nzif.org.nz), 021 544625, please RSVP for catering purposes.

Kent will speak on trends in timber use in commercial buildings, available materials, and application in the Nelson region. We will visit the Queen St development including The Warehouse and the two storey office building currently under construction.

Non-members welcome. No door charge.

Local News

NZIF Canterbury Branch

Notice of Meeting

Speaker: Owen Springford, Registered Member of NZIF, Forestry Consultant
Topic: *Fish and Chips*, dinner included - smorgasbord of BBQ delicacies served with salads, followed by dessert.
When: Wednesday 3 December, 6pm
Where: Elms Hotel, 456 Papanui Road, Papanui
Cost: \$30 per person (pay for your own drinks)
Contact: [Terry O'Neill](mailto:Terry.O'Neill@nzif.org.nz), RSVP by Monday 1st December please

Owen is well-known for his outspoken views on certain issues, but you may not have heard his comparison of the forestry and fishing industries. Bound to be provocative and laced with humour, come and enjoy this quixotic talk after a good repast and in even better company.

Member's Voice

We look forward to hearing from NZIF members each week about current affairs in the forestry industry. Any member can submit up to 300 words and entries received on Friday before 5pm will be included in the newsletter the following Monday. Please send your thoughts to [Jay](mailto:Jay@nzif.org.nz)

Announcement

National Environmental Standard (NES) for Plantation Forestry.

MPI will be running four workshops for small forest growers to provide an outline and seek feedback on the work that has been done to develop proposed rules that seek to deliver greater national consistency.

Venue: Telford Rural Polytechnic, Balclutha
Date: Monday 24 November

Venue: Bulls Town Hall, Bulls
Date: Wednesday 26 November

Venue: Hawkswood, North Canterbury
Date: Thursday 27 November

Venue: Tangiteroria Hall, Northland
Date: Saturday 29 November

The workshops will run from 10.30am-2pm. This includes a 1.5 hour overview of the project and the likely impact on small forest growers followed by lunch and a field visit to demonstrate the practical application of the rules.

For more information and to RSVP, email [Stuart Miller](mailto:Stuart.Miller@mpi.govt.nz) or telephone 04 894 0902

Announcement

Scion Swiss Needle Cast Workshop

This workshop will discuss what is known about Swiss needle cast and how we can still grow more and better Douglas-fir in New Zealand despite the presence of this disease.

Date: 2-3 December

Venue: Rimu Room, Scion, Rotorua

Contact: [Lynn Bulman](mailto:Lynn.Bulman@scionresearch.com)

Website: www.scionresearch.com

LinkedIn

Currently on LinkedIn there are posts regarding the [Crown Forestry Rental Trust](#) and [Bay of Plenty Forestry Strategy](#)

Join the discussion via the NZIF LinkedIn group! [nz.linkedin.com](https://www.linkedin.com/groups/11111111)

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

Scion's Growing Confidence in Forestry's Future (GCFF) Research Programme

The GCFF programme has been developed to increase the profitability of commercial forestry investments, and is funded by MBIE and the Forest Growers Levy Trust.

Product Quality Improvement Cluster meeting

Date: Tuesday 25 November

Venue: Scion, Rotorua

Contact: [John Moore](#)

Website: scionforestryfuture.wordpress.com

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](#)

ADVERTISING



Graduate Forester

Company/Location: Timberlands Ltd

Jobs Description:

Timberlands Ltd is a Forestry Management Company based in Rotorua in the Central North Island.

Due to an internal placement, we are now looking for a recent graduate to fill a position in our graduate programme. This is a two year fixed term position and offers the opportunity to apply for a permanent role during this period.

Key tasks include:

- Placement in each of the operational teams to undergo various seasonal work or complete projects
- Time in the finance team learning about docket administration
- Managing and supervising contractors
- Temporary placements to cover permanent roles
- Assisting with safety, fire & security operations

Preference will be given to applicants with the following:

- A diploma or degree in Forestry
- Practical experience in commercial forestry or related industry
- Sound analytical skills and attention to detail
- Good computer skills, particularly in Excel, Outlook and Word
- A full and clean drivers licence and 4WD experience

If this sounds like an opportunity you would be interested in:

You can request a Job Description by emailing enquiries@tll.co.nz

To submit an application by the closing date, please supply a covering letter together with a copy of your CV (by email or post) to:

Belinda Bird
Timberlands Limited
PO Box 1284
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enquiries@tll.co.nz
Phone: +64 (0)7 343 1080

The **closing date** for applications is **Friday 28th November 2014**.

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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.

November 2014

- 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
- Mon 24 MPI workshops on management of Plantation Forestry, Telford Rural Polytechnic, Balclutha, 10.30am- 2pm, email [Stuart Miller](#)
- Tues 25 Hawkes Bay Section Meeting, 7.30pm, featuring Gordon Williams, The Salt and Pepper Club, Napier, email [Barry Keating](#)
- Tues 25 Scion *Growing Confidence in Forestry's Future* Innovation Cluster meeting, Rotorua, contact [John Moore](#)
- Wed 26 MPI workshops on management of Plantation Forestry, Bulls Town Hall, Bulls, 10.30am- 2pm, email [Stuart Miller](#)
- Thurs 27 Nelson/Marlborough Section Meeting, 4pm, featuring Kent Gibbons, TDC Offices, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, email [Angus Malcolm](#)
- Thurs 27 MPI workshops on management of Plantation Forestry, Hawkswood, North Canterbury, 10.30am- 2pm, email [Stuart Miller](#)
- Fri 28 ANZIF Conference abstract submissions due
- Sat 29 MPI workshops on management of Plantation Forestry, Tangiteroria Hall, Northland, 10.30am- 2pm, email [Stuart Miller](#)

December 2014

- Tues 2 Scion Swiss Needle Cast Workshop, Rimu Room, Scion, contact [Lynn Bulman](#)
- Wed 3 Canterbury Branch Meeting, 6pm, featuring Owen Springford, Elms Hotel, 456 Papanui Road, Papanui, email [Terry O'Neill](#)
- 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

April 2015

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

September 2015

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

November 2015

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

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