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PRESIDENT'S COMMENT

Andrew McEwen FNZIF
President, NZ Institute of Forestry
president@nzif.org.nz

Have you voted yet?

I understand that around 160 NZIF members have now exercised their right as members to vote for the next

Council and to fill two vacancies on the Registration Board. This means that around 80% of members have not yet voted.

There is an appreciative comment in the Members' Forum from a member who has already voted electronically and a similar comment has been received from another member. Thankfully I am not aware of any adverse comments.

Remember:

- When you click on the link to the voting page in the voting instructions that have been sent to you, you will need to enter your website user name (your email address) and password. If you can't remember your password, or have never logged in to the website, you might want to email admin@nzif.org.nz and ask for it to be reset, so you can vote – and don't worry about being the only one, plenty of others have already asked;
- If you don't want to vote electronically, then please contact Jay (admin@nzif.org.nz, ph (04) 974 8421) and ask for a paper voting form to be sent to you;
- If you have lost/didn't receive the voting instructions, also contact Jay and ask her to resend them.

If you have not yet voted – please do so and please do it early in case you have any problems.

Remember, votes have to be made by 5:00 pm on Friday 30 March in order to be counted.

Invoicing time

Over the next week or so, Jay will be emailing invoices for the year beginning on 1 April 2012. They will be due for payment no later than 30 April, so please take steps to action the payment as soon as you get it.

Registered Members – make sure you re-register by 30 April

Registered Members have additional obligations to complete – they need to submit their CPD record for the last year and they must reaffirm their intention to abide by the NZIF Code of Ethics. If these obligations are not completed by 30 April your registration may be suspended – so do it now, don't put it aside for a rainy day.

Are you in the appropriate membership class?

The start of a financial year is a good time to review your membership class to make sure it is still appropriate:

- Should you be considering applying for registration to demonstrate your professional standing?
- If you are a Graduate Member with at least five years of experience, it is probably time to move on to full Membership and preferably Registered Member;
- If you are an Associate Member, perhaps you should be considering a move to full Member;
- If you are at the end of your career and on a reduced income, rather than resigning from NZIF, why not consider applying to become a retired member (with its lower fee)?

Student Members need to confirm their status

All Student Members are required to confirm their status at the beginning of each financial year. We need to know if you are still enrolled and studying for a qualification and whether or not you qualify for the 100% discount on student fees. If you no longer qualify as a Student Member, you must apply to advance to Graduate or Associate Member. Jay has sent all Student Members an email asking for confirmation – please respond as soon as possible and encourage your friends to as well. We spend a lot of time each year on this task and it would be good to have your cooperation.

Membership on hold? Action needed now

Was your NZIF membership on hold for the 2011/12 year? If so, you need to take some action – the options are:

- Resume membership;
- Ask for your on hold status to be extended for another year. If you want this, please make a request with reasons so it can be considered by Council;
- Resign – but I hope that you don't take this option.

Jay has emailed all members on hold asking what your intentions are. Please respond quickly so she doesn't have to keep chasing you.

Change of guard in Canterbury section

The NZIF Canterbury section held its AGM recently. Prior to the meeting I sent the following message to the Chair, Dennys Guild:

“Please pass on my thanks for what, despite the wider issues affecting Canterbury, was a very successful year for the local section. I record my thanks for the enthusiasts that make up the Canterbury Committee and who ensure that local members and others are given opportunities to meet, socialise and be kept informed about forestry issues. I also want to record my thanks for the hard working 2012 conference committee and to say that I am really looking forward to attending the conference (which Mary and I have already registered for) and to meeting up with the Canterbury members.”

Dennys has been re-elected as the Chair of the section, while Yannina Whiteley has taken over as Secretary/Treasurer from Mark Bloomberg. Thank you all for your contributions to NZIF.

Good stuff in latest Journal of Forestry

Following on from the success of the 1080 issue of the *Journal of Forestry*, the theme of the February issue is on forests and soil erosion. Some interesting articles sum up current knowledge and have some good advice for land managers and forest harvesters. This is an issue that is featuring all too frequently in the news with the extreme weather events faced in parts of the country and raises strong public emotions, not all favourable towards forestry.

Australian illegal logging legislation of significance to NZ forestry

Members may not be aware that some intense efforts are going on behind the scenes to oppose aspects of the Illegal Logging Prohibition Bill that is rapidly passing through the Australian Federal Parliament (scheduled for its final reading in about a week). The charge is being led by Jon Tanner of the Wood Processors Association and I have also been involved in some of the discussions. More recently other organisations, such as the Building Industry Federation, are beginning to take an interest. Unlikely allies Canada and Indonesia are also opposed to the Bill.

The purpose of the Bill is to reduce illegal logging in other countries by requiring importers of timber products to undertake due diligence to prevent the import into Australia of timber that has been illegally logged as determined by the law of the place where that timber was harvested.

This legislation has serious consequences for anyone involved in the export of forest products to Australia. The extent of the definitions is very uncertain, but the latest information is that timber products are likely to cover not just solid timber, but will extend as far as paper and packaging. This will affect companies like Fonterra that export their product in cardboard boxes (this conjures up all sorts of issues such as the use of recycled paper,

some of which is imported to NZ).

The definition of illegally logged is very imprecise and questions have been asked about whether it extends to whether or not the harvesting company has paid its taxes or breached any one of the large number of laws that cover the activities (specifically or generally) of those associated with producing forest products for export. And the onus is being placed on the Australian timber importer to understand the laws of the countries they import from and to determine whether or not they have been breached in the production of the timber product being imported. And what is an importer to do when the illegal action takes place some years after the timber has been imported – say a breach of the restocking requirement under NZ’s ETS legislation, which won’t be obvious until several years after harvest?

It has also been suggested that the legislation may breach some international trade agreements and may even raise human rights issues.

Some are suggesting that the bill, if passed, could cause Australian importers to refuse to import products from some countries. It will inevitably increase the costs associated with exporting forest products to Australia and we can predict flow on effects relating to the import of forest products to NZ.

The Australian legislation will be to make it harder for NZ exporters of forest products to get product into Australia. It is also likely to have flow on effects in other countries. Overall, it is likely to make it harder to make a profit from forestry.

Conference

You should have all received the latest newsletter for the NZIF AGM and Conference (Christchurch 1-4 July). It has pictures of the timber frames of the new Student Union building at Canterbury University, rising out of the wreck of its steel and concrete framed predecessor. The Conference field trip will have other opportunities to view the use of wood in the rebuild. Registrations for the Conference continue to increase as do bookings for accommodation. So don’t delay – get on and register.

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MEMBER’S FORUM

(Please keep Guest Comment and Member’s Forum contributions to around 300 words. Send contributions as an email attachment (Word document) to newsletter@nzif.org.nz.)

Electronic voting

Paul Cox MNZIF, Southland

As it would happen ... I just completed my voting when the reminder arrived on Wednesday – thanks for it anyway.

I compliment the council for proceeding with the initiative to go ahead with electronic voting. Excellent! Easy to access via the voting instructions, and quick to use and complete.

This really leaves NO excuse for our membership for not voting! I would expect a better than “good” turnout.

As an aside ... I’m not quite sure what I did wrong, but I wasn’t able to bring up the candidate profiles, while online, before I voted. Bound to have been my error, but maybe something that could be reviewed if I’m not the only one mentioning this as a minor hiccup. Perhaps a clear lead in at the Voting site entry point, where candidate profiles can be either viewed separately and/or while still able to interact progressively with the voting process. For example, you are undecided between two potential candidates and you would like to review their

profiles again before making a final voting decision, BUT don't want to as it were "drop out" of your point in the voting process and have to go thru and re-click the other candidates' names you have already selected!

President responds – with respect to Paul's comment on not being able to access a candidate's profile while in the middle of voting, we had some difficulty with the links from the candidate's statements to their profiles in the database. This seems to do with the way privacy settings on the members' data react to attempts to access the information other than from within the website. As we only had a short time to sort out all the issues and still comply with the timetable for elections set out in the Articles of Association, we dealt with it as best we could. I agree that it would be really nice if you could pull up both the candidate statement and their profile from within the voting form, but not possible this time around.

The best I can offer is that before voting, you do your research on the candidates (statements and profiles), sort out who you are going to vote for, then go into the voting form.

National Bluegreen Conference

Owen Springford Reg. MNZIF, Christchurch

Last Saturday I attended National's Bluegreen Conference in Takapuna where it launched its environmental policy paper "Building a Bluegreen Future". Also released at the conference was the report by the Green Growth Advisory Group called "Greening NZ's Growth".

The sector that produces most of the country's oxygen, most of its clear clean water, harbours most of its terrestrial biodiversity, holds its soil on the hillsides and sequesters all of its CO₂ was barely mentioned except for at the back end of "Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry", or as one wag put it "Ministry of Agriculture and Fonterra".

The main announcement at the conference was to spend squillions of taxpayer's money restoring estuarine lakes. The role of the main culprit in the degradation of these lakes, the "D" word, only received the feather touch from the lightest airbrushing. John Key made it clear that on climate change matters NZ is going to follow from the rear. So it is unlikely that we will see near term improvement in NZU prices, vital for stimulating investment in new forestry both exotic and native.

My impression is that forestry has evaporated from the collective consciousness of Government into the mists of obscurity. We have a major mission ahead of us.

Forestry and green growth

Peter Weir, MNZIF, Christchurch

You'll all be delighted to know that Forestry (just) features in the Green Growth Advisory Group's report "Greening NZ's Growth" (available [here](#)). Under the heading *Food And Beverage Sector* and sub-heading *Current Situation* they state:

5.15 The Advisory Group notes the importance of forestry and wood processing industries to New Zealand's overall management of natural resources and environmental services, and hence to our green growth. This country's extensive plantation forests are a major sink for GHG emissions and they provide other important services especially in respect to water quality.

Really not much forestry-related stuff in this – talks about farmers, not landowners (maybe we are tree farmers):

Recommendation 19: The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry and other governmental agencies, in partnership with industry, should develop more effective programmes for the transfer of new knowledge and technology between the Innovation System and New Zealand farm businesses. The programmes should:

- draw fully on research and development outcomes from Crown Research Institutes, universities and other institutions;
- make accessible to every farmer a practical ‘toolbox’ of technologies and actions relevant to his or her circumstances;
- include a particular emphasis on managing diffuse sources of pollution and GHG emissions;
- involve some increase in Public Sector agency resourcing to ensure ‘on-the-ground’ delivery of this ‘toolbox’ and other knowledge; and
- be delivered through the co-ordinated effort of agencies, industry groups and individual farmers.

One would have thought that the Forest Accord might have been cited, but no:

Recommendation 20: Consistent with Recommendation 2, the Government should, where appropriate, promote collaborative processes at regional and national levels for the resolution of environmental issues that arise from farming, fishing, horticulture and/or forestry practices. These processes should include:

- increased resourcing over time for the Government’s new Clean-Up Fund to a level commensurate with need nationwide; and
- extension to other primary industries of the approach embodied in the Dairying and Clean Streams.

– perhaps forestry should aim for the same compliance as in the Clean Streams Accord!

The Government appointed the Green Growth Advisory Group with Terms of Reference ... to explore, and report on, three topics fundamental to New Zealand’s success in achieving greener and faster growth. The Advisory Group took an independent view on all issues and current economic activities.

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NZIF 2012 Conference

► Engineering Value Growing & Harvesting Forests for Novel Wood Structures



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2012 NZIF AGM and Conference

The theme for the 2012 NZIF Conference is: *Engineering Value – Growing and Harvesting Forests for Novel Wood Structures.*

Date: Sunday 1 July to Wednesday 4 July. A CPD workshop and the NZIF AGM will take place on the Sunday. The Conference on the Monday and Tuesday and a field trip on Wednesday.

Venue: University of Canterbury, Ilam Campus, Christchurch.

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Conference website now available

The 2012 Conference website is now up and running with information being loaded as it comes to hand www.nzifconference.co.nz. Check it out for initial details of the venue and programme – also details of sponsorships.

Conference registrations coming in

Registrations are being made for the 2012 NZIF Conference, being held in Christchurch from Sunday 1 July to Wednesday 4 July.

If you haven't already done so, have a look at the programme on the Conference website, www.nzifconference.co.nz. Then continue to the registration page (link on the right-hand side of the home page) and make the commitment to support NZIF and Christchurch.

Sponsorship opportunities for 2012 NZIF Conference now available

Sponsorship opportunities for the NZIF Annual Conference to be held in Christchurch from 1 to 4 July 2012 are now available. This event will have something for everyone. If you are interested in being a sponsor then get more details from the Conference website or contact James Treadwell at secretary@nzif.org.nz. Many thanks to those listed in the side panel who have already become sponsors.

This week we welcome exhibitors, the Energy Efficiency Conservation Authority and the National Rural Fire Authority and Proceedings advertiser NZ Forest Owners Association – Thank You.

Special Interest Group Meetings

The Fellows Committee has asked if a meeting of NZIF Fellows and Honorary Members can be scheduled during the Conference. This is being checked. Please contact the chair of the Committee at john.galbraith@xtra.co.nz if you are thinking of being at the Conference and would like to attend such a session.

The Women in Forestry Special Interest Group is planning a get together on the Tuesday evening during the Conference. Please contact Sarah Orton sarah.orton@atlastech.co.nz if you are thinking of going to the Conference and would like to be included (if you are in the Christchurch area but not actually attending, you would also be welcome to join the get-together). Sarah is also looking for ideas of what you would like to discuss.

If anyone else is interested in organising a special interest discussion, could you please contact Andrew McEwen (president@nzif.org.nz).



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Please be aware that the Conference programme is pretty tight and it may not be possible to accommodate all (or any) requests, so the sooner you make contact, the easier it will be to accommodate you.

NETWORK DRINKS



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Conference newsletter

Did you receive a conference newsletter last week? Great pictures of the new Student Union building going up at the university – lovely timber framing to replace the shattered steel and concrete. Also a profile of international guest speaker Prof Dale Greene. Contact admin@nzif.org.nz if you didn't get the newsletter.

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Chair:	Phil Taylor
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NZIF BUSINESS

Council and Registration Board elections

All NZIF members eligible to vote for the Council and the vacancies on the Registration Board should have received voting instructions. If you didn't please contact the Administrator (admin@nzif.org.nz, phone (04) 974 8421) to have a fresh copy sent to you. Voting closes at 5:00 pm on Friday 30 March 2012.

Invoices and confirmation of membership status

Please see the President's comments about membership subscription invoicing and the need for members to confirm membership status. Speedy action on these matters will greatly assist the Administrator.

Latest Journal now online

The latest *Journal of Forestry* (56-4) is now online – [click here](#).

Registered Member workshops

Several workshops for Registered Members are planned for mid-April 2012. Depending on levels of interest these will be held in Auckland, Rotorua, Wellington and the South Island (venue to be finalised but possibly Dunedin) during the weeks commencing 16 and 23 April.

The main purpose of the workshops is to update Registered Members on the Real Estate Agents Act 2008. Members have been made aware of the legal opinion prepared by Simpson Grierson and the workshop will provide further updates on this legislation. It will also provide members with an opportunity to question and discuss the implications of the Act with Simpson Grierson solicitors and explore a range of options for members individually or as a group to manage the inherent risks this legislation has created. For those who have not reviewed the document yet, it is highly recommended that you contact Jay (admin@nzif.org.nz) now to request access to the document.

To provide more efficient use of your day the opportunity will also be taken to present educational sessions on other topics of interest to members and these may include:

1. An update on trends, strategies and the need for managing business risk through the acquisition of business and/or personal professional indemnity insurance (PI Insurance Presenter).
2. Legal implications for members who provide client advice on all aspects of the Emissions Trading scheme (MAF Presenter).
3. Introductory session outlining the objectives of the Financial Planning Act 2008 and implications on members business and strategies for assessing and managing risk to avoid potential complications created by this piece of legislation (Solicitor).

It is also planned to have a 30-45 minute session of discussion with members to solicit thoughts on the NZIF registration scheme, administrative matters relating to the online management of the scheme, and any other issues that may be relevant to members. It is envisaged that an attendance or registration fee will be payable to cover facility costs and attendance expenses for presenters.

Further details will be released when these are available. In the meantime Registered Members should contact John Schrider john@forme.co.nz, (04) 232 7155 (5) or 027 446 9296 if they have any suggestions for topics they may like to see included. Early indication from members intending to attend these workshops will also assist greatly with location planning.

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SUBMISSIONS

Murray Parrish (murray.parrish@chh.com) is Submissions Coordinator. NZIF Members or local sections considering making submissions (even on what appear to be local issues) should advise him of their plans. Council can assist with the cost of making submissions (contact Murray for details).

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LOCAL SECTIONS

Farm Forestry Association – West Coast Branch Field Day and AGM Saturday 17 March 2012

Starting 9:30 am at Greymouth, meet at Gladstone Cemetery turn off on the main road at Gladstone. Signposts in place. Field-day participants will visit several sites with Mike Crow (previously forest manager with Timberlands and with his own sizable planted stands). The AGM will take place at midday approximately at the Paroa Hotel. Lunch will be provided and a bar tab will be in place.

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PACIFIC FORESTRY SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

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STUDENT'S SECTION

Please confirm student status

Student Members will have received an email from the Administrator asking you to confirm your student status for 2012 (or if no longer a student to apply to advance to Graduate Member or Associate Member). It would be great if you could do this as soon as possible, so we don't need to keep hassling you for a response.

Survey request from NZIF student member

I am an NZIF student member currently pursuing PhD study under the supervision of Associate Professor Hugh Bigsby at the Faculty of Commerce, Lincoln University. As a part of my study I need costs to landowners of participating in the East Coast Forestry Project, the Emissions Trading Scheme and the QE II National Trust Scheme that I could not get from concerned organisations. Hence, we are seeking input from landowners who have participated in any of these schemes, or from consultants who have worked with landowners involved in any of them. If you are interested in helping with this survey, please [click here](#) to complete an internet-based online survey. Alternatively, you can contact me at Arun.Bhatta@lincolnuni.ac.nz or 021 065 9317 for a copy of the questionnaire.

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PEOPLE NEWS

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ADVERTISEMENTS

The NZIF has no view on the service or product sought or advertised. Follow up any item directly with the advertiser, not with NZIF. A charge may be imposed, depending on the nature of the advertisement. If you respond to an advertiser, tell them that you saw it in the *NZIF Newsletter*.

JOB VACANCY WEBSITES

Science jobs	fusionz.rsnz.org/
MAF	careers.haines.co.nz/MAF/Pages/Vacancies.aspx
NZ conservation jobs	www.conjobs.co.nz/index.php
Department of Conservation	www.doc.govt.nz/about-doc/jobs-at-doc/current-vacancies/
Australian Government	jobsearch.gov.au/Login/Login.aspx?WHCode=0
Australia Department of Agriculture Fisheries & Forestry	www.daff.gov.au/about/jobs
FAO projects and professional vacancies	www.fao.org/employment/project-vacancies/en/ www.fao.org/employment/empl-professionalvacancies/en/

Canadian graduate seeks work

I am a recent graduate from Laval University in Quebec, Canada, with a Master's Degree in Environmental Biogeosciences, I have a strong interest in NZ forestry. I believe I could contribute to your currently available research and development positions. I have just completed a very challenging internship with FPIInnovations, which is a leading Canadian organisation in wood science research. This experience required strong skills such as teamwork, an analytical mind and leadership. As a highly-motivated dynamic and committed person, I hope to find an opportunity to prove myself. My arrival in NZ is scheduled for 11 April 2012. It would be a pleasure to meet you after that date, at your convenience. Sincerely, *Genevieve Gagnon* (gen319@hotmail.com)

German forester seeks work

My name is Cornelia Schulz. I am a young forester from Germany. I am interested in knowing more about forestry in NZ, especially about how forest owners are organised, what problems they have and what experiences you have with nature conservation and certification systems (FSC, PEFC) and if there are conflicts with tourism and the public. It's always been my goal to experience different forests and forestry practices around the world, and explains why I decided to travel to NZ to further my education and forestry skills on a working holiday visa. I would be very grateful for your advice as to how to find employment in the forestry field.

I have a Master of Science in Forestry (Technische Universität Dresden) and four years of management and "hands-on" promotional and representational forestry experience in public relations, environmental education and policy development. From October 2009 to March 2011 I was the Executive Director of the Saxony Community of Forest Owners – the professional private forestry organisation in the eastern part of Germany. Prior to this I spent two years working in both the public and not-for-profit forestry sectors – also in Saxony – in events management, environmental education with school, community and large public groups, and writing press releases and briefing journalists. Kind regards, *Cornelia Schulz* (dm-conny@web.de)

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PUBLICATIONS / MEDIA / NOTICES

2012 FITEC NATIONAL TRAINING AWARDS NOMINATIONS OPEN

The search is on for the forest and wood industry's top performers. "The FITEC National Training Awards are an opportunity for companies and individuals around the country to nominate their stars and enhance their profile," says FITEC Chief Executive, Ian Boyd. "Past winners have become role models and gone on to do great things for themselves and the industry." Entries close 31 May 2012. To nominate or enter [click here](#). Winners will be announced at a gala dinner and ceremony in Rotorua on 20 September 2012. For more information email events@fitec.org.nz or contact Jill Causer (09) 356 8275 or 027 5618 270.

MAF TO BE RENAMED MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

NZ Herald, 8 March 2012

The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry is to be renamed to reflect the importance of the whole primary sector to the economy. The ministry, to be known as the Ministry for Primary Industries from April 30, will cover agriculture, horticulture, fisheries and aquaculture, forestry, the food sector and biosecurity. The change follows the merger of the Ministry of Fisheries and Food Safety Authority into MAF. Primary Industries Minister David Carter said the name change was a logical move. "It recognises the broad role of the ministry in growing and protecting the primary sector, the powerhouse of New Zealand's economy," he said. "Importantly it provides the different parts of the organisation with a single, unifying identity."

FUNDING ROUND OPEN FOR BIODIVERSITY CONDITION AND ADVICE FUNDS

The Biodiversity Funds financially assist private landowners and community groups to improve or maintain the condition of indigenous vegetation, species and habitats on private land. Priority is given to projects with high biodiversity values and those that meet the National Priorities for Protecting Rare and Threatened Native Biodiversity on Private Land. See our [brochure](#). Applications for funding are now open and can be made [here](#). Discussion with the Fund staff can be useful prior to submitting an application. Please read the Biodiversity Funds Guides and Exclusions for funding before submitting your application. There is also helpful information in the online [application guide](#).

Please refer to the website for further information, details on how to apply and a link to the online [application form](#). If you have any questions or wish to discuss any aspect of your project please call us on freephone 0800 862 020 or email biofunds@doc.govt.nz. **Closing date:** 3:00 pm on Tuesday 17 April 2012. Notification of the outcome is anticipated in August 2012. Seven unbound paper copies of all supporting information (and the signed declaration) need to be in our office by 5:00 pm on Friday 20 April 2012.

UNIVERSITY OF CANTERBURY FORESTRY SOCIETY SEEKS SPONSORS

The University of Canterbury Forestry Society (FORSOC) is interested in attracting industry sponsors for 2012. This year is shaping up to be a fantastic year for FORSOC and Canterbury University as we look to move forward from 2011. Membership for this year is already just shy of 250 members with more to come. This year FORSOC is looking to run a number of events, with some new ones alongside the famous 4 BBQs and the Steamboat Ball. Any sponsorship received this year will be put towards the cost of the members' singlets, running the Forestry quiz night for School of Forestry students and faculty, the Meet the Industry night and also a potential free firewood weekend for the people of Christchurch. All sponsors will have the option for their name and logo displayed on the singlets and also the opportunity for the naming rights to any of our events. For

further information please contact our President, Blake Jones, at bwj25@uclive.ac.nz or on 027 253 2537.

SURVEY REQUEST FROM NZIF STUDENT MEMBER

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ITTO CARBON CALCULATOR ONLINE

The International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO) has developed an online carbon calculator which can be seen [here](#). It calculates the number of trees we have to plant to offset carbon emissions in everyday life. The estimate is based on the average values of an adult planted teak tree in the tropics.

HELPFUL INFORMATION FOR PROPOSED LEVY

Those interested in the proposed levy for the NZ forest growing sector might be interested in the work of Forest and Wood Products Australia ([FWPA](#)). FWPA is a levy-funded organisation which supports the forest industry in Australia, with one significant difference, that industry is matched dollar for dollar by government. The industry has recently reviewed the body and the [report](#) contains some information that you may find interesting.

NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN FOR THE 2012 GREEN RIBBON AWARDS

Do you know someone who deserves recognition for their contribution to the NZ's environment? We would love to have your nominations for the Awards. The Awards recognise the outstanding contribution of individuals and organisations to sustaining, protecting and enhancing NZ's environment. The Green Ribbon Awards will be presented by the Minister for the Environment in June 2012. They are open to individuals and organisations in NZ who are making a difference for our environment. You can nominate yourself, your organisation, community group, service or product or you can nominate someone else you think deserves recognition. An information sheet showing the award categories and how to make a nomination is available [here](#). **Nominations close 5:00 pm Friday 23 March 2012.** For more information please email green.ribbon@mfe.govt.nz or visit our [website](#).

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CALENDAR

The events in this calendar have come from a range of sources and no responsibility can be taken for errors. Contact the organisers to check times, locations, costs etc. New events are marked in moss green.

March 2012

Fri 16 – Sun 18 Mar	Rural Disputes Seminar, www.aminz.org.nz/Event?Action=View&Event_id=337
Fri 23 Mar	Nominations close for 2012 Green Ribbon Awards

Mon 12 Mar	Conducting Safe Investigations Seminar , Wellington,
Wed 7 – Wed 28	2012 Leonard Cockayne Memorial Lecture Tour - details
Wed 21	ForestWood 2012 Conference, Wellington, www.forestwood.org.nz
Sat 31	Charles Fleming Fund Call for Applications close
April 2012	
Tue 17	Closing date for Biodiversity Condition and Advice Funds, www.biodiversity.govt.nz/biofunds
Fri 27	Conducting Safe Investigations Seminar , Christchurch
Mon 30	CFA Young Forester Award 2012 applications close, www.cfa-international.org
May 2012	
Tue 1	Conducting Safe Investigations Seminar , Auckland
Thur 31	FITEC National Training Awards nominations close, www.fitec.org.nz/awards
July 2012	
Sun 1	NZIF AGM, Christchurch
Sun 1 – Wed 4	NZIF Conference, Christchurch, www.nzifconference.co.nz

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