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PRESIDENT'S COMMENT

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What is forestry's Little Red Riding Hood?

Periodically I browse the [Scoop](#) website and look at the science headlines, including the sciblogs and sticK entries. Recent entries include [Standing up for nothing does our agriculture a big non-favour](#) and [For want of a name our agriculture flounders](#). They start by saying that every story has a name – except the one that describes NZ's agriculture. It provides an example that we don't start the story *This is about a wolf and a little girl and a grandmother who lives alone*, we start *This is the story of Little Red Riding Hood*. Peter Kerr then goes on to say that having established the name, the rest of the story can unfold – the order, the details and nuances get a bit mixed up but everything can hover under the banner of the name of the story. By establishing a generic name for our wonderful products that are the result of applied science to sunshine, soil and fresh air, we create a strategic

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position to sell everything from animal genetics to electric fences to other farmers around the world and a platform in which developments like Daisy the genetically modified cow can be debated.

While Peter Kerr was talking about agriculture, and specifically the story of the rotational grazing technologies and grazing in situ that NZ has perfected over the past 100 years, the same could be said for plantation forestry in NZ – something else that we have perfected over the last 100 years.

From those blogs, the Scoop site led me to an article in the *NZ Herald* of 19 October [Put a tree in your tank](#). This was largely about biofuel, but had a broader message. It is worth reading in full, but here are some extracts:

Contradictions abound in a sector where a potentially enormous economic benefit is being left to languish. On the one hand, the government is supporting Norske Skog to move into biofuel production. On the other hand, the government cut the existing \$36 million bio-diesel development grants scheme, and dropped the Labour Government's plan to require a small percentage of biofuel in all petrol and diesel.

... Solid Energy was quitting the biofuels business ...

... open letter from eight major forestry companies imploring PM John Key to “go back to the drawing board” and align the Emissions Trading Scheme with international best practice ... just as Foreign Affairs Minister Murray McCully was telling the UN General Assembly: “One of the most striking features of our region has been the complete lack of practice in putting lofty climate change rhetoric into any form of renewable energy practice.”

“Government subsidies beat free market; Tasmania beats New Zealand; Boyer beats Kawerau,” was how industry newsletter Woodweek summed up the situation ... Just look at the deals Key seems prepared to do to entice Hollywood movie and television productions.

The next item that caught my eye was a reader report on the [Stuff](#) website by Zac Gray on 24 October called [Can our politicians actually do anything productive?](#) Two extracts give the flavour:

More and more it seems that New Zealand politics is falling apart at the seams.

If we actually focussed and reported on what matters then maybe New Zealand could take a step towards a brighter and more productive future.

Finally this week we have had stories about the manslaughter convictions for the Italian earthquake scientists showing how little the judge apparently knew about science, and the reports of forced sales of properties in NZ that had PFSI forests (which I can only put down to the owners having received strange advice before they invested in forest on what was presumably their less productive land and without a proper understanding of the liabilities and potential downside of both the PFSI and the ETS).

Now consider where we might have been if NZ forests had its Little Red Riding story. The slogan could be along the lines *Forests are good, more forests are better* giving a strategic platform under which could sit building materials, bioenergy, recreation, climate change mitigation, biodiversity, water quality, etc.

Any ideas?

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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.)

Wall of wood

John Groome FNZIF, Canterbury

We should take pride, not concern, for this mythical concept. Howard Moore's article in the last Newsletter did this in a convincing manner. If memory serves me right, this term was invented by Wayne Coffey (secretary of the Sawmiller's Association) in a misguided attempt to keep log prices down. No wonder it is a sunset industry? With log export continuing to boom. Perhaps we do not have enough forest? With LVL multi-level commercial buildings just starting to appear in the Christchurch re-build we will also need lots of thick veneer – knotty or not.

Predominance of radiata

John Purey-Cust FNZIF, Southland

The predominance of radiata simply evolved because it could do things better as northern hemisphere forestry people understood the term plus the inborn urge to over-simplify (all dairy cows are black and white) as confidence in solutions for an unknown land evolved. Just as pastoral farming rejects camelids so we disregarded eucs – too complicated, too 'difficult', no heritage of understanding.

Another negative effect is the influence of plastics, whose reign began post c.1960. In the UK (and I suspect everywhere) that put an end to the domestic hardwood market in a host of species and special uses. I see that some, for example wooden clothes pegs, have re-emerged where wood and labour are cheap.

Somebody made the point about pine posts snapping at the node. I arrived in West Otago when the local treatment plant owner was challenging the established concrete post market. He demoed his treated posts at the A & P shows, putting a sideways strain on. Concrete crumbled, the wood didn't, and concrete disappeared, wood took over. The only problem was that the treated rounds he demoed weren't pine - they were poplar, no nodes. Perhaps the treatment effort should have moved to poplar.

An interesting situation is developing in Southland where the local forestry corporate appears to have moved into 'millennium forestry' (no silviculture and short rotations). The old tended resource is now gone and the local sawmilling industry is finding difficulty in getting logs of the quality it needs, which bodes well for small growers who still prune and thin.

Do we move towards a time of good wood for the domestic market and junk logs for export?

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NZIF BUSINESS

From the Registrar

Registration application

An application to become a Registered Member has been received from:

- Mr **Steve Chandler** of Invercargill

Any member of the Institute has the right to object to an application. Any objection should be made by lodging a notice with the Registrar within 20 working days of the first appearance (12 October) of the notice in this



Newsletter, specifying the grounds of the objection.

From the NZIF Administrator

Jim Taggart has let me know that 30 copies of his book *Toward A Culture of Wood Architecture* have departed the shores on Canada. The ETA to NZ is about six weeks from 7 September. Once the books have arrived in the country I will be posting them with the invoice to those who have put an order. The cost will be \$NZ45.00 plus postage. If you have any queries please contact me at admin@nzif.org.nz. Regards, *Jay Matthes*, Administrator

2013 Conference – mark your diaries

The 2013 NZIF AGM and Conference is scheduled to be held in New Plymouth from Sunday 30 June to Wednesday 3 July 2013. Make a decision to attend and block out the dates in your diary now.

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Foundation Establishment Appeal

It is pleasing to learn that members have now fulfilled most of the donations pledged to the NZIF Foundation during the conference in Christchurch in July. What we need now is other NZIF members who are prepared to put a bit of their money into supporting the education of the next generation of forestry professionals. Don't be shy, just email foundation@nzif.org.nz for painless ways to make a tax deductible donation.

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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).

Proposed NZ Environmental Profiling Plan

BRANZ has been undertaking important research into the development and use of environmental profiles. These provide a market-driven basis for declaring the environmental performance of NZ construction products. This research can also be incorporated into a quantitative whole-building whole-of-life assessment, delivering a robust evaluation of the environmental performance of buildings across their life cycle.

The work has resulted in a proposed NZ Environmental Profiling Plan. BRANZ has produced an executive summary ([here](#)) and a full version ([here](#)). Other reports, arising from the research, are also available on the BRANZ Environmental Profiling web page ([here](#)). BRANZ would like your comments and feedback on this important issue by **7 November 2012**. Contact Murray Parrish if you would like to contribute to an NZIF submission.

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LOCAL SECTIONS

HAWKE'S BAY SECTION

Film evening: two films from the International Forest Film Festival

When: 7:30 pm, Tuesday 6 November

Where: The Globe Theatre, 15 Hardinge Road, Ahuriri

2011 was the United Nations International Year of the Forest and to celebrate it an International Forest Film Festival competition was organised. Over 160 films were submitted and we are able to screen the best in festival and another winner in the Forest Hero category in the comfort of the Globe Theatre. There is a cash bar and the usual nibbles for sale.

The films

The Queen of Trees: Judged best in festival. No, not radiata pine, but the amazing sycamore fig, which grows in Africa. This beautifully filmed documentary reveals the remarkable interdependence of the tree and a huge range of animal life. Quite extraordinary and well worth seeing. Superb photography.

Climbing Redwood Giants: Winner of the "Forest Hero" category awarded to the film that most effectively celebrates the work of individuals or groups committed to forest research and sustainability. The remaining range of the natural redwood forest is investigated and trees climbed to investigate the ecology of the tree crowns and which tree is the tallest in the world. Again, superb photography.

Please book a seat by emailing me (Barry Keating) at keating@xtra.co.nz or phone me on (06) 844 7250. There are only 45 seats and those who have booked will have first claim to a seat. To help cover the cost of the theatre hire a donation of \$10 would be most welcome. I will collect the donations on the night as I meet you and check off the list of those who have booked. Hope to see you there.

CNI SECTION

Call for nominations for chairman and vice chairman positions for the NZIF CNI local section

The chairman and a new position of vice chairman are now open for nominations. David Herries would be happy to stay on as vice chairman if needed to assist with the local section, but a new chairman is required to be filled. Nominations are welcome and can be addressed to the National Secretary. Elections of the positions will be at the next local section meeting in late November. The new position of vice chairman is to assist in succession planning for local sections.

Notification of new CNI Section Secretary: Jonathan Dash

Jonathan has volunteered for this role, and with universal support from all attending the October 2012 meetings is now our local section secretary. Karina Bohle stepped down in early 2012 and it is great to have Jonathan assisting the local section. He can be contacted on cni@nzif.org.nz or jonathan.dash@interpine.co.nz. David Herries, NZIF CNI Local Section Chairman

Making Hauler Operations More Cost Effective – meeting report

With around 25 members attending a Rotorua-based meeting, the CNI section held a recent local section meeting reviewing hauler operations in NZ, and opportunities around productivity and cost efficiency gains. Rien Visser



from Canterbury University presented the 2012 NZ cable yarders survey and compared this to the previous national survey in 2002.

He was able to contrast this with his recent trip to Europe, where demand is pushing the innovation envelope for cable yarding equipment, much of which is suitable for our wood size and terrain types (something that is often misunderstood). Rien noted that three Central European manufacturers are producing more than 10 machines each a year and exceptionally high labour costs are driving the push towards automation.

The European cable yarding industry varies from our domestic situation with key differences including: a focus on road legal towers; electronic as opposed to hydraulic control systems, many of which incorporate a mixture of automated carriage movements and remote control from a spotter/breaker out position without the yarder needing to be manned; better control drums systems with separate tensioning compartments and larger diameter drums; and new types of anchoring systems.

Adequate support and training for these systems may prove a challenge for the NZ industry if we were to utilise these more in this country without a coordinated pan-industry buy in. Spencer Hill of LogPro Ltd, SCION then gave the audience an opportunity to select from one of two presentations, with one on yarder system development that halved logging costs in a recent project in Bintulu, Sarawak proving the members' choice. This presentation focused on the deployment and customization of the [Alpine Shovel Yarder and Grapple system](#) from South Africa. Alongside the key driver of cost reduction, an almost hilarious lack of health and safety awareness, and the hot and humid working environment drove them to look at a new style of grapple carriage that could operate on a two-drum shovel yarder.

Here in NZ, Spencer is now working with FFR to evaluate the grapple carriage powered by a hydraulic accumulator, which is charged as the grapple moves down the skyline. It also has a rotator fitter for finer grapple control, is much lighter than a motorised carriage and is fitted with a Trinder Vision System. The Alpine grapple carriage system is now being trialed in NZ in alignment with FFR at a PF Olsen crew in the Bay of Plenty and is set to move to Gisborne in November.

To other local sections, if you have the opportunity of Spenceor Rienbeing in your area, it is well worth getting them along. These two are often travelling the country so take the opportunity to nab them if you are interested. Contact: Spencer Hill – spencer.hill@scionresearch.com; Rien Visser – rien.visser@canterbury.ac.nz.

Cable Yarders in NZ (2012 survey)

Yarder Type	% 2002	% 2012
Tower	75	67
Swing	23	30
Excavator based	2	3

Swing Yarders

- Approx 38% have access to a carriage
- Many swing yarders have mechanical grapple carriage
- Acme most common motorised carriage (17 units)

30 Tonne Alpine Shovel Yarder with Grapple
 200 tonne per day
 Logging cost RM40/tonne (NZ\$17.4)

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Upcoming local section meeting

Topic: ETS Forum: The ETS – what legacy to our people?

Where: Tangataraua Marae, Waiariki Institute of Technology, Mokoia Drive, Rotorua

Date: Tuesday 30 October

RSVP: By 26 October (see below)

Who should attend?

Current and potential forest owners, iwi trustees, those concerned about the integrity of NZ's climate change response, and the general public.

What is it about?

Is carbon forestry dead in the woods? Why are carbon prices so low? Current recommendations for the Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) seriously disadvantage the forestry industry. You need to know how this could impact NZ carbon forestry. Carbon sequestered by forestry saved NZ from a massive carbon liability for the Kyoto period 2008-2012. We now have the prospect of deforestation for the next decade. This must not happen. How can **you** influence decisions that must be made before the next Kyoto commitment period at the end of 2012?

Programme

9.00am Pōhiri

9.30am *Morning Tea*

10.00m Rawiri Te Whare (CNI Maori)

10.30am Geoff Thompson (ETS Review Panel) "Any Future for Forestry in the ETS?"

11.00am David Herries (Director, Interpine)

11.30pm Matt Walsh (NZ Carbon Farming)

12.00pm *Lunch*

1.00pm Todd McClay MP (Chair, Select Committee)

1.30pm Open discussion and debate

3.00pm Wrap-up: Waaka Vercoe (Chair, Maori Investments Limited).

Please RSVP to Warren Webber: warren.webber@waiariki.ac.nz, (07) 346 8722, 027 478 7758 or Mike King: mike.king@interpine.co.nz, (07) 345 7573 x 707, 021 525242.

APPITA One Day Conference

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GISBORNE SECTION

Durable Eucalypts – opportunity for Gisborne Tree Growers – Field Day

Date: Wednesday 14 November 2012

Where: Te Koawa Station, 1131 Whakarau Road, 50 km north-west of Gisborne

Hosts: Landowners Bob Wishart and Meg Gaddum

RSVP: To Meg or Bob (06) 862 3418 wisga@xtra.co.nz



Timetable:

10.00am – Meet at Te Koawa woolshed and share morning tea (provided).

10.30am – Presentation by Paul Millen, NZDFI Project Manager ‘Do current markets for durable hardwood justify investment in planting new eucalypt forests?’ This will be followed by a question and answer session.

11.15am – Presentation by Ian Nicholas, Hardwood scientist for NZDFI ‘Durable eucalypt species with promising potential for NZ drylands’. This will be followed by question and answer session.

12.00pm – Depart for walk to eucalypt trial site for lunch. (This is about a 2km round trip so please bring your own lunch and drink, in a knapsack, and wear boots suitable for steep terrain and a raincoat if wet weather.)

12.45pm – Commence forest walk to inspect durable eucalypt trials and to demonstrate eucalypt form pruning.

3.00pm – Field day ends with afternoon tea back at woolshed.

SNI SECTION

Local section meeting

Topic: Rob Guest speaking on the Royal Forest of Dean & UK Forestry Commission Experiences

Where: Forestwood Centre Boardroom, Level 9, 93 The Terrace

Date: Thursday 15 November from 5:30pm

RSVP: To Jay at admin@nzif.org.nz by 9 November

What is it about?

Rob worked for the NZ Forest Service and MoF, but returned to England in the 1990s to take up a role with the Forestry Commission. He remained a member of the Institute. He retired from the Forestry Commission last year, having been the Regional Manager for SW England and also holding the historic position of Deputy Surveyor for the Forest of Dean. In that position he was the public face of the Forestry Commission, and was responsible for managing many of the issues that confront the Commission in that part of the world. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Exhibition: Architecture = Sustainable

To be held at Victoria University School of Architecture, 139 Vivian Street (opposite Marion Street), Wellington on Tuesday 23 October until Friday 2 November. The exhibition *Architecture = Sustainable* from the *Pavillon de l'Arsenal* in Paris examines top sustainable architecture projects in and around Paris. The exhibition has been brought to NZ by the *Alliance Française* network and the Embassy of France in Wellington, in partnership with the NZ Institute of Architects and various local partners. Fletcher's generous sponsorship is gratefully acknowledged. The exhibition will tour Auckland, Wellington, Palmerston North and Christchurch.

Several public seminars will take place during the exhibition featuring renowned French architect Edouard François, and French and NZ scientists carrying out collaborative research in the fields of renewable energy and energy efficiency in buildings within the framework of the bilateral France New Zealand Science Cooperation Programme Dumont d'Urville. See <http://www.ambafrance-nz.org/New-Zealand-and-France-Renew>. These seminars below are open to the public. All welcome and no RSVPs necessary

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Simulation and users: their roles in generalizing net zero energy building design guidance

The talk will present the joint projects that are currently in progress between NZ and France in the field of Net Zero Energy Buildings.

- Solution Sets for Net Zero Energy Buildings. A database of 30 NZEBs has been set up. Presentation of a classification of all the buildings (according to building and climate type)
- Focus on the outputs of their Dumont d'Urville research project: the presentation of a new Building Climate Classification Method and the Lessons learned from seven near-zero building design teams
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Michael's and François' PhD students Shaan Cory and Aurélie Lenoir will also participate in the talk.

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Australian Government	jobsearch.gov.au/Login/Login.aspx?WHCode=0
Australia Department of Agriculture Fisheries & Forestry	www.daff.gov.au/about/jobs



French student seeks internship

Could you tell me if there is any possibility of applying for an internship (7-10 months) in a wood-frame building company that is part of the Council or at the Wood Processors' Association of NZ? As a student in Economics, Politics and Management I would really like to find an internship in NZ linked to the wood industry, so that I would have the keys of promoting a wood culture. Back in France, there is a lot of work to do to communicate on wood, to create a wood culture, so it would be the perfect internship. Thank you very much. Best regards, *Julien Simon* (ju14100@hotmail.fr).

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YOUR SUPPORT NEEDED FOR TREE INFORMATION SURVEY

The NZ Institute of Forestry is supporting a new project that aims to establish a comprehensive database of information resources about trees on farms. Please support this useful project by doing a short survey at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Trees_on_Farms. All surveys completed before 31 December 2012 will go into the draw for some fantastic prizes – \$100 petrol vouchers, a copy of *Native Trees of New Zealand and Their Story* by John Wardle, or Rural Women NZ cookbooks, *A Good Spread* and *A Good Harvest*.

The project will help farmers looking for information about any aspect of planting and managing trees in the working landscape. The free database created will list the most useful and credible information resources available and where to find them. Listings in the database will be assessed by leading farm foresters, forestry consultants and researchers as reflecting current knowledge and best practice.

The project will also help provide information on how farmers prefer to receive information about planting and managing trees. With today's new media there are so many ways we can learn – formally and informally – and the online survey is trying to build up a picture of current behaviour and future preferences.

The project is being funded by the Sustainable Farming Fund, the NZ Farm Forestry Association, and Scion Research with support from Rural Women NZ and the NZ Institute of Forestry. More details: Harriet Palmer (Project Manager), email: harriet.palmer@paradise.net.nz



NZ FARM FORESTRY ASSOCIATION AGM AND NATIONAL CONFERENCE

(20-23 APRIL 2013)

This conference (“Back to our roots – growing a forestry future on a soundly-based foundation”) is being held in Orewa – very close to the birthplace of the NZFFA 60 years ago. It will include a visit to founder Neil Barr’s former farm and now the world-renowned Gibbs Farm sculpture park. The programme is focused in a future where integration of trees into rural land use will be the practice, matching species to site the rule and taking advantage of the wide range of natural properties wood provides will come naturally.

Some of the issues arising from being on the back door on NZ’s largest urban centre, use of the RMA to control harvesting practice and transport, pressure for public access and the opportunities this potentially provides, and a number of like matters will be debated. This conference will provide foresters from throughout NZ the opportunity to better understand and appreciate the opportunities and issues facing forestry as practiced by thousands of rural land owners in this country, and the NZFFA would be delighted to welcome as many of their colleagues from NZIF as are able to join them.

For more information on the conference visit www.nzffa.org.nz/conference or email the conference convenor: peter@bergforests.co.nz.

BUYING/SELLING FORESTS: THE MAKE OR BREAK ISSUES

Auckland Seminar on 20 November 2012

How do you manage Overseas Investment Office approvals for forestry transactions?

How do anti-competition laws apply to the forestry sector?

How do you value forests – and the land? Why is there often a significant difference between valuations of the same land?

Minter Ellison Rudd Watts is pleased to invite you to an industry-wide seminar to discuss these main issues which can make or break forestry transactions. We intend that this will be the first of a series of seminars.

Kate Healy, Partner at Minter Ellison Rudd Watts, will discuss the current issues when making OIO applications, in the light of the recent high profile Crafar Farms decision. Kate will share her thoughts on the particular issues which forestry transactions raise in the context of the required approach to OIO applications, the latest approach of the OIO on forestry transactions, and the best way forward.

Andy Matthews, Partner at Minter Ellison Rudd Watts, will consider how consolidation of industry players and collaborative marketing and supply fits within the NZ legal framework of anti-competitive business practices.

We are also delighted to be joined by **Bill Liley** (Indufor) and Blue Hancock (Crighton Anderson). Both Bill and Blue are well known in the forestry industry in NZ. Their combined depth of expertise and experience in valuation and transaction issues provide an ideal basis for their presentation on the different approaches to valuation methods for forests and land. **Mark Forman**, a Senior Associate at Minter Ellison Rudd Watts will moderate this discussion.

Following these presentations, there will be a Question and Answer session with all four presenters. Light refreshments will also be available. The session will be chaired by **Ross Pickmere**, a Senior Partner and experienced forestry advisor from Minter Ellison Rudd Watts.

Please RSVP by reply email by **Wednesday 14 November** for catering and allocated seating purposes. Please feel free to pass on this Invitation to any other colleagues who you think may be interested in attending.

Where: Minter Ellison Rudd Watts, Level 20, Lumley Centre, 88 Shortland Street, Auckland 1010

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Date: Tuesday, 20 November 2012
Time: 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm with light refreshments afterwards

(Limited parking in our building – please contact us in advance for booking.)

We look forward to seeing you from 3:30pm for a 4:00 pm seated start. Contact: Ross Pickmere (09) 353 9762, ross.pickmere@minterellison.co.nz.

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DURABLE EUCALYPTS – OPPORTUNITY FOR GISBORNE TREE GROWERS – FIELD DAY

Date: Wednesday 14 November 2012
Where: Te Koawa Station, 1131 Whakarau Road, 50 km north-west of Gisborne
Hosts: Landowners Bob Wishart and Meg Gaddum



RSVP: To Meg or Bob (06) 862 3418 wisga@xtra.co.nz

Timetable:

10.00am – Meet at Te Koawa woolshed and share morning tea (provided).

10.30am – Presentation by Paul Millen, NZDFI Project Manager ‘Do current markets for durable hardwood justify investment in planting new eucalypt forests?’ This will be followed by a question and answer session.

11.15am – Presentation by Ian Nicholas, Hardwood scientist for NZDFI ‘Durable eucalypt species with promising potential for NZ drylands’. This will be followed by question and answer session.

12.00pm – Depart for walk to eucalypt trial site for lunch. (This is about a 2km round trip so please bring your own lunch and drink, in a knapsack, and wear boots suitable for steep terrain and a raincoat if wet weather.)

12.45pm – Commence forest walk to inspect durable eucalypt trials and to demonstrate eucalypt form pruning.

3.00pm – Field day ends with afternoon tea back at woolshed.

FOREST GROWERS PLAN INDUSTRY VOTE

NN Farm Forestry Association/ Forest Owners Association Joint Media Release

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For more information, contact Paul Nicholls, 027 595 8708 or Ian Jackson (03) 689 5578

Forest growers will decide the future direction and funding of their industry in a referendum being held in March next year.

“Forestry has a huge untapped potential. To achieve that potential we need a fairer and more cohesive industry where all growers are involved and playing their part,” say the Farm Forestry and Forest Owners Associations.

“Members of the two associations account for more than 80 per cent of the plantation forest harvest, but fewer than a quarter of the sector’s 10,000-plus growers. The aim is to bring all growers into the sector’s information streams and get them involved in decision making and funding.”

This will mean having a commodity levy on logs and other forest products in the year of harvest. By law, this requires the support of a dual majority in a referendum, with votes counted both by number of growers and by forest area. The levy rate has not been finalised but is expected to be around 40 cents a tonne.

Forest Owners vice president Paul Nicholls says work that benefits all growers has long been funded by the voluntary subscriptions and efforts of those growers who join an association.

“That voluntary work will continue. But the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead need the commitment of all growers, not just the enthusiasts.

“For example, pests and diseases do not respect property boundaries. So we need all growers involved in forest monitoring and funding biosecurity research and readiness.”

Farm Forestry president Ian Jackson says grower representatives made a commitment to increased science funding at a recent pan-industry workshop.

“It’s really quite exciting. There is recognition that in order to increase profitability we need a step-change in the way we do things. We need to produce higher yields of better quality timber and to harvest it more efficiently. That means making a bigger investment in well-targeted research.”

The Forest Owners and Farm Foresters are now setting up a Board to plan and conduct what will be known as the Forest Voice Referendum.

The referendum was originally going to be held before Christmas, but has been delayed until March 2013 because of the importance of the decisions made at the science and innovation workshop last week. Between 60 and 70 per



cent of the funds generated by the levy will be used for science funding.

The Forest Voice website www.forestvoice.org.nz will explain the Plantation Forest Strategy and how to vote. It will be live by 1 November.

CLIMATE CHANGE RESPONSE (EMISSIONS TRADING AND OTHER MATTERS) AMENDMENT BILL

Parliament's Finance and Expenditure Select Committee report on The Climate Change Response (Emissions Trading and Other Matters) Amendment Bill was tabled in the House on Wednesday 17 October. It will now proceed through further steps in the parliamentary process.

A summary of the changes proposed in the Bill is contained in this extract from the committee's report.

"The following are the main amendments proposed in the Bill:

- It would retain indefinitely the current transitional measures, which the majority of us believes mitigate the scheme's effect on costs to businesses and households. These measures are a one-for-two surrender obligation (which allows participants from non-forestry sectors to surrender one emissions unit for every two tonnes of emissions, effectively reducing the obligation by 50 percent) and a \$25 fixed-price option (which allows ETS participants to meet their obligation by paying the Government \$25 per New Zealand unit (NZU), effectively capping the price of carbon at \$25 per NZU). The Bill also seeks to extend these transitional measures to the waste, agriculture, and synthetic greenhouse gas sectors. In addition, the Bill would suspend the planned phasing out of allocation to emissions-intensive trade-exposed industrial activities until other transitional measures ended.
- The Bill would remove a specified entry date for surrender obligations on biological emissions from agriculture, currently set for 1 January 2015.
- It would introduce forest offsetting within the ETS as an option for pre-1990 forest landowners, to give them more flexibility. It would introduce a power to allow auctioning within an overall cap on the amount of New Zealand units, to mitigate concerns about the current lack of flexibility over the supply of NZUs into the ETS and concerns that, in future, more international units may be surrendered to the Government than it needs to meet any emissions-reduction target.
- It would change the current treatment of some parts of the synthetic greenhouse gas sector in the ETS to reduce the administrative costs faced by importers and manufacturers.

The Bill would also make a number of technical and operational changes to make the scheme more workable and flexible. For example, it would remove deforestation liabilities where forest cannot be re-established because of erosion or other natural disturbance, and it would ensure that minor clearing of forest boundaries was not counted as deforestation. The Bill would better allow for natural regeneration and re-establishment of poplars and willows, and support efforts to control tree weeds (wildings) by preventing tree weeds on post-1989 forest land from further participating in the ETS. Technical changes would also address eligibility issues for the less-than-50-hectare exemption for trustees, including the Maori Trustee and trustees appointed under the Te Ture Whenua Maori Act 1993."

Minority views (opposing the Bill and the amendments) were expressed by the Green Party, NZ First and Labour Party members of the Select Committee.

The report of the select committee is available [here](#).



INSTITUTE OF FORESTERS OF AUSTRALIA NATIONAL CONFERENCE

This conference (Managing Our Forests Into the 21st Century) is to be held on 7-11 April 2013 at the Canberra Rex Hotel in Canberra. For more information on the conference visit www.forestryconference.org.au or email alison.carmichael@forestry.org.au.

THIRD INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON PLANTED FORESTS

Takes place 16-21 May 2013. Plenary meeting in Lisbon preceded by scientific workshops in Bordeaux, Dublin, Porto, Bilbao and Edinburgh. Call for papers deadline 30 November 2012. Website: http://www.efiatlantic.efi.int/portal/events/2013_icpf/

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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.

October 2012

- Tue 23 – Exhibition Architecture = Sustainable, <http://www.ambafrance-nz.org/New-Zealand-and-France-Renew>
- Sun 2 Nov
- Tue 30 Oct CNI local section meeting
- Tue 30 – 5th Annual Industry Development Conference, Canberra,
- Wed 31 forestworks.com.au/conference2012

November 2012

- Tue 6 Hawke's Bay film evening, keating@xtra.co.nz
- Fri 9 SNI local section meeting, admin@nzif.org.nz
- Fri 9 APPITA One Day Conference, [Karen Clark](#)
- Mon 12 – 8th IUFRO Conference on International Conference on Uneven-Aged Silviculture
- Fri 16
- Sun 25 NZ Ecological Society Annual Conference, <http://www.nzes.org.nz/events/conference-2012>
- Wed 14 Eucalypts field day – Gisborne, wisga@xtra.co.nz
- Tue 20 Auckland seminar on buying/selling forests, ross.pickmere@minterrellison.co.nz
- Thur 29 – Symposium honouring John Buchanan, hewitson@knoxcollege.ac.nz
- Fri 30

December 2012

- Tue 4 – ForestTECH 2012 – Improving Wood Transport & Logistics, Melbourne, Rotorua
- Wed 5 www.foresttechevents.com

April 2013

- Sun 7 – Institute of Foresters of Australia National Conference, www.forestryconference.org.au
- Thur 11
- Sat 20 – NZFFA AGM and National Conference, www.nzffa.org.nz/conference
- Tue 23

May 2013

- Thur 16 – Third International Congress on Planted Forests,
- Tue 21 http://www.efiatlantic.efi.int/portal/events/2013_icpf/

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