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## PRESIDENT'S COMMENT

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### NZIF Foundation secures deal to help your Christmas shopping

The NZIF Foundation has secured a deal with Craig Potton Publishing that means you can get copies of four great books in your Christmas presents at a 15% discount, while at the same time earning a 10% commission for the Foundation. Tell your friends (especially those you hope will give you a book for Christmas) all about it as well. More details later in the newsletter.

### Latest Journal of Forestry out

Volume 53 (3) of the Journal of Forestry was hitting the letter boxes this week. This is the first issue with Julian Bateson as editor and Bateson Publishing doing the production. At the start of this new phase in the 87-year life of



the Journal, I welcome Julian to the role and thank the latest former editor Piers Maclaren and former producer Mike Smith of Business Media Services in Rotorua for their contributions over recent years.

## Lessons from Pike River

This week saw the release of the [report](#) of the Royal Commission on the Pike River Coal Mine Tragedy. Few members will be unaware of either the tragedy or the main findings of the report. The one that got me thinking related to recommendation 1: *To improve New Zealand's poor record in health and safety, a new Crown agent focusing solely on health and safety should be established.*

Hasn't OSH and its regulations featured heavily in the New Zealand psyche for some years? Maybe, but apparently it hasn't filtered through to real practical action – at least in the mining sector. There were hardly any mining inspectors left in the Department of Labour and they didn't seem to follow up action that was needed.

The mining company came in for heavy criticism. The Commission states *at the executive manager level there was a culture of production before safety at Pike River and as a result signs of the risk of an explosion were either not noticed or not responded to.*

Safety isn't just the responsibility of the government. To quote the Commission: *A serious problem was the workers' practice of bypassing safety devices on mining machinery so work could continue regardless of the presence of methane. This was reckless behaviour. There were also reports of other conduct and incidents caused by inexperience, inadequate training and failures to follow procedures.*

It seems that in the case of Pike River there was a total absence of the conditions needed for a culture of safety.

Thankfully, I am told that a different culture is fostered in forestry operations. The forestry sector actively seeks to lower the accident rate and in recent years has introduced a number of major initiatives – drug and alcohol testing; research into equipment and procedures in harvesting, particularly on steep land, and putting the findings into place; and the introduction of longer trucks with lower centres of gravity to reduce roll-overs. In association with ACC and MoBIE, FOA is piloting and introducing initiatives in safety culture, with specific interventions in felling and breaking out, including investigating certification, and has introduced the Incident Reporting Information System (IRIS), allowing companies and the industry in general to measure where accidents are occurring, so that higher risk areas can be targeted. Forest owners and contractors are jointly involved in reducing the level of accidents through the FOA Health, Safety and Training Committee.

I wonder if the failings the Royal Commission found in government might be related to the increasing mystification and agglomeration of functions in government departments. How do the more simple minded “a spade is a spade” amongst us find who to deal with for particular functions? I tested this by going to the website of the new Ministry of Business, Employment and Innovation to find out about mining inspectors. I was directed to the Department of Labour website so searched there. About all I could find were news reports about the Royal Commissions report. Nowhere did anything spring out at me that told me where to find a mining inspector, what they did and other helpful information. While I am told bush inspectors still exist in government, I had no luck finding anything about them either.

I have lamented on more than one occasion about the fragmentation of forests and forestry sector expertise in government. Bits of forestry can be found in MPI, DoC, MoBIE, MfE, Ministry of Education, NZQA and even MFAT. Where would you go to find out about the forests of New Zealand, their economic and environmental importance, safety regulations and the like? There is no government head forester who can do this. Consequently we get fragmented and impractical policies applying to forests and forestry. Safety in forestry requires a good knowledge of aspects of forests and forestry operations, well-trained employees and access to research in equipment and techniques. In the same way development of climate change policy for forests requires knowledge of the science of forests and the nature of forest management and operations. How can government develop forest safety procedures and forest policy, resolve issues in trade in forest products, and deal with the benefits of forests



for water quality and recreation, when there is no clearly identified “centre of forestry” within government and the public can’t even find out how to contact a bush inspector?

### The price of pollution?

This week, Minister for Primary Industries David Carter criticised ([see here](#)) Horizons Regional Council for its analysis of the economic impact of the council’s One Plan on farming and horticulture. The Minister had received reports from officials that the Council’s proposals to impose nutrient caps on intensive farming and vegetable growing operations to protect waterways from nitrogen pollution (proposals that have been upheld by the Environment Court) meant that farm profits could fall by 22-43% as a result of the land use changes needed to meet the proposals. The Minister is proposing changes to the Resource Management Act.

But the issue is surely wider than just the current profits from farming and horticulture. If the impact of imposing the provisions is 22-43% of profits, then doesn’t this indicate the value of the concession that society is giving to those farmers to enable them to continue to pollute the waterways? Does society want to continue with this transfer of value from society generally to some land owners?

Unfortunately the Minister’s reaction seems to tie in with an increasingly common theme from government that production is much more important than the environment, and if the environment gets in the way, then they will just alter the legislation so it doesn’t (a little reminiscent of the politics of a recently failed US presidential candidate).

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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](mailto:newsletter@nzif.org.nz).)

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## NZIF BUSINESS

### Time has run out for members in arrears

This week 10 members have been struck off the NZIF membership for being two years in arrears with their subscriptions. We are always sorry when it gets to this position and it does not happen lightly. All those involved have had numerous pleas for payment from the Administrator and the President, and they have had monthly statements.

Some members seem to think that if they just stop paying their subscriptions and answering pleas for payment, NZIF should just assume that they have resigned. But it is not as easy as that – our rules require that a member who wants to resign must give notice to the Council and they are liable for any fees and other amounts owing at the time of resignation. Members cannot be struck off the membership until they are two years in arrears with their subscriptions.

We still have 15 members who have not paid their 2012/13 subscriptions. We encourage them to attend to this immediately. If they really want to resign (we hope they don’t), then they should do this now and save us further administration and Council effort.

### 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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## Save on Christmas presents and help the Foundation

The NZIF Foundation is delighted to announce that it has negotiated an arrangement with Craig Potton Publishing that will not only save you money as you do your Christmas shopping, it will also benefit Foundation funds that are used to support education and research in NZ forestry.

This opportunity is open now and runs until 31 December 2012. Four superb publications are on offer:

*Field Guide to New Zealand Native Trees* by John Dawson & Rob Lucas (RRP \$49.99)

*New Zealand Native Trees* by John Dawson & Rob Lucas (RRP \$120.00)

*Craig Potton New Zealand* by Craig Potton (RRP \$79.99 or \$120.00 for the delux edition)

*Above the Treeline* by Alan F. Mark (RRP \$49.99)

Please tell your friends about the offer (suggesting that they use it to buy you a Christmas present) and others who may welcome this opportunity to contribute to the NZIF Foundation.

The books can be purchased at a discount of 15% to the recommended retail price plus free delivery in NZ. The publisher will donate a commission of 10% to the NZIF Foundation, so the more books sold through this offer, the more the Foundation funds will benefit.

To order go online at [www.craigpotton.co.nz](http://www.craigpotton.co.nz) and make sure you use the **discount code NZIFF12** or email [foundation@nzif.org.nz](mailto:foundation@nzif.org.nz) to request a flyer/order form.

Please support the Foundation through this offer (you can also make donations directly to the Foundation).

*Andrew McEwen FNZIF*  
Chair, NZIF Foundation

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**Email:** [foundation@nzif.org.nz](mailto:foundation@nzif.org.nz)

**Phone:** (04) 974 8421

**Website:** [NZIF Foundation](http://NZIF Foundation)

## Do you want to support the next generation of forestry professionals?

This year the NZIF Foundation awarded three student scholarships each worth \$1,000 and the Chavasse Travel award of \$3,500. I am sure all NZIF members are proud to be associated with a charity that was able to provide this sort of visible and financial support to those who are the future of our profession. But how much more our chests would swell if the Foundation could award more scholarships and of greater values. Generally university undergraduate scholarships seem to be in the order of \$3-5,000/year and may extend for three years, and postgraduate scholarships are in the order of \$5-10,000 and upwards.

Ponder what it takes to generate the funds necessary to support annual scholarships. With term deposit interest rates hovering between 4% and 5%, capital of at least \$150,000 is needed just to continue the \$6,500/year that the Foundation distributed at the NZIF Conference dinner in July.



How much do you care about the quality of the next generation of forestry professionals? Some of us were supported through our training and education in a number of ways. Are we prepared to help the Foundation to provide some support for those that follow us and maintain the professional standards that we expect? If so, why not show this by making a donation to the fund.

Email [foundation@nzif.org.nz](mailto:foundation@nzif.org.nz) for painless ways to make a tax deductible donation.

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## SUBMISSIONS

Murray Parrish ([murray.parrish@chh.com](mailto: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

### 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.

### 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](mailto: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

### The Forest of Dean **NEXT THURSDAY**

**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 5:30 pm

**RSVP:** To Jay at [admin@nzif.org.nz](mailto:admin@nzif.org.nz)

#### 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.

### Rural Fire-Fighting Book Launch

If you interested in attending the book launch as shown below, please RSVP to Kirsten on (03) 364 2914 or email [events@canterbury.ac.nz](mailto:events@canterbury.ac.nz).

Canterbury University Press and Capital Books invite you and your guest to attend the launch of

*Fire in the Hills: A History of Rural Fire-fighting*  
By Helen Beaglehole

**Date:** Tuesday, 20 November 2012  
**Time:** 5.30pm – 7.00pm  
**Venue:** Capital Books, 110 Featherston Street, Wellington  
**RSVP:** Friday, 9 November 2012 by replying to this email  
**Info:** Kirsten Long, phone 03 364 2914

### Field day: Rewanui Forest Park – 22 November

Keen to plant trees? Looking for alternative species to radiata pine? Come to the alternative species for eastern hill country and riparian plantings field day at Rewanui Forest Park on Thursday 22 November 2012 between 12:30-4:00 pm. Many landowners are looking to plant more trees, recognising the many potential benefits: timber, shelter and shade, riparian buffers, wildlife habitat, and a more pleasant working and living environment. Alternative species to radiata pine can provide all of these benefits, as well as timber with potentially much higher value.

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Rewanui Forest Park is home to a range of alternative species trials – both exotic and native species – that have been regularly monitored since they were planted in 2006-2007. The trials are now starting to show some clear winners and losers on this typical Wairarapa hill farm. This field day provides the opportunity to compare a range of alternative species in one place. Join us for a fact-filled tour of the trial areas, with input from experts on growing and marketing the main species on view – cypresses, eucalypts, redwoods, other less well-known exotics and some 15 native species. Also hear the latest on Greater Wellington's expanding land management programmes and incentives.

## Directions

Rewanui Forest Park is on the Masterton-Castlepoint Road, 23 km from Masterton, just before the Riversdale turn-off. Look for the field day signs.

RSVP: Please to Hilton Dickens by 20 November, [hdickens@ihug.co.nz](mailto:hdickens@ihug.co.nz), (06) 377 5272.

For more information about Rewanui Forest Park visit [www.trimblefoundation.org.nz](http://www.trimblefoundation.org.nz)

## Programme

- 12.30 pm: Meet at Rewanui woolshed (tea/coffee/handouts etc)
- 12.50 pm: Introduction to Rewanui – Ian Campbell, Montfort Trimble Foundation
- 1.00 pm: Head out to trials
- 1.45 pm: Ground-durable eucalypts  
Species on trial at Rewanui and their performance to date  
The exciting market potential for ground durable eucalypts in vineyards and on organic properties.
- 2.15 pm: Cypresses and other exotic conifers  
Alternatives to macrocarpa (now a high-risk species in the Wairarapa due to canker). Pruning strategies for cypresses. Market opportunities.  
Performance of different cypress species in eastern hill country.
- 2.45 pm: Redwoods  
Choice of planting stock – clones vs seedlings, and a comparison between different clones planted at Rewanui. Redwood markets in the future.
- 3.00 pm: Wellington Region Land Management activities – Scott Andrew, Wellington Regional Council  
Wairarapa landowners can benefit from Regional Council assistance with soil and water conservation plans, erosion control plantings, and the new Land Environmental Plans. Hear an update on incentives and assistance available for land management in Greater Wellington Region.
- 3.15 pm: Native species  
A tour of the native trials plus discussion of their potential for eastern hill country and riparian plantings and our latest monitoring results.
- 4.00-4.30 pm: Return to woolshed and depart.





## CANTERBURY SECTION

### Local section meeting

You are invited to the next local NZIF meeting:

- Date:** Tuesday 13 November at 6:00 pm (drinks and nibbles to start)  
**Talk:** Patrick Milne ,Theme Leader, FFR Diverse Species Theme  
**Cost:** \$15 – please bring correct change  
**Topic:** ‘If not Radiata pine – what else can we grow, why and where?’  
**Venue:** Lecture theatre F3, School of Forestry, University of Canterbury

Patrick will give an update on current research and a summary of achievements, before exploring what we might dare to aim for in the future. He will also demonstrate one of the new calculators available online for modelling growth and yield for one of the chosen few alternative species. Want to come? Please email your confirmation to Yannina Whiteley by Monday 12 November ([yannina.whiteley@xtra.co.nz](mailto:yannina.whiteley@xtra.co.nz))

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## FORESTRY SILVICULTURE BUSINESS FOR SALE

Well established (31 years) in Taranaki. Ongoing work. Experienced reliable staff. For further information contact: Morris Fisher (06) 278 8643.

## JOB VACANCY WEBSITES

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| Science jobs         | <a href="http://fusionz.rsnz.org/">fusionz.rsnz.org/</a>   |
| MAF                  | <a href="http://careers.haines.co.nz/MAF/Pages/Vacancies.aspx">careers.haines.co.nz/MAF/Pages/Vacancies.aspx</a> |
| NZ conservation jobs | <a href="http://www.conjobs.co.nz/index.php">www.conjobs.co.nz/index.php</a>                                     |



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[www.doc.govt.nz/about-doc/jobs-at-doc/current-vacancies/](http://www.doc.govt.nz/about-doc/jobs-at-doc/current-vacancies/)

Australian Government

[jobsearch.gov.au/Login/Login.aspx?WHCode=0](http://jobsearch.gov.au/Login/Login.aspx?WHCode=0)

Australia Department of Agriculture Fisheries & Forestry

[www.daff.gov.au/about/jobs](http://www.daff.gov.au/about/jobs)

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## PUBLICATIONS / MEDIA / NOTICES

### INVITATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE STAKEHOLDER SEMINAR

**Doha: The next phase of the global response**



You are invited by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Trade to a climate change negotiations seminar to be held in Auckland and Wellington in November. New Zealand Climate Change Ambassador Jo Tyndall will reflect on the year's progress in climate change negotiations and talk about some of the challenges for the upcoming UN climate change talks.

The 18th United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Ministerial Conference will be held in Doha in November/December this year. Big ticket items for the meeting include upholding the milestone deal reached last year in Durban by progressing negotiation of a new global legal agreement on climate change through the 'Durban Platform' negotiations, concluding the 2007 Bali Action Plan, and launching a second commitment period to the Kyoto Protocol.

What does this mean for climate change action post-2012? What does it mean for the carbon market? Take this opportunity to ask questions as well as offer your point of view. RSVP by 2 November to [Jessica.thorn@mfat.govt.nz](mailto:Jessica.thorn@mfat.govt.nz) with the name and organisation of the person attending, and whether you will be attending the Wellington or Auckland seminar. Space is limited and priority will be given to early registrations. Feel free to pass this invitation on to colleagues, professional networks and other interested people. Note that the:

- Auckland seminar will be held at MFAT's Auckland Office, Level 6, 139 Quay Street on Monday 12 November from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Please meet in advance at reception on Level 6
- Wellington seminar will be held at MFAT, 195 Lambton Quay on Friday 16 November from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Please meet in advance at reception on Level 12.





## BIOCHAR WORKSHOP



The Biochar 2013 Workshop will be held on 4-5 July 2013 at Massey University in Palmerston North. If you wish to present a poster or paper please submit your title to me (Linda Lowe – [L.M.Lowe@massey.ac.nz](mailto:L.M.Lowe@massey.ac.nz)) by 15 April 2013. The areas of interest are:

- Production technology
- Biochar economics
- Characterisation of biochars
- Biochar-soil-plant interactions
- Application case studies
- Life-cycle assessment
- Biochar in GhG mitigation.

More details [here](#).

## APPITA ONE DAY CONFERENCE

Appita NZ Section is offering NZIF members registration at member rates for their One Day Conference and AGM being held in Rotorua Friday 9 November at the Millennium Hotel, Rotorua. See the [attached flyer or full details](#). The theme of the Conference is “A Growing Industry – the good news and strategy of a sustainable industry”. This will be a valuable opportunity to hear stimulating speakers talking positively about the industry. The Conference will be followed by dinner at the beautiful and serene Rainbow Springs. This will include a guided night-life encounter tour, which will include viewings of kiwis. Please note that NZIF members are being offered registration at Appita member rates. Contact [Karen Clark](#) for more information.

## 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](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](mailto: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](http://www.nzffa.org.nz/conference) or email the conference convenor: [peter@bergforests.co.nz](mailto: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.

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

**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](mailto:ross.pickmere@minterellison.co.nz).

## 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](mailto:wisga@xtra.co.nz)

### Timetable:

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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.

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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.

### November 2012

Fri 9 SNI local section meeting, [admin@nzif.org.nz](mailto:admin@nzif.org.nz)

Fri 9 APPITA One Day Conference, [Karen Clark](#)

Mon 12 – 8<sup>th</sup> IUFRO Conference on International Conference on Uneven-Aged Silviculture  
Fri 16

Mon 12 MFAT Auckland Climate Change Stakeholder Seminar, [Jessica.thorn@mfat.govt.nz](mailto:Jessica.thorn@mfat.govt.nz)

Tue 13 Canterbury local section meeting, [yannina.whiteley@xtra.co.nz](mailto:yannina.whiteley@xtra.co.nz)

Fri 16 MFAT Wellington Climate Change Stakeholder Seminar, [Jessica.thorn@mfat.govt.nz](mailto:Jessica.thorn@mfat.govt.nz)

Wed 14 Eucalypts field day – Gisborne, [wisga@xtra.co.nz](mailto:wisga@xtra.co.nz)

Tue 20 SNI Book Launch of Helen Beaglehole book *Fire in the Hills*, [events@canterbury.ac.nz](mailto:events@canterbury.ac.nz)

Tue 20 Auckland seminar on buying/selling forests, [ross.pickmere@minterellison.co.nz](mailto:ross.pickmere@minterellison.co.nz)

Thur 22 Field Day, Rewanui Forest Park, [hdickens@ihug.co.nz](mailto:hdickens@ihug.co.nz)

Sun 25 NZ Ecological Society Annual Conference, <http://www.nzes.org.nz/events/conference-2012>

Thur 29 – Symposium honouring John Buchanan, [hewitson@knoxcollege.ac.nz](mailto:hewitson@knoxcollege.ac.nz)  
Fri 30

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Tue 4 – ForestTECH 2012 – Improving Wood Transport & Logistics, Melbourne, Rotorua  
Wed 5 [www.foresttechevents.com](http://www.foresttechevents.com)

## April 2013

Sun 7 – Institute of Foresters of Australia National Conference, [www.forestryconference.org.au](http://www.forestryconference.org.au)  
Thur 11

Sat 20 – NZFFA AGM and National Conference, [www.nzffa.org.nz/conference](http://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](http://www.efiatlantic.efi.int/portal/events/2013_icpf)

## June-July 2013

Sun 30 – NZIF AGM and Conference, New Plymouth  
Wed 3

Thur 4 – Biochar Workshop 2013, [L.M.Lowe@massey.ac.nz](mailto:L.M.Lowe@massey.ac.nz)  
Fri 5

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