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## PRESIDENT'S COMMENT

Andrew McEwen FNZIF  
President, NZ Institute of Forestry  
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### No flippancy intended

Last week I wrote an article titled *Bad safety start to year – would you like your logs with or without blood?* Shortly after the newsletter was distributed I received an email:

Sorry Andrew. Normally love your weekly newsletter but the title used for the safety story at the front end of this week's newsletter will I suspect get a rapid response from your members. It's a hell of a time for the industry and we're leaving no stone unturned at the moment to rectify the issue around safety out in the bush. A person lost their life this week and I'd like to suggest the title a touch flippant. I can only imagine what the media or the Unions would do with this if they for whatever reason got hold of it. As an industry body representing the professional forester I'm not sure if the wording is appropriate. Hope you take the comment as it was intended – constructive feedback.

I responded that the heading was definitely not flippant and that I intended to explain the reasoning behind the title in this week's newsletter.

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The first reason for the title was to have something that would spark a reaction from NZIF members. Was this objective met?

According to the database log, the newsletter was sent to 982 email addresses. By this morning 296 emails were recorded as “confirmed opened”. We are aware that not all systems return a signal to the database when an email is opened so I suggest over 300 people looked at the newsletter with the safety item in the first page.

So how many responses have I received? Just one – the one reproduced above. And no-one has raised the issue in conversation. I am afraid the correspondent may be disappointed and I am definitely disappointed.

Think back to other items in the newsletter on forest safety – how much response have they drawn? While there have been a few comments, they have come from a very small number of members. Safety articles on the NZIF LinkedIn discussion group have also received little response and usually from the same members.

But over the last few weeks two media people contacted me about the forest safety issue while friends, tradespeople and others not connected with forestry have asked me what we are doing about it. All I can do is express concern, but say that I do not know what real action is being taken.

I am left with the impression that despite it being “a hell of a time for the industry” and “we’re leaving no stone unturned” the issue of forest safety, an issue that has seen a raft of very critical media articles in recent months, is of far more interest to others than it is to forestry professionals. Why are members not telling us about what they are doing to improve safety, and why are members not making suggestions of practical steps that could be implemented immediately to improve things?

I also see little evidence of real action to address the issue. We have a number of references to a planned inquiry on forest safety, but these go back some time. If no stone was being left unturned, why wasn’t the inquiry set up months ago and tasked with producing interim recommendations within a very short space of time? What we are seeing is increased sniping between the forestry sector, the regulator and the politicians, but we are not being told of any steps that have actually been implemented in the field by forest owners and managers.

Based on media coverage, safety is affected by factors such as long hours, low pay, insufficient training, emphasis on production over safety and working conditions, failure to follow the code of practice, etc. If these are the factors, there are a number of actions forest managers could take immediately – restrict the hours that a tree feller or breaker-out can work in any one day, limit the hours the crew is away from home base in any one day, insist on trained workers and an active training programme in harvesting crews, and increase interaction between supervisors and crew to ensure compliance with the code. These measures must be backed by contracts where the pay and production requirements take account of the need for restricted hours, training, safety measures, etc.

The increase in production is sometimes used as an excuse (there are not enough trained crews to cope with the increase). But we have known for years that a potential increase in production is on the cards. What has the sector done to ensure that programmes (with the necessary funding) have been in place to meet the extra demand? How many managers have deferred harvesting programmes because appropriately trained harvesting crews (with good quality and safe equipment) were not available rather than picking up any available contractor?

If managers are taking such actions, why are they so reluctant to share this information with others in the sector or with the public?

This week I heard (from someone unconnected with forestry) of a young married man waiting for an opening in his chosen career who joined a harvesting crew as a temporary job. Some of his family expressed concern that he was not trained nor seeking training for harvesting work. His response was that after a couple of weeks he was felling trees and didn’t need any training. I shared the concern of the person telling me this that such an attitude, not just by the young man, but also apparently by others in the crew and by those who employed that



crew was totally unacceptable. I just hope the man's family doesn't get a call one day to tell them their son, husband and father has had a serious accident. Who would be held culpable if they did?

I suggest part of the issue is the fragmentation of interests in the forestry sector. If you look at the increasingly rare model of a vertically integrated forestry company, it is clear that the end point for its activities are selling a product to a consumer. Those who market the company's products will soon pick up on any concerns (how safe are the forest operations that produced this product you are selling me?) and pass them back to the CEO and others in the company. That will flow back to the forest manager, the supervisors and the harvesting crews. There is no break in the supply chain from land to consumer. The success of the vertically integrated company depends on the ability of the company to sell the product that originates on the company's land.

Today's favoured model is very different. The chain from land to consumer can involve a number of separate entities, each with their own objectives. The land owner's primary interest is to receive the rent; the tree owner is an investor looking for a spread of investments with an investment time span of 10-15 years (so no interest in harvesting the trees they establish or in long-term research); the tree owner employs a forest manager under a contract that may emphasise cash flow or value of investment; the forest manager will be paid on the basis of that contract (and as an aside, isn't it interesting that a number of members of the Forest Owners Association are actually forest management companies rather than tree owning companies); the manager will employ harvesting and other contractors, where the emphasis is likely to be on the rate and cost of production of just the harvesting operation; the harvesting contractor's focus is on meeting the production targets, servicing the debt on some fairly significant capital assets and looking for the next contract. The breakdown of interests continues on through the processing part of the supply chain.

The disaggregated model contains plenty of opportunities for "passing the buck" and claiming no responsibility for the actions in some other section of the supply chain. How do consumers get their concerns all the way through the chain from the product they buy to the person who produces the raw material? Do we now rely on international third party certification schemes to get the message through – if so, I haven't yet seen any evidence of concern by such bodies about safety in NZ's plantation forests?

So let's go back to the question in the heading in last week's newsletter that was thought to be flippant. Change the question to one to a builder from a person wanting a new house. "Can you assure me about the safety standards of the harvesting operations that produced the timber needed for the framing?" Under the current supply chain model what might the builder do? Perhaps suggest using steel framing because it handed received any bad publicity? Satisfying the consumer is the best way to improve the profitability of all in the supply chain from those that own the land, through to those that plant the seedlings, to those that harvest the trees, to those that process the logs, to the builder of houses for the consumer. We really need to work on this big picture rather than all focussing on our own little entities.

I have talked above about safety. But how many of the problems in forestry arise because of the disaggregated nature of ownership and responsibility and the (relatively) short investment cycles. Forestry is a long-term business - it needs the vision that comes with long-term investment and be able to withstand the "here today gone tomorrow" nature of many companies. When there is an expectation within a company the seedlings planted today will be sold in processed form to the consumer in 30 or more years and another crop will replace them, there is also likely to be care for those who make the process happen.

## **NZIF Council and Registration Board elections**

Last week we called for nominations for all positions on the next NZIF Council and two vacancies on the Registration Board. I hope you are thinking about whether or not you will put your name forward and who else you might nominate. Leadership of our Institute is a real privilege and provides opportunities for you to do something for your profession. Please put some time into this.

Nominations close on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February – please don't leave it to the last day.



## Unpaid subscriptions

Last week I reported that 58 members had still not paid their 2013/14 subscription. Thank you to the five that paid this week, reducing the number to 53. I hope there is a bigger rush this week.

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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))

### The relentless march of dairy ...

*Andy Dick, RMNZIF, Rotorua*



*(The sign is was erected when the land between it and the forest behind was cutover. It is now alongside fenced pasture which prompted a bit of photoshopping – Ed)*

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## NZIF BUSINESS

### Call for nominations for NZIF Council and Registration Board

A call for nominations for the next NZIF Council and for two forthcoming vacancies for the NZIF Registration Board has been emailed or posted (to those without email) to NZIF Members. The notice and nomination forms are also being placed on the NZIF website (under <About NZIF><2014 NZIF elections>).

#### Nominations for Council

Nominations are called for the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and six Councillors to make up the NZIF Council to serve from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2014 until the earlier of 31<sup>st</sup> May 2016 or the 2016 NZIF AGM.

Any person nominated must be an Honorary, Retired, Registered, Ordinary or Associate Member of the Institute. Retired Associate and Associate Members may only be nominated for the position of Councillor and only if they have been a member of the Institute for at least five years at the time of nomination (see Rule 65). Only one Retired Associate or Associate Member can be elected as a Councillor and the procedure if more than one is in the six highest polling nominees is set out in Rule 77.

#### Nominations for Registration Board

The terms of Registration Board members Mr Ian Page and Mr David Lowry end on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2014.

Nominations are therefore called for the following vacancies:

1. One Registered or Retired Registered Member of the Institute. In the event of more than one nomination, an election will be held in which only Registered Members will be eligible to participate;
2. One Honorary or Retired (but not Retired Associate) or Registered or Ordinary Member of the Institute. In the event of more than one nomination, an election will be held in which all members except Student Members will be eligible to participate

The four year term of those elected to fill the vacancies will begin on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2014 and will end on the earlier of 31<sup>st</sup> May 2018 or the 2018 NZIF AGM.

Registration Board members receive attendance fees and reimbursement of expenses.

#### General information about nominations

Each nomination must be made by no fewer than two NZIF members who may be any category of member except Student Member.

Nominations must be received by the NZIF Secretary no later than 5:00 pm on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2014 by sending to one of the following contacts:

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

Emailed nominations do not need signatures, but the nominee and nominators will be contacted to confirm their agreement.

**Postal:**  
New Zealand Institute of Forestry  
PO Box 10-513  
The Terrace  
WELLINGTON 6143



In the event that an election is needed for any position, candidate information will be sought from each nominee. It is expected that election instructions will be distributed no later than Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2014 and that the ballot will close no later than Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014.

The NZIF Rules can be found on the NZIF website ([www.nzif.org.nz](http://www.nzif.org.nz), click on “about NZIF”, “Governing Documents”).

If you have any queries about the process please contact the Administrator on (04) 974 8421 or [admin@nzif.org.nz](mailto:admin@nzif.org.nz).

## Registration Board news

Reviews of Registered Member status have been completed and continuing registration approved for the following:

- Mr I Jenkins of Whangarei
- Mr J Kohn of Gisborne
- Mr O Springford of Christchurch.

## Registration reviews

The following Registered Members have their five-year reviews due:

- Mr I Moore of Wanganui
- Mr M Watson of Gisborne
- Mr P Handford of Paekakariki
- Mr M Inglis of Nelson
- Mr W Liley of Auckland
- Mr P Milne of Kaiapoi
- Mr R Miller of Wellington.

Any member of the Institute has the right to object to an application or review. Any objection should be made by lodging a notice with the Registrar within 20 working days of the first appearance (17 January) of the notice in this Newsletter, specifying the grounds of the objection.

*Mike Marren Registrar – NZIF Registration Board*

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## CONFERENCE 2014

### Tackling Challenges and Delivering Value



New Zealand Institute of Forestry Conference · 6 July – 9 July 2014 · Napier

### Conference dates

The NZIF 2014 Conference will be held at the War Memorial Conference Centre in Napier from Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2014. The theme is “Tackling Challenges and Delivering Value”. Please mark your diaries now and plan to attend.

### Sponsorship

Sponsors who have already signed up for the conference are:

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Sponsorship enquiries should be directed to James Treadwell ([vice-president@nzif.org.nz](mailto:vice-president@nzif.org.nz)).

## Conference committee

The conference organising committee is:

Bob Pocknall	Chair
Brett Gilmore	
Brendan Slui	
James Powrie	
Mark Morice	
James Treadwell	Sponsorship
Ian Lyver	Treasurer
Jay Matthes	Conference Manager ( <a href="mailto:admin@nzif.org.nz">admin@nzif.org.nz</a> )

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## Foundation annual reports

The annual reports and financial statements for the NZIF Foundation for the years ended 31 March 2012 and 31 March 2013 are on the Foundation [web site](#) and also on the charities [web site](#) of the Department of Internal Affairs. NZIF members are encouraged to have a look at the reports and to make a donation to assist the Foundation's work.

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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)

### National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management

The Government is now [consulting](#) on proposed amendments to the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management (NPS-FM). The Ministry for the Environment website provides access to the [discussion document](#) and supporting material. Submissions can be emailed to [watersubmissions@mfe.govt.nz](mailto:watersubmissions@mfe.govt.nz) or use the [online consultation tool](#). **Submissions close at 5:00 pm on Tuesday 4 February 2014.** If you would like to assist with an NZIF submission, please contact submissions coordinator Murray Parrish by email ([murray.parrish@chh.com](mailto:murray.parrish@chh.com)).

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## LOCAL SECTIONS

### AUCKLAND SECTION

**Topic:** Fulfilling the Potential of the NZ Forestry Sector – A Review of Opportunities, Barriers and Priorities

**Speaker:** Dr David Evison

**Date:** 5:30 pm, Wednesday 29 January 2014

**Venue:** Simpson Grierson, Level 27, 88 Shortland Street, Auckland

**RSVP:** For catering purposes please RSVP to [philip.elworthy@rayonier.com](mailto:philip.elworthy@rayonier.com) by Friday 24 January

Dr David Evison will be presenting his recent research, which picks up on some of the findings of the Woodscape analysis and identifies possible, and possibly urgent, next steps toward forestry sector progress. This event is generously hosted and supported by Simpson Grierson for which the ASIF is very grateful.

### OTAGO-SOUTHLAND SECTION

#### Afternoon Field Trip (1:00 pm, Thursday 13 February)

**Topic:** Managing Natural Conservation Areas in Plantations: Being a Good Custodian and Managing FSC Responsibilities

**Lead by:** Ecologist Dr Kelvin Lloyd (Wildlands Ltd) and City Forests

**Meeting point:** Milton: Corner of SH1 (Union St) and Ossian Street (opp. Milton Community Church)

**Time:** 1:00 pm (returning by approx. 4:30 pm)

**Transport:** Limited 4WD transport will be available, otherwise additional 4WD transport will be welcome (to minimise forest traffic we will fill up the available seats)

**Numbers required:** Please confirm numbers and discuss transport details with Peter Oliver by 5 February

**Contact:** Peter Oliver: Daytime: 03 467 7720; Cell: 0272453377; Email: [peter.oliver@cityforests.co.nz](mailto:peter.oliver@cityforests.co.nz)

City Forests maintains a network of approximately 1,900 hectares of natural reserves that are tightly integrated with its plantations of exotic species. This represents more than 11 per cent of the company's total working forest area. Monitoring, management, and even enhancement of natural reserve areas are a major and increasing focus and are a formal principle of FSC environmental certification. Local territorial authorities are also increasingly seeking to provide special protection for areas deemed of outstanding natural value both on



public and private land. Forestry is well placed to protect such areas and may even have an abundance of important remnants to care for – but there are some fishhooks!

Locally-based ecologist Dr Kelvin Lloyd has worked extensively with City Forests to identify, assess and classify many of their areas, some of which contain high conservation values and which protect natural forest, some rare examples of wetlands, nationally significant soil types, and rare and threatened flora and fauna. Together with City Forests' staff, Dr Lloyd will lead an afternoon's field trip to view two to three particularly significant examples of these areas within City Forests' Tokoitī forest. We will discuss the process of identifying, protecting, monitoring and managing natural areas and their values within a forestry and FSC context.

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## ADVERTISEMENTS

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## HARVEST MANAGER & HARVEST SUPERVISOR, PF OLSEN, ROTORUA

PF Olsen Ltd is a leading forestry servicing company with a 40-year history committed to maximising returns for its clients. Our Head Office is situated amongst the popular cycle and walking tracks of the Rotorua Redwoods. We are currently seeking two experienced team players to manage and supervise operations in the Central North Island.

To be considered for these positions you will possess:

- A tertiary qualification in Forestry, Harvest Engineering or Management
- Experience in harvesting and supply chain management
- Strong relationship and people management skills
- A proven record of commitment of health and safety and environmental management.

For a job description please view the Employment Opportunities section at: [www.pfolsen.com](http://www.pfolsen.com). **Closing date:** If you would like to be considered for either of these positions please email your CV and cover letter to Rachel Baucke before 30 January ([rachel.baucke@pfolsen.com](mailto:rachel.baucke@pfolsen.com)). Applicants must be currently eligible to work in NZ.

## TECHNICAL MANAGER, WPMA, WELLINGTON

The Wood Processors and Manufacturers Association of NZ (WPMA) is the result of the merger between the NZ Wood Processors' Association and the NZ Pine Manufacturers' Association. This new position leads WPMA's work on regulation and technical standards ensuring that they support growth of the NZ wood processing and manufacturing sector.

The job entails:

- Maintaining an overview of legislation, regulation and technical standards
- Devising and implementing strategies to overcome technical barriers
- Leading industry working groups
- Supporting the day-to-day operations of WPMA and its technical committees
- Developing databases of relevant economic statistics and carrying out analysis to inform policy development and programme delivery for industry.

Skills, experience and qualities needed:

- Five years' minimum experience in the wood industry or engineering sector more broadly
- Depth of experience working with government agencies and a good understanding of the machinery of government
- Working knowledge of legislation, regulation and technical standards (public and private) that impact or are likely to impact on the wood industry
- Entrepreneurial approach to problem-solving and action
- Competent written and oral communicator
- Competent in use of computer and commonly-used software
- Experience with website management an advantage
- Excellent interpersonal skills and self-motivated.

**Closing date:** please email your CV and covering letter to Jeanette Sutherland by 5:00 pm on 14 February 2014 ([jeanette@wpa.org.nz](mailto:jeanette@wpa.org.nz)).



## JOB VACANCY WEBSITES

Science jobs	<a href="http://fusionz.rsnz.org/">fusionz.rsnz.org/</a>
MPI	<a href="http://careers.haines.co.nz/MPI/Pages/Vacancies.aspx">http://careers.haines.co.nz/MPI/Pages/Vacancies.aspx</a>
NZ conservation jobs	<a href="http://www.conjobs.co.nz/index.php">www.conjobs.co.nz/index.php</a>
Department of Conservation	<a href="http://www.doc.govt.nz/about-doc/jobs-at-doc/current-vacancies/">www.doc.govt.nz/about-doc/jobs-at-doc/current-vacancies/</a>
Australian Government	<a href="http://jobsearch.gov.au/Login/Login.aspx?WHCode=0">jobsearch.gov.au/Login/Login.aspx?WHCode=0</a>
Australia Department of Agriculture Fisheries & Forestry	<a href="http://www.daff.gov.au/about/jobs">www.daff.gov.au/about/jobs</a>

## Canadian student seeks tree planting opportunities

I am a student from Western University Canada. I will be in Australia and NZ in February 2014 and am in the process of looking for tree planting opportunities, but am having some trouble finding companies. I have planted in Canada and would love the opportunity to do so in NZ. I am looking for operations that run from June to August. I was wondering if you would have any suggestions for tree planting companies in NZ. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Thank you very much for your time. Kind regards, *Bethany Hodgins* ([bhodgin4@uwo.ca](mailto:bhodgin4@uwo.ca))

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## PUBLICATIONS / MEDIA / NOTICES

### SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY BULLETIN ISSUE 48

Click on the link below to see the latest issue of the Sustainable Forestry Bulletin. This issue (17 January 2014) has information on: Permanent Forest Sink Initiative participants to receive New Zealand Units; mapping improvements in the online ETS system; and deregistering and re-registering land in the ETS. <http://www.mpi.govt.nz/Default.aspx?TabId=126&id=2125>.

### FIEA BIENNIAL FOREST CONFERENCE IN AUCKLAND



The Forest Industry Engineering Association (FIEA) is running the third biennial forest industry investment conference – Forest Investment and Market Outlook – in Auckland on 9 to 10 April 2014. It will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in the city. This latest conference will focus on strengthening ties between the equity investment, finance and forest products industries in NZ and globally. The list of keynote speakers includes:

- Kevin Mason, Managing Director, Equity Research Associates, BC, Canada
- Gary Myers, Principal, Timberlink – Timber Advisors to Institutional Investors, Georgia, USA
- Brooks Mendell, President, Forisk Consulting, Georgia, USA



This is *the* industry conference of choice for CEOs and other industry leaders looking to inform their company strategies and investment directions for forestry and forest products in Australasia. Registration can be done easily by phone on 1800 126 398 or by going online at [www.fimo2014.com](http://www.fimo2014.com). As a member of the New Zealand Institute of Forestry you will receive a 10% discount on your registration.

## DANA CONFERENCES IN MELBOURNE AND ROTORUA



**The Australian Forestry and Forest Products Sector:  
Its situation in 2014 and trends going forward**

**7 & 8 August 2014: Bayview Eden Hotel,  
Melbourne, Australia**

For further information please visit [www.prcc.com.au/danamelbourne2014](http://www.prcc.com.au/danamelbourne2014) or email [pam@prcc.com.au](mailto:pam@prcc.com.au).



**The New Zealand Forestry and Forest Products Sector:  
Its situation in 2014 and trends going forward**

**11 & 12 August 2014: Novotel Rotorua Hotel  
Rotorua New Zealand**

For further information please visit [www.prcc.com.au/danarotorua2014](http://www.prcc.com.au/danarotorua2014) or email [pam@prcc.com.au](mailto:pam@prcc.com.au).

## SCION SEMINAR

**Wednesday, 29 January 2014 at Scion, Rotorua (Rimu Room) 12pm – 1pm**

**Exploring ectomycorrhiza in practical forestry in Sweden**

*Dr. Audrius Menkis*

The seminar will briefly touch upon ectomycorrhizal symbiosis and then will continue with four field studies in Sweden firstly demonstrating the effect of different nursery cultivation systems on seedling mycorrhization and then will demonstrate survival and growth of these seedlings after their outplanting in the field. It will also demonstrate the effects of artificial ectomycorrhizal inoculation of seedlings on their survival and growth in different planting environments.

Audrius Menkis is visiting Scion for two weeks in January/February from the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU) in Uppsala, Sweden as part of an exchange program that Scion holds with the Mycopath group (Department of Forest Mycology and Plant Pathology) of SLU. The program is funded by the Swedish Foundation for International Cooperation in Research and Higher Education (STINT). Its purpose is for participants to acquire relevant knowledge and experience in forest health research and extension through interchange that involves seminars and lectures as well as field and laboratory research leading to publication.

Audrius received his PhD at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU) in 2005. During his PhD, he studied root-related, mycological aspects of afforestation of former agricultural land with conifer seedlings, focusing on mycorrhizal, endophytic and pathogenic fungi, and factors influencing their interactions with roots. During a post-doctoral period at Uppsala University, he studied genetic processes driving the mating-type



chromosome evolution in the filamentous ascomycete *Neurospora*. After returning to SLU, he studied multi-trophy and functional diversity in saprotrophic wood-decay fungi and their biotrophic associations with living tree roots. Currently, he is involved in a project on management of Dutch elm disease on island of Gotland. Part-time research is devoted to studies on beneficial and pathogenic fungi in forest nurseries and in forest plantations.

*To attend in person, please enter Scion through the main reception.*

*For remote attendance via live streaming please contact Katrin Webb [Katrin.Webb@scionresearch.com](mailto:Katrin.Webb@scionresearch.com) if you are intending on logging in (the login number is changed)*

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## CROMBIE LOCKWOOD AND FORESTRY INSURANCE

The NZIF Insurance Broker Crombie Lockwood has advised that from 1 May 2014, NZI will no longer be offering renewal to their existing forestry clients or offering forestry insurance to new clients. The forestry insurance industry has changed dramatically over the last few years. Insurers have left the market and new players have entered and more changes are expected over the next six months. If you would like more information you could contact Debbie Fraser ([Debbie.Fraser@crombielockwood.co.nz](mailto:Debbie.Fraser@crombielockwood.co.nz)), Senior Broker at Crombie Lockwood.



ForestWood 2014

Green Green Growth of Home  
[www.forestwood.org.nz](http://www.forestwood.org.nz)

**Early bird registration closes on 10 February 2014**

**When:** Wednesday 19 March 2014

**Where:** Museum of NZ Te Papa Tongarewa, Wellington

### Conference programme

ForestWood 2014 is "Green Green Growth of Home". In an election year, ForestWood 2014 will present a unique opportunity to hear the views of the main political parties on how they expect to influence NZ's forest growing and wood processing/manufacturing business in pursuit of increased economic growth. Politicians, industry leaders and political analysts will elaborate on what they plan to do to make the NZ forest and wood industry more successful in a highly competitive international marketplace. World demand for wood fibre is expanding. How the sector responds to this demand will be shaped to a large extent by government policies. ForestWood is formulated to enable participants to find out if the future government has the right agenda when it comes to forest and wood industry growth.

View the draft [programme](#) and speaker [profiles](#). Visit the [website](#) for full registration information and to register online. NZIF members qualify for a discounted rate.

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### January 2014

Wed 29 Auckland Section meeting, [philip.elworthy@rayonier.com](mailto:philip.elworthy@rayonier.com)

### February 2014

Thur 13 Otago-Southland Section meeting, [peter.oliver@cityforests.co.nz](mailto:peter.oliver@cityforests.co.nz)

### March 2014

Wed 19 ForestWood 2014, [website](#)

### July 2014

Sun 6 – Wed 9 NZIF 2014 Conference, Napier

### August 2014

We 9 – Thur 10 FIEA biennial forest conference, Auckland, [www.fimo2014.com](http://www.fimo2014.com)

Mon 11 – Tue 12 DANA Melbourne conference, [www.prcc.com.au/danamelbourne2014](http://www.prcc.com.au/danamelbourne2014) or email [pam@prcc.com.au](mailto:pam@prcc.com.au)

Mon 11 – Tue 12 DANA Rotorua conference, [www.prcc.com.au/danarotorua2014](http://www.prcc.com.au/danarotorua2014) or email [pam@prcc.com.au](mailto:pam@prcc.com.au)

### April 2015

Mon 13 ANZIF Conference 2015, [ifa@forestry.org.au](mailto:ifa@forestry.org.au)

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