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PRESIDENT'S COMMENT

Andrew McEwen FNZIF
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Apology from Minister

Last evening I was rung by Minister for Primary Industries, the Hon Nathan Guy, to apologise for some wording in a media release that gave offence to a number of members of NZIF, including me. I thanked the Minister and advised that I would include the apology in this newsletter.

The story started last Friday when one of our members sent me a media release from the offices of Minister Guy and the Hon Hekia Parata Minister of Education advising the launch of the Emerging Primary Industries Career



(EPIC) Challenge for Year 10 students to help promote careers in the primary industries. It is being run by the Young Enterprise Trust and is co-sponsored by MPI and Dairy NZ. The task is for a group of students to investigate career options in one of the primary industries and then develop a promotional strategy to market the career to fellow students.

The primary industries listed on the EPIC Challenge website are:

- Arable
- Dairy
- Sheep and Beef
- Horticulture
- Forestry
- Fisheries.

What had upset the member was this paragraph in the Minister's media release:

"There is a huge range of exciting careers in farming, fishing and horticulture as well as in marketing, remote sensing, robotics, chemical engineering, genetics, nutrition, policy, communications, product design, science and IT," Mr Guy says.

Spot the missing primary industry?

Like the member I saw red. I and others have put in a lot of effort trying to get politicians and officials to understand the importance of forests and forestry to NZ's economy, environment and society and here we had the Minister (and his officials) supposedly responsible for forestry leaving it out of the media release.

I emailed an open letter to the Ministers (I wrote as Andrew McEwen, Registered Forester, not as NZIF President) expressing my disappointment at the omission of forestry. I stressed the importance of forestry to the country and of the varied experiences and enjoyment I had experienced in my own (over 50 year) forestry career. I ended with a plea for them to promote the importance of forests and forestry to NZ and to encourage school leavers to understand the diverse, exciting and challenging career opportunities they provide.

I copied the letter to a number of media outlets. It was picked up by Kevin Ikin at Radio NZ *Rural News*. He interviewed me and had two different items, one in Morning Report and one in Midday Report, on Tuesday. In the second one Kevin reported a conversation he had with the Minister's office in which he was told first the omission was inadvertent and later that it was left out because of space.

The Minister's office received a very strongly worded email (this time from the NZIF President) noting that the two reasons were incompatible – it was either inadvertent or there was a lack of space. It couldn't be both. I suggested the government had a bias against forestry.

The email went on to say the Trustees of the NZIF Foundation were exploring the opportunities for a prize for the best presentation of a forestry career in the EPIC Challenge. I had also offered to the organisers to locate forestry people to talk to students and their teachers if we received such requests (I hope you will respond if called on!).

As I said to the Minister last night, the upside of the saga above is probably much greater awareness of the EPIC Challenge amongst NZIF members and the potential for some involvement in it. For those interested the website is [here](#). Another upside is that politicians and officials will be more conscious that there are a number of us who keep a very close eye on the way forestry is treated by government and are ready to pounce when we see evidence of bias against forestry.



Budget

Yesterday's budget had a "good feel" about it. Fiscal responsibility is better for the country than deep debt, it might help keep down interest rates and thereby the exchange rate (which a country that relies on exports needs), New Zealanders like to feel that the less advantaged in society get extra help, etc.

A bit deeper down though it is hard to see any longer-term vision for where the government sees us in 20-50 years' time. Should we be a thriving nation, perhaps still deriving much of our wealth from primary industries, supported by a viable manufacturing sector and looking after our environment? Should we aim to be an irrigated colony of China supplying logs and milk powder to the mother country? Or is there some different future? So far I can't find the answer.

Then I looked for aspects that might affect forests and forestry. I have come up with this so far, others might have found more?

- From 1 July 2014, anti dumping duties cannot be imposed on any building materials imported to NZ before 2017 and existing duties on the import of nails, wallboard and reinforcing steel bar have been suspended. Will this have any impact on demand for forest products?
- Subsidies for tertiary enrolments in science and agriculture and some health sciences increased by \$83.3 million over four years. Is forestry science included or is it a help to agriculture, but not forestry?
- Increased funding for Kauri die back – great. But is it "new money" or is it coming from somewhere else in DoC's or MPI's budget? You may remember that funding for this was cut not very long ago, so is it just restoring what was lost, rather than something new?
- More money for biosecurity. Great, but where will it go?
- A reduction in money for animal TB control. Presumably this is the animal health board money. If its budget is reduced, will that have an impact on possum control in conservation or other forests – such as DoC having to spread itself thinner and/or achieve a reduced possum control?

Then look at this little gem taken from the explanatory notes to the Budget Measures (Miscellaneous Fiscal Matters) Bill, introduced into Parliament last night, presumably under urgency. *Part 2* comes into force today.

Part 2: Climate change response (unit restriction) amendments

The purpose of *Part 2* of this Bill is to correct an unintended consequence in the operation of the NZETS, which arises from a difference between the price of New Zealand units (NZUs) and the price of certain Kyoto units.

This unintended consequence in the NZETS allows post-1989 forest land participants the opportunity to arbitrage NZUs by registering, deregistering and reregistering in the NZETS for the same area of forest land. On each registration, the participant receives an allocation of NZUs for what is, effectively, the same area of land from the start of the mandatory reporting period (currently 1 January 2013). On deregistration, the participant may repay the unit balance using lower-priced Kyoto units. This activity is referred to as reregistration arbitrage. Post-1989 forestry is the only sector with the opportunity to engage in reregistration arbitrage.

This Bill seeks to prevent reregistration arbitrage by amending the Climate Change Response Act 2002 to restrict post-1989 forest land participants to the surrender of NZUs when surrendering the unit balance of any post-1989 forest land deregistered from the NZETS. The Bill will, therefore, prevent significant reputational and integrity risks to the NZETS and fiscal costs to the Crown.

Meanwhile there is more subsidy for irrigation schemes. Will this mean less land available for forests and more catchments where planting forests will be restricted so that water flow to the irrigation dam is not reduced?



Submissions including health and safety

Yesterday I attended a meeting of the Local Government and Environment Select Committee to present the NZIF submission on the Environmental Reporting Bill. Council members can spend a lot of time preparing submissions and occasionally attending hearings to present them. Often the time and effort seems questionable, except for the opportunity to push a forestry point of view on a range of diverse topics and as a form of promotion of NZIF. This time I was aware we were submitting on points also raised by a number of other submitters, so we add pressure on the politicians to listen to the common theme – there is strength in numbers (an argument I use to encourage people either to join or not to resign from NZIF).

There were 59 written submissions on the Bill. NZIF and the Packaging Council were the only forestry-related entities I recognised. There were at least five submissions from agriculture-related entities.

Last evening I read Peter Clark's comments about the Health and Safety Reform Bill in PF Olsen's *Wood Matters* newsletter. I expressed some serious concerns about provisions in the Bill. Olsens have made a submission so I had a look at Parliament's website to see what other forestry entities had. The Select Committee has received 99 submissions. The only forestry-related ones are Carter Holt Harvey, the Independent Forestry Safety Review Panel, the Bay of Plenty Forest & Wood Action Group, C3 and the Department of Conservation. Presumably all other forestry companies and associations don't have the same concerns as those expressed by Peter and are happy with the provisions of the Bill.

The NZIF Council considered a submission on the Health and Safety Reform Bill. No members had contacted us to suggest anything was wrong with the Bill (just as I had negligible feedback from my comments and questions in a number of newsletters on various forest safety aspects). In the end the Council members did not have the (voluntary) time to put into a study of the Bill and preparing a submission and had no offers of help from other members.

So forestry may well reap the benefits of its disinterest in an important piece of election. Just as you can't complain about the government if you don't vote, you cannot complain about the law if you ignore opportunities to influence it. You can't rely on the voluntary effort of NZIF to try to cover all the bases.

There is opportunity coming up to have your say on forest safety. Have a look at the notice from the Independent Forestry Review Panel in the submissions section of this newsletter.

NZIF conference

Members will be aware of the resignation from Parliament of the Hon Shane Jones who was the Labour Party's forestry spokesperson and was scheduled to speak at the conference. Shane has been replaced by Chris Hipkins, the new forestry spokesperson for Labour.

We also welcome with thanks two new conference sponsors:

- Hancock Forest Management NZ Limited as the student poster sponsor;
- Napier Pine as a conference session investor.

Don't forget to keep those registrations coming in for the conference. It would be a pity if you procrastinated too long and missed out on something you wanted to attend.

Last meeting for NZIF Council

Monday is the last meeting of the 2012/14 NZIF Council and it will be the final meeting for Chris Goulding who has served three terms (six years), Chayne Zinsli (five years) and me. The Council term officially ends on Saturday 31 May when the new Council, led by James Treadwell, will take on the responsibility of guiding and



managing NZIF. New Councillors Angus Malcolm and Patrick Milne along with co-opted secretary Jess Brown will attend the meeting on Monday as part of the change-over.

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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

IPCC AR5 report workshop at RSNZ

Tim Payn, MNZIF, Rotorua

The New Zealand Climate Change Centre and the Royal Society of New Zealand held a workshop on 30th April to present the latest IPCC AR5 report on Climate Impacts and Adaptation (Working Group II) and Mitigation (Working Group III). The workshop highlighted some significant international advances in thinking and perspectives with a shift towards the social/human aspects of climate change from the natural sciences. The workshop was webcast and recorded and the 'summary for policy makers' presentations by Chris Field (Impacts and Adaptation) and Ralph Sims (Mitigation) give an excellent overview of the findings^[1]. Some key take home messages – the impacts of climate extremes are most important rather than focussing on changes in average climate measures, climate changes are 'baked in' for the next couple of decades so a mix of mitigation and adaptation actions will be required to respond, governments and other groups are moving towards solutions e.g. developing adaptation strategies, and there is a move towards systems thinking rather than single issue approaches – think all of primary sector rather than forestry alone.

The NZCCC has produced a very clear and concise four page summary of the key findings for NZ^[2]. The summary identified three 'key risks' for New Zealand in the 21st Century: flood impacts, wildfire impacts, and impacts on coastal infrastructure and ecosystems. I was quite surprised that wind did not feature in the top three – certainly being a major risk for our forests. It also noted that the overseas impacts of climate change on NZ will be very important.

^[1] <http://new.livestream.com/i-filmscience/IPCCworkshopApr2014>

^[2] <http://www.nzclimatechangecentre.org/sites/nzclimatechangecentre.org/files/images/research/NZCCC%20Summary%20IPCC%20AR5%20NZ%20Findings%20April%202014%20WEB.pdf>

Forestry deaths

Owen Springford, MNZIF, Canterbury

The forestry sector faces an endless beat up from the media over forestry deaths. However when it comes to the commercial fishing sector read on ...

Radio New Zealand said Maritime New Zealand (MNZ) has completed an investigation into the death of an Indonesian crew-member on a Korean fishing trawler off the Auckland Islands this week. MNZ spokesperson, Steve Rendell, said "Maritime powers were limited because the ship was registered in a foreign country. He said the crew were not subject to NZ health and safety legislation ... while MNZ had completed an investigation and passed on safety tips to the crew for future use of the winch, the matter could end there".

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NZIF BUSINESS

From the Registrar

Registration application

Application to become a Registered Member has been received from:

- Mr **P McCreedy** of Whangarei

Registration reviews

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

- Mr **K Ellem** of Christchurch
- Mr **D Janett** of Christchurch
- Mr **J Treadwell** of Auckland.

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 (16 May) of the notice in this newsletter, specifying the grounds of the objection.

Latest Journal online

The latest *NZ Journal of Forestry* (Vol 59, No 1, May 2014) is now on the NZIF website.

Kirk Horn award

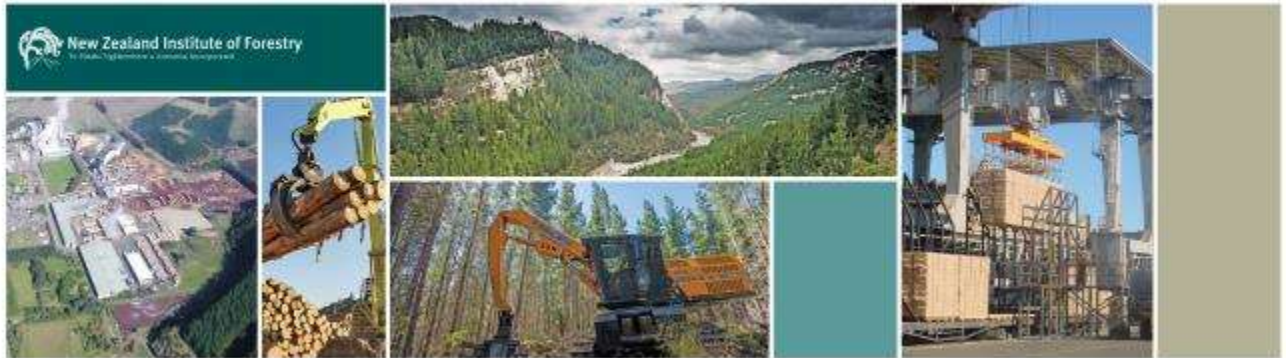
The Kirk Horn Award is an award for eminence in forestry in NZ and is offered every second year. It is available in 2014. The purpose of the award is to recognise outstanding contributions in the field of forestry with those eligible being NZIF members currently working in, or who have worked in, forestry in NZ. No applications are called for, with the recipient being selected by a committee appointed by Council. If you wish to suggest names of potential recipients of the Kirk Horn Award, please email the [NZIF President](#) and/or the [Convener](#) of the NZIF Fellows Committee.

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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 to Wednesday 9 July 2014. The theme is “Tackling Challenges and Delivering Value”. Please mark your diaries now and plan to attend.

Conference website is [here](#).

Conference registration now online

We are now pleased to advise that registration to the NZIF 2014 Conference *Tackling Challenges and Delivering Value* is now open. To Register [click here](#).

We have an exciting programme set for Napier on the 6 to 9 July 2014 at the War Memorial Conference Centre. To see the conference programme [click here](#).

As members of the Institute you will be required to sign into the members’ area on the NZIF website to register and receive the members’ conference rates. If you have forgotten your password! Click on “Trouble logging in?” and then “Forgotten your Password?” Then you can reset your password.

For non-members wishing to register for the Conference, you will be required to set up a log in to the NZIF website. If you have any problem please contact Jay Matthes at admin@nzif.org.nz.

Student poster competition

Each year the NZIF conference has a competition for forestry students to display posters they have created during the year for their dissertation or course work. There is no theme this year for posters, just the best forestry-related poster wins. Posters will be displayed in the foyer of the conference venue in Napier. During tea breaks students should be around to discuss their poster (and encourage votes). Voting will be a paper ballot by each conference attendee. The prize winners will be announced on the Tuesday afternoon. Prize money: 1st \$800; 2nd \$400; 3rd \$200. Free entry to the conference for Student Institute members. Posters will need to be in Napier on **Sunday 6 July** for hanging. For more details please contact: Matt Croft on phone 0274 360 714 or matthew.croft@rayonier.com.



Sponsorship

This week we welcome with thanks two new sponsors:

- **Hancock Forest Management NZ Limited as the student poster sponsor;**
- **Napier Pine as a conference session investor.**

Sponsors who have signed up for the conference are:

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Conference committee

The conference organising committee is:



Bob Pocknall	Chair
Brett Gilmore	
Matthew Croft	
James Powrie	
Mark Morice	
James Treadwell	Sponsorship
Ian Lyver	Treasurer
Jay Matthes	Conference Manager (admin@nzif.org.nz)

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2014 Awards and Scholarships

The NZIF Foundation is inviting applications for the following awards and scholarships. **Applications close at 5:00 pm on Monday 26 May 2014:**

Chavasse Travel Award

Open to any person interested or employed in NZ forestry to enable:

- The applicant to travel overseas in order to increase their and the forestry sector's experience and knowledge; or
- The applicant to assist an overseas person to travel to and within NZ for the purpose of making presentations on forestry topics to NZ audiences.

The award recognises forestry excellence and personal integrity, and aims to reward the clear dissemination and presentation of results. One award of up to \$3,500 is available.

Student scholarships

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The three student scholarships being offered by the Foundation in 2014 are:

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Mary Sutherland Scholarship: available to students enrolled for a forestry or forestry-related course at a NZ polytechnic.

Please apply if you are interested and please tell others who might be interested in applying. Visit the Foundation website or [click here](#) for further information. Please advertise the Awards around your office, universities etc. You do not have to be a NZIF member to apply. The awards will be announced at the NZIF 2014 conference in



Napier on Monday 7 July 2014 ([see here](#) for more details on the conference).

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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)

Update on the consultation process for the Independent Forestry Safety Review

The Review Panel has almost concluded its analytical phase. It has been working to understand the issues and consider options that might address them. It is now preparing for stakeholder consultation.

Stakeholder consultation

The Independent Forestry Safety Review (the Review) Panel intends to:

1. Release a written consultation document in early June
2. Conduct public and private meetings from 11–27 June

Written consultation document

The Panel is working on a consultation document that will be available to download on the www.ifsr.co.nz website. It will set out the key issues impacting health and safety in the forestry sector as the Panel understands them. The consultation document will also set out some options for change. The Panel will be inviting feedback on the issues and on the options. It will be asking for written submissions. People will be able to submit Word documents or complete an online submission form that will be on the website.

The Panel will consider the outcomes of this consultation process in developing its final report and recommendations for change. The views of submitters will be referenced in the final report. It is not the Panel's intention that submissions are published or that a summary of submissions will be made available.

Public consultation meetings

Along with the consultation document, the Panel will travel to some forestry regions to hold public consultation meetings. These will include:

- Balclutha on Thursday 11 June
- Christchurch on Friday 13 June
- Rotorua on Wednesday 18 June
- Whangarei on Friday 20 June
- Gisborne on Monday 23 June
- Nelson on Wednesday 25 June.

Times and places for these meetings have not yet been finalised but those who register to attend will be informed when they have been. Places will be limited.

To register your interest in attending a regional meeting, email info@ifsr.co.nz. Please provide the following information:

- Your full name, first name and last name
- Your job role
- The name of the organisation you work for
- Your mobile phone number.



The Panel is looking to meet with key industry stakeholders, forestry health and safety experts, and forestry contractors and workers in the regions.

Forestry contractors and workers should contact the Panel

The Panel is also asking forestry contractors and workers to contact them as part of the consultation process. Arrangements are being put in place to hold some private meetings with contract crews and workers where possible. A short survey is also being developed to gather a worker perspective.

Contractors and workers who want to engage in the Review should email the Panel at info@ifsr.co.nz. Please note that this email is not the only mechanism the Panel is using to contact contractors and workers.

Stephanie Coutts, secretariat@ifsr.co.nz, www.ifsr.co.nz.

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LOCAL SECTIONS

SNI SECTION

You are invited to a joint NZIF/NZFFA meeting in Wellington in June.

When: Tuesday 10 June, 5:30–7:30 pm, Drinks and light nibbles to follow

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

Topic: Commercial Plantation Forestry in Kenya – Opportunities & Challenges

RSVP: Please email admin@nzif.org.nz to register your attendance

Jon Dey spent four months in Kenya in 2013/14 working on a project with the Kenya Forest Service. He will give an overview of the Kenya plantation forest sector, policies, species and management regimes, community engagement and the sector's challenges and opportunities for the future.

CANTERBURY SECTION

You are invited to the next local NZIF meeting on Thursday 29 May:

Time: 6:00 pm

Guest speaker: Dr Warren Parker, CEO Scion Research

Topic: Prosperity from Trees – Recent Developments at Scion

Venue: Drinks and nibbles in foyer 6:00–7:00 pm, School of Forestry followed by talk in lecture theatre F3

Cost: \$15 per person – students free

RSVP: Please email your confirmation to Terry O'Neill by Monday 26 May (Terry.oneill@adc.govt.nz)

Warren has had an interesting career. He joined Scion in March 2011 as CEO. Before taking on his role at Scion, Warren headed Crown Research Institute Landcare Research Ltd for 5½ years. He has a strong track record in scientific leadership and substantial experience in building productive science-industry relationships.

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PACIFIC FORESTRY SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

Forestry experts from six Pacific Island countries gather for intensive discussions on the roles of forests in tackling climate change and natural disasters

12 May 2014, Nadi, Fiji – The role of Pacific forests is critical as the region is vulnerable to the impacts of climate change and natural disasters, the UN’s Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) announced today.

Natural forests in the Pacific cover an area of 186 million hectares, while planted forests cover slightly more than four million hectares. However, countries across the southern Pacific have experienced a net forest loss during the past 20 years. In the period 2005-2010 annual forest loss deforestation reaching is estimated at one million hectares.

While most of the measurable loss has occurred in Australia, largely as a result of dieback caused by drought, smaller Pacific island states have experienced losses too. One of the major concerns facing small island countries is climate change, which is expected to result in significant sea-level rise. Weather-induced disasters have already become noticeably more frequent and intense in recent years.

“It’s a serious concern. The Pacific Island countries are particularly vulnerable to the effects of global warming, including more frequent and intense cyclones, floods, droughts and landslides,” said Gavin Wall, FAO’s Sub-Regional Representative for the Pacific Islands. “Fortunately, member States are well aware of these issues and keen to take measures to adapt and be better prepared. The recent floods in the Solomon Islands are a stark reminder.”

The role of forests in climate mitigation and adaptation is critically important. Forests can play a crucial role in helping Pacific Island countries adapt to climate change. Coastal forests can reduce damage resulting from storm surges and inundation associated with cyclones or tsunamis. Healthy mangrove forests are particularly effective in reducing the force of waves because of the resistance provided by stilt roots as well as the tree trunks and branches.

A recognised toll on Pacific forests

Most countries in the Pacific are still in the early stages of making strategic investments to increase climate resilience. But such investments must not only focus on coastal areas; efforts to better protect and rehabilitate inland forest areas are also needed.

“To advance efforts to mitigate the impacts that climate change and natural disasters pose, there is an urgent need for countries in the Pacific to create, adjust and refine forest policies and regulations,” said Sairusi Bulai, of the Land Resources Division of SPC.

While climate change issues have dominated international forestry discussions and negotiations in recent years, changes in national policy, legislation and institutions have often lagged behind. Effective implementation of policy remains a critical challenge, especially in several of the Pacific Island countries where most forests are under customary ownership.

All too often in the past, Pacific forests have been logged and resources depleted, while the economic benefits have been squandered or inequitably distributed. Encouragingly, local communities are increasingly demanding accountability and a stronger voice in forest resource management. This has created a greater impetus and incentive to Pacific countries to take on the issue of restoration as a priority.

From 12 to 23 May 2014, senior forest policy makers from across the Pacific are meeting in Nadi, Fiji, to discuss the way forward. The Seventh Executive Forest Policy Course “People, Land Use and Forestry in the Pacific” will focus on the policy challenges of the 21st century.



While few in number, these 23 senior participants, primarily senior officials dealing with land use and forestry policies, joined by well-known experts and resource persons in the field, will deliberate on future challenges and policies required to stop the degradation and rehabilitate this valuable and irreplaceable resource in the Pacific.

The course is jointly organised by FAO, the Asia-Pacific Forest Policy Think Tank and the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) with support from GIZ, USAID, EU-EFI, EU/FAO FLEGT Program, LEAF, USAID-IUCN MARSH Project and APAFRI.

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PF Olsen Ltd is a progressive forestry servicing company committed to maximising returns for its clients. We require a qualified harvest manager to join our Northland harvest management team based at Kerikeri in the Bay of Islands. This role would suit applicants with a tertiary qualification in Forestry, Harvest Engineering, Management degree or equivalent plus experience in harvesting and supply chain management. While previous experience is preferred, this should not preclude new or recent graduates from applying.

You will need to have strong relationship skills and be capable of managing a range of harvesting contract suppliers. You will ensure quality, value, environmental, health and safety and cost aspects of the business are well managed, reporting is timely and accurate, and contractor and customer relationships are maintained. You will be willing to work as part of a team and contribute to team performance. The salary offered will reflect qualifications and experience. We also offer an attractive employee benefits package. Applicants must already be eligible to work in NZ.

Apply in confidence by sending your application letter and CV to: "Northland Harvest Manager", PF Olsen Ltd, PO 1127 Rotorua 3040, or email rachel.baucke@pfolsen.com. Also visit our website: www.pfolsen.com. **Closing date:** 30 May 2014.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT MANAGER, PF OLSEN LTD, WHANGAREI



PF Olsen Ltd is a progressive forestry servicing company committed to maximising returns for its clients. We are seeking a Business Development Manager to grow our forestry and harvesting business in the Northland region. The position will be based in Whangarei and report to the Regional Manager in Kerikeri.

This role will suit a highly motivated person with skills in marketing, strong interpersonal skills and the unique ability to lead forest owners through the process of obtaining maximum value from their forest investment. The role will also suit a forester or forest engineer with experience in planning and managing forest, harvest and roading operations, and who also has a passion for developing a successful business. The salary offered will reflect qualifications and experience. We also offer an attractive employee benefits package. Applicants must already be eligible to work in NZ.

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JOB VACANCY WEBSITES

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

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PUBLICATIONS / MEDIA / NOTICES

SCION FORESTRY CONFERENCE



Conference background

Raising the profitability of commercial forestry investments is an imperative for the entire NZ forestry sector and also vital to increasing economic wealth for our country as signalled in the government's Business Growth Agenda. The value derived from each hectare of forestry land must remain competitive with other rural land uses. Research and innovation is critical to improving the value of forestry through sustainable intensification otherwise land use change will continue and forestry's contribution to NZ's economy will decline.

A multi-disciplinary team of scientists at Scion, along with collaborators from other crown research institutes and universities, is embarking on a six-year research programme aimed at raising the profitability of current and future commercial forestry. This programme is a joint initiative between Scion, the forest growing industry and the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment. It has been allocated \$3.75m per annum funding from MBIE and \$1.6m per annum from the Forest Growers Levy Trust managed through a joint Forest Owners Association/Farm Forestry Association Research Committee.

The programme is one of the most significant initiatives being taken by the sector and focuses on improving the value realised from existing forests and doubling the productivity of future forests. Together, this will create a stable future wood supply that will, in turn, encourage the investment needed to enable the sector to achieve the Woodco vision of increasing the value of forestry exports to more than \$12 billion by 2022.



Achieving this goal will require a shift from current low input forestry management practices to precision forestry, integrating the latest advances in sensor technology, tree physiology, genetics and forest ecology. The programme targets points where improvements can be made in the forest growing cycle, for both current and future forests, that will boost productivity under intensified management regimes while maintaining wood quality and the quality of the environment.

Conference purpose

The six-year 'Growing confidence in Forestry's Future' (GCFF) research programme is one of the most significant initiatives being taken by the forestry growing sector and focuses on improving the value realised from existing forests and doubling the productivity of future forests in a sustainable way. This conference will present the overarching, high level goals of the research programme, will place its science in an international context, and will discuss the role of successful engagement and tech transfer in achieving real impacts. Some first results of the programme will also be presented.

Who should attend?

Industry and government stakeholders and other interested parties.

Location and dates

The conference will be held at the Novotel hotel in Rotorua from 10-12 June 2014.

Conference outline

Tuesday 10 June

10:00 registration and welcome coffee
10:30–5:30 pm presentations, discussions
7:00pm conference dinner

Wednesday 11 June

9:00 am–5:30 pm presentations, discussion

Thursday 12 June

8:00 am–4:30 pm field trip Tarawera forest

The detailed conference programme will be available closer to the time on the [Scion website](#).

Registration and costs

Total cost is \$200 (GST inclusive) for the three days. Separate registration is required for the two-day conference presentations/discussions plus conference dinner and the field trip to Tarawera forest: 10-11 June – Presentations and conference dinner \$150; 12 June – Field trip including transport and lunch \$50. Please note that online registration is essential (see [Scion website](#)) and spaces are limited. Special rates for accommodation are available at Novotel and Ibis for conference participants and many other accommodation providers are also available in Rotorua.

Enquiries

Please contact Peter Clinton (peter.clinton@scionresearch.com) for conference programme enquiries and Mary-Anne Gloyne (mary-anne.gloyne@scionresearch.com) for logistical conference enquiries.



FMG ADVICE AND INSURANCE



For more information [click here](#).

NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS

Porter Forest is a healthy, well-managed 14 to 20-year-old forest of around 78 hectares on freehold land with good secure access located less than 45 kilometres from the busy and competitive log export port of Wellington. The forest is expected to provide a total harvest volume of around 45,000 cubic metres (of which about 11,500 cubic metres is pruned) that can be harvested over one year or spread over several years and harvested as needed and as market opportunities arise.

The forest and additional farmland consisting of 80 hectares and currently being managed as a stock grazing unit is now for sale for offers over \$1.29 million. To register your interest in this property please email David Porter, daveann@clear.net.nz. Upon receipt of notification of your interest you will receive access to electronic forest data and be able to make arrangements to visit the forest.



NZFFA AND MPI SUSTAINABLE FARMING FUND

Trees on Farms workshops – Northland

The NZFFA/MPI Trees on Farms workshops tour is underway, with a busy schedule of workshops over the next four weeks. The workshops aim to help farmers and landowners with ideas for planting the right trees in the right place to boost farm profitability and deliver multiple benefits. This week the tour covers the mid-South Island, with workshops in North Otago, South Canterbury, Ashburton and the Southern High Country.

“Anyone is welcome to attend these free workshops,” says Trees on Farms project manager, Harriet Palmer. “Our aim is to provide some fresh ideas for landowners interested in tree-planting as part of best land use. We will be focusing on options which make economic and environmental sense.”

Themes covered in the forthcoming week include the potential for trees on intensive sheep and beef farms, and on irrigated farms. All workshops comprise a morning indoor session with a range of speakers followed by an afternoon out on a nearby farm, looking at practical examples of how trees have been incorporated into sustainable land use. This week’s line-up of speakers includes agricultural consultants, local tree-nursery representatives, and irrigation specialists.

“We will also be showing some short videos featuring local farmers talking about their trees, and how trees fit into their farming business,” says Harriet Palmer. “The videos are a real highlight. They are a fantastic resource, and all those attending will receive a free DVD featuring numerous short videos from their region.”

In total the tour comprises 15 workshops, 12 in the South Island and three in Northland. Each workshop will be structured to suit its particular region by local branches of the NZFFA. For full workshop details please visit: www.nzffa.org.nz. Contact for media: Harriet Palmer, 021 0253 2529, harriet.e.palmer@gmail.com.

Northland

Wed 21 May	Mid-Northland	Believe us: trees can make you money!	Poroti Sports Complex, nr Whangarei (3.30pm-8.00pm)	L and B Gravatt property, Poroti	Peter Davies Colley (09) 433 1718 treepepl@xtra.co.nz
Thur 22 May	Far North	Trees as part of wise land use	Totara Flats Hall, Whangaroa Harbour	Paitu, Kaeo	Brian Simms (09) 408 4050 beesimsy@xtra.co.nz
Sat 24 May	Lower North	Adding value with trees	Te Hana Te Ao Marama Maori Cultural Centre, 317 SH1, nr Wellsford	Graham Larsen property, 1434 SH 1, Toponui	Gordon Perry (09) 422 5757 Peter and Glenda Berg (09) 575 4056 thebergs@ihug.co.nz

3RD FOREST ECOSYSTEM SERVICES FORUM, TE PAPA, WELLINGTON

You are invited to attend the 3rd Forest Ecosystem Services (FES) forum on Tuesday 20 May 2014 at Te Papa in Wellington organised by Scion (NZ Forest Research Institute Ltd). The theme for the forum this year is ‘Protecting and enhancing NZ’s freshwater resources through forestry’. The forum is about considering the role of forests in the water cycle, from improving water quality, to reducing bank erosion and sedimentation, to water recycling and uptake. It also aims to discuss the positive and negative impacts of forests on the provision of water ecosystem services, e.g. nutrient load, water quality, water yield, recreation. We will be discussing freshwater policy and how it relates to forestry, current examples, and future directions of forest ecosystem services in this



area.

We expect to have about 60 participants mostly from across NZ including representatives from national government agencies, regional councils, forest industry, research organisations and academic institutions. Please find attached the draft agenda. Please note that this link to the FES forum event website: <http://www.scionresearch.com/general/news-and-events/events/calendar-events/fs/forest-ecosystem-services-forum-2014> also provides access to the presentations of the previous FES forums in 2012 and 2013. There is no cost to attend this event, however, registration is essential. For enquiries regarding the forum programme please contact Richard Yao (Scion), phone (07) 343 5747, or email richard.yao@scionresearch.com.

NEWS FROM ROYAL SOCIETY OF NZ

Webcast available for IPCC Stakeholder Workshop

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Fifth Assessment (AR5) Working Group II (WGII) Report *'Impacts, Adaptation, & Vulnerability'* and Working Group III (WGIII) Report *'Mitigation'* was finalised and approved in Yokohama, Japan from 25 to 29 March and Berlin, Germany from 7 to 11 April 2014 respectively. At the invitation of the NZ Climate Change Centre (NZCCC), WGII Co-chair Dr Chris Field joined via video-conference from Washington DC, and other NZ WGII and WGIII lead authors presented at a Stakeholder Workshop "Responding to Climate Change" in Wellington on 30 April 2014, marking one of the first opportunities to hear from key IPCC figures regarding these landmark reports. [The webcast from the day is available to view in four sessions.](#) For more information contact Marc Rands, (04) 470 5754, Marc.Rands@royalsociety.org.nz.

Science Media SAVVY – Media and communication skills for scientists

22-23 May 2014, Wellington

Researchers and scientists keen to improve their public outreach are invited to apply for the latest in the Science Media Centre's national series of media and communication skills workshops. This two-day intensive course is ideal for established and emerging researchers who want to gain practical skills for explaining their science to a wider audience and feel more confident going in front of the media. Venue: RSNZ, 11 Turnbull St, Thorndon, Wellington. [View website for more information.](#)

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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.

May 2014

Tue 20 3rd Forest Ecosystems Services Forum, Te Papa, Wellington, richard.yao@scionresearch.com

Thur 29 Canterbury section meeting, Terry.oneill@adc.govt.nz

Thur 22 – Fri 23 RSNZ Science Media SAVVY workshop, Wellington, smc@sciencemediacentre.co.nz

June 2014

Tue 10 SNI section meeting, admin@nzif.org.nz

Tue 10 – Thur 12 Scion forestry conference, peter.clinton@scionresearch.com

Wed 11 – Thur 12 Woodflow Logistics 2014, www.woodflowlogistics.com

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Sun 6 – Wed 9	NZIF 2014 Conference, Napier
August 2014	
Wed 9 – Thur 10	FIEA biennial forest conference, Auckland, www.fimo2014.com
Mon 11 – Tue 12	DANA Melbourne conference, details here or email pam@prcc.com.au
Mon 11 – Tue 12	DANA Rotorua conference, details here or email pam@prcc.com.au
Mon 25 – Fri 29	IUFRO Forestry Tree Breeding Conference, Prague, Conference website
Nov 2014	
Sun 16 – Wed 19	‘A place to live’ national conference, RSNZ, registrations to open in May
Sun 24 – Mon 25	NZ History of Science conference, NZhistsci2015@vuw.ac.nz
April 2015	
Mon 13	ANZIF Conference 2015, ifa@forestry.org.au

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