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PRESIDENT'S COMMENT

Andrew McEwen FNZIF
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Message to students

Applications for the three NZIF Foundation student scholarships close at 5:00 pm next Monday 26 May. There is one scholarship each of \$1,000 for polytech students, university undergrad students and postgrad students. More details later in this newsletter.

What to write? Why not Pacific forestry?

As happens quite often, Thursday evening arrives and I have no ideas to write about in the newsletter. Then something triggers a thought. Tonight it was the *Campbell Live* campaign to have the All Blacks play Manu



Samoa in Samoa. If you saw the item you will have heard him remind us on a number of occasions that the All Blacks have never done this.

Some years ago, NZ had a significant forestry presence in a number of Pacific countries. Several of our members had periods on secondment as forestry officers in Samoa, and others worked in a wide range of Pacific countries. People from Pacific countries have trained and studied in NZ. But there has been less in recent years and other countries and organisations have been moving into the gap.

Not long after the ANZIF Pacific Forestry conference in Auckland in 2011 I wrote to Foreign Affairs Minister, the Hon Murray McCully, informing him of the conference and the recommendations from it. I included the following:

I note from your address to the Lowry Institute earlier this week, that the government is focussing its attention in Pacific Island Countries on tourism, fisheries and agriculture as economic drivers and on energy, infrastructure and education as enablers. I would like to encourage you to include forests and forestry on to your list, because of the contribution that they can make, including contributions to some of the drivers and enablers. Forests and trees have a role in tourism, biodiversity, water quality, soil stability, provision of energy (e.g. fuel wood is still an important energy source in some PICs), building materials, food and cultural materials, climate change mitigation and other activities. Specialty niche export products have been, and more could be, developed from forest products (including timber). As we saw at our conference, there are problems with forestry activities in some PICs (for example point 7 in the conference recommendation “Express the concern of the conference that in some countries (such as the Solomon Islands), governance and market failures leading to unsustainable logging are depleting a vital forest resource and that this could lead to adverse effects on the economies of those countries”). Forestry professionals from the PICs at the conference were seeking support from fellow professionals in NZ to help address these issues.

The Minister encouraged us to continue our voluntary efforts, which we have done within our resources (of time and money). Amongst other activities we established a Pacific Forestry Special Interest Group. It has around 150 members, spread over about 30 countries. They receive our weekly newsletter even if they are not NZIF members. I try to include items of interest from and to those in Pacific countries as a way of raising awareness of forestry-related issues. From time to time we have received requests from Pacific countries for information or assistance and we have found NZIF members who have been able to help out. I am currently working with VSA and SPC (Secretariat of the Pacific Community) on the possibility of finding a volunteer for a project in the Pacific.

Perhaps I have put effort into assisting our Pacific colleagues because of my background. I lived in Niue between the ages of 9 and 12 when my father was working there. It became an important part of my family’s life – so much so that we took our children there when they were teenagers and last year we took our granddaughters – and they loved it.

But there are other imperatives. Those of you at the ANZIF conference in 2011 will remember the session we had when representatives of 10 Pacific countries (Marshall Islands, Tonga, Western Samoa, Fiji, Vanuatu, Solomons, New Caledonia, Papua New Guinea, Australia and NZ) each gave a 10 minute presentation on the issues faced in their countries. I well remember the reaction of a senior NZIF member who told me after the session that as the issues came out, his jaw dropped, then dropped further and further as he realised how small some of our own problems seemed when put into a wider perspective.

Above all, the Pacific Island countries are our nearest neighbours. Some of them (e.g. Niueans, Cook Islanders, Tokelau Islanders have very close links to NZ), NZ has a large Pacific Island population and not least there are many Pacific Islanders who have contributed to our rugby teams. Just as John Campbell wants the All Blacks to play in Samoa, I would like to see NZ do more for forestry in Pacific countries.



Contact me if you would like to be added to the Pacific Forestry SIG, or you can think of people who would be interested in having their names added.

More on health and safety

Last week I listed five entities of relevance to forestry who had made submissions on the Health and Safety Reform Bill to the Transport and Industrial Relations select committee. I suggested there was an element of disinterest from forestry companies. It was not long before I was told that Rayonier and Forest Owners Association had also made submissions – it was just that they were not shown in the list of submissions on the Parliamentary website. While the number of submissions shown has increased from 99 to 108 in the last week, those extra forestry submissions have still not appeared. But I was very pleased to learn other forestry entities had submitted and I apologise for any offence taken through my omitting them.

Meanwhile, today we received notice of a call for submissions on a discussion paper *Developing regulations to support the new Health and Safety at Work Act* released by MIBE this week. So currently submissions on the Bill are under consideration, MBIE is seeking submissions on regulations to come under the Bill when it is enacted, and we have the Independent Forestry Safety Review Panel about to issue its own consultation document.

If you have any thoughts on an NZIF role or position on health and safety issues, please contact the convenor of the Council safety committee, Simon Rapley (simon@nzredwood.co.nz).

Reminders

Really gratifying to see membership subscriptions continue to flow in. A big thank you to all those who have taken prompt action to meet their obligations. The rest of you are now in a rapidly diminishing minority. Perhaps you like being there, but just remember, as each week goes by when you haven't paid, it creates more work for our administrator to send reminder statements and other follow-ups. This all adds to the cost of running the NZIF.

Also great to see registration numbers for the conference continue to increase – not just for the main conference but also for the pre-conference workshops, the AGM and the post-conference field trips. Make sure you secure your place for these events (and you might also want to book some accommodation at the same time)

Applications for Foundation Awards close on Monday

Applications for the Chavasse Travel Award and three student scholarships (polytech, undergrad and postgrad) all close at 5:00 pm this coming Monday (26 May). For students, securing a scholarship will provide you with another \$1,000 to help you through the year. If you don't apply you will definitely not get a scholarship. If you do apply, you stand a chance.

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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)

Kiribati – five years later

David South, Retired MNZIF, USA

It has been several years since I shared my thoughts on the Kiribati so here is an update. In the 27 June 2008 newsletter I discussed the population growth, the sea level rise and thoughts about NZ immigration policy. Since



2005, the population increased by over 14% (106,000 now vs 92,500 in 2005). This population is contributing to the biological contamination of the limited, shallow water supply. Fortunately, one island (North Tarawa) has become the first open defecation free island in Kiribati (see [here](#)). Hopefully, the remaining 32 islands will soon follow. It is really good to see the United Nations doing something positive that actually improves the health of the Kiribati people. But thanks to “bad science,” sanitation-related diseases like diarrhea and giardiasis are now called “climate change diseases” [see <http://tinyurl.com/kfrnh9j>]. I can’t help but wonder how many children will now grow up thinking diarrhea can be controlled by burning less coal.

In 2008, I mentioned the no-significant change in sea level at two Kiribati Islands. Now we have several years of additional data from Kiribati. Those interested in “good science” will view these graphs [see <http://tinyurl.com/m83yh4b>] to see how sea levels at Christmas Island, Kanton Island and Betio Island have changed over time. Some scientists say the sea levels are currently increasing at a rate of 20 centimetres per century [see <http://tinyurl.com/m4o8baj>]. These data might have influenced President Anote Tong. Recently he said changing rainfall, changing tidal patterns and changing storm patterns pose as least as much risk to the I-Kiribati as the change in sea level.

In the 2008/24 newsletter I wrote: “We are told that families are lining up in large numbers to relocate to NZ but many are not provided with the right piece of paper.” Over the past five years, the NZ government conducted a lottery (i.e. Pacific Access Category) and 375 I-Kiribati winners have now immigrated to NZ (note that this number is equivalent to less than three months of population growth). However, a family of five (who did not win the lottery) will soon be deported back to Kiribati because their piece of paper (i.e. work visa) expired in 2010. The court said their situation was no different from other I-Kiribati [see <http://tinyurl.com/olrkle3>]. Apparently, the judges did not want NZ to become the first country to accept “climate change refugees”. Luckily, some claim the entire population might, at some point, move to Fiji. The president of Fiji has told the I-Kiribati they are welcomed [see <http://tinyurl.com/lntke2l>]. By investing in adaptation, the I-Kiribati already own 2,428 hectares in Fiji.

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NZIF BUSINESS

From the Registrar

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.

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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

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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 next 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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Frank Hutchinson Scholarship: available to postgraduate students enrolled for a forestry or forestry-related postgraduate degree at a NZ university;

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)

Regulations to support new Health and Safety Act

The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment has released a discussion document – *Developing regulations to support the new Health and Safety at Work Act*. This is part of the government’s *Working Safer* package of reforms, which aims to reduce New Zealand’s workplace serious injury and death toll by 25% by 2020.

The proposals for regulations have been developed to support the new Health and Safety at Work Act to be created by the passage of the Health and Safety Reform Bill. If passed, the new Act will replace the Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992 and overhaul NZ’s health and safety system. The regulations will play an important part in ensuring the new health and safety regime is practical for all workplaces as well as robust. This is why we need your feedback. The discussion document outlines proposals for the first phase of regulations. The document covers five key areas:

- General risk and workplace management
- Worker participation, engagement and representation
- Work involving asbestos
- Work involving hazardous substances; and
- Major hazard facilities.

Have your say: Submissions are now open on the discussion document. Find more information on the proposed regulations and the submission process [here](#). The submission period closes on **Friday 18 July 2014**.

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 in May.

When: Thursday 29 May at 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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Student Membership Fee

I have been disappointed to see that a number of student members are resigning from NZIF this year, following the introduction of a \$46 annual fee for student members in their second or subsequent year as an NZIF member. Students in their first year as a member still qualify for the 100% discount on fees.

The NZIF Council debated the fee for some time when setting the budget this year. Student members receive the weekly newsletter and the Journal of Forestry. They have free or discounted entry to NZIF events and they have free registration to the NZIF Conference (but have to pay for the dinner). Council felt that it was reasonable for students who are studying for a professional career in forestry to make some contribution towards the benefits they receive from NZIF, but were also conscious of the limited financial resources that students have. Accordingly the fee was kept as low as possible and has been compared with the cost of one coffee or beer each week for one semester. So it is not a significant cost.

I urge student members to remain with NZIF and to receive the services that we offer.

Andrew McEwen, President, NZIF

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PEOPLE NEWS

Lew Skudder

Lewis (Lew) Skudder died on 17 May 2014 at the age of 88. He had been an NZIF member for 56 years, having joined in 1958. He was an Associate Member until 1973 or 1974 when he advanced to Member. He served on the NZIF Council for two terms, from 1976 to 1978 and 1978 to 1980. He moved to retired member some time in the 1990s.

Lew was associated with the National Forest Survey (he was on the organising committee of the reunion held in Rotorua in the mid 1970s). Much of his career was spent in Kaingaroa forest. He was involved at the start of harvesting operations when the Tasman Pulp and Paper Mill started at Kawerau in 1955. (I first met Lew in 1962 when he was officer in charge of the Iwitahi sub-office of Kaingaroa (on the Napier/Taupo road.) He shifted to the Rotorua conservancy office around 1969 and retired in 1986.

Lew was a keen member and champion of the Institute of Forestry and took a very close interest in the progress of young rangers and foresters. He was a staunch member of the NZ Forest Service and a great supporter of Forest Service rugby. A celebration of Lew's life was held at the FRESTRA club on the Scion Campus in Rotorua on Wednesday 21 May. Our thoughts and sympathy go to Lew's wife Enid (one of the "Characters of FRI") and to the rest of the family.

Andrew McEwen



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FOREST ESTATE PLANNER, ERNSLAW ONE, GISBORNE

Ernslaw One is a forest owner and manager with forests and offices throughout NZ. Applications are invited for the role of Forest Estate Planner – Gisborne.

The purpose of this position is to manage forest estate planning including yield reconciliations for Ernslaw One. Reporting to the Land & Resource Manager, responsibilities will include accountability for:

- Estate planning
- Yield reconciliation and development
- Assisting in the annual valuation process
- Involvement in land evaluation projects.

Using a range of tools, including modelling software, the Forest Estate Planner will provide information to support decision making for a wide range of operational and management situations. Serious consideration will be given to applicants with:

- A relevant tertiary qualification and/or proven estate planning experience
- Knowledge of estate planning software (preferably Woodstock) and database systems
- Being prepared to travel.

Ernslaw One is committed to ensuring a safe and healthy environment. The successful applicant would require a pre-employment medical, drug and alcohol assessment, and be willing to participate in our ongoing programme of random testing to underpin Ernslaw One's commitment to a (100%) safe workplace.

A position description and application form is available from Di Liddell on (06) 868 0083 or email fep@ernslaw.co.nz. **Closing date:** a letter, application form and a CV should be submitted by 5:00 pm on Friday 6 June 2014 to the above email address or to the Land & Resource Manager, Ernslaw One Ltd, PO Box 2042, Gisborne 4040.

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NZ conservation jobs	www.conjobs.co.nz/index.php
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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.

NEWS FROM MPI

The May 2014 edition of the *Sustainable Forestry Bulletin* has information on:

- Changes to Deregistration Obligations – Amendments to the Climate Change Response Act 2002 (CCRA) brought into effect on 16 May 2014 have changed how post-1989 ETS participants are able to meet deregistration obligations.
- Land Information New Zealand Data Service updates – LINZ is making NZ's most current publicly-owned aerial imagery – covering 95% of the country – freely available to use under an open licence through the LINZ Data Service.
- The two hectare deforestation threshold.

The *Bulletin* is available [here](#).



After months of planning, we're pleased to release the full conference programmes for both New Zealand and Australia. They feature a strong speaking line up and showcase a wide range of mobile technologies that are already having a huge impact on primary sector productivity. MobileTECH 2014 will be held on **5-6 August 2014** at the **Mercure Brisbane, Australia** and on **12-13 August 2014** at the **Crown Plaza Auckland, New Zealand**.

Opening the conference in Australia will be Karen Schneider, Executive Director of ABARES and, in New Zealand, Dr Michael Fielding, Innovation Adviser from Callaghan Innovation. These will set the scene and will be followed by presentations on enterprise mobility, rural infrastructure, drones, M2M, robotics, gadgets and cloud computing. Day two will feature practical examples on how the technologies are being used within the sector, where they can improve business efficiency and what the future holds – both in the short, medium and longer term.

Hear from over 20 key speakers, including innovative companies like Mobile Mentor, Hawkeye UAV, KORE Wireless, Xero, CSIRO, AgResearch and UK based Silent Herdsman.

[Click here](#) for a full conference programme for both events. You can [register online](#) or by calling FREECALL 1800 126 398 (Australia) or 0800 342 269 (New Zealand). Remember to book early to ensure you receive the “2 for the price of 1” special offer AND enter into the draw to win a Panasonic FZ-A1 Toughpad.

NZIF is a supporting organisation, which entitles members to a discounted registration fee.

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.

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Northland

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
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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

Sat 24 Trees on Farms workshop, Northland, harriet.e.palmer@gmail.com

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

July 2014

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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