

## NZIF INTRODUCES ...



Kent Chalmers, [Vice-President](#)

This new council term is my second term as a councillor and my first as Vice-President. Since graduating from the School of Forestry I have spent my career working in the Otago Southland region. I am privileged to have worked across the full breadth of the industry from forest establishment to timber marketing. My current role is as Marketing and Logistics Manager for City Forests in Dunedin. As an industry we do not receive the recognition we deserve and I am extremely proud to have made my career in the forest industry.



NEW ZEALAND INSTITUTE OF FORESTRY

Te Pūtahi Ngāherere o Aotearoa Inc.

## NEWS ITEMS

### Reminder: Notice of AGM

The 86<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Institute of Forestry will be held at the Napier War Memorial Conference Centre, Napier on Sunday 6 July 2014 starting at 3.30pm.

The NZIF Annual Report for the year ending 31 March 2014 and any motions to be carried will be emailed by 20 June 2014.

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### Conference registrations

Registrations for the NZIF 2014 conference close on 1 July 2014.



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## LINKEDIN

NZIF has a group on LinkedIn for members only, set up as an additional forum for members to exchange ideas and information and keep up to date with industry trends. We strongly encourage you to join to engage with members in a slightly more informal setting. There is often an excellent discussion on one topic or another, or else you can start one.

You can link to search 'NZ Institute of Forestry'.

I have just joined LinkedIn to help James manage the NZIF group and I am thoroughly enjoying the conversations being generated around forestry and climate change.

*Virginia Kennard*  
*Assistant Administrator*

## FROM THE ADMINISTRATORS

Monthly statements were emailed out last week. If you need a copy of any outstanding invoices please contact us at [admin@nzif.org.nz](mailto:admin@nzif.org.nz).

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When updating your postal address on your profile, via the member's dashboard on the NZIF website, don't forget to include the postal code. See here: [post code finder](#).

## NZIF BUSINESS

### Voting for new Fellows

Those members eligible to vote in an election for new Fellows – Honorary, Retired (but not Retired Associate), Registered and Ordinary – would have receive an email with instructions for electronic voting. The turnout so far is 20% of eligible voters have voted.

Voting will close on 5pm on Monday 23 June 2014. Please remember your 2014/15 membership fees must be up to date for your vote to be considered.

## COUNCIL COLUMN

I write my first column as Vice-President with that usual mix of excitement and trepidation that you experience in a new role, especially when you have such big shoes to fill. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing council for all their work and welcome the incoming council members.

In the last newsletter James called on members to take more of an active involvement in the running of the Institute. This week I am calling on you again to assist us with some market research which I hope will help meet our goal of growing membership.

Previous NZIF councils have recognised the importance of growing membership, and the benefits that this brings. The talk has often been around groups of people or sectors where we can tap into a new source of members.

The market research I am seeking from members is what about those forestry professionals who are not members? I have numerous colleagues who operate in similar roles to me. These people are just as enthusiastic and committed to the industry as I am. They have made forestry their profession and are doing good work. I am sure that many of you are in the same situation. How do we as members convince these non-members to become contributing members of the NZIF?

For example, I am involved in selling macrocarpa timber. This timber is a legacy of our radiata processing activities. It is a fantastic product and we produce it to the highest possible standard. Despite the quality of the product it is a slow seller. **It wasn't** until we partnered with a specialist macrocarpa supplier that we learnt that we were not producing the timber products the market wanted. A fantastic product, but the market offering was not quite right.

I wonder if the NZIF has the offering right? **I don't** have the answer but it is important to always check that we do. The answer to this question lies between our existing members and those professionals who would benefit from membership but are not joining.

My request to our members is a relatively simple question. What do you need NZIF to offer to be able to convince a non-member to join and contribute? I look forward to your responses.

Kent  
Vice-President

## Tackling Challenges and Delivering Value



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## CONFERENCE 2014

The NZIF 2014 conference will be held at the War Memorial Conference Centre in Napier from Sunday 6 to Wednesday 9 July 2014.

We are now pleased to advise that registration to the NZIF 2014 conference is now open online.

To Register click [here](#).

We have an exciting programme set for Napier.

To see the conference programme click [here](#).

## CONFERENCE SNIPPETS

Many thanks to Aon New Zealand, our latest conference sponsor.

When registering for the full conference, please note that the Awards dinner is included in the price of your registration, therefore no need to add the dinner unless you are bringing a partner.

Looking for accommodation? There are still a few rooms available at the SH Te Pania Hotel opposite the conference venue. Remember to advise them when making a booking that you are at the NZIF conference to receive a discounted price.

Conference registration closes on 1 July 2014.

There has been strong interest from non-members in the industry as well as many members already having registered. A busy conference this year!

## LOCAL SECTIONS

### CANTERBURY SECTION

#### Event **Meet Your (Potential) Future Employer Evening**

This popular annual event, which aims put forestry students and industry figures together to meet, greet, listen, and talk is back.

This year 'Meet Your Potential Future Employer' is on Thursday 17 July, beginning at 5pm at the School of Forestry, University of Canterbury. Students and would-be students of forestry from all institutions are welcome.

Contact [Terry O'Neill](#), Canterbury Section Secretary/Treasurer.

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### CENTRAL NORTH ISLAND SECTION

#### Event **You are invited to a local section meeting on Tuesday 17 June at 5.30pm**

Venue: Wairariki Polytechnic School of Forestry Building.

Networking and drinks followed by two presentations: Gareth Buchanan and Stuart Marshall.

Topics are 'The Situation in China: Domestic Forests – **Growing and Processing**' and 'The Log Export Market from NZ'.

Contact [Jessica Brown](#).

## PACIFIC ISLAND NEWS

A three-day workshop on strengthening and disseminating value chain-related information, skills and approaches in the Pacific Islands is being organised in Fiji by the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) in collaboration with the Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation (CTA).

Acknowledging the support of the CTA and the European Union, the Acting Deputy Director of the SPC Land Resource Division, Sairusi Bulai, highlighted the importance of sharing information and knowledge for greater impact. The meeting will discuss and identify the way forward for the project via feedback from 24 participants from seven countries in the region. [Read more.](#)

## STUDENT NEWS

### Undergraduate student R&D internships 2014

Callaghan Innovation is offering grants to encourage innovative companies to employ science, technology, engineering or design undergraduate students for an R&D project.

The funding provides \$16 per hour for up to 400 hours of work. Funding is available to large and small companies. The contractual term is between August 2014 and March 2015.

Applied Support Services Limited can help you prepare your application. You can call them on (09) 817 7460 or send an [email](#). Applications close 25 June 2014. For more information click [here](#).

## NZIF FOUNDATION

Are you able to talk to secondary school students about interesting careers in forestry?

NZIF Members will be aware of action I took to draw the Minister for Primary Industries' (Hon Nathan Guy) attention to the omission of forestry from his media release announcing the start of the EPIC Challenge. The Challenge is for year 10 school pupils, who work in small groups, with teacher help, to prepare a presentation to promote a career in a primary industry. More information is available at the Young Enterprise Trust [website](#).

As part of the exchange with the Minister, the NZIF Foundation made an offer to:

1. Provide a monetary prize for the best forestry entry.
2. Identify NZIF members willing to talk to teachers and students who were putting together a forestry career presentation.

Accordingly, I would be grateful if NZIF members willing to talk to students who might consider a career in forestry and their teachers could let me know. At this stage I will need your name, location and contact details. [Please email](#).

As far as I am concerned, a forestry career is very broad and would cover those who work in or manage forests, consultants, science and research, education, processing, forest recreation, conservation forests, local and central government and more. **So don't** restrict your enthusiasm for the breadth and usefulness of a forestry career.

*Andrew McEwen FNZIF  
Chair, NZIF Foundation*

## SUBMISSIONS

Waikato District Council Consultation, Targeted Rates for Forestry

NZIF recently received the email below:

We are currently helping Waikato District Council explore options for dealing with the cost of forestry harvesting impacts on roads. In response to Annual Plan submissions, Waikato District Council propose to introduce targeted rates to fund works to deal with forestry harvesting access and are planning to identify the best way to implement the rates.

We are currently identifying stakeholders who may be interested. Stakeholders will receive an information pack, an invitation to respond, and an invitation to a workshop to be held in June.

If you could assist to identify stakeholders who may be interested we would appreciate it. If you have any queries feel free to contact either Alasdair Gray or Vinish Prakash on (07) 853 8997.

## Otago Water Quality Stakeholders Forum

To be held on Friday 27 June at the Scenic Southern Cross Hotel, Cnr Princess and High Streets, Dunedin from 9.45am to 4pm.

This is to discuss what the new Otago Water Plan water quality rules mean for landholders and how the ORC will implement them. Topics include:

- Permitted activities and prohibited activities
- Applying the water quality rules to land management
- Difference between Schedule 15 and 16
- Water quality compliance strategy
- Water quality implementation programme.

A series of roadshows will follow on from this forum held throughout the region during July. Details will be provided shortly. Please register your attendance by sending your name and address by [email](#).

### Forestry Access Funding Options

The Waikato District Council proposes to set a targeted rate to fund expenditure on roading activities related to access for forestry harvesting activities. **We're therefore** seeking feedback from key stakeholders to ensure the targeted rate is applied effectively and does not have unintended consequences. **What's the issue?** [Read more.](#)

### Review Panel releases consultation document and plans for travel

The Independent Forestry Safety Review Panel released its public consultation document today. **The document can be found on the Review's** [website](#). WorkSafe New Zealand statistics showed that between 2008 and 2013, there have been 967 reported instances of serious injury related to forestry and logging. In this time 28 workers died in accidents. That is just one person fewer than were killed in the Pike River mining disaster. The Review is being undertaken to address this very poor safety record. [Read more.](#)

### Forest Ecosystem Services 2014 Forum

The theme for this forum held on 20 May 2014 in Wellington was **'Protecting and Enhancing New Zealand Freshwater Resources Through Forestry'**. The forum was 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. Presentations are available as PDFs [online](#).

## ADVERTISING



### Business Analyst

Our growing client base utilizes our solutions to manage land assets and activities for Forestry, Agriculture, Environment & Land, amongst others. Our clients are situated in North America, Europe, South America, and Australasia and rely on our solutions to support daily decisions.

We are seeking a Business Analyst to join our team in Rotorua. You are a great listener with domain knowledge and adept at translating customer requirements into a solid set of specifications for an implementation. You are highly responsive and have a customer service orientation. You are a collaborative team member but able to work independently. You have demonstrable experience in the following areas:

- Conducting requirements gathering workshops, documenting business requirements and processes, and distilling information into requirements and design documentation
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- Validation of software development/configuration against design specifications
- Development of materials for, and training of users and system administrators on the use software for specific business workflows.

These skills set you apart from your peers:

- Excellent written, and oral presentation skills to all levels within the organization
- Attention to detail and good organizational skills
- Experience with ERP, supply chain management, and land management systems
- Advanced skills in process mapping, logical database design and problem solving.

You should have at least five years of forestry or agriculture experience as well as a degree in forestry, agriculture or computer science. You will be required to have a valid **driver's licence**. **Some travel to customer sites is required for this position**. If you have the enthusiasm and capabilities to meet the challenges this opportunity provides, we want to meet you. Please forward a current résumé to [here](#). Additional information about Cengea careers is available at our [website](#). Thank you for your expression of interest for this position. Only those candidates meeting our selection criteria will be contacted for interviews.

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Chandler Fraser Keating Limited, a privately-owned NZ forestry consultancy, is seeking an experienced forestry professional to join its Rotorua office. We are a small team of highly experienced professionals. We place value on operational experience and the ability that experience gives us to provide appropriate advice and insights that are of real benefit to our clients.

This role will suit applicants with relevant tertiary qualifications and subsequent experience as a resource planner/technical forester consultant researcher or has operational experience.

You will need to be a self-starter with good time management skills and an ability to work to fixed deadlines. As a consultant, you will be involved with and gain exposure to a diverse range of forestry practices and interact with a range of forest owners from small NZ investors through to large international corporations. There is the opportunity for travel both within Australasia and Internationally. In the last 12 months, CFK has undertaken assignments in Africa, North and South America, China and Russia.

The salary offered will reflect qualifications and experience. Applicants must already be eligible to work in NZ. Apply, in confidence, by sending your application letter and CV by [email](#) to:

**'Forestry Consultant'**

Chandler Fraser Keating Limited  
PO 2246  
Rotorua 3040.

Please also visit our [website](#).

**Closing date:** 30 June 2014



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### Land Manager

Job description: Timberlands Ltd is a Forestry Management Company based in Rotorua in the Central North Island. Applications are invited for the position of Land Manager based in Timberlands' offices in Rotorua.

This position, reporting to the Technical Manager, will manage land related issues on behalf of our clients, including:

- Land rental reviews
- Landlord relationships
- Forestry focused land use management including hand-backs.

Personal skills we are seeking are:

- Ability to build relationships and communicate well with a diverse range of people
- Professionalism and ability to manage pressure situations with diplomacy
- Proactive engagement to minimise risks
- Strong negotiation skills
- Excellent record keeping.

Serious consideration will be given to applicants with:

- A tertiary qualification in Forestry or other land-based fields
- 3-5 years of relevant land-based management experience
- Relevant commercial/legal qualifications and/or experience.

If this sounds like an opportunity you would be interested in, you may request a job description by [email](#). To apply, please submit a covering letter and CV (by [email](#) or post) by the closing date. Applicants must be currently eligible to work in NZ. For more information contact [Belinda Bird](#), (07) 343 1080.

**Closing date:** Friday 20 June 2014

## CALENDAR

NZIF takes no responsibility for errors in this calendar. Please visit the website or contact the organisers to confirm times, locations, costs.

### June 2014

Tues 17 CNI section meeting  
 Fri 20 – Thur 17 2014 [Charles Fleming lecture tour](#)  
 Fri 20 June [Sustainable Agriculture Series](#), Future of weed management  
 Fri 27 Otago Water Quality Stakeholders Forum, [email](#)

### July 2014

Sun 6 – Wed 9 [NZIF 2014 Conference](#), Napier  
 Thur 17 Canterbury section meeting

### August 2014

Wed 9 – Thur 10 [FIEA biennial forest conference](#), Auckland  
 Mon 11 – Tues 12 [DANA Melbourne conference](#), [email](#)  
 Mon 11 – Tues 12 [DANA Rotorua conference](#), [email](#)  
 Mon 25 – Fri 29 [IUFRO Forestry Tree Breeding Conference](#), Prague

### Sept 2014

Wed 17 – Thu 18 [Wood Innovations 2014](#)

### Nov 2014

Sun 16 – Wed 19 [A place to live national conference](#), Royal Society of NZ  
 Sun 24 – Mon 25 New Zealand History of Science conference, [email](#)

### April 2015

Mon 13 [ANZIF Conference 2015](#)

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