

NZIF INTRODUCES ...



Angus Malcolm, [email](#)

I have worked in the NZ forest industry for most of the last 20 years with stints in Ohakune, Gisborne, Whangarei and Auckland. I currently work for Crighton Anderson valuers based out of Nelson and am primarily focused on forest valuation and advisory projects. This is my first term on the NZIF Council and I would like to see an improvement in local section activity, a move to a more collaborative industry, and a better representation of good-news stories on forestry in the press. On the new Council I will be responsible for the local sections, so if you would like to offer suggestions or get more



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NEWS ITEMS

NZIF Fellows

The election for the Fellows closes today 23 June 2014 at 5pm. Remember to vote. The last reminder email with links to the election has been sent today.

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Reminder: Notice of AGM

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

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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.

Just in the last fortnight, the NZIF LinkedIn group has grown by 10 members, with several additional requests having been declined from non-members of the Institute. There are some great threads being discussed about CO₂ emissions, the impact of the 2013 drought on the forestry sector with respect to the agriculture sector as a whole, and that hot topic of climate change. Get amongst it! Go to www.linkedin.com and search for 'NZ Institute of Forestry'.

Virginia Kennard, Assistant Administrator

FROM THE ADMINISTRATORS

For student members, as at 1 April 2014 the membership class is as follows:

- 1st year membership with NZIF – 100% discount
- 2nd year membership plus with NZIF – \$46.00 per year.

For this you receive the weekly newsletter, quarterly NZIF Journal, free registration to the NZIF conference, and a great many Foresters young and old to talk too.

Have you joined LinkIn yet?

Graduated students, congratulations as it is now time to upgrade your membership to Graduate class within NZIF.

Contact us now: [email](mailto:).

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New RSNZ chief executive

Dr Andrew Cleland will be the next chief executive of the Royal Society of New Zealand. He takes up his appointment on 8 September 2014.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENT

I am typing this with one hand having had tendons reattached to my thumb and finger during the week. Therefore this column will be shorter than usual.

Today the Council are brainstorming to try and decide what it can achieve over the next two years. Whilst the Vice-President and I have both asked for your views on the future of your NZIF, we have had very little response, so perhaps you would rather tell us face-to-face at the AGM. As stated in previous newsletters, we need every member to get involved if NZIF is to have a future. So I ask you once again to get involved. Put your thinking caps on and let us know what is important to you and, more importantly, what you can do to help the bunch of volunteers who are your council.

I will be outlining our conclusions from the brainstorming in a future newsletter as well as at the AGM. It would be good to see as many of you as possible at the AGM. This is your chance to state your views. Likewise it would be good to see all of you at the conference. Bob Pocknell and his team have put a great programme together and this is your chance to increase your knowledge and be challenged. CPD is the core of any profession and is very important to ours. NZIF is here to provide the professional forester with ongoing opportunities to learn and the conference is the main way we do this. If you have not already registered please do. I for one would like to see you all there so I can question you on what you want from your NZIF.

This week we are providing you background on Angus Malcolm. He is a new councillor this term but is very determined to make a difference. Angus is taking on the local sections portfolio. This is an incredibly important area for the Council. Local sections drive NZIF and provide regular CPD. If your section is not really working, give Angus a call and volunteer to get involved in your local section. He will be able to provide you with some guidance and help. The goal is to get every section humming. I will consider that we have succeeded when each section is holding at least four meetings a year.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in Napier in a couple of weeks. Keep communicating either directly, through LinkedIn or via this newsletter. We love hearing from you.

James Treadwell

Tackling Challenges and Delivering Value



New Zealand Institute of Forestry Conference - 6 July - 9 July 2014 - Napier

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 Hancock Forest Management for being an Student conference sponsor.

Have you seen the two exciting Field Trips being held on the Wednesday of the Conference?

It is a hard decision to make between the two, so which one are you attending:

Field Trip 1

Cape Sanctuary Wildlife Reserve at Cape Kidnappers
David Trubridge Workshop
Kanuka Engineered Wood Products

OR

Field Trip 2

Pan Pac – stem optimisation and by product utilisation
Clonal trial Esk Forest followed by lunch
Glengarry Forest Peninsula road trial.

Conference registration closes on 1 July 2014.

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LOCAL SECTIONS

CANTERBURY SECTION

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.

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 received an email with instructions for electronic voting. Voting will close at 5pm today. Please remember your 2014/15 membership fees must be up to date for your vote to be considered.

NZIF AGM

The notice of the NZIF AGM, along with accompanying papers, was emailed to members last Friday (and was posted to members who have not given an email address to NZIF). If you did not receive it, please contact [Jay Matthes](#). To look at the the agenda see [here](#).

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.](#)

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.](#)

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*

Seminar: Nearest Neighbour Estimation of Stand Attributes Using Aerial LiDAR – A Novel Solution for Plantation Forest Assessment in NZ

The purpose of this seminar on Wednesday 25 June at Scion (12–1pm) is to summarise research into a novel forest measurement system that incorporates Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) data. An active remote sensing technology, LiDAR potentially provides useful information for forest managers seeking to characterise their resource. Forest yield information is a critical input into the wood flow models that underpin strategic decision-making and resource valuations. Techniques that can incorporate remotely sensed data potentially offer increased precision, cost savings and, more importantly, higher resolution forest information. For information, including how to access the seminar via Scopia, [read more](#).

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](#).

MEMBER'S VOICE

Proposed WDC roading levy

I believe that a number of councils have looked at such issues in the past and there has been considerable debate and I think also some detailed past work (Frame Group springs to mind for some reason?) undertaken suggesting that whole-of-life forest roading costs are in fact adequately compensated by rates paid over the lifetime of a forest due to minimal demands by forest owners on council services/costs for the majority of that time?

The link to the newsletter goes to a sensible sounding overview from WDC regarding a proposed additional levy on forest owners. Sensible that is, until you consider the preceding. I appreciate the pressures your position places on your time, but wonder if you could briefly answer the following:

1. If I am correct and there is a general feeling that councils are **trying to 'double-dip' to cover** their own budget problems does NZIF have a formal position on this and has/will submit in support of its members?
2. Or am I wrong in my general background assumption and there is merit in the WDC (and undoubtedly other councils') **approach**?
3. Or has the issue been thrashed to death and the industry has lost the battle already?

*Mark Blackburne CA
Director
Blackburne Group LP*

Stakeholder Workshop – National Biocontrol Strategy Pest Plants

The BioManagers Group and the National Biocontrol Collective (NBC) have engaged Latitude Planning Services to facilitate a series of workshops to gather feedback on a proposed national strategy for the research and delivery of biological control tools for pest plants. The Collective is a consortium of Regional and Unitary Councils and DOC that work together to fund a national biocontrol programme currently delivered by Landcare Research.

The NBC is exploring the potential for a national strategy for the research and delivery of biological control tools for pest plants. The strategy will: set out strategic priorities for biocontrol research and delivery; establish a work programme for the R&D of biocontrol agents.

The half-day workshop is to explore the potential alignment of the strategy with the interests of key industry partners. It will be held on 1-3 July and feedback will be sought on the following topic areas: key issues and opportunities for bio-control tools within NZ; areas of current industry research and responsible agencies; potential for alignment of industry priorities with NBC priorities; level of support for a national strategy and potential future involvement. Could you please indicate your interest in attending to [Hannah Palmer](#).

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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
- Preparation of development specifications, review with internal and external stakeholders through the approval process
- Interactions with customers, technical staff and project managers through all phases of the implementation project
- 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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Forestry Consultant

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:

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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

Fri 20 June – Thur 17 July 2014 [Charles Fleming lecture tour](#)
 Fri 20 [Sustainable Agriculture Series](#), Future of weed management
 Wed 25 LIDAR seminar, Scion, Rotorua, [email](#)
 Fri 27 Otago Water Quality Stakeholders Forum, [email](#)

July 2014

Tue 1 – Thur 3 Stakeholder Workshop – National Biocontrol Strategy Pest Plants, [Hannah Palmer](#)
 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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