

NZIF INTRODUCES ...



David Evison, [email](#)

This is my third term on Council, and I am there because I believe in: 1) the need to promote the sector's potential to contribute more to both the economy and the environment; 2) the value of a strong connection between the School of Forestry and other education providers, and the NZIF. I enjoy being on Council. as it gives me a better understanding of the big issues facing the sector, which helps me in my role as an educator and researcher. This term on Council I am Treasurer, and continue to be responsible for the Journal. I am also a Trustee of the NZIF Foundation.

Council should continually reflect on whether NZIF, a largely voluntary organisation with limited resources, is doing the right things. I think we should focus on the activities that advance the profession of forestry, that add most value to members and that the Institute is best placed to achieve. How much we can achieve depends on the energy and commitment of Councillors and of the membership to contribute their own time, and finance through their membership fees.

My priorities for the organisation are as follows. The NZIF is a network and the role of the Council is to enhance this network for the benefit of the profession. We should continue to produce a high-quality website, weekly newsletter, quarterly Journal and annual conference. We have a unique role in developing and supporting specialised expertise such as the Valuation Working Party. The advocacy role of the Institute is critical, because many government policies have impacts (sometimes unintended) on the forestry sector. The independent role and vigilance of the Institute is therefore important.

I support the registration scheme because it strengthens the Institute and gives the profession greater credibility. Professionals in all spheres need to show evidence of continuing professional development, and that is an important benefit of registration. Active local sections **provide tangible benefits to members "on their own patch", and this isn't happening in some areas. So that's what I think.** I look forward to getting views of members at the conference – see you there!

CONFERENCE REGISTRATIONS

Registrations for the NZIF 2014 conference closes tomorrow, Tuesday 1 July 2014.



NEWS ITEM

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. For the AGM agenda [Read here](#).

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LINKEDIN

This week there has been some discussion in **the media regarding the Government's new legislation** allowing the recovery of West Coast windfall timber. We would love to hear your views – join the NZIF LinkedIn group to post comments and participate in the discussion. [Read more.](#)

Get amongst it! Go to www.linkedin.com and search for 'NZ Institute of Forestry'.

Virginia Kennard, Assistant Administrator

FROM THE ADMINISTRATORS

We are pleased to advise that NZIF badges are now in stock. The solid rimu lapel badges with paua inlay will be on sale at the NZIF conference for \$10 each (includes GST). Please see Jay at the conference to purchase yours – they would also make a great gift for when travelling overseas.



COUNCIL VOICE

The 17 December 2013 submission by the Minister for the Environment on the proposed Auckland Plan is opposed to mandatory Greenstar rating being included as a regulatory requirement. The Minister expresses her concern that mandatory requirements on home builders other than compliance with the established building code is illogical, confusing and potentially costly.

NZIF and others in the wood industry made submissions on the Auckland Plan opposed to mandatory NZ Green Building Council requirements. Our concerns were similar to those raised by the Minister, but also covered a concern **that the 'rating' by the GBC of particular products as 'green' building materials appears arbitrary or inconsistent.** We have long had a concern that GBC **'ratings' are made** without direct attribution to particular environmental outcomes. We highlighted the comparatively poor rating of wood as a building material by GBC as arguably inconsistent with Auckland Council's climate change policy objectives and a 40% reduction in regional GHG emissions.

Auckland Council's proposed use of regulation to mandate GBC rating mirrors a similar proposal by Christchurch Council a few years ago. Presumably other Councils may follow in the future. NZIF members with an interest or involvement in RMA plan development are encouraged to watch for and submit on such proposals as and when they arise and to ensure your Council are made aware of any similar proposals.

NZIF's perspective is we are not opposed to 'green' building. Indeed, we contend building using wood-based products from well-managed forests is an easy way in which homeowners and developers can make a positive environmental contribution. The evidence to support this contention is readily available. It is therefore unnecessary and costly for **regulators to impose a requirement for '3rd party' verification** of the environmental choices made by homeowners, with a better and more cost-effective outcome being encouraging the use of locally produced forest products.

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.

Registration to the NZIF 2014 conference is open online.

To Register click [here](#).

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

CONFERENCE SNIPPETS

New sponsor

An incredibly large thank-you to Crombie Lockwood who are sponsoring the students to attend the Conference Awards dinner.

The Panelist "Top 5" members

Details of The Panelist "Top 5" conference session on Tuesday at 3.30pm.

The panel is made up of Andy Dick, Bert Hughes, Paul Nicholls, Graham West and Andrew McEwen. They will discuss and debate questions from the conference's six themes:

- Operating within the law
- Hawkes Bay land use challenges
- Shaping a better industry
- Harvest volumes and logistics
- Markets
- Increasing the value of our forests.

We encourage conference attendees to write questions on the slips provided in their conference bags and let the debate begin.

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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 it 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.

SOUTHERN NORTH ISLAND SECTION

Presentation: Aspects of European Forest Policy with Particular Reference to Sweden

When: Wednesday 2 July, drinks and nibbles at 5pm, presentation at 5.30 pm

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

Speaker: Dr Peter Edwards

Before moving to NZ (and joining NZIF) last year, Peter was based at the Dept of Forest Products at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences. He was involved with an analysis of international and European forest policy, including the Forest Europe preparations for a legally binding agreement process and the European Forest Convention negotiations that emerged from the Forest Europe preparations. Forest Europe (the Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe) is the pan-European political process for the sustainable **management of the continent's forests**.

Peter will discuss aspects of Swedish and EU forest policy. He has a BSc in Conservation Biology from the University of British Columbia in Canada, an MSc in International Environmental Science from Lund University in Sweden and a PhD in Sociology, Urban Planning and Political Science from Griffith University in Brisbane. His publications include aspects of forest policy and water planning.

Note: the door to the building closes at 5.30pm. If arriving late, call 027 473 3262 to be let in. RSVP or queries to [Andrew McEwen](#) or phone cellphone.

DOTHISTROMA PINE NEEDLE BLIGHT

Dothistroma pine is a needle blight that affects the health and growth of pine trees. Each spring and summer, affected forests around NZ are aerially sprayed with a copper fungicide to control the disease. The Dothistroma Control Committee (DCC), a sub-committee of NZFOA, coordinates this spray programme on behalf of all forest owners. The committee is concerned that forest owners or managers of small blocks may overlook its presence in their forests until serious damage to the stands has occurred. Also, untreated stands create a source of infection to neighbouring forests.

To ensure the most competitive flying rates are received the committee requires requests for spraying to be made by late August each year. To get help assessing levels of infection contact one of the NZFOA approved Forest Health Surveyors, a Registered Forestry Consultant or someone trained in dothistroma assessment. Forest owners are urged to act promptly so their forest can be scheduled on the work programme for this season. [Read more.](#)

FROM THE REGISTRAR

The Registration Board advises that the following:

New Registered Member

Mr P McCreedy of Whangarei has had his application approved.

Five-yearly reviews

The following reviews have been successfully completed:

Mr A Bell of Wellington
 Mr A Dick of Whangaparaoa
 Mr M Inglis of Nelson
 Mr P Keach of Rotorua
 Mr W Liley of Auckland
 Mr R Miller of Wellington
 Mr P Milne of Kaiapoi
 Mr I More of Wanganui
 Mr M Watson of Gisborne.

Mike Marren

NZIF Forest Valuation Standard online

The NZIF Forest Valuation Standard is now available under the policies and standards tab on the NZIF website. You need to be logged-in to have access to the pages. Some exposure drafts from the Valuation Working Party's **review are** also available. The Working Party will call for comment on the drafts in due course.

Please note that while members have free access to the standard, there is a charge for non-members. Please respect the intellectual property of NZIF by not making copies available to non-members. The standard and the exposure drafts will be discussed at the Forest Valuation workshop being held in Napier (as part of the NZIF conference) on Sunday 6 July 2014.

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.](#)

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](#).

NZ Dryland Forests Initiative Media Release

On 25 June 2014, the NZ Dryland Forests Initiative will hold its AGM at the Marlborough Research Centre in Blenheim. At this meeting, NZDFI project chairman, Shaf van Ballekom, will announce three exciting developments: new propagation facilities available to advance NZDFI breeding work; a \$50,000 donation to support research by the NZDFI; and funding for up to four PhD scholarships to focus on NZDFI work. [Read more.](#)

MEMBER'S VOICE

NZIF encourages and welcomes contributions on contemporary industry issues from its members. Please [email](#) your contributions and ensure they are 250 words or less.

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Old journals available

Following problems with seven inches of rain in one night here, we are having a grand clean-up. I have *Journals of Forestry* from about 1950 here. I'll be 89 this August, and don't see myself doing much search back into them in future! However, I won't throw them out immediately in case someone wants some or any of them. How's 10 days? [John Rawson](#)

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Graduate seeks job

I am looking for a job aligned to my skills in the area of ArcGis and/or AutoCAD. I would like to find a sponsor to change from my current working holiday visa to a working visa. Here is a brief description of me: two years' working experience in GIS analysis and over 10 years in CAD drafting; proficient in ArcGis, AutoCAD, MS Word, Excel, Power Point; Masters degree in geotechnologies and applied geology; flexible and analytical with a keen eye for detail; able to adapt to changing priorities and maintain a positive attitude and strong work ethic. I am available to start working immediately.

Andrea Tripodi [email](#)

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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- 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.

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 – 2014 [Charles Fleming lecture tour](#)
 Thur 17 July Otago Water Quality Stakeholders Forum, [email](#)
 Fri 27

July 2014

Tue 1 – Thur 3 Stakeholder Workshop – National Biocontrol Strategy Pest Plants, [Hannah Palmer](#)
 Wed 2 SNI section meeting, Wellington, [Andrew McEwen](#)
 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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