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NZIF introduces

BOB POCKNALL

Bob has 47 years experience in the forest industry and been a member of NZIF for much of that time. A Registered Member since 1994, most of Bobs industry employment has been in the area of forest management with both public sector involvement (former New Zealand Forest Service) and private sector engagement, latterly 20 years as a business manager with PF Olsen Ltd.

He has been involved with large development programmes, the engagement and training of staff for roles at various levels of management, and managed forest portfolios for a range of national and international client structures. Bob would like to assist the NZIF in the following areas:

- to embrace the younger membership more in the advancement of the profession
- to support the profession in the area of industry advice to public and private sectors
- for the forest industry to become a major part of NZs environmental and economic future
- to provide leadership for the membership, where this is beneficial to stakeholders.



Congratulations to David Saathof



Student poster competition winner David Saathof with his parents at the 2014 NZIF Conference

David is a fourth year student at the University of Canterbury, studying towards a Bachelor of Forestry Science with Honours.

The title of his winning poster was *Assessing the Measurement Accuracy of a Waratah Processor*

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PRESIDENTS COMMENT

As the election nears each one of us needs to consider what each party understands about the importance of forestry both exotic and native. During the conference I heard many a member lament the historically poor standing forestry seems to have within parliament when compared with farming. I found myself asking why this was. Is it because we don't speak out enough, do not speak with one voice, do not have enough voters or are just not important enough? The last three I could negate, leaving me with the first answer. We do not speak out enough.

Forestry has a vital role to play within NZ: environmentally, economically and socially. The current government seems to believe they do not need to consider forestry by itself if they make changes to the RMA and free up trade. They think if they can complete those two tasks then forestry will grow. However this forgets about the social benefits and that the changes to the RMA do not recognise many of the benefits forest can bring to the environment. In addition, free trade I am reliably told will make very little difference to our access to markets. I have heard it said by many a member, under the current government we play second (or third, or fourth) cousin to farming. At this year's conference we were shown this to be true as our minister responsible for forestry showed her anger at a question asking about subsidies to farmers at the expense of other land users. It was the first time I have seen our minister show emotion, and the emotion was to defend the poor farmers. I wish I had seen her show the same emotion to defend forestry (her portfolio).

Conversely the new labour spokesman for forestry (Chris Hipkins) was widely acknowledged by the conference attendees as someone who was willing to listen, had put much thought into the benefits of forestry and was working hard to get a thorough understanding of forestry. He answered many questions by acknowledging more could be done. He highlighted policies which were based purely on forestry and he recognised the need for a National Forest Policy.

PRESIDENTS COMMENT continued

Growing forests, be it exotic or native, is a long term game. Any forest will see changes of Government. This is one of the reasons your council has continually called for a national forest policy. We cannot ask for certainty, but we can ask to be considered when government deliberate on policies which will affect our investment, our land or our social responsibilities.

Advocacy is one of the roles of your council. Over the next few months we will be making a large effort to get in front of all current MPs with an interest or responsibility for forestry; to advocate for the forests, native and exotic. If any of you feel you can help us in our task, or have views on how we should be heard I would love to hear from you.

However advocating for forestry cannot be left to your council; I therefore encourage each of you over the next two months to ask any person standing for Parliament what are their views on forestry? Will they support a national forest policy as so many other countries have? How important is forestry to them as a legitimate land use? Do they recognise the social benefits forests can bring to society? Hopefully if we all do this then my conclusion from the first paragraph may be answered. We all need to speak out before our governments will start taking notice of us. Perhaps you could then let the membership know what answers you are getting and from whom through the LinkedIn group or this newsletter.

With many voices we may start getting heard.

James Treadwell



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CONFERENCE ROUND-UP

CORRECTION

In last weeks article about Field Trip 1, the company responsible for developing clonal varieties of radiata pine is Forest Genetics Ltd. Apologies for this error and a thank you to Forest Genetics for their sponsorship of bus hire and presenters for this Field trip.

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A big thank-you to the conference organising committee and to all of this years conference sponsors and speakers for the success of this event.

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Women in forestry: (from left)
Penny Baker, Brigid Jenkins, Maya Hunt, Elaine Orme,
Jess Brown, Samantha Sherwood, Kimberley Evison

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LOCAL SECTIONS

Canterbury Section

You are invited to the next local NZIF meeting to be held on Thursday 24th July, 6pm

Guest speakers

Prof. Euan Mason – School of Forestry, Canterbury University

Mr. Ollie Belton – Permanent Forests Federated Farmers representative

Anders Crofoot – Federated Farmers Board Member

The Topic is

Why our Emissions Trading Scheme is failing and how we could fix it

New Zealand's initial attempt to mitigate the problem of climate change is moribund. Why is this?

Euan Mason will explain and go on to provide solutions to the problems. Euan recently published a paper in the NZ Journal of Forestry; *The New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme: What has gone wrong and what might we achieve?*

Ollie Belton will be talking about a forestry consultants perspective on the ETS. Permanent Forests provides advice for a range of forestry carbon projects including the Permanent Forest Sink Initiative, they are also involved in trading carbon for forest owners.

Anders Crofoot will be talking about agriculture and the ETS. Anders farms the iconic Castle Point Station and has an investment funds analysis background.

Drinks and nibbles in foyer 6-7pm, School of Forestry, followed by talk in lecture theatre F3

Please email to confirm your attendance to [Terry O'Neill](mailto:Terry.ONeill@nzif.co.nz) by Monday 21st July

LOCAL SECTIONS

ASIF Section

The Forest Growers Levy – what is it, why the need for it, who is administering it, and what is it being spent on?

The Forest Growers Levy came into effect on 1 January 2014 and is now being collected on every tonne of wood harvested. It is a levy for the forest sector to fund pan-industry activities previously undertaken by FOA, FFA and others such as investment in research, forest health surveillance and generic industry promotion through a compulsory levy, rather than by the previous raft of voluntary contributions and ad hoc company input. But how is it being collected and administered, what is it being spent on, and who makes those decisions?

Come along and hear the answers to these questions and more from speakers well placed to bring NZIF members up to date. Paul Nicholls, FOA President and FGLT Board Member, will discuss the rationale for introducing the levy, the levy collection structure, and how the levy is being spent to help the forest industry grow. The bulk of the levy funds is being spent on research so an overview of the programmes that are being supported by the levy will be presented by Russell Dale, FOA R&D Manager.

This event is generously hosted and supported by CBRE for which the ASIF is very grateful.

Date: 5.30pm Thursday 31 July 2014.

Venue: CBRE, Zurich House Level 14/21, Queen St, Auckland.

RSVP: For catering purposes please RSVP to [Philip Elworthy](mailto:Philip.Elworthy@nzif.co.nz) by Monday 28 July.

MEMBER NEWS

In recognition of service for over 9 years to the Registration Board, **Alex Sutherland** was granted Honorary Membership status at the 2014 AGM.

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From the Registrar

Registration Reviews

The following Registered Members have their five year reviews pending:

- Mr N Bunting of Gisborne
- Dr A McPherson of Dunedin
- Mr D Guild of Christchurch
- Mr S Orme of Masterton
- Mr A Ogle of Christchurch
- Mr T Vos of Rotorua

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 (21 July) of the notice in this Newsletter, specifying the grounds of the objection.

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LinkedIn

Join the discussion on farmland versus forestry land, as mentioned by James above, via the NZIF LinkedIn group. Sign up and join the 100+ people in our NZIF-members only group.

Go to www.linkedin.com for NZIF group.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Launch of the Our Futures: Te Pae Tāwhiti report

Information for Constituent Organisations of the Royal Society of New Zealand.

The Royal Society of New Zealand has today launched its major review about the 2013 census and New Zealand's changing population.

Our Futures: Te Pae Tāwhiti was produced by an expert panel of the Royal Society of New Zealand, and brings together data and analysis from the 2013 census and other sources, together with input from a wide range of researchers, to provide some evidence-based pointers to the future of New Zealand society.

The paper highlights a future where

- multiple national identities exist
- we face an ageing but increasingly active older population, and
- a relatively large and youthful Māori and Pasifika population offers a demographic dividend.

New Zealand is also likely to face population growth that is entirely dependent on immigration and susceptible to unforeseen surges, continued growth in Auckland, and challenges for rural areas in maintaining service levels for an ageing and possibly dwindling population.

The paper was authored by a Royal Society of New Zealand panel chaired by Professor Gary Hawke FRSNZ. The panel members were: Professor Richard Bedford OSO FRSNZ, Dr Tahu Kukutai, Mr Malcolm McKinnon, Professor Erik Olssen FRSNZ and Professor Paul Spoonley FRSNZ.

Copies of the report and an infographic summarising the key findings of the paper are available to download [here](#).

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Invitation

Ministry of Primary Industries -
Plantation Forestry NES stakeholder
workshop

Agenda items:

- Update on NPS freshwater from MPI policy team who have been involved in the development of the NPS
- Update on the assumptions of the CBA by MPI
- Update of ESC work and next steps
- Review of the Cascades
- Date: Tuesday 12 August
- Time: TBC
- Location: Ministry for Primary Industries, Pastoral House, 25 The Terrace, Wellington
- RSVP: [Stuart Miller](#)

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Notice from the Administrators



We have some lapel pins still for sale. They are \$11 including postage, please email your order and delivery address to [Jay](#)

MEMBERS VOICE

Some opinions about GE

I agree to have wilder [sic] discussion about GE. In the meantime, telling the society and public more about GE cannot be more important. *Nature* and *Scientific American* as well as many other academic journals has been discussing about this topic for years, but Im afraid the public can only get access to these knowledge from newsletters, internet and social conversation. Problem is that media has twisted, or simplified, the research results much to get eyes on their headline, which is a big damage to reliability and value of these research.

Debating about GE or GMO (Genetically modified organisms) lasts for decades. Politicians and scientists do not usually agree with each other. In 2008 and 2009, European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) said that bans of GM cone in Greece, Hungary and German are not reasonable (read more [here](#)).

For scientists, negative impacts from GM plants to the natural environment can be ignored when suitable planting regime is provided, but positive impact to the environment is obvious.

(<http://www.guokr.com/article/49541/>)

Meanwhile, [The Psychology of Distrusting G.M.O.s](#) by Maria Konnikova can explain a little bit about why people dont believe GM.

Weiyi (Tony) Li (abridged)

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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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PRESS RELEASE

Moves to help keep workplaces safe and drug free in the forestry industry have been given a boost with a new state-of-the-art, 4WD mobile drug testing van in Northland, thanks to leading drug detection agency, TDDA.

New high-spec vehicle takes drug testing into the forest

The new van makes mobile drug testing easier for The Drug Detection Agency (TDDA) - which specialises in workplace drug tests – particularly in some of the more remote areas of forestry in Northland.

To [read more](#)

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From the Administrators

Please note that due to a minor glitch in formatting from word to pdf, we have removed all apostrophes on purpose in this issue. Our apologies, we hope to have it rectified by next week.

SEEKING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

My name is Alexander Trapp and I am seeking opportunities for 12-week holiday or graduate employment from 2nd February till 24th April 2015. Currently, I am a student at the Bachelors degree program “Forestry Science and Ecology” of the Georg-August University in Göttingen. I graduate at the end of this summer semester and I am planning to continue with a Masters degree program of Forest Management and Utilization...[read more](#)

Email: trapp.alexander@t-online.de

CV details can be found [here](#)

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Northlanders urged to take care when clearing storm damaged trees

Media statement

Associate Minister Primary Industries Jo Goodhew is urging Northlanders to take extreme care when clearing windthrown trees, and to get in touch with the Ministry if they need safety tips...[read more](#)

ADVERTISING



Forme is seeking an experienced forestry professional to join its team.

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This role will suit self-motivated, business driven applicants with relevant tertiary qualifications and operational experience as a technical forester/forest manager/ resource analyst/consultant or similar.

Key attributes of a successful applicant will include but not necessarily be limited to

- Is having a successful career.
- 15 – 20 years experience in forest industry across multiple disciplines including technical, operations, marketing and supply chain.
- Is well respected in the industry.
- Entrepreneurial and self-driven.
- Exposure to Work Study.
- Exposure to log processing industry.
- Industry contacts and potential to generate work through those.
- Goal oriented with energy, strong interpersonal and peer and client relationship skills.
- Able to work flexible work hours and travel extensively throughout New Zealand and overseas.
- The remuneration package offered will reflect qualifications, experience & attributes.

Apply, in confidence, by sending an application letter and CV, marked **“Forester – Application”** to info@forme.co.nz

Attention: Paul McCreedy or John Schrider

By 5.00 pm 21st July 2014.

Phone enquiries can be directed to either John at +64 274 469 296 or Paul at +64 274 480 547

ADVERTISING

DANA Conference Rotorua

The New Zealand Forestry and Forest Products Sector: Its situation in 2014 and trends going forward.

The program can be seen [here](#)

DANA has attracted a total of 27 speakers/panellists to present, including 18 from New Zealand and 9 who are flying in from overseas.

China Wood Markets Networking Opportunity

The severe slide in log export prices in 2014 has affected much of the New Zealand industry; so of special interest to a New Zealand/Pacific Rim audience in early August will be:

- A presentation by Mr Peixin Li, Secretary General of the Shanghai Timber Trading Association, who has agreed to speak on:
 - The China Market for Radiata Pine: January to March 2014
 - The Chinese Market in Future
- Attending as delegates: The owner and three of his senior staff of a Chinese company embarking in 2014 - 2015 on a major project to construct new sawmills, dry kilns and a furniture factory on a Free Trade Zone at a port on Southern China. Log usage could be 300,000 m3 per year of Radiata pine.
- Four TimberWest executives will attend; and its CEO Brain Franks will present. TimberWest is Western Canadas largest forest owner and is Canadas largest log exporter to North Asia

The Mayor of the Rotorua District Council will launch a major initiative at the conference: A New Zealand District Council "First".

To Register

Discounts are available for multiple delegates from one organisation, and for NZIF members. To see all details of the program, speakers, venue, registration, sponsorship and newsletters, please click [here](#) for details.

Contact conference organiser Pamela Richards in Melbourne - - to discuss any aspects of this conference.



**The New Zealand Forestry and Forest Products Sector:
Its situation in 2014 and trends going forward**

**11 & 12 August 2014: Novotel Rotorua Hotel
Rotorua New Zealand**

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CALENDAR

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

July 2014

Thur 24 Canterbury section meeting, 6pm, University of Canterbury, email [Terry O'Neill](mailto:Terry.ONeill@nzif.org.nz)

August 2014

Thurs 7 – Fri 8 [DANA Rotorua conference](#), Novotel Lakeside Hotel, email [Pamela Richards](mailto:Pamela.Richards@nzif.org.nz)
Sat 9 – Sun 10 [FIEA biennial forest conference](#), Auckland
Mon 11 – Tues 12 [DANA Melbourne conference](#), email [Pamela Richards](mailto:Pamela.Richards@nzif.org.nz)
Thurs 14 Joint NZIF/APPITA Dinner, Rotorua
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 – Wed 15 [ANZIF Conference 2015](#), Creating Resilient Landscapes, Novotel Forest Resort Creswick, Victoria, Australia



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