

# NZIF WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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## NZIF introduces

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NZIF Councillor



John has worked in the forest industry for over 40 years and been a Director of forestry consulting business, Forme Consulting Group Ltd, since 1987.

He has worked on a wide range of forestry consulting projects in New Zealand and off shore and continues to enjoy his involvement and interaction with forestry people. His wealth of experience is supplemented by continuing professional development which he values as absolutely critical to maintaining the highest delivery standards.

John is a Fellow of the NZ Institute of Forestry, has been a NZIF Councillor since 2006 and Chair of the Registration Board since 2008. He has also been a Registered Forestry Consultant since 1990.

## Notice from the Councillors

Have you got a copy of the NZIF Forestry Handbook and CD?

This is now free to all paid up members of the institute, we just ask you to pay for the cost of postage \$6.00

To all non-members a new price of \$99.00 (including GST) plus postage.

Email [Jay](mailto:Jay) to order your copy.



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## PRESIDENT COMMENT

There were two articles in the newspaper this weekend about the importance of forests. One was in regard to the Ebola scare. The paper quotes an epidemiologist saying fruit bats are the likely hosts of the virus which "appear immune and may have hosted such viruses for millennia." She then goes on to say "when they jumped to humans is unclear. But something has gone wrong in the forest."

The other [article](#) was about Brazilian indigenous people making contact with other humans for the first time. The article states the indigenous people are making contact looking for help to fight disease and wanting weapons. According to the article these indigenous people "described being attacked by non-native people and many died after coming down with the flu and diphtheria," Brazilian experts, according to the article, believe the indigenous people likely "crossed the border from Peru facing pressure from illegal logging and drug trafficking at home."

Whilst here in New Zealand we don't face these issues, both these articles describe:

1. The importance of forests, and
2. The unintended consequences of forest policies when no overarching policy is in place but rather short term thinking and greed is.

These are exactly the reasons why your council is calling for a National Forest Policy. A policy covering all forests, native and exotic, and all sectors of the industry. In Great Britain politicians seem to understand how forestry contributes to a green economy and how health benefits from forest recreation, especially urban fringe and community forestry, pay huge dividends in savings on national health bills.

Whilst only one part of the story, this understanding has come about through cross party discussion on forests and through a national forest policy.

## PRESIDENT COMMENT continued

Recently I received feedback on the need for a national policy stating Forests good, more forests better and then was introduced to the **Foresters Prayer.....**

*P. radiata*  
**Hallowed by thy and D. Fir's name,**  
*Give us this day our recyclable bread bag,*  
*Lead us not into the financial temptation of*  
*water polluting land use,*  
*And deliver us from the climatic evils of steel*  
*and concrete,*  
*Water quality as it was in the beginning,*  
*Shall continue for the future,*  
*Now and for generations,*  
**Amen...d the RMA!**

Seems like something we could live up to.

**James Treadwell RMNZIF**



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## LOCAL SECTIONS

### JOINT NZIF/APPITA TECHNICAL MEETING

**Date:** Thursday 14th August 2014

**Venue:** Copthorne Hotel, Fenton Street, Rotorua

#### Programme

- 6.00pm Registration and Cash Bar – House Bar
- 6.30pm Buffet Dinner- Hotel Restaurant
- 7.30pm **"Forest Growers Levy - A Progress Report"**

*Paul Nicholls, President NZ Forest Owners Association Executive Council*

The Forest Growers Levy was introduced on 1st January 2014 after a referendum was held in March 2013 and Ministerial Approval gained in November 2013. The levy was supported by over 86% of the voters as a way to provide greater certainty for activities that benefited the whole forest growing sector. These activities primarily focus on forest growing research and forest bio-security and health issues, but also cover health & safety, environmental regulation, transport and fire impacts on forest growing. The implementation of the levy has not been straightforward but after 7 months appears on-track.

- 8.00pm **"Very Skinny Trees? Or What?"**

*Peter Brown, Miscanthus New Zealand Limited*

Miscanthus x giganteus – not really a tree species, but not a horticultural crop either. This presentation will cover: what it is; what it is used for and what it can be used for; how it complements forestry; and why it is being and should be grown more in New Zealand.

- 8.30pm **"Growing Confidence in Forestry's Future"**

*Peter Clinton, Forest Science, Scion*

**Cost:** Members \$45, Non-members \$55

*(Payment options: cash; cheques paid to "Appita NZ Section"; credit cards (Visa, Mastercard & Amex. NB: Amex payments incur a 3% surcharge); direct credit to Appita NZ Section Acct, National Bank 06 0413 0178800 00; pre-arranged invoice)*

**Organisers:** [Kim McGrouther](#), Scion; [Jonathan Dash](#), Scion

Please register no later than Monday 11th August 2014 by contacting [Karen Clark](#), phone 07 3502252

Appita, PO Box 6042, Whakarewarewa, Rotorua 3043

*(People who register for technical meetings, but fail to attend on the night will be charged. Please advise Karen Clark before the day of the meeting if you can no longer attend)*

## MEMBERS VOICE

### Changes to the East Coast Forestry Project

Earlier this year, the Institute submitted on an MPI discussion paper on improvements to the administration of the East Coast Forestry Project. We would like to thank you for that submission and inform you that changes have now been implemented for this scheme.

The grants scheme has been renamed to the Erosion Control Funding Programme to better reflect the purpose of the scheme. The links below will take you to a media article and the refreshed ECFP web pages including the summary of submissions, guide to applicants, **grant agreement and Q&A's**.

[www.mpi.govt.nz/forestry](http://www.mpi.govt.nz/forestry)

[www.scoop.co.nz/stories](http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories)

Peter Gorman

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## COUNCIL NEWS

The team who will produce the New Zealand Journal of Forestry for the next two years has now been confirmed. The team is

- Dr Chris Goulding, Editor
- Dr Helen Greatrex, Assistant Editor
- Jenny Palmer Graphics, Design (Jenny Palmer)
- Jigsaw Media Ltd, Printing and Distribution (Glenn Owens)

This team has been doing an excellent job of producing the Journal for the last three issues, and I look forward to working with them over the next two years.

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## INVITATION

Ministry of Primary Industries – National Consistency for Plantation Forestry (National Environment Standard) 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](#)

Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment – Health and Safety Reform Bill presentation

- What this will mean for the forestry sector
- Date: Tuesday 12 August
- Time: 9-10am (prior to above workshop)
- Location: as above
- RSVP: [Stuart Miller](#)

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Scion Research – Forest Science Seminar

This seminar is to be rescheduled.

For more information, please contact [Katrin Webb](#), Scion Research

## MEMBERS VOICE via LinkedIn

In response to *Different valuation approaches for forestry land versus farm land*

3/08/2014

So land valuers determine land cost, not land value. Perhaps it is about time NZIF / FOA gets members and their valuer friends to do a bit of publicity about this. Partly so that the public can see that forestry is a worthwhile industry for New Zealand. And partly to show that pastoral farming in NZ is the the productive financial benefit to the landowners that the public thinks it is. And hence take some of the pressure off farmers.

Most farmers I know make their money when they sell the farm, not from their farming. So people like Maori Trusts and people who want to keep the farm in the family and who are not going to sell their land, are not well off at all.

Peter Brown  
NZ Miscanthus industry developer, Director at GP International Limited, Consultant for PFS Consultants Limited

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## LinkedIn

Join the discussion that is building around the above on the NZIF LinkedIn group. The original post was a response to a presentation made at the 2014 NZIF Conference.

[www.linkedin.com](http://www.linkedin.com)

## ADVERTISING



# Conference

The New Zealand Forestry & Forest Products Sector  
Rotorua, New Zealand | 11 & 12 August 2014 Novotel Lakeside Hotel

**DANA Conference** to debate the New Zealand domestic forest industry sector, and its wider role in the Pacific Rim as an import market and an export supplier.  
Sixteen New Zealand and twelve international speakers complete the line up.

A premiere event covering an industry which employs 26,000 people and generates 10% of New Zealand's merchandise trade.

Topics include:

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- Logs
  - Especially log exports
- Woodchips
- Sawmilling
- Remanufacturing
- Wood panels
- Pulp
- Paper
- Wood pellets
- Carbon
- NZ industry place in the Pacific Rim
- Future wood demand in China
- NZ Party Forest Policies
- And much more

For more info go to:  
<http://www.prcc.com.au/danarotorua2014/>

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International Forest Industry Advisors

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

The program can be seen [here](#)

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.

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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.

### August 2014

- Thurs 7 Scion Research Forest Science Seminar, History of Forest Health with Lindsay Bulman, 12-1pm, contact [Katrin Webb](#)
- Thurs 7 – Fri 8 [DANA Melbourne conference](#), email [Pamela Richards](#)
- Mon 11 – Tues 12 [DANA Rotorua conference](#), Novotel Lakeside Hotel, email [Pamela Richards](#)
- Thurs 14 Joint NZIF/APPITA Technical Meeting, Copthorne Hotel, Rotorua, email [Karen Clark](#)
- 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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