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NZIF introduces

VIRGINIA KENNARD Assistant Administrator



Virginia joined the NZIF administration team in April this year to support Jay's work with the membership and the newsletter. She also works for the NZ Forest Owners Association.

Virginia holds a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics, a Bachelor of Commerce in Economics and a Diploma of Performing Arts in Commercial Dance.

She has worked as an administrator and accounts assistant for the National Council of Women of New Zealand, Oxford City Council (UK), Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce (UK), and most recently to a Wellington-based independent wine sales rep. This is her first foray into the forestry industry and she is pleased to be back in the NGO sector, working with the wonderful Jay and James, and finding out about the ongoing environmental debates with respect to forestry in the lead up to the election.

Virginia is a performance artist, movement practitioner and arts producer. She has created several choreographies in Wellington and Auckland, has partaken in several residencies in Melbourne, Glasgow and Auckland since completing her professional dance training, and now focusses on performance installations, site-specific work and performance research. Her work involves spoken word, explicit body performance and objects.

In addition, Virginia is a life model, theatre usher, and movement teacher to children and elderly folk.

You will find her in the NZIF office in Wellington Mondays and usually Wednesdays, come and say hello! Don't be put off by the headphones, that's just her workplace soundtrack.

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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](mailto:Jay@nzif.org.nz)

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PRESIDENT'S COMMENT

It is shaping up to be one of the most interesting elections in recent times. We have gone from an almost sure thing to who knows. What this will mean for forestry we will have to wait and see. Your council is spending a lot of time briefing every party, promoting the diverse benefits of forestry (not all financial) and requesting a level playing field with other land users. It is fair to say we are being heard.

Never in my career have I sensed such a ground swell from within the industry for change in policies and direction and for a voice at the table. This ground swell is starting to be recognised, however it is still possible to be ignored. I therefore encourage all of you to fight for your industry. Attend political meetings in your regions and ask the forestry questions; write to this newsletter (which is read by all parties), to your local paper, and to other outlets; arrange to meet your local representatives and ask what they are doing for the industry. This is your one chance for the next three years. Please make the most of it. Yes forestry is a long term business, but we can't afford to wait another 3 years to initiate change.

I have had comments from many members with suggestions of changes required, or asking me to comment on one aspect or another of forestry. I welcome all these comments and try to act on them, but I encourage you all to stand up and make your comments publicly under your own name. I am well aware how deeply held are the concerns from members about the apparent disregard for the forest industry from some quarters. However the dismissive response I receive from some politicians is often along the lines of what I am saying is not supported by the members, proven by the lack of a widespread voice of discontent. For change to occur it needs to be seen as having a wide support base, not just the ramblings of the president representing members.

Part of this groundswell for change is reflected by a group of NZIF members who are initiating the first stages of forming a National Forest Policy (the Minister has stated this needs to be

formed by industry not Government). The goal is a long term pan-industry vision for all of New Zealand's forests. I am informed its intended policy would be established based upon science and up-to-date expert advice. Guidance will be sought formed from all relevant disciplines, e.g. soil scientists, land-valuers, ecologists, conservationists, foresters, economists, marketers, processors, climate change experts, public servants etc.

A workshop will be held this month in Auckland to plan strategy and how to proceed with this large but very important task. I will keep you informed on next steps after the workshop, and we will be looking for expertise to help with this project.

I look forward to hearing your thoughts, and seeing you in print. Now is the time!

James Treadwell *RMNZIF*



Notice from the Councillors

We still have a few copies remaining of the NZIF Forestry Handbook. This is now free to all paid up members of the institute. We simply ask you to pay postage of \$6.50. To all non-members a new price of \$99.00 (including GST) including postage.

Please note that the CD is no longer available with this offer.

Email Jay to order your copy.



SUBMISSION SUMMARY

Senate Inquiry Into Environmental Biosecurity

NZIF was invited to consider making a submission to the Australian Senate inquiry into environmental biosecurity by the IFA. We took the opportunity to highlight to the Australian **Senate the similarities between Australia's and New Zealand's forestry sectors, including** similarly unique natural forest assemblages and common interests in limiting the risk from imported pests and diseases. We stressed the extent and value of the trade in wood products between the two countries, predominantly but not exclusively from New Zealand to Australia, and therefore the need for efficient and efficacious boarder security measures. The value and risks of the fumigant methyl bromide was raised in the context that biosecurity should be a priority equal to and perhaps over and above some others. NZIF's interest in legislation governing the import to New Zealand of illegally logged wood and wood products commensurate with that enacted in Australia was raised in the context of the risk and cost that such imports might pose to New Zealand's **biosecurity** and wood export trade with Australia, respectively.

Submission is now uploaded to the NZIF [website](#)

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ANNOUNCEMENT

NZIAHS Annual General Meeting

Date: Wednesday 22nd October 2014, 3pm

Venue: Stewart 1, Lincoln University, Canterbury

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LinkedIn

Recent discussions on the NZIF LinkedIn group

- Time to Reconsider a Motion to Amend the Code of Ethics?
- Robotic aim for forestry safety
- Paying for water use

Sign up to join the NZIF group – open to all members.

www.linkedin.com

MEMBER'S VOICE

Thanks for your comment in the newsletter. Unfortunately I have been away of recent and **probably haven't caught up entirely with all** your comments. But in the past I have always found your comments to be well written, informative and very interesting to read. Please continue.

Paul Carruthers

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The 'President's Comment' in last week's Newsletter drew on reports from the DANA conference a few days earlier. There, speakers decried the absurdity of the differing rules regulating land use. Especially between forestry and farming.

The President questioned why two competing land uses were not obliged to meet identical regulations. I commend the NZIF Council and President Treadwell for those views. I fully support them.

I agree it is disconcerting, to say the least, that a purportedly 'free market' Government (which incidentally maintains there is no need for a Forest Policy in the laissez-faire economy it overviews) requires one industry (forestry) to meet the nation's every expectation concerning the environmental impact of its land use, while the other industry (farming) is free to go about its business as usual, spared of obligations protecting the land water and air it uses.

This is all the more relevant where the 'compliant' land use has, as a consequence, become restricted in its ability to deliver to the country all its inherent environmental benefits. These benefits are important for the nation's efforts towards ameliorating and adjusting to climate change.

Garth Cumberland

PRESS RELEASE

\$22.5 million to support new forest planting

Sunday 31 August 2014, NZ National Party

National's Forestry Spokesperson, Jo Goodhew, has today announced a re-elected National-led Government will invest \$22.5 million over five years to further encourage and support the planting of new forests.

The Afforestation Grant Scheme (AGS) is a grant to help landowners to establish new forests of between five and 300 hectares.

"The previous AGS wound up last year. Through **National's responsible economic management** we are able to commit to extending this worthwhile scheme for a further five years," says Mrs Goodhew. "Our commitment to afforestation is another example of National's long-term economic investment in regional New Zealand.

"Contrast that with Labour and the Greens – they would stifle the regions by bringing in a big new carbon tax, imposing large water resource levies, and introducing a capital gains tax on 100 per cent of productive businesses, including farms."

The criteria for the new scheme will include:

- Individual parcels of land between 5 and 300 hectares per grant application
- Planting must be on land that is not already forestry land
- A flat grant rate of \$1300 per hectare from one funding pool for all applicants.
- In return for a grant, grantees will forfeit carbon credits to the Crown for up to a decade.

Read the full press release [here](#)

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NEWS ITEM

Sino-Forest fraud hearing begins, read [here](#) for more information.

ANNOUNCEMENT

NZIAHS Canterbury Forum

Wednesday 22nd October 2014 9am - 3pm

Stewart 1, Lincoln University, Canterbury

Enduring Agricultural Solutions For Improving Water Quality

New Zealand Institute of Agricultural & Horticultural Science Inc., Canterbury Section

The topic has been chosen because of (1) the issues around water quality in our lowland lakes, streams and rivers and (2) because the agricultural sector is routinely targeted as the fundamental problem. As **agricultural and horticultural scientists, we don't** want to try and "gloss-over" the problems but instead we want to highlight some of the positive things that are being done. "Enduring solutions" is our catch-cry and this will certainly involve good science.

All enquiries and registrations to [Jenny Taylor](#), Secretariat NZIAHS Registration form can be found [here](#)

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Scion Forest Science Seminar with Bryan Graham, Science Leader of the Forest Industry Informatics Team

Wednesday 3 September 2014

12 – 1pm, Rimu Room, Scion, Rotorua and SCOPIA Webinar

Email [Katrin Webb](#) for more information

Introducing Forest Industry Informatics
Advances in technology, particularly the ease of data collection, present some big challenges for Forestry, and informatics is tasked with addressing these challenges.

Bryan Graham is the Science Leader for Forest Industry Informatics at Scion, and leads a team including GIS experts, software engineers, and business analysts. He comes from a Business Analyst background and his focus is on using technology to increase productivity for the forestry industry. He enjoys problem solving, and using research to partner with organisations to improve their efficiency, productivity, and ultimately profitability.

ADVERTISING



Harvesting Manager

Job Description

We are seeking a highly motivated individual to manage our harvesting operations in the Taranaki – Wanganui area. You must have a high level of integrity, good communication skills, ability to proactively manage and lead workplace health and safety, and enjoy challenging the norm to get our Clients the best results possible.

To go with those attributes the ideal candidate will have a minimum of five years harvesting and roading management experience, contract negotiation skills, be capable of harvest planning for cable operations, have a record of professionally dealing with forest owners and other parties through the harvest process.

If you do not possess all of the above experience and/or skills but are working towards this type of role as a career path, and have a positive and professional approach we would like to hear from you.

An attractive remuneration package including work vehicle and bonuses will be offered.

How to apply

For a copy of the Job description phone or email using contact details below. Applicants must supply a copy of their CV together with a covering letter presenting the key attributes they can bring to the position. This should be sent attached to an email headed *Harvesting Manager*.

Contact [Jeremy Waldegrave](#)

Mobile 0275060676

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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.

Sept 2014

- Wed 3 Forest Science Seminar with Bryan Graham, Science Leader of the Forest Industry Informatics Team, 12-1pm, Scion Rimu Room, Rotorua and SCOPIA Webinar, for more information email [Katrin Webb](mailto:Katrin.Webb@nzif.org.nz)
- Wed 17 – Thu 18 Wood Innovations 2014

Oct 2014

- Wed 15 – Fri 17 Appita [Fibre Value Chain Conference & Expo](#), Distinction Hotel, Rotorua, for more information [email](#)
- Wed 22 NZIAHS Annual General Meeting, 3pm, Stewart 1, Lincoln University, Canterbury
- Wed 22 NZIAHS Canterbury Forum, 9am -3pm, Stewart 1, Lincoln University, Canterbury, *Enduring Agricultural Solutions For Improving Water Quality*

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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