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PRESIDENT'S COMMENT

Andrew McEwen FNZIF
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Local Section Meetings on Proposed New Rules

Next week members should receive a motion to be on the Agenda at the NZIF AGM in Christchurch proposing the replacement of the current Articles of Association with a set of Rules to govern the operation of NZIF. The motion will be accompanied by the proposed rules and an explanatory memorandum setting out the reasons for the motion and describing the changes proposed.

So that Members can be better informed about the proposal, before arriving at the AGM (and for those unable to attend the AGM) we are arranging meetings, in conjunction with local section committees, in a number of centres. At each meeting I will make a presentation on the proposal, answer questions and receive feedback. It is also an opportunity to talk about other NZIF business. I anticipate that the sessions will take around 1 ½ to 2 hours.

The meetings have had to fitted around other commitments that I have during June, but by doing this I can actually get to more locations. I apologise for the fact that the times and locations won't suit everyone, but I do urge as many as possible of you to try to attend a session so you can participate in this important step for NZIF.

The following are the provisional arrangements (we will email updates as they come to hand):

Centre	Date	Time	Venue
Rotorua	Friday 1 st June	3 pm	Ministry for Primary Industries Directions MPI (old MAF) is the first building (Lockwood) in Te Papa Tipu Innovation Park, 99 Sala Street. The other way of looking at it is it's the first building through the North Entrance Gates onto the Scion (FRI) site in Rotorua. [The South entrance is the main entrance into Scion). MPI is almost directly across the road from Timberlands, right next door to Interpine and 200 metres down the road from PF Olsen & Co.
Napier	Friday 15 th June	3pm	To be confirmed
Gisborne	Tuesday 19 th June	7pm	PF Olsen Ltd- boardroom, 396 Childers Rd, Gisborne
Auckland	To be advised		
Wellington	To be advised		
Nelson	To be advised		
Christchurch	To be advised		

We will set up the events on the NZIF website and it would be helpful if you could RSVP by going to the event and registering for it or by emailing admin@nzif.org.nz &/or president@nzif.org.nz

If you have any queries about the proposal or the meetings, please email me at president@nzif.org.nz. I hope to see you at one or other of the meetings.

More to conference than formal presentations

There is a lot more to the conference than sitting in lecture rooms dozing through presentations. For example:

- There are a couple of very relevant pre-conference workshops on Sunday 1st July. All members involved in transactions relating to land (sale and purchase, leases, forestry rights, easements, etc.), should attend the workshop on the Real Estate Agents Act. This includes forest management companies that get involved in transactions on behalf of their clients. This legislation is likely to affect you and you need to know its significance and what steps NZIF is taking to protect you.
- The other workshop is a valuation update. Find out what the Valuation working group has been doing on the carbon valuation front.

Conference Registrations up – are you registered yet?

Another boost in conference registrations in the last week. Still plenty of spaces though for those who have still to register, but I would recommend sorting out your accommodation in Christchurch sooner rather than later. Remember that the conference committee can arrange accommodation in student hostels. But they need

to know if there is enough demand for the hostels to be interested. So please let the organisers know if you are interested in this option.

Registrations for the conference can be made ([here](#)).

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MEMBER'S FORUM

(Please keep Guest Comment and Member's Forum contributions to around 300 words. Send contributions as an email attachment (Word document) to newsletter@nzif.org.nz.)

Where are you all?

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NZIF 2012 Conference

► Engineering Value Growing & Harvesting Forests for Novel Wood Structures



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2012 NZIF AGM and conference

Theme: Engineering Value – Growing and Harvesting Forests for Novel Wood Structures

Date: **Sunday 1 July to Wednesday 4 July 2012**

Associated events:

Two CPD workshops and the NZIF AGM on Sunday 1 July

NZIF Awards Dinner on Monday 2 July

Field trip on Wednesday 4 July

Venue: University of Canterbury, Ilam Campus, Christchurch

Website: www.nzifconference.co.nz

Conference brochure

The organising committee has produced a brochure for the conference ([click here](#)). It has the full programme registration details, field trips, social events, accommodation options and much more. So be sure to have a look at it, pass it on to as many people as you can, and make sure you register.

Conference sponsors

Thank you to all sponsors for your support of our conference and of the NZIF. Further sponsorship opportunities still exist. Just look at the exposure you are getting each week from now to the conference in this newsletter, which is going to around 1,000 forestry professionals in NZ and the wider Pacific (plus a few even further afield). If you are interested in being a sponsor then get more details from the conference website or contact James Treadwell at secretary@nzif.org.nz.

We welcome NZ Aerial Mapping as a new exhibitor this week. Thank you.

Conference registrations

If you haven't already done so, have a look at the programme on the Conference website, www.nzifconference.co.nz. Then continue to the registration page (link on the right-hand side of the home page) and make the commitment to support NZIF and Christchurch. Accommodation close to the conference is filling up and the conference organisers are approaching the date when they have to release any of the accommodation that was reserved but not yet booked – so don't delay if you want a bed.

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NZIF BUSINESS

From the Registrar

Registration applications

An application to become a Registered Member has been received from:

- Mr **Dan Gaddum** of Tauranga

Any member of the Institute has the right to object to an application. Any objection should be made by lodging a notice with the Registrar within 20 working days of the first appearance (4 May) of the notice in this Newsletter, specifying the grounds of the objection.

Annual Practicing Certificates for 2012/13

Annual Practicing Certificates have been sent to those Registered Members who have met the annual obligations for 2012/13. If you haven't yet received yours, it is time to check what you still have to do. Paid your fees? Returned your CPD record for last year? Signed and returned your reaffirmation of intent to abide by the Code of Ethics?

Remember that if you have not completed your obligations and have not received your certificate you are not entitled to present yourself as a forestry consultant and you are not entitled to call yourself a Registered member, a Registered Forester or a Registered Forestry Consultant.

Have you received a statement? Please pay

We still have outstanding membership fees for around 230 members. You have all received invoices and follow up statements, so no excuse for saying you haven't received it. Please meet your obligations to your professional association.

If you have any questions about your status have a look in your membership database dashboard through the web site. Contact the Administrator (email admin@nzif.org.nz, phone (04) 974 8421) if you have any queries.

If you are sending credit card details to the administrator, please include the three digit security number on the back of your card – otherwise she cannot process the payment.

And thank you to the over 40 members that made payments in the last week.

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NZIF FOUNDATION

NZIF Foundation is now a registered charity

This week we received confirmation that the Foundation has been registered as a charity with the Charities Commission. This should enable it to achieve “donee status” with IRD so that donations to the Foundation will qualify for the tax rebate.

Foundation Establishment Appeal

As soon as donee status is confirmed, the Trustees expect to announce an appeal for donations that will qualify as Foundation Establishment Donations. This will be a short appeal, closing at the start of the NZIF Conference, with the amount raised being announced at the Conference Dinner on Monday 2nd July. So start raiding your piggy banks so we can raise a sizeable sum to set the Foundation on the right track.

The purpose of the Foundation is the advancement of education in relation to forestry. This can include encouraging and supporting forestry related research, education and training through the provision of grants, scholarships and prizes; promoting the acquisition, development and dissemination of forestry related knowledge and information and other activities that do not conflict with the charitable purpose.

Enquiries regarding the Foundation can be directed to the NZIF Foundation Administrator (foundation@nzif.org.nz) or to the Chair of the Trustees (Andrew McEwen, am.mcewen@xtra.co.nz).

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SUBMISSIONS

Murray Parrish (murray.parrish@chh.com) is Submissions Coordinator. NZIF Members or local sections considering making submissions (even on what appear to be local issues) should advise him of their plans. Council can assist with the cost of making submissions (contact Murray for details).

Proposed changes to ETS

The NZIF submission can be seen on the NZIF web site.

Australian Illegal Logging Prohibition Bill

The NZIF submission can be seen on the NZIF web site.

The Impact of the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms (HSNO) Act on Research in New Zealand

The Royal Society of NZ has sent a report on the above topic to government. NZIF and some individual members had input to the report. If you would like to see a copy, contact Andrew McEwen (president@nzif.org.nz).

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LOCAL SECTIONS

AUCKLAND SECTION

'A Conversation With The Minister'

A brief presentation from, and discussion with, Nathan Guy, Associate Minister of Primary Industries (with responsibility for Forestry).

Date: Thursday 7th June 2012,

Time: 5.15pm SHARP, Meet & Greet (with drinks & nibbles) from 4.45pm

Venue: Simpson Grierson , 88 Shortland St (report to Level #28)

MAF has disappeared and been replaced by the Ministry of Primary Industries (MPI). Nathan Guy (National Party member for Otaki) strode out of the haze of restructuring as Associate Minister (associate to David Carter) with responsibility for Forestry.

Nathan Guy has kindly agreed to briefly addressing our ASIF meeting on June 7th. He will accept questions and comments from the floor, but ASIF has 'pre-primed' the Minister with a short list of suggestions as to what his opening address might encompass:

- **Achievements** he wishes to attain - while responsible for forestry in NZ;
- The **impacts** on forestry and **costs of the ETS** for forest investors;
- Government support for **Pacific Forestry**;
- Regional Council's and the proposed **National Environmental Standard** for forestry.

Please note that in order to meet the Minister's travel schedule, this ASIF meeting will **start and end earlier** than usual. Please be ready for the Minister's presentation **SHARP at 5.15pm**. Come early - doors open from 4.45pm – to partake of 'Meet & Greet' time, with hospitality kindly provided by our hosts **Simpson Grierson**.

This Seminar arranged by ASIF with the kind support of Simpson Grierson.

*For planning & catering please **RSVP** to cumbo@snap.net.nz.*

Meeting on Proposed NZIF Rules

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CNI SECTION

Meeting on Proposed NZIF Rules

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Date: Friday 1st June 2012,
Time: 3:00pm
Venue: Ministry for Primary Industries

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RSVP: Please, to admin@nzif.org.nz or through NZIF website.

Queries: To president@nzif.org.nz

The meeting will comprise a presentation from NZIF President Andrew McEwen followed by discussion, questions and feedback.

Andrew apologises for the fact that this has been scheduled for the Friday of Queen's Birthday weekend, but it fits in with other travel arrangements. He urges you to attend and looks forward to seeing you. Please make an effort to attend.

GISBORNE SECTION

Meeting on Proposed NZIF Rules

A meeting on the new rules being proposed by the NZIF Council before the AGM on 1st July has been scheduled as follows:

Date: Tuesday 19th June 2012,
Time: 7:00pm
Venue: PF Olsen Ltd- boardroom, 396 Childers Rd, Gisborne
RSVP: Please, to admin@nzif.org.nz or through NZIF website
Queries: To president@nzif.org.nz

The meeting will comprise a presentation from NZIF President Andrew McEwen followed by discussion, questions and feedback.

Andrew urges you to attend and looks forward to seeing you. Please make an effort to attend.

HAWKES BAY SECTION

Meeting on Proposed NZIF Rules

A meeting on the new rules being proposed by the NZIF Council before the AGM on 1st July has been scheduled as follows:

Date: Friday 15th June 2012,
Time: 3:00pm
Venue: To be advised

RSVP: Please, to admin@nzif.org.nz or through NZIF website

Queries: To president@nzif.org.nz

The meeting will comprise a presentation from NZIF President Andrew McEwen followed by discussion, questions and feedback.

Andrew urges you to attend and looks forward to seeing you. Please make an effort to attend.

SNI SECTION

Farm Forestry Event

The Wellington Branch of the Farm Forestry Association has invited NZIF members to participate in the following event.

Date: May 26th, 2012

Location: Rotary Hall in Aotaki Street, Otaki

Register: Please contact Eric Cairns (cairnse@paradise.net.nz) if you plan to attend.

Theme: “Trees for Fun – and Profit”

	Tea/coffee available on arrival
9.40 am	Welcome and outline of day [Eric Cairns]
9.45 am	Danish video clip
9.50 am	Global prospects for NZ wood: supply and demand factors [Howard Moore]
10.10 am	Questions and discussion
10.20 am	Videos: Bossley and Cairns properties,
10.45 am	Discussion
10.55 am	Leg stretch
11.00 am	Opportunities for indigenous species [Peter Berg]
11.10 am	Opportunities for specialty timber species [Ian Nicholas]
11.20 am	Questions and discussion
11.30 am	Investment Forestry and the ETS [Presenter: Geoff Thompson, consultant]
11.50 am	Questions and discussion
12 noon	Leg stretch
12.05 pm	Growing trees on the coast [Wally Dyson]
12.15 pm	Questions and discussion
12.25 pm	Wood supply in the Southern North Island [Hamish Levack]
12.35 pm	Questions and discussion
12.45 pm	Open session (questions and discussion of any aspect of the mornings proceedings) [Chair: Eric Cairns]
12.55 pm	Feedback forms and DVD discussion-[Ian Nicholas]
1:00 pm	Lunch (BYO) – tea/coffee/hot water provided
1.40 pm	Drive to Bossley property (Muhunoa West Road)
2.00 pm	Walk through Bossley plantings/harvested area, durable eucalypt trials and Peter Wood’s alternative species. [Discussion leaders: Chris Bossley, Peter Wood, Chris Maher, Angus Gordon]
3:30 pm	End of workshop

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NELSON MARLBOROUGH SECTION

Meeting on Proposed NZIF Rules

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CANTERBURY SECTION

Meeting on Proposed NZIF Rules

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PACIFIC FORESTRY SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

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STUDENT'S SECTION

Future Forests Fellowship (University of British Columbia)

As one of the world's top forestry schools, UBC Forestry – through the generous support of a private foundation – is honoured to offer the Future Forests Fellowship, the most prestigious forestry graduate award available at any Canadian University and the largest single grant for a forestry student globally. The Fellowship will enable an outstanding graduate student to undertake doctoral research focused on British Columbia (BC) in one of the following areas of excellence for the Faculty: forest products biotechnology/bioenergy; business operations and management; forest genetics/forest genomics; below-ground ecology; river and landscape ecology; climate change and advanced landscape planning; and forest management.

The Fellowship will pay \$60,000 per annum for three years, with an additional fourth year if required. This will allow the student to devote her or his time purely to pursuing excellence in research and community outreach in the field of forestry in BC. The research must be conducted, at least in part, in BC and should result in an outcome that has practical application in BC. Canadian and international students are eligible to apply.

To be considered for a Future Forests Fellowship, you must: be seeking financial support to pursue your first

doctoral degree; intend to pursue full-time doctoral studies beginning May 2013, September 2013 or January 2014 at the Faculty of Forestry at UBC; have achieved a first-class average, as determined by your university, in each of the past two years of full-time study or equivalent; not have already received a doctoral-level scholarship or fellowship from the Canadian Government or the University of British Columbia to undertake a doctoral degree; and not be a current Faculty of Forestry doctoral student.

[Click here](#) for the application and additional details. Application deadline: 1 **November 2012**. All application documents must be submitted to: Dan Naidu, Coordinator of Graduate Awards & Scholarships, University of British Columbia, Faculty of Forestry 2604 – 2424 Main Mall Vancouver, BC Canada V6T 1Z4, ph: 604-822-6177 fax: 604-822-8645, email: dan.naidu@ubc.ca.

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PEOPLE NEWS

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To advertise in the Newsletter contact the NZIF Administrator, admin@nzif.org.nz, ph (04) 974 8421.



MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT - FORESTRY

Company/Location: Poyry Management Consulting

The consultant will be based in Auckland reporting to the Head of Office and the Melbourne based head of the Pöyry Asia Pacific forestry team. They will contribute to a team of foresters working across the Asia-Pacific region covering a broad range of areas including forest valuation, resource assessment, climate change, environmental management and market analysis. The consultant will have excellent written and verbal communication skills and the ability to work effectively both individually and as part of a team. The position involves some local and international travel.

Responsibilities/Objectives

- Provide professional forestry expertise within the Pöyry Asia Pacific region;
- Undertake forest estate modelling assignments;
- Contribute to resource assessment and forest valuation work as required;
- Develop expertise in the areas of climate change and the New Zealand ETS;
- Develop expertise in project management,

Qualifications

- A professional degree in forestry or similar qualification from a recognised tertiary institution is a prerequisite;

- Post graduate qualifications (or progress towards qualifications) in forestry/science, finance or economics would be an advantage;

Skills / Knowledge

- Excellent communication skills;
- Well developed report writing skills;
- Demonstrated analytical skills;
- Strong organisational and time management skills;
- Strong skills with industry standard software such as ArcGIS, Atlas Forecaster, YTGEM, MARVL and Forest Estate Models (Woodstock or Tigermoth);
- Additional language skills other than English would be an advantage.

Experience

- A minimum of 4 years practical experience in high yield plantation forestry, either tropical or temperate and or sustained yield managed natural forests;
- Experience in forest estate modelling.

Personal Attributes

- Strong interest in commercial forestry and forest estate modelling with an analytical focus;
- You will be practical and flexible with the ability to multitask;
- The ability to work in a team or to work individually with minimal supervision and in both cases producing high quality work to tight timelines;
- Strong self-motivation and results focus;
- Health and Safety conscious.

Contact: Brian Johnson **E-mail:** hr.newzealand@poyry.com



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Operational budgeting and costing skills together with competency in Excel and Word are important. Practical experience in some aspects of harvesting would also be an advantage.

Ideally you should have at least 5 years experience in the NZ forestry environment, be prepared to work

independently, be self-motivated, well organised and have good communications skills.

Applications should be forwarded to julian@kohntrol.co.nz by **13th June 2012**.

For more information, please contact Julian Kohn (06) 868 5894.

JOB VACANCY WEBSITES

Science jobs	fusionz.rsnz.org/
MAF	careers.haines.co.nz/MAF/Pages/Vacancies.aspx
NZ conservation jobs	www.conjobs.co.nz/index.php
Department of Conservation	www.doc.govt.nz/about-doc/jobs-at-doc/current-vacancies/
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Australia Department of Agriculture Fisheries & Forestry	www.daff.gov.au/about/jobs

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PUBLICATIONS / MEDIA / NOTICES

4th NZ RURAL FIRE RESEARCH WORKSHOP

Date: Thursday 14th to Friday 15th July

Place: Scion, Rotorua

Information: [click here](#)

SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY BULLETIN

MPI's Sustainable Forestry Bulletin Issue number 35 has been released and can be found [here](#). It includes items on the Field measurement Approach, Post-1989 emissions returns, Regional post-1989 uptake and pre-1990 deforestation analysis

ICPR for export of Forest Products to Australia

The ICPR relating to forest products for Australia has been updated. Changes include: *Arhopalus fergus* flight season status updated to "closed"; Information regarding monitoring for *Arhopalus fergus* removed as monitoring has now ceased; *Fraxinus* (Ash), *Nothofagus* (beech), *Quercus* (oak), *Acacia* (Wattle) timber sections removed as there are no longer separate ICON cases for these genera; Clarification that the AQIS ICON case for oversize timber excludes Myrtaceae; A number of broken hyperlinks repaired.

The ICPR is available [here](#).

Launch of the Second Report of the Land and Water Forum

The Forum's second major report was released on 18th May. It provides a national framework within which Regional Councils will work with their communities and iwi to set freshwater objectives and develop limits for

its use.

It provides a consistent and transparent process for setting objectives and limits, and one that will lead to effective and enduring outcomes, including greater certainty for investment and development.

Download the [report](#) and the [press release](#).

New Zealand Inventory of Biodiversity (Vol. 3)

Volume 3 of the *New Zealand Inventory of Biodiversity (Vol.3)* was launched on 21 May. This volume is the third in the trilogy that provides a review and inventory of New Zealand's entire living and fossil biodiversity – an international effort involving more than 220 New Zealand and overseas specialists and the most comprehensive of its kind in the world. Together, the three volumes list every one of the almost 55,000 known species of New Zealand's animals, plants, fungi, and micro-organisms. These volumes are affiliated with Species 2000, an international scientific project with the long-term goal of enumerating all described species on Earth into one seamless list – the Catalogue of Life, a kind of online biological telephone directory.

New Zealand Inventory of Biodiversity is published by Canterbury University Press www.cup.canterbury.ac.nz. *New Zealand Inventory of Biodiversity (Vol.3)* retails at \$89.95. The trilogy is also available as a boxed set (RRP \$180). For all orders, contact Nationwide Book Distributors books@nationwidebooks.co.nz.

Discount for NZIF Members at Carbon Forestry 2012

NZIF has arranged with the organisers of Carbon Forestry 2012 that NZIF members will be able to register at a discounted price. The conference is taking place in Auckland on 22-23 August this year.

Topics to be covered in Carbon Forestry 2012 are:

- One year after the Government's 2011 ETS review, what has changed?
- Now that Australia has carbon tax and will introduce an ETS by 2014, how will the two countries work together?
- Where are major international carbon markets, how do they view forestry and will this affect Australasia
- What are the key investment opportunities within carbon forestry
- How can companies reduce their exposure to market risk
- Insights into iwi groups and their impact on New Zealand's carbon forestry
- Case studies from the early movers
- The implications of political, economic and market uncertainty
- Demand and growth within the carbon offset market

More information and a draft programme event and a draft programme can now be found [here](#). If you want to receive more information on the planned programme in the lead up to the event, register [here](#).

Undergraduate Intern Grants for R&D: Registrations of Interest 2012/2013

The Ministry of Science and Innovation (MSI) is offering grants to encourage innovative companies to employ senior science, technology, engineering, design or marketing undergraduate students for a research and development project. This year two hundred places are available.

Applications for the Undergraduate Grant open on 11 May 2012. The closing date is 20th June 2012.

The funding provides \$16 per hour for up to 400 hours of work. The maximum grant is \$7,360 including GST. Funding is available to large and small companies. The contractual term will be five months – from 1 November 2012 to 31 March 2013. The internship can be of any duration within this term.

Criteria

- An R&D project must be defined for the student, general work experience is not acceptable.
- The project can be process or efficiency based.
- You do not need to identify a student prior to registering interest.
- The student must have completed their final year of study towards an undergraduate degree.
- The student must be a New Zealand citizen or have a current work permit.

We can help you prepare your application for the Undergraduate Grant. We can guide you through the online registration process, complete all your application documentation and submit your proposal. To learn more about student grants, visit our [website](#).

For help preparing an application for this grant call us on (09) 817 7460 or send us an [email](#).

RSNZ May Newsletter

The Royal Society of NZ has issued its May newsletter full of interest, including a promotion for the NZIF Conference. Doesn't seem to be on the web site yet, but contact president@nzif.org.nz if you would like a copy. NZIF is a constituent organization of the Royal Society.

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CALENDAR

The events in this calendar have come from a range of sources and no responsibility can be taken for errors. Contact the organisers to check times, locations, costs etc. New events are marked in moss green.

May 2012

Sat 26 Wellington Branch Farm Forestry "Trees for Fun & Profit"/ Otaki. Contact cairnse@paradise.net.nz

Thur 31 FITEC National Training Awards nominations close, www.fitec.org.nz/awards

June 2012

Fri 1 NZIF CNI Section meeting on proposed rules for NZIF (3pm, MBI Building Scion campus) admin@nzif.org.nz

Thur 7 NZIF Auckland section meeting, cumbo@snap.net.nz

Thurs 14-Fri 15 4th NZ Rural Fire Research Workshop, Scion, Rotorua, [information](#)

Fri 15 NZIF Hawkes Bay Section meeting on proposed rules for NZIF, 3pm, Napier admin@nzif.org.nz

Tues 19 NZIF Gisborne Section meeting on proposed rules for NZIF, 7pm, PF Olsen Office, Gisborne, admin@nzif.org.nz

July 2012

Sun 1 NZIF AGM, Christchurch

Sun 1 – Wed 4 NZIF Conference, Christchurch, www.nzifconference.co.nz

August 2012

Wed 22 – Thurs Carbon Forestry, Auckland, [website here](#)

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October 2012

Fri 19 – Sun 21 Ex-New Zealand Forest Service workers – Westland get together, keenanr@kinect.co.nz

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