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## PRESIDENT'S COMMENT

Andrew McEwen FNZIF  
President, NZ Institute of Forestry  
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### In defence of NZIF

In his comment *improving our professionalism and influence* in last week's newsletter, Neill Cooper asked why the NZIF Council was not taking a lead in forming a NZ Forestry Association. He claimed we are too inward looking and too narrow in perspective.

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New Zealand Institute of Forestry  
- Te Pitahi Ngāhāhāhā o Aotearoa Incorporated -

NZIF's primary purpose is to advance the profession of forestry within NZ. The Council is required to establish and maintain standards, to support forestry professionals and represent the profession. For many years an important object has been to act as an independent advocate for forestry.

In acting as an independent advocate we do not always see eye to eye with those who have a commercial interest in forests. We have argued against many aspects of government climate change policy, and I suspect there are some around these days who probably wish the government had followed advice in NZIF submissions rather than implementing the ETS for forestry.

Are we inward looking and narrow in perspective? I think not. Just look at the topics of some of the submissions and representations we have made in recent years – climate change, international forest valuation standards (made to a body in UK), “green building” (including a submission to the US Green Building Council), illegal logging (including a submission to the Australian Parliament), environmental profiling, lobbying disclosure bill, methyl bromide, genetic modification, resource management, forest certification, water, indigenous forests, etc.

Council has put many hours into the Real Estate Agents Act that prevents members from being involved in all types of property transactions involving forest land or land with forestry potential. I don't think any of the other forestry organisations will cover as broad a range of topics as NZIF, and it is carried out on an entirely voluntary basis (or by members whose employers support their NZIF activity).

Within NZ, the NZIF is a constituent organisation of the Royal Society of NZ and I represent NZIF on an RSNZ Vice President's Advisory Panel. NZIF is a member of a group of land related professional organisations (valuers, farm advisors, surveyors, etc) that meets occasionally to discuss items of common interest. We have had representatives at meetings in government ministries on resource management issues, illegal logging issues and other topics. We are represented on the FSC Standards Development Group.

Then look at our support for forestry professionals in the Pacific, our links with the professional forestry associations in other countries (Australia, UK, China, etc), the breadth of topics covered by our Journal, our newsletter, our annual conferences and our local section events.

We have a very broad membership – not just forest owners and managers, but including scientists, university staff and students, public servants, local body employees, processors, farm foresters, people with a general interest in forestry, retirees, etc.

So what about NZIF's links with other forestry associations in NZ? The commercial forestry sector comes under the Wood Council of NZ umbrella that includes Forest Owners Association, Wood Processors Association, Pine Manufacturers Association, Farm Forestry Association and the Forest Industry Contractors Association. NZ Wood is a Woodco project. NZIF shares an office in Wellington with Woodco, FFA, FOA, WPA and NZ Wood. Although we made a conscious decision a few years ago not to seek to join Woodco, because we felt that to do so would compromise the objective to be an independent advocate for forestry, we are in frequent contact with those organisations and receive invitations to participate in events, attend meetings, etc.

In summary, I do not accept that NZIF is either inward looking or narrow in perspective, and I would challenge members to name a professional association or a forestry organisation that is as outward looking or broader in perspective than NZIF and which does it on a budget as small as we do.

## Termination of PFSI?

The MPI Sustainability Bulletin, received this week, advises that because the government decided in November last year to pull out of the Kyoto Protocol, PFSI forests are no longer eligible to generate Kyoto units. This has triggered an option to terminate, which seems to include the possibility of either MPI or the PFSI forest owner being able to terminate the covenant. MPI says it is investigating what type of units might be allocated in the future.



To me, this is just another example of the sort of short term stop/go policies that are too prevalent in the NZ forestry – a sector that needs long term stable policies if we are to generate the investment in forests that the country needs. It is especially concerning that one climate change policy that seemed to offer some hope for the establishment of indigenous forests is at trigger point for an option to terminate so soon after it commenced.

## Holiday

I wish you all a happy and safe Easter holiday.

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

### Forest levy vote – or is it?

*Julian Bateson, MNZIF, SNI*

As a supporter of the proposed levy, I have been intrigued to see what has been happening during the past month with regard to the plantation forest referendum. I should really say I have been intrigued to see what has not been happening.

We were promised, or more correctly I was told, that there would be significant press coverage during the month of voting. This was to inform forest and woodlot owners who were not members of the NZIF, NZFFA or NZFOA that a levy vote was occurring. The current estimate is that there are around 15,000 entities and up to 100,000 individual owners who should have the opportunity to vote and who are not members of NZIF, NZFFA or NZFOA.

I have read the daily newspaper on most days this month. I have listened to the radio a lot, including commercial stations, and watched television. I have not seen or heard any mention of the levy vote outside specialist newsletters or journals. Perhaps I have missed all the references, which is possible.

However, from my experience, and from a few random discussions with colleagues, no-one I know has seen anything about the levy in the press. I just heard today from a farm forester who has three neighbours with large woodlots. He said that none of them had heard anything about a levy vote, as none are members of any of the above organisations. They are quite concerned about not knowing what is going on.

The Minister for Primary Industries may see this letter and agree with the figures mentioned above. If he does, how could he possibly approve a levy vote in favour or against if, as estimated, less than five per cent of eligible voters know about the vote. Naturally, as always, I would be happy to be corrected if I am wrong with my figures!

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## NZIF BUSINESS Membership changes

The following membership changes were approved by the Council Membership Committee during February 2013:

### *Admitted as a member*

Murphy, Glen	Rotorua	Ordinary Member
Arnold, Thomas	Christchurch	Student Member
Cotterrell, Matthew	Christchurch	Student Member
Duval, Alfred	Christchurch	Student Member
Henderson, Theo	Christchurch	Student Member
Jones, Grace	Christchurch	Student Member
Kuwabara, Satoru	Christchurch	Student Member
McPherson, Tom	Christchurch	Student Member
Mortimer, Ben	Christchurch	Student Member
Murphy, Isaac	Christchurch	Student Member
Spence, Ben	Christchurch	Student Member
Welton, Michael	Christchurch	Student Member
Yuchen, Zheng	Christchurch	Student Member

### *Summary of membership*

Membership at 28 February (included five with membership on-hold and 10 whose members' rights are suspended due to non-payment of annual subs and excludes one who has resigned with effect from 31 March 2013) was:

Honorary	9
Retired	76
Registered	95
Ordinary	436
Graduate	48
Associate	108
Student	<u>94</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>866</u></b>

This is an increase of 13 since 31 January 2013, but a decrease of 14 since 31 March 2012.

### *Membership in arrears*

The number of members who have not yet sorted out their 2012/13 fees has been reduced to five – a big thank you to those that have recently dealt with the matter. The remaining five (four ordinary members and one graduate) have only a few weeks left before Council will be asked for approval to remove their names from the register of members.

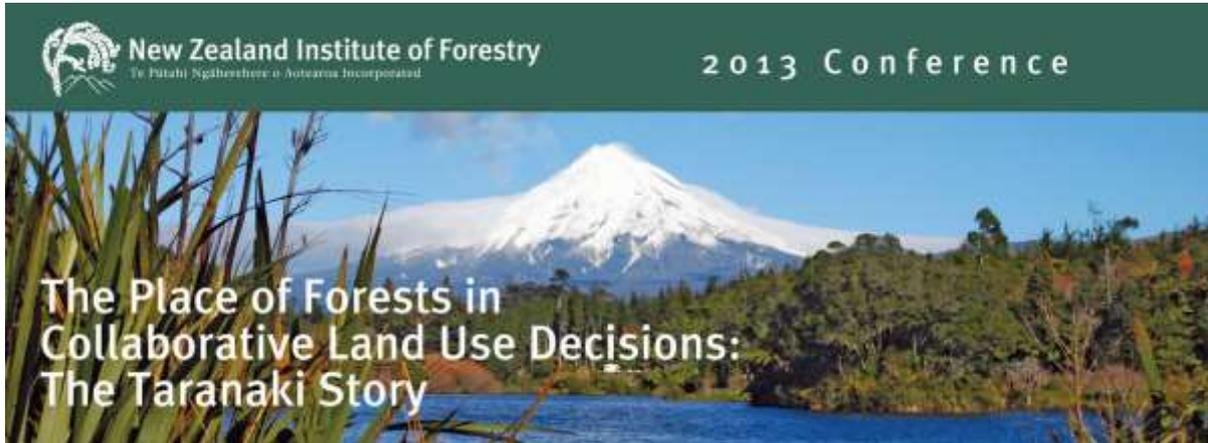
## Financial Advisors Act 2008

As members are aware Council and the Registration Board have been undertaking work on the Financial Advisors Act 2008 and are looking to take this to the next stage that will involve seeking a legal opinion on the Act's implications for members. We intend to follow a process similar to the path taken with the Real Estate Agents Act that involved seeking examples or scenarios from members of the types of work or situations where the Act may impact on the activities of members. If you have such examples I encourage you to forward these to me so I can incorporate these in the mix when we have those discussions with legal advisors.

John Schrider ([john.schrider@forme.co.nz](mailto:john.schrider@forme.co.nz))



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## 2013 AGM & CONFERENCE

### NZIF Conference – New Plymouth – 30 June to 3 July 2013

*Our 2013 conference will explore how one region attempts to balance the drive for economic development against the ever increasing demands for environmental and landscape protection and enhancement that ensures a sustainable pathway for future generations. Collaborative efforts, which enhance vegetation and forest cover in an intensive dairying environment, will be showcased.*

**CONFERENCE REGISTRATIONS WILL OPEN SOON**

**Theme:** The Place of Forests in Collaborative Land Use Decisions: The Taranaki Story

**Date:** Sunday 30 June to Wednesday 3 July 2013

**Associated events:**

Two CPD workshops and the NZIF AGM on Sunday 30 June

NZIF Awards Dinner on Monday 1 July

Field trip on Wednesday 3 July

**Venue:** New Plymouth

**Website:** [www.nzifconference.co.nz](http://www.nzifconference.co.nz)

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## Keynote speakers

Keynote speakers at the conference include:

**Hon. Jo Goodhew**, Associate Minister of Primary Industries – Forestry

**Guy Salmon**, Executive Director, Ecologic Foundation

**Basil Chamberlain**, Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council

Topic: *Promoting Sustainable Land and Water Management in Taranaki*

**Al Morrison**, Director General & Chief Executive, Department of Conservation

Topic: *Overview of DOC activities from a regional perspective and objectives, values, plans for integrating these into provincial land use management.*

## Conference programme

The conference programme is now available on the [website](#). Have a look and then tell you employer this is a ‘must be there’ conference and tell your partners it is time for a visit to Taranaki.

## Field trip

The field trip will visit local examples of projects or programmes of work that demonstrate the application of the theory and science.

Farmer Wayne Peters has been acknowledged by the Taranaki Regional Council for his riparian planting successes. They have transformed a farm where cows drank from its 50 unfenced creeks which form part of the Mangorei River watershed into a property where the bush is perhaps more important than the cows.

Farm plans are an integral component of the wider efforts in Taranaki to ensure better land use decision making. A land resource inventory of the soils, geology, vegetation, slope and erosion provides the basis for determining the sustainability of various land uses. Owner Jeremy Thomson will discuss Farm Plan No. 001; Makara Farm, 20 years on. We will also have a discussion on improving farm revenues by diversification into bioenergy and other bio based feedstock crops.

Last stop is Port Taranaki is the only deep water seaport on the west coast of NZ. It was established in 1875 and is contained within two breakwaters, which also includes the popular Ngamotu beach. It handles large volumes of international and coastal cargoes mainly servicing the farming, engineering and petrochemical industries.

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## FIELD TRIP



## CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS





## Conference description

The formation of the Taranaki Riparian Management Programme has provided a foundation for cooperation between diverse land use interests. How this has been achieved and its successes to date will be a core component of the conference.

Delegates will hear about the mechanisms used in a practical way to implement national environmental policies at the regional level. Included will be presentations on the role of farm plans and their voluntary implementation of protection and riparian creation works to mitigate the pollution caused by modern intensive farming practices.

Department of Conservation representatives will provide an overview of how the Department is implementing its national objectives, values and plans at a provincial level and its natural heritage prioritisation system as it relates to Taranaki. Practical presentations include pest control initiatives. Also incorporated in the conference programme are voluntary community-based projects to create and protect inland sanctuaries to enhance the habitat of native flora and fauna.

The conference will be rounded out on the second day with presentations on current approaches of commercial forestry interests to the sustainable management of plantation resources while recognising ever-increasing demands of non-forestry interests. Papers will be presented on:

- The industry's long-term vision for environmental research in production forests
- The continuing search for alternative production species
- New forest investment opportunities with carbon, permanent sinks and other mechanisms with application in the Taranaki hinterland.

The role of trees means that foresters have an important role to play in the transformation of our landscapes to ensure the values of indigenous plants and animals can harmoniously exist with the goals of economic development.

This conference is a regional case study, which highlights the successes and acknowledges the failures of previous land use decision-making. Hopefully it will provide delegates with ideas and approaches that may be relevant back on their home patches. Book the dates 30 June to 3 July in your diary now.

## Why not display your wares

The conference venue has plenty of space for displays. Why not show delegates and visitors to the conference what you have got to offer in the way of new products, new publications, the services you provide, etc. Contact James Treadwell ([Vice-President@nzif.org.nz](mailto:Vice-President@nzif.org.nz)) for more information and to book your space.



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## Conference sponsors

Sponsorship opportunities for the 2013 conference are now open, so please view the [Sponsorship Prospectus](#) here. There are many opportunities and we need you if the conference is to offer you fantastic speakers, great CPD opportunities, and that once a year chance to network with like-minded people. Please contact James Treadwell either by email ([vice-president@nzif.org.nz](mailto:vice-president@nzif.org.nz)) or phone 022 043 4511 to register your interest in sponsoring.

We thank those who have already confirmed sponsorship.

## Conference contacts

For updates on speakers, programme and sponsorship opportunities please contact Jay Matthes ([admin@nzif.org.nz](mailto:admin@nzif.org.nz)).

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## 2013 Awards and Scholarships

The NZIF Foundation will be calling for applications for the Chavasse Travel Award and for three student scholarships (polytech, undergraduate, postgraduate) shortly. Make sure you look out for the announcement and tell those who might be interested in applying.

## Buy books to help fund NZIF Foundation assistance to forestry education

Purchase of any of the following books will mean some funding for the NZIF Foundation – but only if you place orders as indicated below:

- **Fire in the Hills – A History of Rural Firefighting**, by Helen Beaglehole (Canterbury University Press). Price \$50, order from [admin@nzif.org.nz](mailto:admin@nzif.org.nz)
- **With Hillary at Scott Base, A Kiwi Among the Penguins**, written by Vern Gerard (Bateson Publishing Ltd). 150 pages full colour and black and white photographs, price \$30. Place orders with [bateson.publish@xtra.co.nz](mailto:bateson.publish@xtra.co.nz), phone (04) 385 9705, and mention the NZIF Foundation offer.

### Foundation enquiries:

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**Phone:** (04) 974 8421

**Website:** [NZIF Foundation](http://NZIF Foundation)

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## SUBMISSIONS

Murray Parrish ([murray.parrish@chh.com](mailto: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)

## RMA discussion paper released

The government has released a discussion paper setting out its proposals for improving NZ's resource management system. Submissions on the document close on **Tuesday 2 April 2013** and NZIF will be making a submission. Contact submissions convenor Murray Parrish ([murray.parrish@chh.com](mailto:murray.parrish@chh.com)) if you would like to help or if you have views on the discussion document that you feel are important. Key elements of the proposals include:

- clearer national direction and tools
- single, local resource management plans that address future environmental and development priorities and cover all local, regional and national issues
- replacing the range of planning documents we have today
- simpler, faster and fewer resource consents
- Māori interests and values to be considered earlier in resource management planning processes with solutions developed upfront
- comprehensive management of natural hazards in planning and consenting



- housing affordability addressed through explicit attention being paid to this issue in plans and changes to consenting arrangements to drive down their cost and improve their timeliness.

The government believes the package of proposals will produce a system that is easier to use, more predictable, and with less duplication and costs without undermining important environmental outcomes.

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## Freshwater reform

'Freshwater reform 2013 and beyond' proposes a series of reforms to support communities to make better decisions, plan, set objectives and limits for their water bodies, and then manage land and water use within those limits. The Government believes reform is needed to create more transparent, better targeted and better informed decisions on fresh water. Business and water users need certainty so they can plan and invest. This requires creating a standardised way of making decisions at every level. Good water management needs wide community buy-in by getting everyone around the table earlier in the planning and decision-making process. The deadline for comments is at **5:00 pm on Monday 8 April 2013**. More information is available at this link: <http://www.mfe.govt.nz/issues/water/freshwater/freshwater-reform-2013/index.html>. Public meetings to discuss both the water reforms and the Resource Management reforms are taking place around the country – details below.

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## Proposed options for the carry-over of Kyoto units under the ETS

The Ministry is seeking feedback on the application of the international carry-over rules within the NZ Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS). These rules place a restriction on the number of some types of units which can be carried over from the first Kyoto Protocol commitment period (CP1, 2008–2012) and be valid for surrender in the second Kyoto Protocol commitment period (CP2, 2013–2020). The closing date for submissions is at **5:00 pm on Friday 29 March 2013**. More information available at this website: <http://climatechange.govt.nz/consultation/ets/proposed-options-for-carry-over-units-ets-2013.html>

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## Delivery of NZ Standards

The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) is seeking feedback on proposals to enhance the delivery of Standards by New Zealand's national standards body (NSB). The proposals result from the 2012 Standards and Conformance Infrastructure Review carried out by officials from the former Ministry of Economic Development (now MBIE). The closing date for submissions is at **5:00 pm on Friday 26 April 2013**. More information available at this website: <http://www.med.govt.nz/about-us/proposals-to-enhance-of-the-delivery-of-standards-by-new-zealands-national-standards-body>

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## FSC International Generic Indicators

The First Draft of FSC's International Generic Indicators (FSC-STD-01-004) is open for submissions. These need to be made by **30 April 2013**. If you are interested in contribution to an NZIF submission, please contact Murray Parrish ([murray.parrish@chh.com](mailto:murray.parrish@chh.com)) as soon as possible. More information at <http://igi.fsc.org/index.htm>.

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## LOCAL SECTIONS

### CANTERBURY SECTION

#### Advance notice of May meeting

There will be a NZIF Canterbury section meeting on Thursday 9 May at the School of Forestry. 6:00 pm drinks and nibbles, 7:00 pm start. Our guest speaker is Dr Tara Murray. Watch this space for the topic closer to the time.

#### Durable Eucalypts for NZ Drylands workshop/field trip

Canterbury section members may be interested in the NZ Drylands workshop/field trip being run in Christchurch.

*Saturday 25 May 2013*

**9.50 am** Gather at School of Forestry, University of Canterbury.

**10.00am** Welcome and introduction. *Shaf van Ballekom, Chairman NZDFI (Proseed)*

**10.10am** Current markets for durable hardwood justify investment in planting new eucalypt forests. *Paul Millen, NZDFI Project Manager*

**10.30am** Breeding tomorrow's trees today – an overview of NZDFI's durable eucalypt breeding programme. *Luis Apiolaza, School of Forestry, UC*

**10.50am** Collecting the seed for a durable eucalypt tree breeding programme. *Shaf van Ballekom, Chairman NZDFI (Proseed)*

**11.10am** The adaptability and early growth of durable eucalypt species in NZ drylands. *Ruth McConnochie, NZDFI Tree Breeder*

**11.40am** Discussion

**12.00** Lunch (included in \$10 registration fee)

**1.00pm** Early screening of individuals for low growth-stress, high stiffness and physical characteristics. *Clemens Altaner, School of Forestry, UC*

Selection for improved heartwood and durability. *Justin Nijdam, Chemical & Process Engineering, UC*

Visit of laboratory. *Monika Sharma, School of Forestry, UC*

**2.00pm** Depart UC for Harewood Nursery (239 Sawyers Arms Road, 20 mins from UC and 10 mins from the airport) to view durable eucalypts for coppicing and wood quality research.

**3.00pm** Field day ends.

Please bring \$10 registration fee in cash to pay for lunch. Bring raincoat if wet weather. RSVP to [info@nzdfi.org.nz](mailto:info@nzdfi.org.nz)

## AUCKLAND SECTION

### The Auckland Council Unitary Plan – What's in it for Forestry?

**When:** 5:30 pm for a 6:00 pm start on Thursday 11 April 2013

**Where:** Rayonier, Level 5, 32-34 Mahuhu Crescent, Auckland City

The highly anticipated Unitary Plan for Auckland was released on Friday 15 March. It has taken and condensed the objectives, policies and rules from the more than 10 existing district and regional plans into one document. There has been much publicity around this 'rulebook' in relation to Auckland's future housing and the creation of the 'future urban zone', but not much else. So what's in it for forestry? What impact will it have on our ability



to plant or harvest? What do the earthworks rules look like?

Come along and hear what it means for forestry from one of Auckland Council's Principal Planners and those who have been involved in the industry consultation to date. This will be another great ASIF evening hosted by Rayonier and we look forward to seeing you there. If you plan to attend please RSVP to [chayne@zinslimoore.co.nz](mailto:chayne@zinslimoore.co.nz). This will ensure we get the catering right.

## HAWKES BAY SECTION

**Speaker:** Peter Roil, Managing Director of TimberFirst and Kanuka Engineered Wood Products Ltd  
**When:** 5:30 pm Tuesday 9 April 2013  
**Where:** The Kanuka EWP site at 18 Irongate Road, Hastings. Look for the Kanuka Engineered Wood Products Ltd sign between Donovan Firewood and Stephen's Transport (driveway to the back section). We meet at the office which is on the far side of the big manufacturing building.

Peter Roil established Kanuka in 1996 after 28 years as a builder, farmer, and more recently a forest developer and manager. Peter will show us around his manufacturing plant. We expect to be there for around 1.5 hours.

TimberFirst markets, designs and project manages the construction of timber buildings using laminated radiata pine beams produced by Kanuka Engineered Wood Products Ltd. The company builds anything from barn style homes to major industrial buildings. TimberFirst has just completed an 1100 square metre hangar at Hawke's Bay Airport to house the Napier Aero Club. The company has also built other aircraft hangars, a manufacturing building for Red Stag Timber in Rotorua and the Epic Centre in Christchurch.

Kanuka's factory won a timber design award for commercial engineering excellence in 2008 and an ACENZ merit award for an outstanding project in 2009, and is regarded as an industrial masterpiece for not using internal supports in the 60 metre long building. The laminated beam systems produced by Kanuka have an engineering capability of up to a 100 metre clear span.

Peter has always been a passionate advocate of timber, as he says: "Timber is great to work with, it's renewable and creates such a warm environment to live or work in. All we're doing here is taking a good natural product and turning it into a great natural product". Read more about his operation at [www.kanukaewp.co.nz](http://www.kanukaewp.co.nz)

Non-members welcome. No door charge. Hope to see you there. Nibbles will be available on arrival. Barry Keating, Secretary ([keating@xtra.co.nz](mailto:keating@xtra.co.nz))

## OTAGO-SOUTHLAND SECTION

### Forest Products Industry Meeting

**Venue:** The Rosebank Lodge, Balclutha  
**Date:** Thursday 18 April 2013  
**Time:** Refreshments at 5:30 pm, presentation at 6:00 pm

The Southern Wood Council (SWC) along with the local branches of the NZIF and the NZ Farm Forestry Association will be meeting in Balclutha for a drink, a dinner, plenty of networking and an entertaining (and informative) after-dinner presentation. What's planned? The Christchurch rebuild is now well underway. Wood, and rightly so, is taking on a much more prominent role in the design and construction of residential and commercial structures around the city. One of the major drivers to change has been the Structural Timber Innovation Company (STIC). It's a research consortium based in Christchurch. It has developed and commercialised a range of new structural building systems that's now enabling structural timber to compete more effectively in building and construction markets.

Innovative buildings using these systems have been popping up in Christchurch – and around the rest of the



country. Rob Finch, CEO of STIC, will be coming down to speak to the local industry. He will provide an eye-opening look into the new building systems, and the structures and buildings that have been constructed over the last year or so. Don't miss this opportunity. It's been a while since the industry met, so mark the date into your diary, talk amongst your office and get a carload of you through for a dinner, a natter and a presentation.

Email: [kerry.apthorp@innovatek.co.nz](mailto:kerry.apthorp@innovatek.co.nz) OR Fax: (03) 470 1906 with names, details of your attendance and payment method. Note: Registrations need to be received **BEFORE mid-day Wednesday 17 April**.

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## PACIFIC FORESTRY SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

### Solomon Islands to manage forests better for green growth



The Solomon Islands need to enforce the forest legislation and the code of harvesting practise to protect its valuable forest resources. This message was emphasised at the Solomon Islands Prime Minister's roundtable on "Development, Society and the Environment" held in Honiara from 4-6 March 2013. The roundtable, attended by more than 30 participants from various sectors and agencies, was convened to discuss Solomon Islands' efforts towards a green economy.

The gathering agreed on the need to develop a Green Growth Development Framework (GGDF) for the country and the establishment of a Green Economy Platform to guide the development process. The GGDF aims to promote sustainable resource management, strengthen resilience towards climate change and establish innovative partnerships between development entrepreneurs.

The green growth of the forestry sector is a contentious issue given that the current conventional logging practice is making the sector one of the highest contributors to Solomon Islands' gross domestic product. In addition, the country's biodiversity-rich forests are under threat from other major fiscal contributing sectors like mining.

Dr Wulf Killmann, Director of the SPC (Secretariat of the Pacific Community )/GIZ (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit) Coping with Climate Change in the Pacific Island Region programme and keynote presenter for the forestry session said that there is a need to balance social, economic and environmental needs to ensure that forests are managed sustainably. Whilst attaining this balance may be difficult, Dr Killmann said that this can be achieved through proper land use planning, active participatory processes in planning and decision-making, enforcement of supporting legislations and good governance in timber trade. The participation of the forest industry is necessary in all the above measures.

For the reforestation and recovery of cleared and degraded forest areas, Dr Killmann urged Solomon Islands to get some ideas from the Cost Rica Payment of Ecosystem Services (PES) approach that resulted in the country increasing forest cover from 21% in 1987 to 40% in 2000. The PES concept is where users pay for forest services. In Costa Rica this was through legislated tax, agreements with public institutions and private companies and public donations (for clean air travel, pure water etc). The funds helped provide loans for activities and projects on sustainable forest management, afforestation, reforestation and forest utilisation.

The outcomes of the Prime Minister's roundtable were presented at the Melanesian Spearhead Group (MSG) Environment and Climate Change Ministers meeting in Nadi on 8 March 2013. The ministers applauded the efforts of Solomon Islands and expressed enthusiasm for a similar GGDF and consultation process in their



country.

The Solomon Islands' Prime Minister's roundtable was supported by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), SPC and GIZ. For more information on this please contact Dr Wulf Killmann: [wulf.killmann@giz.de](mailto:wulf.killmann@giz.de) or Mia Rimon: [miar@spc.int](mailto:miar@spc.int).

## GIZ-supported Fijian climate change glossary valuable in explaining climate change



Every week the Language Unit of the Fiji Ministry of iTaukei (*indigenous Fijian*) Affairs goes on the national radio station for an hour to talk on the Fijian language and discuss cultural issues of the *iTaukei*. Since early this year, talks have largely centred on climate change. With the *iTaukei* Climate Change Glossary on hand, language experts eloquently explain climate change terms in the Fijian language. They select terms from the glossary, explain the meaning to *iTaukei* listeners, and then adeptly respond to callers needing elaboration.

In the past, this elaboration was a daunting task given the many technical and foreign terms associated with climate change issues. Though the Fijian language and prose is vivid and expressive, some climate change words are new introductions which the existing vocabulary could not precisely translate. Such words include 'carbon dioxide' and 'greenhouse gases'. The *iTaukei* Climate Change Glossary contains 59 climate change phrases and definitions that have been translated to the Fijian language. 'Carbon dioxide' is translated to '*kaboni dokosaiti*' (new phrase) and greenhouse gases is '*kasi rara*' – literally meaning 'gas with heat'.

The *iTaukei* Climate Change Glossary was developed in 2012 through an extensive stakeholder process involving Fijian language experts, educators, scientists, field practitioners, community facilitators, indigenous resource owners, government administrators and technical experts from different sectors and organisations. The SPC (Secretariat of the Pacific Community )/GIZ (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit) Coping with Climate Change in the Pacific Island Region programme (CCCP) supported the facilitation of these participatory consultations and provided technical advice and short workshop sessions on climate change issues.

The glossary was endorsed by Fiji Cabinet on 20 November 2012 and is the first of its kind in the Pacific. On its endorsement, the Fiji Prime Minister and Minister for iTaukei Affairs, Commodore Voreqe Bainimarama said that the glossary will serve as the official guiding document for the development of all Fijian learning material on climate change and related subjects.



The glossary was jointly launched by the Fiji Minister for Fisheries and Forests, Mr Inia Seruiratu and the GIZ Country Director (for Philippines and the Pacific), Mr Robert Kressirer in Suva on 23 November 2012. Mr Kressirer praised the wide consultative process taken to develop the glossary saying that the involvement of many professions and organisations would have been necessary to ensure that translation was both technically and linguistically correct and cogent. He said that GIZ was honoured to have played a role in the development of the first national vernacular climate change glossary in the Pacific Islands.

The task of explaining and understanding climate change terms with convoluted definitions is now not as daunting for *iTaukei* educators, trainers, community facilitators, communication officers, and the general *iTaukei* public.

The glossary can be downloaded from this [link](#).

For more information, please contact Christine Fung: [Christine.fung@giz.de](mailto:Christine.fung@giz.de).



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## STUDENT'S SECTION

### Schlich Memorial Prize winner

The School of Forestry has advised that Grant Pearse is the recipient of the Schlich Memorial Prize for the graduating class of 2012. The award is a certificate, a monetary prize and a one-year free Graduate Membership of NZIF. Background to the award is described in an article in the *New Zealand Journal of Forestry*, 50(1): 42-44 (2005), "Sir William Schlich Memorial Prize – what is the background to it?" by R O'Rielly and P McKelvey.

### Time to update your records

You should have received an email this week asking you to confirm whether or not you are still a student, or whether it is now time for you to move on to Graduate member. It is also time to update your records, especially if you have changed your address. The email had a guide to updating your records attached – please take the time to do this. It saves everyone in the long run. Email Jay at [admin@nzif.org.nz](mailto:admin@nzif.org.nz) if you need any help with this.

If you have graduated and moved on, we hope that you will retain your NZIF membership. It is important to maintain contact and membership with your professional association. For continuing students, keep an eye on the newsletter. The NZIF Foundation will be calling for applications for three student scholarships (polytech, university undergraduate, post-graduate) later this year, with the successful applicants to be announced at the Awards dinner at the NZIF Conference in New Plymouth on Monday 1 July.

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## PEOPLE NEWS

### Ian Nicholas

NZIF member Ian Nicholas died last Friday after a short illness. Ian had been an NZIF member since 1975. He will be well known to many members as a champion of alternative species and for trees on farms. He was a scientist at FRI/Scion until a few years ago, when he branched out on his own. Ian and his knowledge and enthusiasm will be hard to replace.

Ian's funeral was held in Rotorua on Tuesday 26 March. Messages can be sent to the Nicholas Family, C/- PO Box 553, Rotorua 3010.

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The NZIF has no view on the service or product sought or advertised. Follow up any item directly with the advertiser, not with the NZIF. A charge may be imposed, depending on the nature of the advertisement. If you respond to an advertiser, tell them that you saw it in the NZIF newsletter. To advertise in the newsletter contact the NZIF Administrator, [admin@nzif.org.nz](mailto:admin@nzif.org.nz), ph (04) 974 8421.



### Sawmill Tender – Clyde Holdings Limited (in Receivership)

Clyde Holdings Limited was a modern sawmilling business based south of Gisborne, in Wairoa. In late 2012 the company was placed into Receivership. Turners Auctions has been appointed by the Receiver to assist with the disposal of all the sawmilling assets and equipment. They are running a public tender of all the key assets which be run alongside the real estate tender for the land and buildings and closes on the date of 4 April 2013.

Turners are tendering the full sawmill operation from initial debarking line through the main saw area, resaw area, sorting area and a planning room. It includes all fixed plant, sawdust extraction, wood chipper, storage hoppers, conveyor belts and material handling equipment including forklifts and loaders. There is also a very well-equipped saw shop.

Non-fixed assets will be auctioned in mid-April 2013. Viewing will be onsite on Wednesday 27 March and Wednesday 3 April with the tender closing at 5:00 pm on **4 April 2013**. Contact [Brian Taylor](#) on [027 447 0107](tel:0274470107) or [Jason Tredgett](#) on [027 255 1527](tel:0272551527) for details.



## JOB VACANCY WEBSITES

Science jobs

[fusionz.rsnz.org/](http://fusionz.rsnz.org/)

MAF

[careers.haines.co.nz/MAF/Pages/Vacancies.aspx](http://careers.haines.co.nz/MAF/Pages/Vacancies.aspx)

NZ conservation jobs

[www.conjobs.co.nz/index.php](http://www.conjobs.co.nz/index.php)

Department of Conservation

[www.doc.govt.nz/about-doc/jobs-at-doc/current-vacancies/](http://www.doc.govt.nz/about-doc/jobs-at-doc/current-vacancies/)



Australian Government

[jobsearch.gov.au/Login/Login.aspx?WHCode=0](http://jobsearch.gov.au/Login/Login.aspx?WHCode=0)

Australia Department of Agriculture  
Fisheries & Forestry

[www.daff.gov.au/about/jobs](http://www.daff.gov.au/about/jobs)

## Portuguese forester seeks work

I have recently read some information about the NZIF, so I would like to use this opportunity to present myself to you. A native Portuguese speaker, I am experienced in planning and management of forests, resource management and coordination of regional and national projects with a high level competency in the leadership and training of forest field teams and planning of forest works (from planting to harvesting). I attained a Bachelor's degree in Forestry Science Engineering (Level 7 assessed by the NZ Qualifications Authority) and finished the coursework of the Masters in Natural Resources Management at the Technical University of Lisbon, Portugal. For more than 10 years I essentially worked in the forest business, leading and managing multidisciplinary teams and with it achieving my best performance.

Before my arrival in NZ I was employed as Project Manager at DNatech LDA, working and developing a new business opportunity in forest disease detection and analysis. My tasks included the business plan and commercial strategy (budget design, accountability and control procedures). Whilst in this role, I also implemented a GIS solution for the operational area (Logistics and Transportation). The diverse experiences gained during my career lead to my employment as the liaison person with the Portuguese Government during 2009-2011 in Forestry Consultancy. In 2011, to acquire a different approach coming from the outside, I went to California in the US to work in the Geography Department of the San Diego State University. Here I had the opportunity to develop and discuss a technical report revising a US Forest Service website.

It is my belief that with my experience I can add great value to a Kiwi organisation and that working in NZ would be a great opportunity and challenge for me. I would welcome the opportunity to know more about the forestry activity in NZ. I look forward to hearing from you. *Diogo D'Ajuda* ([diogo.ajuda@yahoo.com](mailto:diogo.ajuda@yahoo.com))

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## PUBLICATIONS / MEDIA / NOTICE

### WOOD SMART – ALL ABOUT HERE AND NOW

The Wood Council of NZ, through its promotional arm NZ Wood, has coordinated a who's who of NZ timber technology experts to bring the first Wood Smart Construction Series: Commercial Sector (Wood Smart) to Christchurch on 10 April 2013. Wood Smart will provide property owners /asset manager's engineers, architects and quantity surveyors with the knowledge they need to confidently seek a wood first outcome for their commercial buildings.

According to NZ Wood CEO, Jane Arnott, the focus on 'here and now', seeks to overcome concerns that timber technology in respect of post tensioned multi-storey timber buildings and large clearspan portals are either 'too new' or simply 'not possible'. She says, "Commercialising innovation always takes time, but with an accelerated rebuild in Christchurch, world-beating technology and a value-added product at our finger tips, our sector needed to broaden its reach and focus on education. The seminar will be of value to anyone contemplating wood first construction – with added relevance for building owners and developers".

This realisation that education was necessary was supported by the sponsors: Building Research Authority of New Zealand (BRANZ), Ministry for Primary Industries and the Earthquake Commission. As Dr Hugh Cowan,



EQC's General Manager of Reinsurance, Research and Education stated, "There is a lack of consistent, quality information in the marketplace about engineered timber and the wide range of potential benefits it offers to construction in New Zealand".

Wood Smart will ensure that attendees have practical information about product innovation, building system innovation and detailed reviews of buildings that utilise post and beam and post tensioned timber and engineered timber shear walls. The Wood Smart Seminar Series is being held at Addington Raceway on **10 April 2013**. More information can be found on the NZ Wood [website](#). Registration is \$50.00.

## FOREST AND WOOD INDUSTRY SEEKS TO REWARD TOP PERFORMERS



The 2013 Forest and Wood Industry National Training Awards programme start their search this week for the industry's top performers. The best trainees/apprentices and companies in the forest, furniture and wood manufacturing industry can be nominated for the annual awards through a nomination process which will culminate in the top finalist being selected for each award. Companies have until 31 May to submit a nomination form for their most talented apprentices/trainees for the award, which include in each sector Modern Apprentice of the Year, Trainee of the Year and Training Company of the Year. The nomination form, eligibility and criteria are available at <http://www.fitec.org.nz/awards/>

## RESIDUES TO REVENUES 2013 AND CLEANTECH EXPO



We are delighted to offer NZIF members a 10% discount off all advertised rates to attend this event, excluding the dinner by calling me directly on (07) 921 1384. Alternatively if any members, their colleagues and partners from the Auckland area and surrounds would like to attend the dinner only (at 6:00 pm prompt on Wednesday 10 April) they would be more than welcome without registering to attend the full conference. This would be \$80+GST per person, again by calling me directly on this number. The after dinner presenter is TV personality Te Radar, who has a keen interest in the use of wood residues and bioenergy and who is sure to be entertaining, captivating and will deliver a few laughs. This is an ideal opportunity for you, your colleagues, members and partners to relax, mingle and network with your industry peers with great entertainment along the way. For more information, including about booking, see this: [www.woodresidueevents.com](http://www.woodresidueevents.com). Gordon Thomson, FIEA ([innovatek@clear.net.nz](mailto:innovatek@clear.net.nz))

## VOTING IS OPEN NOW IN THE FOREST GROWERS LEVY REFERENDUM

**You are strongly recommended to VOTE in the Plantation Forest Referendum**

The world of forestry is changing rapidly. To make our forests more profitable and better protect them from bio-security threats, owners of all forests and woodlots need to be working together. For the first time ever, all forest owners are being given the chance to create a fairer, more cohesive and more profitable industry.



Polls in the Forest Voice referendum opened on the 1 March, and will remain open until 29 March.

- To vote, you need to request a ballot pack, or visit the voting section of the ForestVoice website where you can download the pack and vote: <http://www.forestvoice.org.nz/votingopen.aspx>.
- **Those who have already voted have noted how quick and easy the voting process is, particularly the electronic voting option.**

If you do not have internet access you can request the ballot pack by contacting:

Olivia Jones  
Project Manager  
Forest Voice Referendum  
Research New Zealand  
Free phone: 0800 500 168  
Free fax: 0800 284 028  
[olivia.jones@researchnz.com](mailto:olivia.jones@researchnz.com)

**Voting closes 29 March and the electronic voting option will cease at 5:00 pm.**

Votes posted in will need to be postmarked no later than Thursday 28 March (it will be impossible to get mail postmarked on the 29 March as this is Good Friday. Votes postmarked later than the 29th will be invalid). For more information visit <http://www.forestvoice.org.nz/index.html> or contact Glen Mackie, 027 445 0116.

## MPI NEWS

### Ukraine Forestry ICPR

To exporters of forest products: Ukraine's import phytosanitary requirements for forest products from New Zealand have now been added to the MPI website. The ICPR is available at this address: <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/exports/forests/standards/ukraine.htm>. If you need any further clarification please contact your Independent Verification Agency in the first instance. Please also remember to refresh the browser when you open the ICPR from the MPI website. *Plant Exports Team* ([plantexports@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:plantexports@mpi.govt.nz))

## MOBILETECH SUMMIT 2013



7-8 August 2013, James Cook Hotel, Wellington

Welcome to this brand new event, MobileTECH Summit 2013 – the future of primary industries. MobileTECH Summit 2013 is not just another high technology gadget show. This new event is designed to showcase current and upcoming mobile innovations best suited to New Zealand's principal food and fibre sectors. The very best ideas and future applications of innovative tools – new and emerging technologies that can be adopted now, whether it's on the farm, in the greenhouse or out in the forest, will be profiled at this year's summit.

The objective of MobileTECH Summit 2013 is to provide new tools, ideas, case studies and contacts for mobile



communications to grow future productivity and profits. MobileTECH Summit 2013 will bring together leaders of this country's primary industries with the experts and visionaries of the mobile technology world.

Packed with presentations, demonstrations and panel discussions, this event will leave you inspired and excited about where mobile technologies are being used, how they can be integrated within your own business and what the opportunities are open to you in the near future. More information is available at this website: <http://www.mobiletechevents.com/index>.

## CODE OF PRACTICE FOR SAFETY & HEALTH IN FORESTRY OPERATIONS

MBIE has recently release of the updated Approved Code of Practice for Safety & Health in Forestry Operations. The new code contains some key changes and as such the launch meetings are an opportunity to hear about these changes and how requirements will be enforced by MBIE inspectors. The discussion includes setting out their expectations of forest owners, log traders, forestry contractors and their employees. Hopefully interested members can make it along to a local venue (see below for remaining events). *Wayne Dempster, Rayonier NZ / Matariki Forests*

Where	Forest Owner	When	Venue	Contact Person
Invercargill	Southern Wood Council	Wed 3 April 4.00pm	Working Men's Club	Steve Chandler 03 211 1272 <a href="mailto:steve.chandler@rayonier.com">steve.chandler@rayonier.com</a> 0274 635 119 Don Ramsay <a href="mailto:info@isafety.co.nz">info@isafety.co.nz</a>

## FORESTRY INSURANCE

The NZIF insurance broker, Crombie Lockwood has advised that NZI will not be offering renewal of what they call "Intermediated Forestry Policies". In essence this means that any policy arranged through an agent, broker or consultant will be abandoned by NZI, regardless of any other connections or the historical profitability of the business. We suggest that those with forestry cover check the situation with their brokers. If interested you could also contact Debbie Fraser ([Debbie.Fraser@crombielockwood.co.nz](mailto:Debbie.Fraser@crombielockwood.co.nz)) at Crombie Lockwood.

## DROUGHT AND THE INCREASED RISK OF FIRE – INSURANCE ISSUES

NZIF Insurance Broker Crombie Lockwood Risk Partners has also sent the following information:

It has always been difficult to insure against the direct effects of drought. But one area where it has not been so difficult to insure is in respect of fire and this risk can affect forest owners and managers in three very different areas of insurable risk:

1. The first and most obvious is the direct risk of fire damage to the trees. Fire insurance for standing timber has been readily available for many years and it continues to be available even in drought conditions.
2. Secondly the risk of damage to the property of others caused by fire spread from your forest, public liability insurance, and again this is and has been readily available.
3. The third area of risk is the levy which might be payable within the framework of the Forest & Rural Fires Act 1977. This particular piece of legislation is based on a principle of law, which is fundamentally "guilty until proven innocent".
  - a. In a nutshell, a forest owner is liable for the costs of fighting a fire that spreads to a neighbouring property,



unless it can be proven that their actions did not give rise to the fire.

- b. The forest owner will also be liable for the costs of containing and controlling the fire on their own property.
- c. Forest and Rural Fires Act cover is also readily available but forest owners should beware of policies that grant this cover for relatively small amounts of cover. It is not uncommon to see policies with cover of \$250,000. Frankly, if your forest is in a remote area or adjacent to other forests, you should check and consider very carefully the adequacy of your cover. Recent fires have seen F&RFA levies of as much as \$1 million being imposed on forest owners.

*Insurance policy conditions:* insurance policies are legally binding contracts and like any other contracts you might sign there are certain terms and conditions that must be complied with. Most importantly is the implied or written condition that the owner and/or manager of the forest must exercise all due care in the management of the risk. In times of extreme drought this condition takes a higher priority insofar as fire risks are concerned. If you are employing contractors in your forest it is incumbent upon you to remind them of the extra care needed and to ensure that they have proper controls and emergency practices in place. If your land-based firefighting capabilities are dependent upon natural water sources, and water levels are seriously low, it may even pay to consider postponing work until water levels and ground conditions improve. A breach of insurance policy conditions may lead to any claim being denied.

There are no hard and fast rules other than to take maximum care and to ensure the safety and security of the forest. If this means excluding public access, and limiting the use of equipment and machinery or accessing extra safety and security measures, it is probably a reasonable price to pay for the added safety and security of your forest and the insurance. For more information please contact: [Debbie.fraser@crombielockwood.co.nz](mailto:Debbie.fraser@crombielockwood.co.nz)

## FROM OUR UK COLLEAGUES

The Institute of Chartered Foresters (UK) is holding its annual conference in Glasgow on **1-2 May 2013**. The theme is *Woodlands and the Green Economy: Capitalising on Ecosystem Services*. More information on the conference [website](#).

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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.

### April 2013

Sun 7 – Thur 11	Institute of Foresters of Australia National Conference, <a href="http://www.forestryconference.org.au">www.forestryconference.org.au</a>
Wed 10	Wood Smart seminar, Christchurch, see NZ Wood <a href="#">website</a>
Thur 11	Auckland section meeting, <a href="mailto:chayne@zinslimoore.co.nz">chayne@zinslimoore.co.nz</a>
Tue 9	Hawkes Bay section, <a href="mailto:keating@xtra.co.nz">keating@xtra.co.nz</a>
Wed 19 – Thur 11	Residues to Revenues 2013 and CleanTECH Expo, <a href="http://www.woodresidueevents.com">www.woodresidueevents.com</a>
Sat 20 – Tue 23	NZFFA AGM and National Conference, <a href="http://www.nzffa.org.nz/conference">www.nzffa.org.nz/conference</a>
Fri 26 – Sat 27	Trees for Bees Conference, <a href="http://www.eastwoodhill.org.nz">www.eastwoodhill.org.nz</a>

### May 2013

Wed 1 – Thur 2	Institute of Chartered Foresters Conference, Glasgow, see their <a href="#">website</a>
Thur 9	Canterbury section May meeting, <a href="mailto:yannina.whiteley@xtra.co.nz">yannina.whiteley@xtra.co.nz</a>
Thur 16 – Tue 21	Third International Congress on Planted Forests, <a href="http://www.efiatlantic.efi.int/portal/events/2013_icpf">http://www.efiatlantic.efi.int/portal/events/2013_icpf</a>
Sat 25	Durable Eucalypts for NZ Drylands workshop/field trip, <a href="mailto:info@nzdfi.org.nz">info@nzdfi.org.nz</a>

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## June-July 2013

Tue 4 – Wed 4

Climate change conference, Palmerston North, [www.nzcccconference.org](http://www.nzcccconference.org)

Jun

Sun 30 Jun – Wed

NZIF AGM and Conference, New Plymouth

3 July

Thur 4 – Fri 5 July

Biochar Workshop 2013, [L.M.Lowe@massey.ac.nz](mailto:L.M.Lowe@massey.ac.nz)

## August 2013

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MobileTech Summit, Wellington. <http://www.mobiletechevents.com/index>

## October 2013

Tue 15 – Fri 18

Forest sector modelling conference – Norway, [fsm2013@umb.no](mailto:fsm2013@umb.no)

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