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PRESIDENT'S COMMENT

Andrew McEwen FNZIF
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VOTING CLOSES AT 5:00 PM TODAY
NOT MUCH TIME LEFT TO PLAY YOUR PART

Have you voted yet?

While more members have voted this week, we are still well below the proportion of members that have voted in the last two NZIF elections and even further below turnouts for local body and parliamentary elections.

If you have not yet voted – please do so and please do it now. Voting closes at 5:00 pm.

If you do have a problem, contact Jay (admin@nzif.org.nz, ph (04) 974 8421) to get it sorted – but if you leave that until 4:59 pm this afternoon you will be too late.

Time to pay your subs

Members have received their invoices (and we are grateful to all those that have already paid). It really assists us if you can get all that once a year stuff out of the way as quickly as possible including:

- Paying your subs;
- Registered Members completing requirements for their annual practicing certificate (cpd records, reaffirmation of code of ethics and payment) – remember, if you haven't completed this by the end of April your registration may be suspended;
- Student Members and on hold members sorting out their status for the new financial year;
- For Graduate Members with five years of experience it is time to think about applying for registration or to advance to (full) Member;
- Associate Members might consider advancing to (full) Member
- Members should definitely consider applying for registration to show they are true forestry professionals.

Apologies for problems with credit card payments

I apologise for some problems with credit card payments through the website this week (both annual subs and bookings for the workshops). The BNZ chose the month we put out our annual invoices as the time they made it mandatory for you to enter the three-digit security code on the back of the card. Cyberglobe, our website/database providers, were also caught on the hop and have been trying to get the payment system to comply with the bank's requirements at the same time as NZIF members have been trying to make payments. Inevitably some have been frustrated. Fingers crossed, most things have been resolved.

But one problem hasn't. If you are sending your credit card details to Jay to process the payment for you, she also needs the security number – and we didn't have the advance warning to put it on the invoices you received. So please let her know what it is.

Who is your NZIF 2012 Forester of the Year?

Who is your NZIF hero for this year? Why not nominate him/her for the NZIF 2012 Forester of the Year? But you must have the nomination in by 5:00 pm on Friday 4 May.

[Click here](#) for more information and a nomination form.

Who has achieved eminence in NZ forestry?

This is the time of year when NZIF members can nominate those they assess as having “achieved eminence in forestry” to be considered for election as a NZIF Fellow. Are there members that pass this test for you? Then why not organise a nomination form for them – just make sure you submit it by 5:00 pm on Friday 4 May, so it can be assessed by Council for submission to the AGM.

[Click here](#) for more information and a nomination form.

NZIF workshops

Six NZIF workshops have been scheduled as follows:

Date	Location	Time	Venue
Wed 18 April	Auckland	9:00am – 4:00pm	USR Meeting Room, 13-15 College Hill, Auckland.
Thurs 19 April	Rotorua	9:00am – 4:00pm	Waiariki Institute of Technology, Waipa Campus, Waipa Mill Bypass Road, Rotorua
Mon 23 April	Wellington	9:00am – 4:00pm	Forest Wood Centre, 9th Floor, 93 The Terrace, Wellington
Thurs 3 May	Balclutha	10:00am – 5:00pm	Telford Ploytechnic Meeting Room, 498 Owaka Highway, Balclutha
Fri 4 May	Christchurch	9:30am – 4:30pm	Canterbury University, School of Forestry Meeting Room, 20 Kirkwood Ave, Ilam, Christchurch

The workshops will be dealing with matters such as:

- Implications of provisions in the Real Estate Agents Act for forestry professionals. What NZIF has already done, what are further options etc. May also have comments about the implications of the Financial Advisers legislation on forestry professionals;
- An update on trends, strategies and the need for managing business risk through the acquisition of business and/or personal professional indemnity insurance;
- Some legal implications for those who provide client advice on all aspects of the Emissions Trading scheme;
- Where the NZIF is going, options for the registration scheme etc.

These workshops have relevance to all forestry professionals, not just Registered Members, and I urge you to attend. Bookings can be made through the NZIF website [click here](#).

Note that the workshops are only for NZIF members. If you are aware of any non-member interested in attending, better help them get signed up as a member so they can attend.

It would be appreciated if those wanting to attend sign up as soon as possible. NZIF reserves the right to cancel a workshop if there is insufficient interest.

NZIF conference

You should have received a conference newsletter this week and a link to the full conference brochure. Make sure you look at this and then register for this “must attend” conference. Don’t forget to book some accommodation as well. Remember beds are not as plentiful in Christchurch as they once were, so if you want somewhere to sleep that’s not too far from the venue, better get in early. Registrations are increasing each week.

Foundation Travel Award and Student Scholarships

The NZIF Foundation has called for applications for the Chavasse Travel Award and three Student Scholarships. Applications close on Friday 4 May. Please publicise these opportunities, which are not restricted to NZIF members.

Registered Members increase again

Really good to see an increase of four in the number of Registered Members, bringing to total up to 90. We are now half-way back to the 2001 high of 106 after dropping to a low of 73 in 2009. Wouldn't it be great to exceed the previous record by the end of the next 12 months? What will you do to help us achieve this target?

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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.)

More on Australian illegal logging legislation

Grant Rosoman MNZIF, Canterbury

I appreciate the full responses from the President, Paul Stocks from MAF and Jon Tanner from WPA in last week's Newsletter. There are at least a number of things we agree on: the issue is important, the regulations are going to take some careful work to ensure the work as intended, NZ should be considered low risk, and import regulations should go hand-in-hand with forestry sector aid. Are concerns around what will be detailed and defined in the regulations sufficient to prevent the bill moving ahead – I don't think so. The Australian government is actually trying to do the right thing here and take some concrete action on the issue in contrast to the NZ government's wait and see attitude. Unfortunately the remaining forests of Asia-Pacific cannot wait and see – they are disappearing fast. But then it is way easier to find fault in something that has been put up for debate than constructively create a solution on what cost effective legality verification could look like in NZ.

Australian and NZ aid programmes have failed miserably to bring under control the illegal industrial logging sector in PNG and Solomon Islands over the last 25 years, while equally failing to support the small-scale harvesting sector as an alternative. How much forestry aid does NZ currently give to PNG, Solomon Islands, Fiji and Indonesia to address illegal logging? I would hazard a guess of virtually none. We have been urging aid funding towards certification for many years, but to little avail. However, linking market access with minimum legal performance gives the right incentive for change if a package of support goes with it focused on credible legality standards and third party systems to assess them, as well as technical support to achieve the standards.

A few years ago the Indonesian Environment Minister at a FLEGT Asia meeting called on consumer countries to help Indonesia tackle illegal logging by not importing illegal wood. Indonesia is rapidly developing its own mandatory legality verification scheme with financial support from the UK and EU with the aim of being compliant with the EU regulations when they come into force in 2013 (a VPA does not guarantee acceptance as legal as Andrew McEwen wrote). While they have a long way to go, at least they are seeking the market credentials. To expect in the 21st century to have market access as of right with no credentials is to use the cliché 'soo last century'. How can we expect Indonesia or PNG to do it if we unwilling to do it here in NZ? This country has a mere handful of laws to deal with unlike the around 900 laws and regulations that relate to forestry in Indonesia. We have virtually no corruption. There are entities that could credibly and quickly develop a legality standard such as the Standards Working Group that developed the FSC national standard (as a module of the national standard) or Environmental Choice. For those not FSC certified, taking a collective approach to demonstrating compliance especially for small growers or processors, much of it covered by RMA compliance, will substantially reduce costs.

Finally on the report commissioned by MAF on the costs and trade distortions of illegal logging, it can be found at: <http://maxa.maf.govt.nz/forestry/illegal-logging/trade-distortion-implications/executive-summary.htm>.

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NZIF 2012 Conference

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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 and newsletter

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.

Members should also have received a conference newsletter this week. It introduced another international speaker, Jose Pablo Jordan, a Chilean forest engineer involved with new product development at the largest wood products company in Chile (CMPC). This is a role that includes coordinating research and development activities between the forest growing and sawmilling divisions of the company.

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.

Conference registrations rising

Registrations for the conference continue to arrive. 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. You need to book early to secure a place to sleep.

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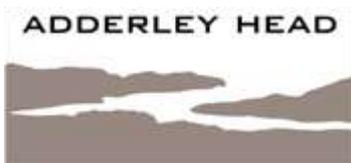
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NZIF BUSINESS

From the Registrar

Five-yearly review notice

The current procedures for Registered Members require placement of a notice in the NZIF Newsletter informing NZIF members of those Registered Members whose registration status is to be reviewed during the year. The following Registered Members have their review due in the 2012/13 year:

Vern Harris, John Schrider, Anthony Watt, Piers Maclaren, Peter Wilks, Garth Cumberland, James Barton, Paul Molloy, Jon Dey, Robert Pocknall, Robin Webster, Brett Gilmore, Jeff Schnell, Julian Kohn and Branislav Zoric.

The review process as approved by Council allows any member of the Institute the right to object to the continuation of a member's registration. Any objection should be made by lodging a notice with the Registrar within 20 working days of this first appearance (30 March 2012) of the notice in the Newsletter, specifying the grounds of the objection.

Registration Board meeting news

At its recent meeting the Registration Board:

1. Approved the registration of David Evison and Mortimer Shepherd with recognition as having general skills (Article 122.1).
2. Approved the registration of Mark Morice as having specialist skills in forest land and carbon value and land rental appraisal (but without general skills in forestry (article 122.3)).
3. Recommended continuance of Registered Membership of Bryan McKinlay and Clayton Wallwork.

The Board has also approved the re-registration of Paul Silcock after a period when his NZIF membership was on hold.

Annual requirements

All Registered Members will have received their 2012/13 invoice and instructions re complying with the annual requirements. All three matters have to be completed by 30 April 2012 to meet the requirements of the articles. Please attend to this promptly.

Nominations for NZIF Fellows

To be made a Fellow of the NZIF is the highest honour that the Institute can bestow on a member. It is recognition of eminence in the profession of forestry by the member's peers. Accordingly it is not lightly bestowed and the number of Fellows at any one time is likely to be relatively small. There are currently 44 Fellows of the NZIF. A list can be found on the website [here](#). Potential candidates for Fellow:

- Must be a Registered or Full Member at the time of nomination and must have been such a Member for at least five years prior to the nomination;
- Must have had at least 15 years' experience in some branch of forestry (which can include practice, administration, teaching or research) – at least five years of that experience must have been in NZ;
- Must be nominated by two Members who must themselves be Honorary, Registered or Full Members of the NZIF.

Nominations are submitted to the NZIF Council. The nominations will be considered by the Council with the assistance of the Fellows' Committee and will determine which, if any, nominations will be placed before the NZIF AGM. Recognition of a Fellow requires a majority vote in favour of the candidate from the Honorary, Registered and Full Members present at the AGM.

The Council is now calling for nominations for consideration for recognition as Fellows of the NZIF at the 2012 AGM to be held in Christchurch on Sunday 1 July 2012. Nominations must include:

- The name and contact details of the nominee;
- The names and contact details of the two nominators;
- A statement from the nominators setting out the reasons why the nominee is worthy of recognition as a Fellow of the NZIFA curriculum vitae of the nominee;
- The nominee's consent to the nomination;
- References from two current or former employees or colleagues of some standing, which manifest the nominee's allegiance to the Institute's Code of Ethics.

Please take the time to consider those NZIF members who you believe are suitable to be recognised as Fellows and then take steps to nominate them. A nomination form is available on the NZIF website ([here](#)). Please also direct any queries about nominations for Fellows to the NZIF Secretary, James Treadwell (secretary@nzif.org.nz). Nominations must be submitted in writing to the NZIF Secretary, PO Box 10-513, The Terrace, Wellington 6143, or email to admin@nzif.org.nz no later than 5:00 pm on **Friday 4 May 2012**.

Call for nominations for NZIF 2012 Forester of the Year

The NZIF Forester of the Year Award is one of the highest accolades the Institute can bestow. It recognises an NZIF Member who has made an outstanding contribution to either the forestry profession, or the forestry sector. The award recognises leadership, excellence and personal integrity, particularly where this demonstrates the character and strength of the forestry profession.

The awardee receives a certificate and the Forester of the Year carving, which they hold for one year. The award will be announced during the NZIF Awards Dinner at the NZIF Conference in Christchurch on Monday 2 July 2012.

Criteria:

- a) Open to any nominated NZIF Member who has achieved at least Member status;
- b) Consideration will be given to the nominee's:
 - contribution to NZ's economic, social and environmental development, the use of innovation and new technologies, or the creation of a new product or business of significance to forestry;
 - professional and academic achievements, broad community involvement, cultural and other achievements;
 - contribution to NZIF;
- c) Desirable attributes of the nominees for this award include:
 - Publicising or promoting the interests of the profession and forestry sector;
 - Upholding the Institute's code of ethics and contribution to the profession's expertise and experience;
 - Disseminating technical information within the profession;
 - Encouraging young people to enter the profession and actively participate in Institute affairs.

Conditions of nomination

- a) Nominations must be on the NZIF Forester of the Year nomination form

- b) Nominees must be at least (full) Members of NZIF.
- c) The judges have the discretion not to bestow the award should the required standard not be reached or criteria not adequately met.
- d) The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- e) Nominations for must be received by **5:00 pm on Friday 4 May 2012**.

Nomination forms available on the NZIF website [here](#).

Invoices and confirmation of membership status

Invoices for the NZIF financial year beginning 1 March 2012 have been emailed or posted to members. Registered Members have received details of the additional information they need to supply in order to maintain their registration. Student Members and members on hold have been asked to confirm their status for the 2012/13 year. Please attend to these matters by the due date of **30 April 2012**. If you haven't received anything, or you have any questions, please contact the Administrator (email admin@nzif.org.nz, phone (04) 974 8421).

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.

NZIF member workshops

Several NZIF workshops have been scheduled for April-May 2012 – Auckland (18 April), Rotorua (19 April), Wellington (23 April), Balclutha (3 May) and Christchurch (4 May). The workshops are open to any NZIF member.

The main purpose of the workshops is to update members on the Real Estate Agents Act 2008. Registered Members have been made aware of the legal opinion prepared by Simpson Grierson and the workshop will provide further updates on this legislation. It will also provide members with an opportunity to question and discuss the implications of the Act with Simpson Grierson solicitors and explore a range of options for members individually, or as a group, to manage the inherent risks this legislation has created. For those Registered Members who have not reviewed the document yet, it is highly recommended that you contact Jay (admin@nzif.org.nz) now to request access to the document.

The workshops will include sessions on:

- An update on trends, strategies and the need for managing business risk through the acquisition of business and/or personal professional indemnity insurance (PI Insurance Presenter);
- Legal implications for members who provide client advice on all aspects of the Emissions Trading scheme (MAF Presenter).

There will also be a discussion with attendees to solicit thoughts on the NZIF registration scheme, administrative matters relating to the online management of the scheme, and any other issues that may be relevant to members.

Further details available on the NZIF website ([click here](#)). Online booking is available and early booking would be appreciated. If there are insufficient bookings, some workshops may have to be cancelled.

Contact John Schrider john@forme.co.nz, (04) 232 7155 (5) or 027 446 9296, if you have any suggestions for other topics you would like to see included.

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NZIF FOUNDATION

Background to Foundation

The NZIF Foundation was established by the NZ Institute of Forestry in December 2011 to advance 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.

In the Trust Deed, “forestry” has been given a broad definition – “Forestry includes all those activities involved in the management and use of forests and their products, the objects of which are the production of wood or other forest benefits and the maintenance of the environment in its most beneficial form”. In determining this definition, the NZIF Council wanted to ensure that the Foundation could operate across the full spectrum of forests and forestry in NZ – both production and for other purposes. The initial Trustees, who are appointed by the NZIF Council, are: Andrew McEwen, President NZIF (Chair), James Treadwell, NZIF (Secretary), and David Evison (NZIF Councillor).

The NZIF Council has agreed to make a donation to the Foundation of \$85,000, which are the funds previously held by NZIF for awards and scholarships. The NZIF Council has also agreed that it will provide administration service for the Foundation, at no cost. For NZIF this is a very significant investment into the future of forests and forestry in NZ, which NZIF hopes will appeal to (and be matched by others).

The Trustees will need to increase the capital of the Foundation if they are to be able to realise the objective of significant support to forestry education in NZ. To assist in fund raising, the Trustees applied to the Charities Commission in December 2011 for registration as a Charitable Trust. If granted, donations by individuals to the Trust Fund will be eligible for tax rebates while donations by companies and other entities are regarded as tax-deductible expenses. The Commission was still processing the application in mid-March 2012. Once it has achieved charitable status, the Trustees intend to commence seeking donations to the fund.

The NZIF Council requested that the Foundation continue, in 2012, with the three Student Scholarships (Polytechnic Institute, University Undergraduate and Postgraduate) and the Chavasse Travel Award, previously made available by NZIF. NZIF will continue to make the Kirk and Forester of the Year awards which are the highest NZIF awards (neither of which carries a monetary prize).

The Trustees will also be exploring ideas for expanding the range of opportunities for scholarships, awards etc, that it might be able to make when sufficient funds become available. They are interested in receiving suggestions for particular awards or scholarships or other initiatives that you would like to see being offered by the NZIF Foundation.

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).

Awards being offered in 2012

The NZIF Foundation is offering the following awards in 2012:

- Chavasse Travel Award of up to \$3,500;
- Mary Sutherland Scholarship of \$1,000 – available to students enrolled for a forestry or forestry-related course at a NZ Polytechnic;
- University Undergraduate Scholarship of \$1,000 – available to students enrolled for a forestry or forestry-

related degree at a NZ University);

- Frank Hutchinson Postgraduate scholarship of \$1,000 – available to postgraduate students enrolled for a forestry or forestry-related postgraduate degree at a NZ University.

Chavasse Travel Award

The NZIF Foundation Chavasse Travel Award is open to any person interested or employed in NZ forestry to enable:

- The applicant to travel overseas in order to increase their and the forestry sector's experience and knowledge; or
- The applicant to assist an overseas person to travel to and within NZ for the purpose of making presentations on forestry topics to NZ audiences.

The award recognises forestry excellence and personal integrity, and aims to reward the clear dissemination and presentation of results.

Student Scholarships

The Student Scholarships are open to all forestry students enrolled for a forestry or forestry-related degree or diploma at a NZ tertiary institution. They recognise excellence at the student level and reward innovation and entrepreneurial potential.

Applications for the Chavasse Award and the Student Scholarships are now open. They close at **5:00 pm on Friday 4 May 2012** and it is expected that awards will be presented to successful applicants at the Awards Dinner of the NZIF Conference in Christchurch of Monday 2 July 2012.

Application forms for the award and scholarships can be obtained from the NZIF Foundation web page ([click here](#)) or from foundation@nzif.org.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).

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LOCAL SECTIONS

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PACIFIC FORESTRY SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

Publications on Pacific Island forests

Noted in a recent publications catalogue from the USDA Pacific Northwest Research Station:

- Republic of the Marshall Islands' forest resources 2008. Donnegan, J.A.; Trimble, S.T.; Kusto, K. et al, 2011,

Resource Bulletin PNW-RB-263.

- Federated States of Micronesia's forest resources 2006. Donnegan, J.A.; Butler, S.L.; Kuegler, O.; Hiserote, B.A. 2011. Resource Bulletin PNW-RB-262.
- Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands' forest resources 2004. Donnegan, J.A.; Butler, S.L.; Kuegler, O.; Hiserote, B.A. 2011. Resource Bulletin PNW-RB-261.

Further information [here](#).

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STUDENT'S SECTION

NZIF Foundation Student Scholarships

The NZIF Foundation is offering three Student Scholarships for 2012:

- Mary Sutherland Scholarship of \$1,000 – available to students enrolled for a forestry or forestry-related course at a NZ Polytechnic;
- University Undergraduate Scholarship of \$1,000 – available to students enrolled for a forestry or forestry-related degree at a NZ University);
- Frank Hutchinson Postgraduate scholarship of \$1,000 – available to postgraduate students enrolled for a forestry or forestry-related postgraduate degree at a NZ University.

More information in the section on the NZIF Foundation ([click here](#)). To obtain application forms and for further information contact Jay at admin@nzif.org.nz, phone (04) 974 8421.

Please confirm student status

Student Members will have received an email from the Administrator asking you to confirm your student status for 2012 (or if no longer a student to apply to advance to Graduate Member or Associate Member). It would be great if you could do this as soon as possible, so we don't need to keep hassling you for a response.

Survey request from NZIF student member

I am an NZIF student member currently pursuing PhD study under the supervision of Associate Professor Hugh Bigsby at the Faculty of Commerce, Lincoln University. As a part of my study I need costs to landowners of participating in the East Coast Forestry Project, the Emissions Trading Scheme and the QE II National Trust Scheme that I could not get from concerned organisations. Hence, we are seeking input from landowners who have participated in any of these schemes, or from consultants who have worked with landowners involved in any of them. If you are interested in helping with this survey, please [click here](#) to complete an internet-based online survey. Alternatively, you can contact me at Arun.Bhatta@lincolnuni.ac.nz or 021 065 9317 for a copy of the questionnaire.

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PEOPLE NEWS

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JOB VACANCY WEBSITES

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Australia Department of Agriculture Fisheries & Forestry	www.daff.gov.au/about/jobs
FAO projects and professional vacancies	www.fao.org/employment/project-vacancies/en/ www.fao.org/employment/empl-professionalvacancies/en/

New Zealand forester seeking forest job opportunity

I am currently seeking a position with a progressive organisation in the forestry industry. I have the following qualifications and experience:

- Diploma of Forestry Management from Waiariki Institute of Technology
- Bachelor of Commerce (majoring in Accounting and Information Systems) from UC
- Four years' experience working within the forest industry
- Truck driving and heavy machinery experience in the agriculture sector based in NZ and USA.

For the past couple of years I have been working for a forestry consulting business engaged as a Forester. This required undertaking a management role in forest operations, helping advise clients in the ETS, financial analysis and research. I have also worked for a harvest planning company in the past as well as having experience in the data collection field. My experience has both been within the North and South Islands engaged in work for both the large corporate-owned forests as well as woodlot scale for private owners. Contact *Dean Mouat* on 027 418 8238 or deanmouat@yahoo.co.nz if you would like to see a curriculum vitae.

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PUBLICATIONS / MEDIA / NOTICES

NZ SCHOOL OF FORESTRY STRENGTHENING LINKS TO SECONDARY SCHOOLS

The NZ School of Forestry is looking to strengthen its connections with secondary schools, with the aim of promoting the University of Canterbury School of Forestry, and providing information for school leavers about the forestry profession. We are interested in contacting biology and geography educators who are teaching Year 13 classes. We would like to offer these teachers material for class teaching, a presentation on forestry as a career, and more information about the Bachelors of Forestry Science and Forest Engineering. If members have friends or

family members who are teachers who fit the description above please contact Justin Morgenroth (justin.morgenroth@canterbury.ac.nz).

WATER QUALITY IN NZ: UNDERSTANDING THE SCIENCE

The Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment has launched a major water quality report. The report aims to provide scientific context for the divisive issue of water quality in NZ. It considers the historical context of land use changes and water quality issues, before breaking down the topic into a discussion of water-borne diseases, sediment and excess nutrients (i.e. nitrogen and phosphorus). It also includes a case study of the Manawatu River.

The report is available [here](#).

INFORMATION WANTED ON FOREST PESTS

I am a Northern Arizona University MS:F student and am currently enrolled in our forest entomology course. Grad students will be presenting on major forest pests outside of the US, while undergrads present on US forest pests. I have chosen NZ as my area of interest, as I've travelled to Australia, Tasmania and NZ in the past. I've found a good deal of information on NZ forest pests by searching primary literature and visiting a variety of local websites (Ministry of Agriculture, NZ Farm Forestry, Scion etc). What I haven't found is what the most important forest pests in NZ are currently. Obviously I will need to pick only a handful of insects to cover. Could I get your perspective on this?

Additionally, I would appreciate your suggestion on the best online resource for information on your "top 5" pests. I found that the NZ Farm Forestry website had good info on specific pests, similar to an extension service pamphlet here in the US. But if you know of a better source, and/or have favorite publications for particular insects, I would be grateful for anything you would like to share. Thank you for your consideration on this. Any help is appreciated. *Erik Nelson* (enelson@tanelorn.us)

SURVEY REQUEST FROM NZIF STUDENT MEMBER

I am an NZIF student member currently pursuing PhD study under the supervision of Associate Professor Hugh Bigsby at the Faculty of Commerce, Lincoln University. As a part of my study I need costs to landowners of participating in the East Coast Forestry Project, the Emissions Trading Scheme and the QE II National Trust Scheme that I could not get from concerned organisations. Hence, we are seeking input from landowners who have participated in any of these schemes, or from consultants who have worked with landowners involved in any of them. If you are interested in helping with this survey, please [click here](#) to complete an internet-based online survey. Alternatively, you can contact me at Arun.Bhatta@lincolnuni.ac.nz or 021 065 9317 for a copy of the questionnaire.

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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.

March 2012

Fri 30	Council and Registration Board elections close
Sat 31	Charles Fleming Fund Call for Applications close

April 2012

Tue 17	Closing date for Biodiversity Condition and Advice Funds, www.biodiversity.govt.nz/biofunds
Wed 18	NZIF Workshop, Auckland, www.nzif.org.nz
Thur 19	NZIF Workshop, Rotorua, www.nzif.org.nz
Mon 23	NZIF Workshop, Wellington, www.nzif.org.nz
Fri 27	Conducting Safe Investigations Seminar , Christchurch
Mon 30	CFA Young Forester Award 2012 applications close, www.cfa-international.org

May 2012

Tue 1	Conducting Safe Investigations Seminar , Auckland
Thur 3	NZIF Workshop, Balclutha, www.nzif.org.nz
Fri 4	NZIF Workshop, Christchurch, www.nzif.org.nz
Fri 4	Nominations close for NZIF Fellows Nominations close for NZIF 2012 Forester of the Year Nominations close for Chavasse Award Nominations close for Student Scholarships
Thur 31	FITEC National Training Awards nominations close, www.fitec.org.nz/awards

July 2012

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

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