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PRESIDENT'S COMMENT

Andrew McEwen FNZIF
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Election results

The Secretary has advised that, following the recent elections, the NZIF Council from 1 June 2012 until 31 May 2014 will be:

President	Andrew McEwen
Vice President	James Treadwell
Secretary	David Evison

Treasurer	Chayne Zinsli
Councillors	Kent Chalmers Chris Goulding Murray Parrish Bob Pocknall Simon Rapley John Schrider.

The first meeting of the new Council will be combined with the last meeting of the outgoing Council and has been scheduled for 11 June.

The Secretary has also advised the result of the elections for two positions on the Registration Board:

Don Hammond has been re-elected to the position voted for by Registered Members

Janet Scott has been elected to fill the position voted for by the wider membership.

I would like to acknowledge the considerable contributions from those on the current Council who chose not to stand for re-election – Vice President John Vaney, Councillor Bert Hughes and Councillor Geoff Thorpe.

I thank Vern Harris who was unsuccessful in his bids to be a member of the NZIF Council and for a position on the Board, Robert Schoonderwoerd who was unsuccessful in his bid for Council, and Peter Gorman who was unsuccessful with his bid for re-election to the Registration Board after having served for nine years. Having more than enough candidates for elections is a very healthy sign for the future of NZIF, even allowing for the disappointment of those who are unsuccessful. We offer thanks not just to those who are successful, but also to those who are unsuccessful but who have provided members with choices.

I congratulate new and returning members of the Council and Board. They are committed to serving the NZIF membership, and I know that members will support and assist them to enable NZIF to be a highly professional association representing the forestry profession in New Zealand.

Voting process

Based on the complimentary comments and lack of opposition, it appears that the Council decision to adopt electronic voting for the election was a good one. It certainly simplified things at the administration end. But it was disappointing to learn that the turn-out was under 44% of eligible voters, compared with around 50% in the last two elections. It was interesting to see that around 73% of Registered Members voted compared with 44% of (Full) Members, 42% of Graduate Members, 42% of Retired and Honorary Members and 21% of Associate Members.

Also interesting was to see the pattern of voting, with surges associated with each reminder that was sent out and then a drop to only a few each day. I would be interested in feedback on the process, and would be particularly interested on your views as to whether or not we could shorten the voting period in the future from the current one month down to say a fortnight.

Member changes

At its meeting on Monday this week, Council approved the admission of 29 new members. After allowing for 18 resignations, membership at 31 March 2012 stood at 880, the highest in the history of NZIF. Over the full year to 31 March membership increased by 37, one of the more significant increases in recent years.

Some of you may also be interested that along with the increasing membership in recent years, the proportion of women members has been slowly rising. At 31 March 2006, 6.7% of members were women, and that number is now 9.0%.

Workshops

I hope all members will be aware of the NZIF workshops scheduled to take place in Auckland (18 April), Rotorua (19 April), Wellington (23 April), Balclutha (3 May) and Christchurch (4 May). The workshops are covering a number of matters of significance to forestry professionals (impact of recent legislation, professional insurance, an update on some aspects of the ETS and an opportunity to discuss some NZIF membership issues.

The workshops are only open to NZIF members and we do need a reasonable number of you to attend at each venue to ensure financial viability. While a number of you have already registered to attend (thank you for that) we do need more registrations, particularly at some of the proposed venues. You can do this on line ([click here](#)).

Two local sections (Auckland and Otago/Southland) are arranging local section evening meetings to follow the workshops, so mark the dates in your diary and keep the evenings free.

Changes for Newsletter advertising

From today, the contact for newsletter advertising will be our administrator Jay Matthes (admin@nzif.org.nz). Council decided that there would be some advantages in bringing this responsibility in-house. So could you please tell those in your organisations responsible for job advertising, workshop advertising, etc to contact Jay from now on.

I thank Julianne Orr of Bateson Publishing for the work she has done on this task for the last several years.

Reminders

A few reminders of other things going on in the NZIF world:

- Membership fees are due for payment by the end of this month;
- Some Student Members have not yet confirmed their status for the 2012/13 year. We know some of you have finished your studies and we hope you will move on to Graduate Members;
- Some members who were on hold for 2011/12 have still to confirm their status for the 2011/12 year;
- Registered Members must complete their annual requirements (pay and submit their CPD records and reaffirmation of the Code of Ethics) by the end of the month if they want to maintain registration and be able to display a current annual practicing certificate;
- Nominations for Fellows close on Friday 4 May;
- Nominations for NZIF 2012 Forester of the Year close on Friday 4 May;
- Applications for the Chavasse Travel Award close with the NZIF Foundation on Friday 4 May;
- Applications for three student scholarships (polytech student, university undergraduate student and postgraduate student) all close with the NZIF Foundation on Friday 4 May;
- Time to register for the NZIF AGM and conference in Christchurch from Sunday 1 to Wednesday 4 July. Have a look at the conference brochure ([click here](#)) and get enthused. Don't forget to book some accommodation.

Is the government actually interested in forestry?

I have received a couple of disturbing items this week. I was following up an invitation from the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to contact officials in the International Development Group of MFAT (formerly NZ

Aid) in connection with matters arising from the ANZIF Conference recommendations and the response I received was “the New Zealand Aid Programme does not presently have a focus on forestry either at the policy or programme level. Details of our current priorities are outlined [here](#).” The priorities are:

- Investing in economic development
- Promoting human development
- Improving resilience and responding to disaster
- Building safe and secure communities
- Making aid effective
- International goals.

Maybe I am biased, but I would have thought that forestry would have been an essential component of several of these. And it contrasts with the Minister’s comment in his letter to me that:

I accept your point that forestry does directly and indirectly play a role in sustainable economic development – the core focus of the New Zealand Aid Programme. I invite you to contact the New Zealand Aid Programme officials to further explore these linkages.

It also contrasts with the National Party’s response to the question on Pacific forestry in our pre-election questions to the political parties:

Question: What is your party’s policy with respect to support for forestry in Pacific Island countries?

Answer: The Government is supporting Pacific Forestry. Two specific projects include: investing \$620,000 to help Tongan SOE Tonga Forest Products become a competitive supplier of timber and timber products to the domestic and international markets and helping Vanuatu with practical training at Hango Agricultural College in Tonga to build management capacity of the Vanuatu Ministry of Forestry. We have also invested \$1.1 million over the last three years into support for nurseries on different islands to assist the Government of Vanuatu to meet the Vanuatu National Forest Policy (1997) goal of 20,000 hectares of forest plantations to be established by 2023.

The second item was about some MAF funded free workshops which are promoted this way:

Climate Change Workshops – Rural Professionals for Rural Professionals

“Managing farm businesses in a changing climate – the opportunities for rural professionals”

AgFirst is leading a MAF-funded project involving 12 free workshops throughout New Zealand in 2012 for rural professionals on climate change issues and land management practices.

Rural professionals including technical sales representatives, bankers, extension personnel, regional council staff, farm consultants, stock agents and accountants are encouraged to attend these free workshops as they will provide an informed forum for discussion of this important topic.

The member who sent me the flyer commented that there was no mention of trees, forestry or the ETS, all of which have a role to play in “climate change issues and land management practices”.

Meanwhile, today’s *Friday Offcuts* reports that the Canadian Federal Government is investing \$105 million over two years for market development and forestry innovation, including support for FPInnovations, a unique industry/government forestry innovation partnership. The CEO is reported as saying that the budget will allow FPInnovations to continue to pioneer new products such as bio-materials and bio-composites and next generation building systems for multi-storey buildings.

Holiday weekend

I wish you all a safe and happy Easter weekend.

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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.)

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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. 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.

Special thanks this week to the Wood Processors Association who have joined the Conference Proceedings advertisers

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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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

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.
Thur 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
Thur 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](#). Online booking is available and early booking would be appreciated. If there are insufficient bookings, some workshops may have to be cancelled.

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. 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.

BANZ (Bioenergy Association of NZ) Bioenergy Scholarships

BANZ has established a bioenergy scholarship scheme and is now seeking applications for the first round of applications.

BANZ is undertaking initiatives to help ensure greater development of the skills, experience and knowledge of bioenergy professionals in NZ, including attracting those in associated activities to consider specialising in bioenergy. As one of those initiatives BANZ has established a scholarship scheme which will be available for the purposes of specific training, research, travel or industry-based work experience.

Information on the scholarships and the criteria for applications is set out on the BANZ website www.bioenergy.org.nz or are available [here](#):

The first round of scholarships for 2012 are:

- *BANZ/EECA Bioenergy Scholarship* – for professional engineering practitioners
- *BANZ/Scion Masterate Scholarship* – for a student undertaking a Masterate in a topic related to bioenergy
- *BANZ/Scion Bioenergy industry-based work experience* – placement of a scientist for a fixed period within a bioenergy company, or for a company employee with Scion.

If you are interested in developing your expertise and obtaining broader experience of bioenergy by visiting practitioners in other countries, working with scientists, or gaining new knowledge and experience of any aspect of bioenergy then you should consider an application for a scholarship.

The Bioenergy Scholarship is for up to \$5,000 of travel and is also available for those in associated fields who would like to develop a broader capability in bioenergy practices.

This round of scholarships is sponsored by Scion and EECA.

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

Cassandra Spencer, CEO of the Institute of Foresters of Australia, is stepping down from the post on 10th April. NZIF Council has enjoyed working with Cassandra on a number of matters and we wish her well.

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

Ernslaw One Ltd, Whangapoua Supervisor (three-year fixed-term position)

Ernslaw One is a forest owner and manager with offices & forest estate throughout NZ. Applications are invited for the position of Whangapoua Supervisor, based in the Coromandel (fixed-term three years). The purpose of this position is to assist the Whangapoua Manager with management of forestry and harvesting operations. Key responsibilities are:

- Health and Safety management
- Harvesting production supervision
- Silvicultural management
- Environmental management.

Serious consideration will be given to applicants with:

- A tertiary qualification and/or relevant operations experience.
- Knowledge of silvicultural operations and management.
- Ability in managing people.

Ernslaw One Ltd is committed to ensuring a safe and healthy environment. The successful applicant would require a pre-employment medical, drug and alcohol assessment. A position description and application form is available from Steve Couper on 0274 954 802, or email jobs@ernslaw.co.nz. **Closing date:** a letter, application form with a CV should be submitted by **4:00 pm on Thursday 26 April 2012**.

JOB VACANCY WEBSITES

Science jobs	fusionz.rsnz.org/
MAF	careers.haines.co.nz/MAF/Pages/Vacancies.aspx
NZ conservation jobs	www.conjobs.co.nz/index.php
Department of Conservation	www.doc.govt.nz/about-doc/jobs-at-doc/current-vacancies/
Australian Government	jobsearch.gov.au/Login/Login.aspx?WHCode=0
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/

Master of Sustainable Forest Management, University of British Columbia

Our new Master of Sustainable Forest Management (MSFM) is a one-year course-based program that provides students with opportunities for advanced scholarship in natural resource management. It prepares students for careers as forestry professionals in temperate forests in North America and overseas, and sets the stage for life-

long learning. The MSFM will begin in August 2012 with two weeks of classes and field work at one of our research forests.

Fellowships: UBC's Faculty of Forestry offers \$10,000 as part of an *International Student Fellowship in Sustainable Resource Management* to assist international students (U.S.A. or overseas) with their costs for the MSFM program. The award criteria are as follows: being an international student (non-Canadian citizen, non-Permanent resident); academic excellence; leadership; and a demonstrated commitment to sustainable resource management. For more information please visit www.forestry.ubc.ca/grad or email mfm.program@ubc.ca

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

TREES ON FARMS: EXPLORING HILL COUNTRY OPTIONS WORKSHOP

26 April 2012, Tatham Property, 206 Mangaotaki Road, Piopio

Following successful workshops in Gisborne and Hawke's Bay, the next Trees on Farms workshop will be held on the King Country property of Barrie and Jude Tatham, and will explore the role of trees in hill country farm management, particularly in marginal or less productive areas. Barrie and Jude own a 500 ha drystock farm near Piopio, which they operate in a share-farming arrangement with Kieran and Shona Bradley, running cattle, dairy grazers and sheep. The Tathams are previous Waikato Farm Environment Award winners, and their farm is notable for the diversity of species they have planted for nutrient buffering, stock shade and beautification.

Tree plantings on the farm include a mix of radiata pine and other exotic species, as well as natives. They have planted thousands of native trees in recent years and around 40 ha of land has been covenanted with the QEII National Trust. Pole planting has been used to stabilise potential slip areas, and with the help of Environment Waikato's Clean Streams initiative, the Tathams are also protecting areas alongside the Mangaotaki River. Selected areas have been fenced off and planted with native species to protect the riverbank.

However the Tathams' property is dotted with rocky limestone outcrops and tomos. Where fencing off stream banks is not possible, they have focused on providing alternative water and stock shade away from streams. They have found this reduces the time stock spend in and around natural water and vulnerable gullies. Specifically designed by knowledgeable, experienced tree-planting farmers and AgFirst consultants to meet local needs, this unique workshop will look at trees as an integral part of the whole agribusiness, with particular emphasis on

choosing the appropriate species in the context of:

- *Trees in the farm business*: How integrated land use strategies spread risk – and cash flow – and deliver both short-term and inter-generational benefits
- *Trees as a land management strategy*: Wise land use and “fit for purpose” planting – erosion control, riparian management and water quality, weed control, managing trouble spots and erosion, and protecting valuable soils
- *Trees for animal welfare*: Trees for shelter and fodder, managing waterways
- *Biodiversity*: Saving remnants of native bush (it’s easy)
- *Trees and the ETS*: Improving forestry cash flow and planting to offset on-farm emissions.

The programme starts at 9:30 am and will finish at 3:30 pm. All participants will receive complimentary hand-outs and a DVD of farm videos and workshop proceedings. Lunch will be provided at a cost of \$10, with proceeds going to the Waitanguru & Districts Rural Women. For catering purposes please register by 20 April. For more information and to register contact Malcolm Mackenzie, (07) 873 7728, email malcmac@ihug.co.nz.

The Trees on Farms workshops are being run as part of a three-year programme throughout NZ with support from the Sustainable Farming Fund. Upcoming workshops include Palmerston North (Pohangina Valley, 21 May), Wairarapa (Carterton, 23 May), Otaki (26 May), Taranaki (Inglewood, 6 June) and Waikato (Putaruru, 27 June). For more information about these workshops contact the project manager, Ian Nicholas, phone 07 348 5923, email i.nicholas@clear.net.nz

Programme

9:30 – 9:55 am	Coffee/mingle
10:00 am – 12:35 pm	Woolshed presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Funding marginal land options• Videos of successful local farm foresters - Tatham, Cumberland & Mackenzie• Opportunities for natives and specialty timbers: species options including natives, eucalypt, cypress, redwood, pine• Panel discussion
12:35 pm:	Lunch provided in woolshed
1:05 pm:	Discussion in field (4 wheel drive suggested): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regional Council activities• QEII opportunities• Carbon opportunities• Tree planting options
3:30 pm:	Finish

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.

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

Thur 26	Trees on Farms workshop, Piopio (i.nicholas@clear.net.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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