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VICE-PRESIDENT'S COMMENT

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What's next?

This is likely to be my last column, therefore I thought I would pose some questions which I would love to receive responses to:

- What do you want from your NZIF?
- What are the key issues we as an industry need to focus on?
- What is the one thing you would like to change in our industry?
- What worries you most about our industry's future?
- What was the industry's biggest mistake?
- What impact should our industry leave on NZ?
- What was the most sensible thing you ever heard someone say?



I look forward to hearing your thoughts.

I thank those members who have taken the time to write in with their thoughts and comments. I encourage all members to participate in debate and sharing of their thoughts. If we are prepared to debate, question and discuss with candour, then I believe our industry not only has a future, but also could become the most important industry to our country.

Conference papers 2012

Jay has managed to load all the 2012 (and 2011) conference papers onto the NZIF website. Take some time to look through the papers. There is much which is interesting to read. Feedback on your thoughts of the papers through this Newsletter would always be welcome.

From the Council

I have invited other members of the Council to contribute to the President's column while Andrew is away. This week we hear from Bob Pocknell, Councillor:

Following on from John Schrider's contribution last week, I have some further comments to make. The plantation forest industry in this country has been around for nigh on 100 years from small beginnings, through the large plantings of the depression years, and the major boom of the 1960s to 1990s. In predominant terms, the land planted was either reverted bush/scrub country sometimes with extensive weed issues, or land that was 'at risk' from an erosion perspective. It is acknowledged that there were areas planted, that were either cleared of high indigenous forest or land that would sustain commercial farming, but these areas were very much in the minority.

It is fair to say that it is in recent times the harvesting of forest crops on the most difficult terrain has commenced, and along with this fact is the need to adopt practices that best sustain the future of the land thereon. My view is that the forest industry in general has taken a very responsible approach to developing best practice environmental management in its forest harvesting and land re-development activity. This has come about through much collaboration with the respective regulatory bodies across the nation, but also from a high level of information transfer and sharing within the forest industry and the engagement of 'communities of interest'. The forest industry has developed a number of best management practice (BMP) documents binding operational and reporting activity.

The primary legislation governing best land/water management in this country is the Resource Management Act (RMA), with the various regional authorities being charged with overseeing its implementation in practice. There have been various approaches from regional councils in the development of 'rules and regulations' and the examples of both Horizons and Taranaki form two quite different perspectives.

The question is: Should there be a national model that binds 'one and all' to best environmental practice across all land management disciplines? I guess, for forestry, this is where the National Environmental Standard (NES) is trying to head. Another question: As an industry, is the NES (or form of) the best vehicle for developing consistency of approach, or should we be looking at a different mechanism 'for the future'.

In respect to public profile, forestry does not rate well and I believe as an industry we should strive for betterment. From an environmental perspective, there are many 'good news stories' out there. My challenge to all members is to: 'promote your good news stories to the public communities of influence (whatever media is appropriate), and with confidence'. *Bob*

I hope all of you have a terrific weekend and thank you to those who have responded to my wandering views over the last few weeks. To all members, I encourage you to debate the issues and raise your concerns. Our industry will only thrive when questions are asked and everyone is open to change.

Andrew is back next week and probably will write this column. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at next year's conference.

Regards

James



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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.)

Responses to sunset industry comments

Robert Donnelly, Christchurch

I read your comments James in the NZIF weekly Newsletter. Having spent my life in the forest industry, there is still opportunity. We need to evaluate what the industry leaders are doing in Brazil and in neighbouring countries, to look at new developments and see the applications for NZ. The basic message is that we need to increase our plantation productivity. If we could double productivity, or get close to that level, the product options expand and NZ can become more competitive internationally. I invite you to join one of our seven-day and seven-night seminar conference seminars with a moving venue for presentations, confirmed by field visits. Please email me (rhdonely@xtra.co.nz) for the plans for 2013 and an update commentary on the industry in 2012. As to Norske Skog, these are difficult times for the newsprint industry and shutting old machines is a reality, plus product/machine upgrading. You can visit the Norske Skog mill machine in Brazil and compare their operating performance to Kawerau. It is 1980 technology, but has been well maintained and managed.

Paul Carruthers, Te Awamutu

Thank you James for your well-written piece. Not sure as to how I could respond, but will say that in 2012 we planted (my business partner and myself) another 50 hectares of colonial forestry in the King Country district to add to our forestry investment portfolio. I guess that says I do have confidence in the future of growing trees in NZ. It is long term but it always has been. Plant a good product, manage it correctly, and the rewards will be there. That's my belief.

Sunset industries/permanent forests

John Groome, Christchurch

James Treadwell's pertinent article, born of the Norske Skog's closure of one of their newsprint machines, should encourage all of us about the probability of change. Not so much in our forests, but how they will be used.

Kaingaroa was not planted because of someone foreseeing the end of indigenous resources. It was because 10,000 men were marching from door-to-door in a land which should have known no poor. What they sought was work, and the government of the day responded by sending them first by rail to Rotorua then in buses out to Kaingaroa. In 1930 there were about 1,500 there – 500 arriving each day, 500 actually working and 500 down the road out next day. Tents with board floors and bending your back did not suit lawyers, accountants and salesmen.

And yet a huge resource was created, and it is still there. A large flat area that formerly grew manuka and cabbage trees. But now it has good rail and road links to export ports. Along the way, and at Kawerau, there is a natural source of geothermal energy. We should be proud that these are ready and available with thanks to Alex Entrican who first came up with what he called the Murupara scheme. Most of us have forgotten that the owners of what was the Whakatane Board Mills had planned to drive logs down the Rangitaiki river from their Matea and Pukahina forests to be processed at Whakatane. Into softboard.

Where would we be with the greenies and farmers if this had happened? Logs littering the banks of the river and denying access to cows. Yet the forests are still there being vested and used with modern inventions. While these assets were used to produce the nation's newsprint for 50 years, with some for export, there are now even cheaper sources if they involve using natural eucalyptus at Boyer in Tasmania.



Not to worry. I bet that several nations or firms will be busy doing due diligence on this potential set-up. Maybe they will not be looking at producing sawn weatherboards, but cardboard or LVL are likely candidates. Ex-NZFP staff probably cringe with what Graeme Hart is doing with their carefully pruned and thinned stands at Tokoroa. But all those gadgets from China come in hardboard casings. Furthermore, Asia is not built with 4 x 2's but in concrete held up by 12 mm plyform.

The Japanese showed us how to use the part of our trees between the short pruned butts and the branchy tops using their peripheral drive lathes to Carterton, Gisborne and Kaitaia. 'Aristo-lathes' they called them, and in the context of our resource they certainly ranked with Aristotle himself.

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NZIF BUSINESS

From the Registrar

Registration application

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

- Mr Chris Goulding of Rotorua.

Any member of the Institute has the right to object to an application. Any objection should be made by lodging a notice with the Registrar within 20 working days of the first appearance (14 September 2012) of the notice in this Newsletter, specifying the grounds of the objection.

From the NZIF Administrator

Jim Taggart has let me know that 30 copies of his book *Toward A Culture of Wood Architecture* have departed the shores on Canada. The ETA to NZ is about six weeks from 7 September. Once the books have arrived in the country I will be posting them with the invoice to those who have put an order. The cost will be \$NZ45.00 plus postage. If you have any queries please contact me at admin@nzif.org.nz. Regards, Jay Matthes, Administrator

2013 Conference – mark your diaries

The 2013 NZIF AGM and Conference is scheduled to be held in New Plymouth from Sunday 30 June to Wednesday 3 July 2013. Make a decision to attend and block out the dates in your diary now.

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Foundation Establishment Appeal

The Foundation Establishment Appeal's immediate target is \$200,000 if annual income is to be able to deliver the level of awards made this year. To make a donation (eligible for tax credits) contact foundation@nzif.org.nz.

WE NEED MORE MONEY TO MAKE THIS FOUNDATION SUCCESSFUL – please donate or provide ideas for ways we can raise the amount we need.

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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).

Consultation document to be released on ETS Forestry Sector Regulations

A consultation document on proposed amendments to the Climate Change (Forestry Sector) Regulations 2008, covering pre-1990 forest offsetting, will be released next week on the Ministry for Primary Industries website (<http://www.mpi.govt.nz/news-resources/consultations>). The proposals will be open for submissions for four weeks. The document will also include other minor and technical changes to these regulations as a result of experience with implementation.

Climate Change Response Amendment Bill

Another submission was made on behalf of the NZIF last week, this time on the Climate Change Response (Emissions Trading and Other Matters) Amendment Bill. If you would like a copy of the submission, please request Jay Matthes (admin@nzif.org.nz) to send it to you. The website link can be found at: http://www.nzif.org.nz/Section?Action=View&Section_id=78

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LOCAL SECTIONS

HAWKE'S BAY SECTION

Field Day – A Brighter Future for Eucalypts?

Despite enormous potential, a secure market for eucalypt is yet to materialise in NZ. So what is wrong with the eucalypt marketing and supply chain! What are the future prospects for eucalypt timber? And how can growers benefit from increasing sensitivity over the use of CCA-treated pine? The Hawkes Bay FFA Committee has assembled a team of industry experts to help answer these types of questions. This field day is a must for eucalypt growers, hardwood enthusiasts and users of ground durable timber.

When: 10:00 am Saturday 29 September

Where: Meet at Longridge Farm, 62 Hendley Road, Patoka. Approx. 45 minutes drive from Hastings.

Turn right at the Patoka Hall and look for the Farm Forester banner.

Who: Dean Satchell, NZFFA Executive, grower and processor of special purpose timber species

Paul Millen, Project Manager, NZ Dryland Forests Initiative (NZDFI)

Dr Ian Nicholas, Hardwood Scientist for NZDFI

Contact: p.millen@xtra.co.nz

Programme: 10:00 am – meet at Longridge farm on Hendley Road to view mature eucalypt block; 11:00 am – drive to Patoka Hall for presentations (1) The Trade Me of Timbers, (2) Markets for Durable Hardwood (Do current markets for durable hardwood justify investment by farm foresters in planting new eucalypt forests?), (3) Dryland eucalypt species (Selecting eucalypt species with promising potential for NZ drylands); 12:30 pm – lunch; 1:00 pm – travel to Rick Alexander's farm at the end of Omāpere Road, off Matapiro Road, to view an NZDFI trial; 3:00 pm – finish.



CNI SECTION

Topic: Making Hauler Operations More Cost Effective

Speakers: Rien Visser and Spencer Hill

Date: Wednesday 17 October, 5:00 pm drinks, 5:30-6:45 pm speakers

A perspective on recent international hauler system developments, and recent NZ research on rigging configurations and carriages.

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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

Graduate seeks work

I am a recent PhD graduate with experience in chemistry, biophysics, chemical and biological engineering. I am enthusiastic, self-motivated and dependable. I enjoy conducting research and I am looking for a challenging and fulfilling working environment in which I can develop my research skills and gain new expertise. I will be moving



to Christchurch in January 2013. For my detailed curriculum vitae or more information please email: mugekasanmascheff@gmail.com. Regards, *Muge Kasanmaschef*

Internship sought

I am currently based in the UK but I will be travelling to NZ in late October of this year under a working holiday visa where I intend to combine both work and travel. I am also hoping to make greater use of my time in NZ by carrying out an internship relating to my area of study. I recently graduated with an MSc in Carbon Management from the University of Glasgow in Scotland and intend to pursue a career in this sector. I have previously carried out an internship with the forestry Commission in the UK and have worked for a waste management company, also based within the UK. Further details of my education and experience are in my CV (please email for this). I am looking for an internship and would be entirely flexible as regards to its timing. I also realise a paid internship may not be possible and would be more than happy to carry out an unpaid one if necessary. Please contact me if you have an internship for me. Regards, *Tom Bradley* (tomb Bradley82@hotmail.com)

FAO vacancies

Please find below a link to FAO Professional Vacancy Announcement: 'Forest Resources Officer' P3: http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/VA/pdf/IRC2117_e.pdf. For any changes in contact information or focal points please send an email with relevant information to: <mailto:FAO-Vacancies@fao.org>.

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PUBLICATIONS / MEDIA / NOTICES



MEDIA RELEASE (20 SEPTEMBER): CARBON FORESTRY SECTOR THREATENED

Moana Mackey – Energy and Climate Change Spokesperson

The National Government's decision to not restrict cheap international carbon credits to secure the vote of ACT leader John Banks has enormous implications for the forestry sector, Labour's Climate Change spokesperson Moana Mackey says. "Measures being introduced in the Climate Change Response (Emissions Trading and Other Matters) Amendment Bill will further shrink the market for foresters carbon credits. The Government is halving what emitters have to pay by extending the two for one subsidies indefinitely, and agriculture is being removed from the scheme altogether.

"Added to this the low price of carbon in New Zealand, currently less than \$5, means that there is little incentive to plant new trees and an increased incentive to deforest and exit the scheme altogether. Submitter after submitter has been telling the Finance and Expenditure Select Committee that unless changes are made the consequences for carbon forestry in New Zealand will be catastrophic.

"Back in April Tim Groser acknowledged these concerns in a speech to the Climate Change Iwi Leaders Group when he promised action in line with Europe and Australia, both of whom have moved to restrict



or ban cheap international carbon credits.

“Unfortunately when the changes to the ETS were announced Mr Groser had backed down on restricting international units, apparently in order to secure the vote of ACT leader John Banks who hailed the decision as ‘ACT scores an ETS win for business’.

“In that same press release Mr Banks claimed: “While the government set price for New Zealand units remains at \$25, bidding on equivalent units on the European market indicates a price of approximately one quarter of that. ACT wrote to Minister Groser, explaining that such a restriction on imported units would mean that no matter how low the price of carbon credits fell in other countries, New Zealanders would have to pay the NZU price, currently set at \$25.”

“Given there is no Government fixed price on NZUs of \$25, and that carbon is currently trading at less than \$5 in New Zealand compared to \$11 in Europe, it is extraordinary that Mr Groser agreed to such an unreasonable and damaging demand.

“Whilst the Minister has broad regulation making powers under the existing law that could conceivably be used to limit the importation of units, the deal struck with Mr Banks makes it clear the Government has no intention of doing so and the message that sends to the forestry sector is that they might as well shut up shop.

“If National is serious about achieving its goal of a 50 per cent reduction in emissions by 2050 then it must make changes to the bill currently before select committee to restrict the importation of cheap international units into our ETS,” said Moana Mackey. Contact her on 021-411-110.



5th ANNUAL INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE IN CANBERRA

‘Stepping Up the Value Chain’: ForestWorks and First Super Conference

ForestWorks and First Super have announced a remarkable final line-up for the 5th Annual Industry Development Conference for the forest, wood, paper and timber products industry. It will take place in Canberra on 30 and 31 October 2012. Göran Roos, who was recently rated by a leading business journal as one of the world’s 13 most influential thinkers for the 21st century, will present the opening address by video focusing on ‘The Future for Australian Wood’.

The impressive line-up of influential speakers also includes: Joseph F Bachman (Director of Portfolio Management and Partner of Global Forest Partners); Dr Harley Dale (Chief Economist of the Housing Industry Association); Jim Henneberry (CEO of Australian Paper); and Brett Himbury (CEO of Industry Funds Management – IFM). The full line-up of speakers and registration details are available at this website: forestworks.com.au/conference2012

ForestWorks CEO Michael Hartman said the annual conference had built up a considerable reputation in a short span of time. He also said the current state of manufacturing in Australia made the conference even more



significant. “Times are certainly tough in our industry right now and that’s what makes this conference so vital. We understand that it is not viable for businesses to continue on with a ‘business as usual’ approach. Now is a time when it is necessary to be innovative, and a huge part of innovation is stimulating and cultivating collaboration. There are undoubtedly real challenges facing forest, wood, paper and timber industry, and in fact all manufacturing in Australia, but there are real opportunities too.”

Mr Hartman noted the extensive line-up of speakers would be bound to generate debate, discussion and ideas. “We have thought-leaders from Australia and around the world addressing the major issues facing our industry: the impact of illegal logging, the debate about free trade versus fair trade, the need to stimulate residential housing construction, and other approaches to increasing the use of timber.”

AUSTRALIA AND NZ ARRANGEMENT TO COMBAT ILLEGAL LOGGING

21 August 2012 (Source: IFA Email Bulletin)

Australia and NZ have today strengthened their long-standing cooperation on forestry issues by signing the Arrangement on Combating Illegal Logging and Promoting Sustainable Forest Management. The signed Arrangement illustrates a shared commitment to working together to address illegal logging and promotes sustainable forest management. Australia’s Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Senator Joe Ludwig, and NZ Associate Minister for Primary Industries, Nathan Guy, signed the Arrangement during forestry talks which included discussions relating to the progress of Australia’s Illegal Logging Prohibition Bill 2011.

Minister Ludwig said the Arrangement recognises that illegal logging and associated trade is a significant global problem and that Australia and NZ will together play an important role in combating these practices. “The Arrangement provides a framework for on-going bilateral cooperation against the illegal logging trade and its impact on jobs, economies and the environment,” Minister Ludwig said.

“This Arrangement will build the capacity of Government and industry to manage forests sustainably and promote systems to verify the legality of timber and wood products in Australia, NZ and the wider Asia Pacific region.” Minister Guy said the respective illegal logging policies of both Governments were supported by the Arrangement. “This joint arrangement sends a strong signal that Australia and NZ are aligned in our commitment to combat illegal logging,” Minister Guy said. “Australia and NZ share significant trade in timber products. In 2010-11, NZ was the largest export supplier of forest products to Australia with trade valued at \$715 million. NZ is a low risk market because we import very little timber, however it makes sense for our two countries to work together.”

The Illegal Logging Prohibition Bill 2011 passed the Australian House of Representatives yesterday and will soon be introduced to the Senate. NZ has a representative on the stakeholder working group for the development of the legislation.

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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.

September 2012

Sat 29 Hawke’s Bay FFA – field day on eucalypts, p.millen@xtra.co.nz

October 2012

Tue 9 NZ Wood Timber Design Awards, <http://www.nzwood.co.nz/timber-design-awards->

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Wed 10 – Thur 11	Wood Innovations 2012, Melbourne, Australia, www.woodinnovationsevents.com
Tue 16 – Wed 17	Wood Innovations 2012, Rotorua, www.woodinnovationsevents.com - <i>NZIF members receive a special 10% discount off the advertised conference registration rates</i>
Wed 17	CNI Section Meeting, DavidHerries@interpine.co.nz
Fri 19 – Sun 21	Ex-New Zealand Forest Service workers – Westland get together, keenanr@kinect.co.nz
Tue 3 – Wed 31	5 th Annual Industry Development Conference, Canberra, forestworks.com.au/conference2012
November 2012	
Mon 12 – Fri 16	8 th IUFRO Conference on International Conference on Uneven-Aged Silviculture
Sun 25	NZ Ecological Society Annual Conference, http://www.nzes.org.nz/events/conference-2012
Wed 28 – Thur 29	ForestTECH 2012 – Improving Wood Transport & Logistics, Melbourne, Australia, www.foresttechevents.com
Thur 29 – Fri 30	Symposium honouring John Buchanan, hewitson@knoxcollege.ac.nz
December 2012	
Tue 4 – Wed 5	ForestTECH 2012 – Improving Wood Transport & Logistics, Melbourne, Rotorua www.foresttechevents.com
May 2013	
Thur 16 – Tue 21	Third International Congress on Planted Forests, http://www.efiatlantic.efi.int/portal/events/2013_icpf
June-July 2013	
Sun 30 – Wed 3	NZIF AGM and Conference, New Plymouth

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