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PRESIDENT'S COMMENT

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NZIF member elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of NZ

NZIF member Dr David Whitehead has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of New Zealand. David, who will be known to many NZIF members is a scientist at Landcare Research Lincoln and was formerly a scientist at the Forest Research Institute at Rotorua (now known as Scion, but that may have come after David moved to Landcare Research). His election as FRSNZ is in recognition of his research contributions on plant and soil processes and climate change, which are acknowledged internationally.

Being elected as an RSNZ Fellow is an honour given to top researchers for showing exceptional distinction in research or in the advancement of science, technology or the humanities. The Royal Society of New Zealand now has 382 Fellows and 58 Honorary Fellows. Fellows are involved in providing expert advice, promoting best and



innovative research practice, and disseminating information on the sciences and humanities.

I am sure that all NZIF members will join me in extending congratulations to David on this honour.

Jim Canning

It is with sadness that we note the death in Rotorua on Wednesday of James (Jim) Canning at the age of 83. Jim was a pioneer of the use of small camera aerial photography, a tool that he introduced to forestry. A long time draughtsman in the NZ Forest Service Rotorua Conservancy office, he formed Canmap Information Services (now known as Canmap Hawley) when the Forest Service was disestablished. One of his achievements was putting together all the maps in the 1989 “Resource Descriptions” used to support the sale of Crown forests – still used as a reference by those lucky enough to have copies and affectionately known as “the Green Books”. He also co-authored a paper *Tree Measurements on Large Scale Aerial Photographs* with T.E. Avery in the *NZ Journal of Forestry* 18(2), 1973.

Jim’s funeral is tomorrow (Saturday 19 October) at St Mary’s Church on the corner of Ranolf and Seddon Streets in Rotorua. We extend our condolences to Jim’s wife Claire and their five sons and one daughter.

Climate Change Response (Emissions Trading And Other Matters) Amendment Bill

The Climate Change Bill was reported back to Parliament this week with amendments described as *although such changes appear substantial, we are satisfied that their effect is not significant*. If the object of the Bill was to do something about mitigating climate change, my analysis suggests it will do even less than the existing Act (happy for members to try to convince me otherwise).

Minority views (opposing the Bill) were expressed by the Green Party, NZ First and Labour Party members of the Select Committee.

More information and a link to the select committee’s report can be found later in this Newsletter.

Climate Change Minister Tim Groser also announced on Thursday that the Government is looking to clarify the domestic carry-over provisions in the ETS – see media release [here](#).

Some reactions from other political parties are:

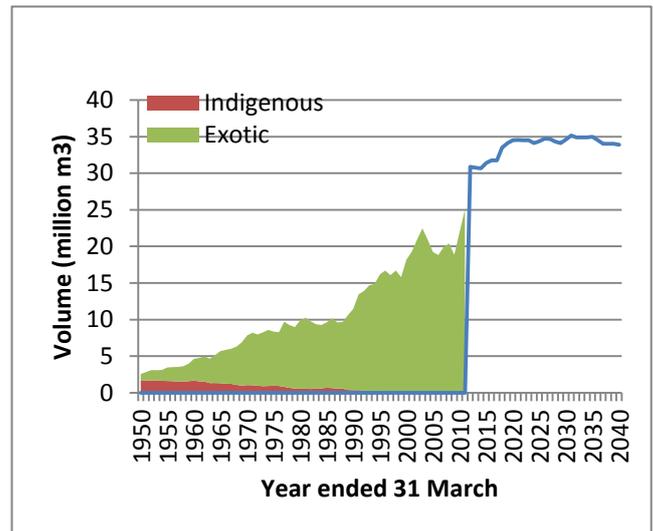
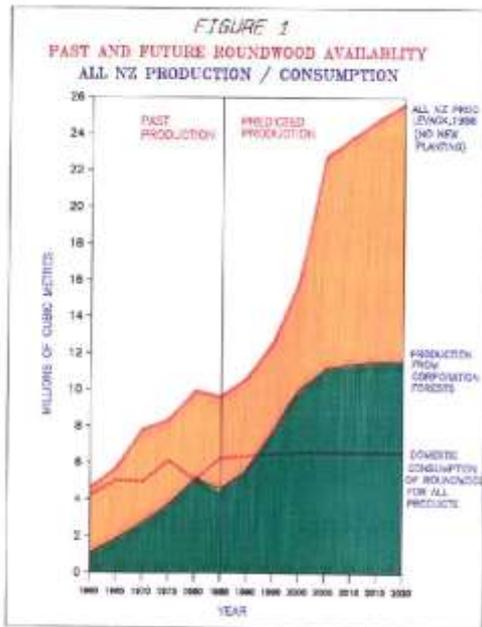
Moana Mackie (Labour) – ETS process a rubber stamping exercise ([here](#))

Moana Mackie (Labour) – Groser deliberately missing the point ([here](#))

John Banks (Act) – ETS: Families Before Forestry ([here](#))

Wall of wood?

A press release from Labour Party member Moana Mackie this week mentioned “the wall of wood” coming in 2020. It was a phrase in common use in the mid-1980s when people were concerned about whether or not NZ would be able to sell the increased volume of wood predicted from the existing forests. The phrase has resurfaced over the last year or two. I hunted out an overhead I produced in about 1987 in the early days of the NZ Forestry Corporation and have placed it against one I have used quite recently.



In the mid-80s, predictions were that potential production was going to more increase by 150% from around 10 million m³/year to around 25 million – how on earth would we cope? The “wall of wood” expression was coined.

Now take a look at the graph on the right – we actually reached that 25 million m³/year 10 years earlier than predicted (reminiscent of the programme to create 120,000 ha of plantation forest that was started in the late 1920s – was going to take 10 years, but was achieved in five).

So put the current fears of a wall of wood alongside the achievements of the 1990s. The target this time is to increase markets by only 40% (10 million m³/year) over the next 15-20 years – doesn't look like much of a problem after all.

Long weekend

Best wishes for the long weekend. Weather doesn't look too good, so stay warm and dry and drive safely.

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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.)

Utilising other species

John Rawson MNZIF, Northland

I think we will find also quite a lot of knowledge of utilising 'other species' if we look round the country. Near Whangarei we have a little mill that has cut nothing much except Eucs. and Cups. for years. With an ancient style bush mill with just a flat-top breakdown, although some much more sophisticated machinery is coming into use soon. Anyone travelling through should go to our relatively new library and look at the two sets of magnificent E. saligna stairs to the mezzanine area processed by this mill.



Promotion of non-radiata species

Dean Satchell, NZFFA

Regarding the President's item on promoting non-radiata species, who is responsible for engendering more interest in growing and using *Eucalyptus* and other "non-radiata" species? I'd be interested to learn about how the radiata industry got off the ground and what level of government support was historically provided to establish the industry. The current status is that the forest industry is a subset of the radiata industry rather than the other way around. Emerging an industry around "alternative" species, while operating under the umbrella of the "forest industry", is as difficult as securing industry support to co-fund government spending. However, for such "non-core" activities and species, co-funding requires industry support which I have found about as difficult as squeezing blood out of a block of radiata. This then leaves me wondering if a growers' commodity levy will provide any benefits to emerging species at all. Certainly specialty timber growers will pay the levy but decisions about how it is spent will be made by the "industry" board.

I would suggest that developing and promoting new timber products could be producer driven. While radiata has a spot market, higher value timbers do not in NZ, despite their scarcity value. With that in mind NZFFA has taken the initiative of establishing an industry body with the task of emerging a local specialty timber industry. Called Farm Forestry Timbers, this body is a stand-alone, not for profit society, while also a branch of NZFFA.

A website ([here](#)) has been set up to facilitate marketing of specialty timbers and development of new products, while also providing a forum for members to communicate and co-operate. An information resource is provided so users understand the properties of each species and what it is capable of.

Products can be based on the species special properties. By taking into account appropriate uses for each species, Farm Forestry Timbers has been working on providing customised timber grades for end uses. An example is our visual structural grades. We have been establishing the characteristic stresses of key species so that designers can use specialty timbers for structural end-uses under NZS 3603 *Timber Structures Standard*. By grouping together as an industry body the burden is no longer on the individual producer. If, as a loose industry group, we can ensure consistency of supply and consistency of quality based on co-operation rather than competition, then maybe we'll be able to emerge a high-value specialty timber industry in NZ.

Wood vs concrete

Howard Moore MNZIF, SNI

The following article suggests that wood may soon lose some of its 'embodied energy' advantages over concrete. All good news from a climate change point of view, but not so good for future log prices.

Blue World Crete Develops Sustainable Concrete Product

POMPANO BEACH, FLA. The 200-year-old expensive process of burning fossil fuels and baking limestone in kilns, which was invented in England and is now used worldwide, has seen its day according to scientists in Florida. Blue World Crete Inc. has found a sustainable and superior alternative concrete which does not pollute and is less expensive than Portland.

The Portland process produces 1.25 tons of carbon dioxide for every ton of cement manufactured along with a variety of dangerous amounts of heavy metals. Geo-Blue Crete takes advantage of a natural chemical reaction which emanates from the ocean's marine life, called bio-mineralization. In a unique and almost paradoxical chemical reaction, the bonding agent is at first hydrophilic, taking in a small amount of water and then, within seconds, becomes hydrophobic, expelling the water and any impurities. It is an exothermic reaction causing a chemical process to take place in which covalent bonds are formed with aggregate material. This sharing of electrons forms a monolithic, cementitious substance as it cures. It has literally become a new molecule.

This natural biological, oceanic process results in a superior concrete in much the same way as a pearl is formed



within an oyster. The scientists grow their marine substance in a series of 500 gallon tanks in salt water. After 72 hours, they can extract the patented bonding agent. A single 500 gallon tank can supply enough material to supply 200,000 tons of cement per year from a simple ready mix plant. As more tanks are added, they geometrically increase the production. The bonding agent is only .065 percent of the total mix of this new green cement. Geo-Blue Crete is comparable to Portland white cement, only it has twice the compression strength and three times the tensile strength.

In the case that it needed to be transported, Geo-Blue Crete's set time can be tweaked from 30 minutes to 24 hours without any compromise to the product. This is accomplished without using any additives, of any kind. Portland has only a two hour window of time and to adjust this additives are most often needed. Refer <http://www.greenlodgingnews.com/blue-world-crete-develops-sustainable-concrete-product>.

Kauri mortality

Collin Bassett FNZIF, Wellington

There was an item about kauri mortality on '60 Minutes' on Sunday night. In the item, an older chap with a white moustache mentioned the disease might have come in on other kauri species that were brought into NZ early on which made me prick up my ears – my recollection is that people were only supposed to bring in seed, definitely not soil or anything that would carry soil particles (*Phytophthora* is as you probably know, a soil-borne pathogen).

That probably has a bearing on this article ([here](#)) in Sunday's *Herald* about 'Plant Nazis' raiding the Auckland Botanic Gardens plus the homes of two people – presumably suspected of harbouring alien kauris.

Incidentally, it seems that *Agathis silbae* is indeed a synonym for *A. macrophylla*.

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NZIF BUSINESS

From the Registrar

Registration application

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

- Mr **Steve Chandler** of Invercargill

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 (12 October) 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

It is pleasing to learn that members have now fulfilled most of the donations pledged to the NZIF Foundation during the conference in Christchurch in July. What we need now is other NZIF members who are prepared to put a bit of their money into supporting the education of the next generation of forestry professionals. Don't be shy, just email foundation@nzif.org.nz for painless ways to make a tax deductible donation

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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).

Pre-1990 offsetting consultation document

A consultation document on proposed amendments to the Climate Change (Forestry Sector) Regulations covering pre-1990 forest offsetting is available on the MPI website at www.mpi.govt.nz/news-resources/consultations. The principal purpose of these amendments is to provide for the technical requirements of implementing pre-1990 forest land offsetting. Also included are other minor technical amendments.

The key policy components of pre-1990 forest land offsetting are contained in the Climate Change Response (Emissions Trading and Other Matters) Amendment Bill that is currently in the Select Committee process. In particular the Bill contains the criteria, requirements and conditions for offsetting and defines new terms such as carbon equivalency and usual rotation period. The Bill is available at this link: <http://www.legislation.co.nz/bill/government/2012/0052/latest/DLM4676517.html>

The proposed new regulations define usual rotation periods for forest types, and set out the methodology for determining the size of an offsetting forest that would be needed to offset the emissions from an area of deforested pre-1990 forest land. They also provide for a new offsetting land status notice to be registered on land titles. The proposals will be open for submissions until **today 19 October 2012**.

Proposed NZ Environmental Profiling Plan

BRANZ has been undertaking important research into the development and use of environmental profiles. These provide a market-driven basis for declaring the environmental performance of NZ construction products. This research can also be incorporated into a quantitative whole-building whole-of-life assessment, delivering a robust evaluation of the environmental performance of buildings across their life cycle.

The work has resulted in a proposed NZ Environmental Profiling Plan. BRANZ has produced an executive summary ([here](#)) and a full version ([here](#)). Other reports, arising from the research, are also available on the BRANZ Environmental Profiling web page ([here](#)). BRANZ would like your comments and feedback on this important issue by **7 November 2012**. Contact Murray Parrish if you would like to contribute to an NZIF submission.

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LOCAL SECTIONS

CNI SECTION

Topic: ETS Forum: The ETS – what legacy to our people?

Where: Tangataraua Marae, Waiariki Institute of Technology, Mokoia Drive, Rotorua

Date: Tuesday 30 October

RSVP: By 26 October (see below)

Who should attend?

Current and potential forest owners, iwi trustees, those concerned about the integrity of NZ's climate change response, and the general public.

What is it about?

Is carbon forestry dead in the woods? Why are carbon prices so low? Current recommendations for the Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) seriously disadvantage the forestry industry. You need to know how this could impact NZ carbon forestry. Carbon sequestered by forestry saved NZ from a massive carbon liability for the Kyoto period 2008-2012. We now have the prospect of deforestation for the next decade. This must not happen. How can **you** influence decisions that must be made before the next Kyoto commitment period at the end of 2012?

Programme

9.00am Pōhiri

9.30am *Morning Tea*

10.00am Rawiri Te Whare (CNI Maori)

10.30am Geoff Thompson (ETS Review Panel) “Any Future for Forestry in the ETS?”

11.00am David Herries (Director, Interpine)

11.30pm Matt Walsh (NZ Carbon Farming)

12.00pm *Lunch*

1.00pm Todd McClay MP (Chair, Select Committee)

1.30pm Open discussion & debate

3.00pm Wrap-up: Waaka Vercoe (Chair, Maori Investments Limited).

Please RSVP to Warren Webber: warren.webber@waiariki.ac.nz, (07) 346 8722, 027 478 7758 or Mike King: mike.king@interpine.co.nz, (07) 345 7573 x 707, 021 525242.

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PEOPLE NEWS

RSNZ elects new Fellows

Eleven top New Zealand researchers were elected as Fellows of the Royal Society of New Zealand at the Annual General Meeting of the Society's Academy in Wellington. The new Fellows are:

- **Professor Tony Ballantyne**, Dept of History, University of Otago, whose work has generated new analytical models for the study of British imperial history and has offered substantial insights into the operation of British imperial culture.
- **Professor Laurie Bauer**, Linguistics and Applied Language Studies, Victoria University of Wellington, who is best known for his pioneering descriptive work in international varieties of English, with a particular focus on the description of New Zealand English, and linguistic morphology.
- **Professor Brett Delahunt**, Wellington School of Medicine and Health Sciences, University of Otago, who is acknowledged as an international authority in the field of urological pathology including prostate cancer.
- **Professor Juliet Gerrard**, School of Biological Sciences, University of Canterbury/Industrial Research Ltd whose research interests are focused on proteins and how they assemble and have been applied to the design of novel therapeutics, the assembly of novel materials and the alteration of food texture.
- **Professor Keith Gordon**, Dept of Chemistry, University of Otago, who is internationally recognised for his scholarship and scientific achievements in the area of molecular electronic materials, particularly on new materials that can be used in solar cells or as displays.
- **Professor Frank Griffin**, Dept of Microbiology and Immunology, University of Otago, who has inspired and led the development of diagnostic tests and a vaccine to combat three major bacterial diseases of deer, Tuberculosis, Yersiniosis and Johne's disease.
- **Professor Shaun Hendy**, Industrial Research Ltd/Victoria University of Wellington, who has made a significant, sustained contribution in the application of mathematical and computational techniques to the chemical and physical sciences, with a particular focus on nanotechnology.
- **Professor Tony Kettle**, Dept of Pathology, University of Otago Christchurch, who is internationally recognised for his research on myeloperoxidase, an enzyme in white blood cells (neutrophils) that produces free radicals and chlorine bleach (hypochlorous acid) to kill micro-organisms.
- **Professor Reinhard Klette**, University of Auckland, who is a world leader in computer vision, and who with his students, has improved the performance of computer vision algorithms by newly designed ways of data pre-processing.
- **Professor John Pratt**, Institute of Criminology, Victoria University of Wellington, who is internationally acclaimed for his research concentrating on the study of why penal policies change in modern societies and why the punishment of offenders takes particular forms at different times.
- **Dr David Whitehead**, Landcare Research Lincoln, whose research contribution on plant and soil processes and climate change are acknowledged internationally.

Two Honorary Fellows were also elected.

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URS FORESTRY CONSULTANT/ANALYST

- Forest sector consulting
- Asia Pacific focus across public and private sector clients
- Preferably Melbourne location

URS is a leading provider of environmental and engineering services worldwide. We operate with a global network of more than 47,000 personnel in more than 40 countries. In Australia we have over 1000 employees across 10 offices.

URS Forestry is a part of the International Development portfolio, is one of the largest forest sector consulting groups in Asia Pacific, and our consultants have expertise across the forestry and forest processing industry. These sectors include native forest and plantation management, valuations and modeling, forest market and policy analysis, and recognising environmental values of forests including forest carbon. Our foresters are based in Melbourne, Perth, Canberra and Auckland and advise private sector, governments and development agencies.

Our business in the Asia Pacific region continues to grow and we are looking for the right staff to sustain that growth. We are now seeking applications for Forestry Consultants/Analysts to advise in the areas of resource planning and measurement, forest management, timber markets and forest policy.

The position will be preferably based in Melbourne, however we will consider other locations with URS offices, and give the successful applicant the opportunity to work for a diverse range of clients throughout Australia, Asia and the Pacific. The work will include a wide range of projects and locations incorporating traditional forestry investment analysis as well as emerging value drivers such as carbon and ecosystem services.

Applicants must have a degree in forest science, economics or a related natural resources field, with experience of at least two years. URS is also interested in people with experience in the range of 8-14 years in the sector.

URS Forestry invites applications from people who have been involved in the following fields: Resource planning and forest measurement; Forest management and resource planning; or Forest sector policy and timber markets.

Excellent writing skills and a demonstrated ability to communicate effectively, manage time and work with Microsoft Excel and Word will be important. International experience will be well regarded.

For further information on the role and to apply please visit our online career centre; www.ap.urscorp.com/careers and enter requisition number IE72934. Please include a covering letter. **Closing date: 2 November 2012.** URS is an equal opportunity employer of choice.

SENIOR POLICY ANALYST – HAMILTON OR ROTORUA

The Primary Industries lie at the heart of NZ's economy. The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) plays a key role in partnering with those industries to enable their success. The Policy Branch currently has an exciting opportunity for a Senior Policy Analyst to be based in either Hamilton or Rotorua. You will be responsible for policy advice supported by research, expert knowledge and analysis on issues affecting the performance of the



agriculture, food, forestry and fisheries sectors.

The Policy branch provides the regulatory processes and advice for the wide range of legislation administered by the Ministry. It also provides forward-looking analysis and develops policy advice on strategic issues relating to the primary sectors. The regional policy teams have particular responsibility for ensuring that regional issues and perspectives are integrated into policy analysis and development, and are also responsible for the coordination of responses to adverse and climatic events.

We are looking for an experienced analyst with a strong background in economics, to apply this expertise across the primary sector and engage with our key regional and sector stakeholders. You will have knowledge of local issues and feed into government policy and achieve effective outcomes for the Primary Industries.

Skills and experience:

- Strong background in economics, and ability to apply this expertise to analysis of issues and opportunities across NZ's primary sector.
- Sound understanding of economic and resource management policy approaches and frameworks.
- Sound knowledge of basic components of the international trade, and environmental management frameworks and supporting instruments.
- Sound understanding of primary sector structure and operating context.
- Demonstrated ability to establish and maintain effective relationships with sector stakeholders, given the front-facing nature of the role.
- Ability to work independently.

Working at MPI puts you at the centre of the government policy process. It is an opportunity to work across a broad range of issues, and really make a difference!

Please visit the careers section at www.mpi.govt.nz to view a job description and to apply online, quoting reference number 12-322. For further information please contact careers@mpi.govt.nz. Applicants must be immediately available for interview within NZ and must hold a current NZ work permit or be a NZ resident.

Closing date: Friday 26 October 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

French student seeks internship

Could you tell me if there is any possibility of applying for an internship (7-10 months) in a wood-frame building company that is part of the Council or at the Wood Processors' Association of NZ? As a student in Economics, Politics and Management I would really like to find an internship in NZ linked to the wood industry, so that I



would have the keys of promoting a wood culture. Back in France, there is a lot of work to do to communicate on wood, to create a wood culture, so it would be the perfect internship. Thank you very much. Best regards, *Julien Simon* (ju14100@hotmail.fr).

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PUBLICATIONS / MEDIA / NOTICES

DURABLE EUCALYPTS – OPPORTUNITY FOR GISBORNE TREE GROWERS – FIELD DAY

Date: Wednesday 14 November 2012

Where: Te Koawa Station, 1131 Whakarau Road, 50 km north-west of Gisborne

Hosts: Landowners Bob Wishart and Meg Gaddum.

RSVP: To Meg or Bob (06) 862 3418 wisga@xtra.co.nz

Timetable:

10.00am – Meet at Te Koawa woolshed and share morning tea (provided).

10.30am – Presentation by Paul Millen, NZDFI Project Manager ‘Do current markets for durable hardwood justify investment in planting new eucalypt forests?’ This will be followed by a question and answer session.

11.15am – Presentation by Ian Nicholas, Hardwood scientist for NZDFI ‘Durable eucalypt species with promising potential for NZ drylands’. This will be followed by question and answer session.

12.00pm – Depart for walk to eucalypt trial site for lunch. (This is about a 2 km round trip so please bring your own lunch and drink, in a knapsack, and wear boots suitable for steep terrain and a raincoat if wet weather.)

12.45pm – Commence forest walk to inspect durable eucalypt trials and to demonstrate eucalypt form pruning.

3.00pm – Field day ends with afternoon tea back at woolshed.

FOREST GROWERS PLAN INDUSTRY VOTE

NN Farm Forestry Association/ Forest Owners Association Joint Media Release

17 October 2012

For more information, contact Paul Nicholls, 027 595 8708 or Ian Jackson (03) 689 5578

Forest growers will decide the future direction and funding of their industry in a referendum being held in March next year.

“Forestry has a huge untapped potential. To achieve that potential we need a fairer and more cohesive industry where all growers are involved and playing their part,” say the Farm Forestry and Forest Owners Associations.

“Members of the two associations account for more than 80 per cent of the plantation forest harvest, but fewer than a quarter of the sector’s 10,000-plus growers. The aim is to bring all growers into the sector’s information streams and get them involved in decision making and funding.”

This will mean having a commodity levy on logs and other forest products in the year of harvest. By law, this requires the support of a dual majority in a referendum, with votes counted both by number of growers and by forest area. The levy rate has not been finalised but is expected to be around 40 cents a tonne.

Forest Owners vice president Paul Nicholls says work that benefits all growers has long been funded by the voluntary subscriptions and efforts of those growers who join an association.

“That voluntary work will continue. But the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead need the commitment of



all growers, not just the enthusiasts.

“For example, pests and diseases do not respect property boundaries. So we need all growers involved in forest monitoring and funding biosecurity research and readiness.”

Farm Forestry president Ian Jackson says grower representatives made a commitment to increased science funding at a recent pan-industry workshop.

“It’s really quite exciting. There is recognition that in order to increase profitability we need a step-change in the way we do things. We need to produce higher yields of better quality timber and to harvest it more efficiently. That means making a bigger investment in well-targeted research.”

The Forest Owners and Farm Foresters are now setting up a Board to plan and conduct what will be known as the Forest Voice Referendum.

The referendum was originally going to be held before Christmas, but has been delayed until March 2013 because of the importance of the decisions made at the science and innovation workshop last week. Between 60 and 70 per cent of the funds generated by the levy will be used for science funding.

The Forest Voice website www.forestvoice.org.nz will explain the Plantation Forest Strategy and how to vote. It will be live by 1 November.

CLIMATE CHANGE RESPONSE (EMISSIONS TRADING AND OTHER MATTERS) AMENDMENT BILL

Parliament’s Finance and Expenditure Select Committee report on The Climate Change Response (Emissions Trading and Other Matters) Amendment Bill was tabled in the House on Wednesday 17 October. It will now proceed through further steps in the parliamentary process.

A summary of the changes proposed in the Bill is contained in this extract from the committee’s report.

“The following are the main amendments proposed in the Bill:

- It would retain indefinitely the current transitional measures, which the majority of us believes mitigate the scheme’s effect on costs to businesses and households. These measures are a one-for-two surrender obligation (which allows participants from non-forestry sectors to surrender one emissions unit for every two tonnes of emissions, effectively reducing the obligation by 50 percent) and a \$25 fixed-price option (which allows ETS participants to meet their obligation by paying the Government \$25 per New Zealand unit (NZU), effectively capping the price of carbon at \$25 per NZU). The Bill also seeks to extend these transitional measures to the waste, agriculture, and synthetic greenhouse gas sectors. In addition, the Bill would suspend the planned phasing out of allocation to emissions-intensive trade-exposed industrial activities until other transitional measures ended.
- The Bill would remove a specified entry date for surrender obligations on biological emissions from agriculture, currently set for 1 January 2015.
- It would introduce forest offsetting within the ETS as an option for pre-1990 forest landowners, to give them more flexibility. It would introduce a power to allow auctioning within an overall cap on the amount of New Zealand units, to mitigate concerns about the current lack of flexibility over the supply of NZUs into the ETS and concerns that, in future, more international units may be surrendered to the Government than it needs to meet any emissions-reduction target.
- It would change the current treatment of some parts of the synthetic greenhouse gas sector in the ETS to reduce the administrative costs faced by importers and manufacturers.

The Bill would also make a number of technical and operational changes to make the scheme more workable and



flexible. For example, it would remove deforestation liabilities where forest cannot be re-established because of erosion or other natural disturbance, and it would ensure that minor clearing of forest boundaries was not counted as deforestation. The Bill would better allow for natural regeneration and re-establishment of poplars and willows, and support efforts to control tree weeds (wildings) by preventing tree weeds on post-1989 forest land from further participating in the ETS. Technical changes would also address eligibility issues for the less-than-50-hectare exemption for trustees, including the Maori Trustee and trustees appointed under the Te Ture Whenua Maori Act 1993.”

Minority views (opposing the Bill and the amendments) were expressed by the Green Party, NZ First and Labour Party members of the Select Committee.

The report of the select committee is available [here](#).

INSTITUTE OF FORESTERS OF AUSTRALIA NATIONAL CONFERENCE

This conference (Managing Our Forests Into the 21st Century) is to be held on 7-11 April 2013 at the Canberra Rex Hotel in Canberra. For more information on the conference visit www.forestryconference.org.au or email alison.carmichael@forestry.org.au.

THIRD INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON PLANTED FORESTS

Takes place 16-21 May 2013. Plenary meeting in Lisbon preceded by scientific workshops in Bordeaux, Dublin, Porto, Bilbao and Edinburgh. Call for papers deadline 30 November 2012.

Website: http://www.efiatlantic.efi.int/portal/events/2013_icpf/

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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.

October 2012

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

Tu 30 Oct CNI section meeting

Tue 3 –
Wed 31 5th Annual Industry Development Conference, Canberra,
forestworks.com.au/conference2012

November 2012

Mon 12 –
Fri 16 8th 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 14 Eucalypts field day – Gisborne, wisga@xtra.co.nz

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

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Sun 7 – Institute of Foresters of Australia National Conference, www.forestryconference.org.au
Thur 11

May 2013

Thur 16 – Third International Congress on Planted Forests,
Tue 21 http://www.efiatlantic.efi.int/portal/events/2013_icpf

June-July 2013

Sun 30 – NZIF AGM and Conference, New Plymouth
Wed 3

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