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PRESIDENT'S COMMENT

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Climate change policy

In the news this week was a [study](#) by the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research that found food production accounts for 29% of man-made greenhouse gases – twice the 14% estimated by the UN. The study spanned every aspect of food production and distribution including growing crops, raising livestock, manufacturing fertiliser and storing, transporting and refrigerating food. It suggested that Britain would be better off importing lamb from NZ as kiwi farming methods produce half as much greenhouse gases as those used in Britain.

This highlights one of the problems with the current international climate change agreements such as the Kyoto Protocol – by accounting for greenhouse gas emissions on a country by country basis, the global community props up inefficiencies in some countries and penalises efficiencies in others. If the report is correct, an efficient climate change policy would support NZ agriculture and penalise British agriculture.



But don't for a moment think that I have switched allegiance and am now supporting extension of the delay until NZ agriculture enters the ETS! What I continue to oppose are the stupidities of the NZ ETS and its inefficient and inequitable policies and regulations.

The ETS is supposed to be a market led system that encourages behaviour to reduce emissions and encourage sequestration. It has clearly failed with respect to increasing forest sequestration with very little new planting and reports of increasing deforestation. I am not surprised. I have consistently opposed the ETS for forestry (and so has the NZIF). I believe a market led process is not appropriate for long-term problems (after all, if we are only worried about ourselves, wouldn't need to worry about the impact of climate change – many of us will be gone before the problems really bite deep. Instead we are concerned because we care about the next generations – our children and grandchildren). Isn't this why we no longer see listed forestry companies? The term of investment and the complexity of the risks involved don't make forestry companies attractive to those who frequent share markets and follow price changes by the hour or less.

I have always advocated that if NZ wants to use forests and forest products as a means of mitigating climate change it should have policies that encourage investment in forests and in the use of forest products, including bioenergy, building materials etc. This doesn't necessarily imply subsidies but suggests ensuring that planning rules, infrastructure, regulations, etc., provide a climate that encourages forests and forestry. It may include finding ways to reward those who own forests that provide services and benefits to others (rather than the current practice of nationalising those benefits through regulation).

This week also there were signs that government is beginning to understand that the ETS is failing to deliver what the market was supposed to achieve. Minister Carter was on [Radio NZ news](#) suggesting there may be a need for further incentives to encourage forest investment.

Meanwhile, across the Tasman, the Minister for Industry and Innovation released the Federal Government's [response](#) to the Pulp & Paper Industry Strategy Group report claiming that his government was committed to creating the business environment needed to support a viable, prosperous and environmentally sustainable pulp and paper industry.

Report of Land and Water Forum

The third report of the Land and Water Forum was delivered to Ministers this week. After a lot of careful consideration the NZIF Council decided not to give its full support to the report, an action that was also taken by all the other forestry entities (but very few others) associated with the report. We will give members a fuller explanation after the report has been made available publicly.

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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.)

Forestry a good investment

John Purey-Cust FNZIF, Southland

I read today (26 October) in another place that the Cullen Fund's (our super scheme) best investment is its 40% of Kaingaroa forest, yielding an 18% annual return. If forest is that good an investment (and I am not denying it) why are all the dogs of business not snapping at its heels and why do we bother with dairy conversions?

Where is the economist who can explain this (Chris Perley, where are you) and where are the spokespeople for the



forest industry shouting out the message for all to hear?

John Banks' press release

Roger May, MNZIF, Nelson

I read John Banks press release 'ETS: Families before Forestry'. His facts are faulty and the press release is misleading – it should have been entitled 'Emitters before Forestry'.

NZ emitters, such as the power and fuel companies, are already charging consumers an amount to cover their emissions based on the government's \$25 'carbon cap'. In other words, families are already paying the full price. However, these same companies are able to buy credits on the international market at prices far below this cap (currently about NZ\$3.00). This means that these emitters are actually making money out of carbon and the low carbon prices are not being passed on to consumers.

His press release makes it look like he's looking out for families when in fact he is supporting these corporate emitters who are actually over-charging 'families' and other consumers for their carbon. And into the bargain, his stance is undermining the ETS and the future of the forest industry. The Minister's acceptance of John Bank's position implies that the government is also inclined to sacrifice the ETS and the future of the forest industry simply to allow this rort to continue.

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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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Do you want to support the next generation of forestry professionals?

This year the NZIF Foundation awarded three student scholarships each worth \$1,000 and the Chavasse Travel award of \$3,500. I am sure all NZIF members are proud to be associated with a charity that was able to provide this sort of visible and financial support to those who are the future of our profession. But how much more our chests would swell if the Foundation could award more scholarships and of greater values. Generally university undergraduate scholarships seem to be in the order of \$3-5,000/year and may extend for three years, and postgraduate scholarships are in the order of \$5-10,000 and upwards.

Ponder what it takes to generate the funds necessary to support annual scholarships. With term deposit interest rates hovering between 4% and 5%, capital of at least \$150,000 is needed just to continue the \$6,500/year that the Foundation distributed at the NZIF Conference dinner in July.

How much do you care about the quality of the next generation of forestry professionals? Some of us were supported through our training and education in a number of ways. Are we prepared to help the Foundation to provide some support for those that follow us and maintain the professional standards that we expect? If so, why not show this by making a donation to the fund.

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).

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

HAWKE'S BAY SECTION

Film evening: two films from the International Forest Film Festival

When: 7:30 pm, Tuesday 6 November

Where: The Globe Theatre, 15 Hardinge Road, Ahuriri

2011 was the United Nations International Year of the Forest and to celebrate it an International Forest Film Festival competition was organised. Over 160 films were submitted and we are able to screen the best in festival and another winner in the Forest Hero category in the comfort of the Globe Theatre. There is a cash bar and the usual nibbles for sale.

The films

The Queen of Trees: Judged best in festival. No, not radiata pine, but the amazing sycamore fig, which grows in Africa. This beautifully filmed documentary reveals the remarkable interdependence of the tree and a huge range of animal life. Quite extraordinary and well worth seeing. Superb photography.

Climbing Redwood Giants: Winner of the "Forest Hero" category awarded to the film that most effectively celebrates the work of individuals or groups committed to forest research and sustainability. The remaining range of the natural redwood forest is investigated and trees climbed to investigate the ecology of the tree crowns and which tree is the tallest in the world. Again, superb photography.

Please book a seat by emailing me (Barry Keating) at keating@xtra.co.nz or phone me on (06) 844 7250. There are only 45 seats and those who have booked will have first claim to a seat. To help cover the cost of the theatre hire a donation of \$10 would be most welcome. I will collect the donations on the night as I meet you and check off the list of those who have booked. Hope to see you there.

CNI SECTION

Call for nominations for chairman and vice chairman positions for the NZIF CNI local section

The chairman and a new position of vice chairman are now open for nominations. David Herries would be happy to stay on as vice chairman if needed to assist with the local section, but a new chairman is required to be filled. Nominations are welcome and can be addressed to the National Secretary. Elections of the positions will be at the next local section meeting in late November. The new position of vice chairman is to assist in succession planning for local sections.

GISBORNE SECTION

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 2km 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.

SNI SECTION

Local section meeting

Topic: Rob Guest speaking on the Royal Forest of Dean & UK Forestry Commission Experiences
Where: Forestwood Centre Boardroom, Level 9, 93 The Terrace
Date: Thursday 15 November from 5:30pm
RSVP: To Jay at admin@nzif.org.nz by 9 November

What is it about?

Rob worked for the NZ Forest Service and MoF, but returned to England in the 1990s to take up a role with the Forestry Commission. He remained a member of the Institute. He retired from the Forestry Commission last year, having been the Regional Manager for SW England and also holding the historic position of Deputy Surveyor for the Forest of Dean. In that position he was the public face of the Forestry Commission, and was responsible for managing many of the issues that confront the Commission in that part of the world. Looking forward to seeing you there.

CANTERBURY SECTION

Local section meeting

You are invited to the next local NZIF meeting:

Date: Tuesday 13 November at 6:00 pm (drinks and nibbles to start)
Talk: Patrick Milne ,Theme Leader, FFR Diverse Species Theme
Cost: \$15 – please bring correct change
Topic: ‘If not Radiata pine – what else can we grow, why and where?’
Venue: Lecture theatre F3, School of Forestry, University of Canterbury

Patrick will give an update on current research and a summary of achievements, before exploring what we might dare to aim for in the future. He will also demonstrate one of the new calculators available online for modelling growth and yield for one of the chosen few alternative species. Want to come? Please email your confirmation to Yannina Whiteley by Monday 12 November (yannina.whiteley@xtra.co.nz)

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JOB VACANCY WEBSITES

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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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APPITA ONE DAY CONFERENCE

Appita NZ Section is offering NZIF members registration at member rates for their One Day Conference and AGM being held in Rotorua Friday 9 November at the Millennium Hotel, Rotorua. See the [attached flyer or full details](#). The theme of the Conference is "A Growing Industry – the good news and strategy of a sustainable industry". This will be a valuable opportunity to hear stimulating speakers talking positively about the industry. The Conference will be followed by dinner at the beautiful and serene Rainbow Springs. This will include a guided night-life encounter tour, which will include viewings of kiwis. Please note that NZIF members are being offered registration at Appita member rates. Contact [Karen Clark](#) for more information.



YOUR SUPPORT NEEDED FOR TREE INFORMATION SURVEY

The NZ Institute of Forestry is supporting a new project that aims to establish a comprehensive database of information resources about trees on farms. Please support this useful project by doing a short survey at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Trees_on_Farms. All surveys completed before 31 December 2012 will go into the draw for some fantastic prizes – \$100 petrol vouchers, a copy of *Native Trees of New Zealand and Their Story* by John Wardle, or Rural Women NZ cookbooks, *A Good Spread* and *A Good Harvest*.

The project will help farmers looking for information about any aspect of planting and managing trees in the working landscape. The free database created will list the most useful and credible information resources available and where to find them. Listings in the database will be assessed by leading farm foresters, forestry consultants and researchers as reflecting current knowledge and best practice.

The project will also help provide information on how farmers prefer to receive information about planting and managing trees. With today's new media there are so many ways we can learn – formally and informally – and the online survey is trying to build up a picture of current behaviour and future preferences.

The project is being funded by the Sustainable Farming Fund, the NZ Farm Forestry Association, and Scion Research with support from Rural Women NZ and the NZ Institute of Forestry. More details: Harriet Palmer (Project Manager), email: harriet.palmer@paradise.net.nz

NZ FARM FORESTRY ASSOCIATION AGM AND NATIONAL CONFERENCE

20-23 April 2013

This conference (“Back to our roots – growing a forestry future on a soundly-based foundation”) is being held in Orewa – very close to the birthplace of the NZFFA 60 years ago. It will include a visit to founder Neil Barr's former farm and now the world-renowned Gibbs Farm sculpture park. The programme is focused in a future where integration of trees into rural land use will be the practice, matching species to site the rule and taking advantage of the wide range of natural properties wood provides will come naturally.

Some of the issues arising from being on the back door on NZ's largest urban centre, use of the RMA to control harvesting practice and transport, pressure for public access and the opportunities this potentially provides, and a number of like matters will be debated. This conference will provide foresters from throughout NZ the opportunity to better understand and appreciate the opportunities and issues facing forestry as practiced by thousands of rural land owners in this country, and the NZFFA would be delighted to welcome as many of their colleagues from NZIF as are able to join them.

For more information on the conference visit www.nzffa.org.nz/conference or email the conference convenor: peter@bergforests.co.nz.

BUYING/SELLING FORESTS: THE MAKE OR BREAK ISSUES

Auckland Seminar on 20 November 2012

How do you manage Overseas Investment Office approvals for forestry transactions?

How do anti-competition laws apply to the forestry sector?

How do you value forests – and the land? Why is there often a significant difference between valuations of the same land?

Minter Ellison Rudd Watts is pleased to invite you to an industry-wide seminar to discuss these main issues which

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can make or break forestry transactions. We intend that this will be the first of a series of seminars.

Kate Healy, Partner at Minter Ellison Rudd Watts, will discuss the current issues when making OIO applications, in the light of the recent high profile Crafar Farms decision. Kate will share her thoughts on the particular issues which forestry transactions raise in the context of the required approach to OIO applications, the latest approach of the OIO on forestry transactions, and the best way forward.

Andy Matthews, Partner at Minter Ellison Rudd Watts, will consider how consolidation of industry players and collaborative marketing and supply fits within the NZ legal framework of anti-competitive business practices.

We are also delighted to be joined by Bill Liley (Indufor) and Blue Hancock (Crighton Anderson). Both Bill and Blue are well known in the forestry industry in NZ. Their combined depth of expertise and experience in valuation and transaction issues provide an ideal basis for their presentation on the different approaches to valuation methods for forests and land. Mark Forman, a Senior Associate at Minter Ellison Rudd Watts will moderate this discussion.

Following these presentations, there will be a Question and Answer session with all four presenters. Light refreshments will also be available. The session will be chaired by Ross Pickmere, a Senior Partner and experienced forestry advisor from Minter Ellison Rudd Watts.

Please RSVP by reply email by Wednesday 14 November for catering and allocated seating purposes. Please feel free to pass on this Invitation to any other colleagues who you think may be interested in attending.

Where: Minter Ellison Rudd Watts, Level 20, Lumley Centre, 88 Shortland Street, Auckland 1010

Date: Tuesday, 20 November 2012

Time: 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm with light refreshments afterwards

(Limited parking in our building – please contact us in advance for booking.)

We look forward to seeing you from 3:30pm for a 4:00 pm seated start. Contact: Ross Pickmere (09) 353 9762, ross.pickmere@minterellison.co.nz.

DURABLE EUCALYPTS – OPPORTUNITY FOR GISBORNE TREE GROWERS – FIELD DAY

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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.

November 2012

Tue 6	Hawke's Bay film evening, keating@xtra.co.nz
Fri 9	SNI local section meeting, admin@nzif.org.nz
Fri 9	APPITA One Day Conference, Karen Clark
Mon 12 – Fri 16	8 th IUFRO Conference on International Conference on Uneven-Aged Silviculture
Tue 13	Canterbury local section meeting, yannina.whiteley@xtra.co.nz
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
Tue 20	Auckland seminar on buying/selling forests, ross.pickmere@minterrellison.co.nz
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
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April 2013

Sun 7 – Thur 11	Institute of Foresters of Australia National Conference, www.forestryconference.org.au
Sat 20 – Tue 23	NZFFA AGM and National Conference, www.nzffa.org.nz/conference

May 2013

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

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