

NZIF Newsletter 2017-02 (13 February 2017)

President's Column



The year seems to be flying by already and your council is meeting today to discuss the year. The Rotorua conference committee is deeply immersed in their planning and we will be advertising for sponsors soon. The fire committee has been very active and I have asked the committee to update members via this newsletter. Council is finalising the budget and the Forest Policy Project team are finalising the draft for sector review.

Before we know it we will be in election mode. Your council has sent an invite to the new minister to meet. We will also be working hard to keep all parties informed on matters forestry and I suspect like every election year we will be receiving better attention from our politicians. We are determined to make the most of this opportunity.

I am excited about this year. I believe the future of forestry is looking bright commercially, but also our native forests are likely to have their time in the sun. The environment will be a major part of each party's policies and I believe we should all be pushing the environmental benefits of our forests whether they be native or commercial. As a sector we have done this poorly to date but the time is ripe to educate both the public and our politicians. I will be placing particular emphasis on this during every meeting I have and I encourage you to do so as well. Additionally the draft forest policy also discusses the importance of forestry to our environment.

I encourage all of you to meet your local politician no matter what party they are from. Ask them what they know about forestry and our sector and then educate them. Our story is positive and we are of great benefit to New Zealand. We should be proud and we should be educating everyone on the benefits we offer. This is our year. Go out and grab it.

Regards

James Treadwell

Institute News

Nelson/Marlborough Local Section Event

Bill Dyck (FOA Biosecurity Manager) will present:

Changes to NZ Forest Biosecurity Surveillance System: Targeting Risk to improve forest health protection and maintain a healthy log trade.

Biosecurity threats to New Zealand are rapidly increasing for a number of reasons, but primarily because of increased trade and tourism. Pests and pathogens are getting closer to New Zealand and establishing in trading partner countries and hitchhiking on trade goods and people to our border. NZ Forestry has had an active forest health surveillance system in place for more than 50 years and it has been regularly reviewed and updated. Over the last two years FOA has been working with MPI, Scion, AgResearch, SPS Biosecurity and CEBRA (Australian Centre of Excellence for Biosecurity Risk Assessment) and have developed a new Forest Biosecurity Surveillance system focused on risk and early detection to enable eradication. This means changes to how things have been done and also an even closer partnership with MPI to try to ensure forests are free of new incursions and that we can make guarantees to trading partners that we are not harbouring unwanted organisms that they might see as a threat.

Date/Time: 15 March 2017 – 4.00pm, Location: Nelson Forests – Gladstone Road, Richmond

NZIF Conference 2017

The 2017 NZIF conference “ **The Future of the NZ Forestry Sector**” and AGM will be held at the Novotel Lakeside, Rotorua between the **3rd and the 6th September 2017**. Please add this date to your diaries now!

A host of international and domestic speakers will provide insight into the technologies, policies, and market drivers that will shape our structure, position in the landscape and the composition of our workforce. The conference field trip will take advantage of Rotorua’s unique position at the heart of the industry and will offer a unique opportunity to visit processing sites, research trials and local forests. More details of the programme will be published shortly. This conference will offer something to a broad range of industry professionals, students and associated industry sectors.

If you are interested in sponsoring the NZIF Conference or would like to book a Trade Stand please contact our President, [James Treadwell](#).

From NZIF Administration

NZIF Registered Members

All CPD Hours for the 2016 year – 1st January to 31st December 2016 should now be entered into your membership dashboard.

If you would like further advice on how to input the hours please contact [Jay](#).

Members Voice

It is with great sadness that the institute acknowledges the passing of Honorary Member John Groome.

The institute was able to acknowledge John's amazing support and contribution to NZIF and forestry by awarding him the Kirk Horn Award last year at the Dunedin 2016 NZIF Conference.

Member's comments about John:

"John was an icon of our industry and will always be remembered as such."

"We will all have kind thoughts of this truly remarkable person."

"The last of the forestry legends! He and Peter Olsen were of the same era – and Peter's been gone almost 20 years. Both pioneers in forestry consulting and both making huge contributions to New Zealand and international forestry." Bill Dyck

"It is with sadness that I receive this news. John was kind to me when I first arrived in New Zealand in 1986. He was interested in my background, introduced me to the others in his firm, and had me do a bit of work for him, which helped me to get established in Christchurch. I know that John was a pillar in New Zealand forestry and in the NZIF."
Ted Belik

Quite a few, perhaps many, of us will remember Joe Levy.

He was a staunch member of the NZIF in the sixties, and a long-serving public servant in the NZ Forest service, where his last position, held with distinction, was Conservator of Forests, Canterbury.

Joe passed away recently. His obituary notice in The Press newspaper of February 6th 2017, reads as follows; LEVY, Joseph William, Passed away peacefully in the presence of family at the Palmerston North Hospital on Thursday February 2, 2017, aged 91 years.

Brian Swale

With all the on going bollocks around Forestry (ignoring the elephant of age class collapse from over cutting that is coming to a few locations around the country) I

was listening to the leader of the opposition blathering on about how their party was so wonderful bringing in the ETS which has seen a spectacular decline in forest estate. By my reckoning it will end up being minus 200,000 hectares (more or less) and apart from a bit of Manuka going in to cash in on the latest (llama, ostrich etc.) big thing the investing public is gun shy of planting forests due to the continuing political interference.

So here's the plan.

We currently pay 70 cents per litre in tax on liquid fuels (which includes a carbon tax).

We get the government to ring fence 5 cents of that tax grab as "5 Cents For a Forest". All the tax collected is used to direct fund the establishment of up to 1 million hectares of new forest as a crown/landowner JV under the Forestry Rights Registration Act.

Br George he's got it!!
Paul Marshall

[In the News](#)

2017 NZ Wood Resene Timber Design Awards Gala Presentation Dinner

Thursday, 9th March 5.30pm - 11.00pm, Pullman Hotel, Cnr Princes Street & Waterloo Quadrant, Auckland CBD

Ticket prices are \$179.10 (GST + fee incl.) - This includes: Cocktail hour + 3 course plated dinner and drinks.

Tickets are on sale until Thursday 3rd March 2017. [Click here](#) for tickets.

Join architects, engineers and timber industry leaders for a fun and spectacular night to celebrate Timber Design excellence and innovation at the:

The 2017 NZ Wood Resene presentation gala dinner will reward practitioners who have surpassed the 'everyday' with their professional skill and ability to deliver excellence to their clients.

In a marketplace that makes many claims and with expectations around 'grand designs' abounding, join representatives from the New Zealand Forest and Wood Products industry in celebrating those that can truly see the wood from the trees and know how to use it!

While recently browsing the web site for Gwydyr Forestry School in North Wales I encountered photograph of John Drewitt in 1958

It carried a note that he had left the UK and went into forestry in NZ. John had been a room mate of mine in Benmore Argyll, Scotland and I felt compelled to try to make contact. Any assistance you could provide would be greatly appreciated.

[Fred Carty email](#)

Simpson Grierson - Forestry News Update

- Coroner praises forestry safety measures
- Dust settles in Far North road disputes
- Coroner blames death on casual attitude towards health and safety
- DOC plans Coromandel logging road
- Forest biodiversity research revolutionised
- Integration of farming and forestry explored

[See full News Update](#)

New keynote speakers strengthen conference.

Loggers and forest managers have been quick to capitalise on the latest Forest Industry Safety Summit set to run next month in Rotorua. Registrations have exceeded expectations and the gathering is set to be the second largest forest safety conference ever held in New Zealand.

“We have had some really positive news in our speakers lineup as well,” says conference organiser, John Stulen, “while we lost Cos Bruyn as a keynote speaker, we are really pleased to announce that we have two new keynote speakers who more than compensate for his unforeseen departure.”

Rob Moonen, CEO of the BC Forest Safety Council will be the keynote speaker on day one of the conference,” says Stulen, “and he has been directly involved with running the BC forest industry’s SAFE certification system for most of the past decade.”

Rob's involvement is very timely, with the work on our own safe certification program now in its final stages with our own Forest Industry Safety Council," added Stulen. "The loggers and their safety teams in BC have learned a lot from experience in 10 years and Rob will bring their story to share with our industry safety leaders – which really is everyone on the forest floor."

FIEA has also been lucky to gain the services of Steve Carden, CEO of Landcorp. Carden is leading the large farming company to a new phase in safety and is keen to compare notes with people in forestry. So, it should be the basis for some great conversations and information sharing, says Stulen.

Looking to the event itself, the conference room is going to be a busy place.

"All of our exhibitor stand spaces are sold out, even though we extended the capacity with a marquee in the hotel courtyard", says FIEA's event manager, Gordon Thomson, "and there are only small number of conference seats available. Now is the time to register to make sure you don't miss out."

Special offers are now being made available to members of other industry associations across the forest industries. To take advantage of this offer, [go to](#).

"For the first time, FIEA has teamed up with the Forest Industry Safety Council (FISC) to organise a workshop as part of the Safety Summit," says Thomson. "Working with Fiona Ewing of FISC has led us to include a series of workshops and panel sessions for people to interact – from the forest floor to the CEOs."

The summit runs 1st & 2nd March 2017 in Rotorua at the Distinction Hotel.

The following week it moves to the Bayview Eden Hotel in Melbourne running on 7th & 8th March.

[For full details visit](#)

[John Stulen, Forest Industry Engineering Association](#)

Our first Forest Science Seminar for the year 2017 – Dan Neary is back visiting Scion and will give a presentation on soil erosion after wildfires in the USA.

As usual, the seminar is taking place in the Scion Rimu room and can be accessed remotely via our Zoom service (link below). WEDNESDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2017, Rimu Room and Zoom, 12noon – 1pm

Soil Erosion after Recent Wildfires in Southwest USA Forests: Implications for Soil Function Recovery

Dr. Dan Neary, Research Soil Scientist, USDA Forest Service and SCION OECD Research Fellow

Daniel G. Neary is the Science Team Leader and Research Soil Scientist, Southwest Watershed Team, Air, Water & Aquatic Environments Science Program, USDA Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Research Station, Flagstaff, AZ. He has a B.S. in Forest Management, M.S. in Forest Ecology, and Ph.D. in Forest Soils and Hydrology, all from

Michigan State University. Dan was a National Research Advisory Council Post-doctoral Fellow at the Forest Research Institute, Rotorua, New Zealand, from 1974 to 1978 and a McMaster Research Fellow with CSIRO Australia in Hobart, Tasmania in 2009. He is currently an Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development Research Fellow at SCION in Rotorua. He has worked for the U.S. Forest Service Research and Development since 1978 in North Carolina, Florida, and Arizona. Dan is currently an Adjunct Professor at the University of Arizona and Northern Arizona University. He was on the Board of the Soil Science Society of America for 6 years and is now a member of the International Association of Wildland Fire Board. His main research emphasis is on the watershed-scale effects of prescribed fire and wildfires on soils and water resources. Dan worked for 15 years on the environmental fate of forestry pesticides while in the southern USA. He has published over 400 papers and book chapters and is the lead author or co-author of two textbooks on fire effects on ecosystems. He also has been active in several International Energy Agency Bioenergy Tasks studying and synthesizing the effects of intensive forest bioenergy programs on soil and water resources.

ZOOM details the link to join: <https://scion.zoom.us/j/518616616>

[Katrin Webb](#), Scion

GROWING FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

Who would have thought from such small beginnings eight years ago, would become a much-anticipated annual event on all foresters calendars and made such an impression on other regions.

It was initially driven by C3's Matt Wakelin and the Eastland Wood Council, and such is the success of the event, that Northland now has its own look-a-like version. And it seems word is travelling even further afield.

Eastland Wood Council chief executive Prue Younger has been approached to start a forestry awards programme in Mount Gambier, South Australia. "What a fabulous journey," she says.

Entries are now open for the Eastland Wood Council Forestry Awards eighth year.

The March 31 closing date gives all nominees plenty of time to roll out their entry forms. This year sees the introduction of a mentor scheme, with up to three hours of support to help understand, critique and assist with the writing of the nomination.

The highlight of the awards each year is the gathering of over 500 guests at the Showgrounds Event Centre – a far cry from the 200 who attended the inaugural awards evening.

Former All Black and rugby sevens legend Eric Rush is Master of Ceremonies and will be sure to entertain with his witty repartee. He was regarded as a pacey and skillful winger, who played for the All Blacks briefly until the emergence of Jonah Lomu effectively ended his international representative career. On retiring from playing in 2005 he became assistant to New Zealand Sevens coach Gordon Tietjens. In 2010 Rush became owner operator of the Browns Bay franchise of the New World Supermarket chain and in February 2014 took over the New World store in Kaikohe.

Last year's Eastland Wood Council Forestry Professional of the Year was awarded to William (Hoot) Knowles who has the reputation for working more than just a little magic in his job, so it was fitting the 36-year veteran of the forestry industry walked off with two big prizes at the seventh annual Eastland Wood Council Forestry Awards last May.

Awards night is a celebration that brings this industry and all its associated service providers together to acknowledge the work being done at the coal face and the great teams and initiatives that make this industry such a success on the East Coast.

[Check out our website](#) and get someone to complete the process of nomination that you know deserves the accolades and opportunity to stand up on stage and be recognised.

For more information please contact – [Prue Younger](#), 2017 Eastland Wood Council Forestry Awards Event Manager.

Press Release, 7 February, Tuesday 2017

NZIF Members – Increase your CPD while leading the way for the next generation.

The Futureintech programme aims to address New Zealand's need for a more highly skilled workforce in the technology, engineering and science industries by promoting the wide range of challenging and rewarding careers available in these fields.

Futureintech are recruiting volunteer Ambassadors who are working in these industries and who would like to promote their careers to school students through sharing and learning.

There are many potential benefits in becoming a Futureintech Ambassador, including:

- Contributing to your Continued Professional Development
- Opportunities to improve public speaking skills
- Giving something valuable back to the community by sharing experience and inspiration for young people
- Helping to raise the profile of your company or industry in the community
- Contact your local [Futureintech Facilitator](#)

to talk about how you could be involved. You can also find out more about being an Ambassador in the online [Handbook](#).

Read more about this program [here](#).

Philip Elworthy, National Log Procurement Manager, Rayonier, Matariki Forests

The Commonwealth Forestry Association - Young Forester Award 2017

As part of the Commonwealth Forestry Association's (CFA) commitment to supporting the professional development of young foresters CFA are pleased to announce the launch of the CFA Young Forester Award 2017 in conjunction with the Faculty of Forestry at the University of British Columbia.

The CFA Young Forester Award provides a short-term work placement of three months hosted by the University of British Columbia at their Malcolm Knapp Research Forest, between September and December 2017, where the successful applicant will be able to develop their practical skills. The Award covers flights, accommodation, local travel, subsistence costs and a small bursary to cover the period of the placement.

More details on this award, including eligibility criteria, can be found [here](#). The Application Form should be completed and submitted via [email](#) by March 15th 2017.

Employment Wanted

I work currently in France in the fields of environment and sustainable development ([see my CV attached](#)). I'm looking now for opportunities in New Zealand in order to have a new professional experience in your beautiful country. I am equally interested in short-term jobs (a few months with a working holiday visa) or more important missions (more than 1 year with a work visa).

My studies included two years on natural spaces management and another year focused on sustainable management of forest areas. I studied three other years dedicated to land planning and environmental policies. My main interest is about making bridges between different subjects, in a cross-disciplinary way, in order to develop new answers to both global and local stakes. To reach such goal, I strongly believe in the abilities of local communities, that can arise from an adapted governance system based on shared confidence and transparency.

I would be really happy to develop such approach in New Zealand. It can deal with different kind of projects, such as for instance the Emission Trade Scheme (making links with biodiversity or water quality), wood-energy industries, agroforestry, etc. I would also be interested by field works such as natural reserve management.

[Thomas Litzler](#)

Job Vacancy



Harvest Forester/Forest Engineer

Based in Masterton, Forest Enterprises is a leading forestry investment company that manages 70+ forestry Investments on behalf of more than 7,500 individual investors throughout New Zealand and overseas.

We operate a large-scale harvesting, roading, log marketing and consequent re-establishment programme, with opportunities for growth.

We have a vacancy for a full time Harvest Forester/Forest Engineer.

This role will suit an experienced person with competency in technical forestry disciplines as well as a commitment to adding value to our forest investments. The successful applicant will be based in Masterton and become part of a small team planning, organising and monitoring forestry and harvesting operations.

Suitable applicants will have the following key attributes -

- Technical or tertiary training in forestry or forest engineering
- Technical competency
- Strong communication skills, plus numeracy, literacy and computer skills
- Understand and promote safety culture in a productive environment
- Understand value, quality and efficiency in harvesting and operations
- Understand and drive excellence in environmental performance
- Be physically fit for an outdoors role
- Be a team player but self reliant
- Commitment to continuous professional development

Send your application in confidence to recruitment@forestenterprises.co.nz, or to the Forestry Director, Forest Enterprises, PO Box 128 Masterton.

Closing date 21 February 2017.



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