

## NZIF Newsletter 2017-05 (27 March 2017)

### President's Column



Two reports out last week highlight the issues facing New Zealand meeting its climate change commitments. The OECD's report shows New Zealand's emissions have risen rather than fallen recently, and states clearly we must make changes if we are serious about reducing emissions. At the same time a cross party group of MP's suggested to curb emissions we may need to consider cuts to the national dairy herd and extensive new forests.

NZIF has been stating the same for quite a while now. Whilst we have nothing against the dairy herd, the country needs to have an adult conversation about the best use of our land. There is no debate, dairy is encroaching on to land unsuitable for it, and intensification is resulting in reduced water quality. Whilst we understand export returns are important to the country, we need to debate to what extent these returns are more important than our climate change obligations or the quality of our water.

The OECD suggests that bringing farming into the ETS would provide policy certainty, therefore encouraging investment and accelerate innovation, resulting in reduced emissions. Certainty is pivotal to investment. Lack of certainty results in investors trying to make a 'quick buck' (get in and out quickly) or just to shy away from the sector. If we want real change to the emissions profile of agriculture, then we need long term investment. Setting out a clear plan for moving agriculture into the ETS will encourage this.

The cross party call for extensive new forests is welcome, however I am uncertain how this can be encouraged. What I do know is for this to occur there must be a clear plan, our sector must be involved in the planning, it should look at all forests types, and it must have a long term (100 year) view. As a sector we have not been very good at agreeing to a plan and then enacting it. The Forest Policy Project (due out very soon) has put forward a vision. One I hope we can all get behind, but to put the vision into practice will require agreement from all entities, good leadership, a plan and clear responsibilities.

To plan extensive new forests we will need to involve the Government, DoC, FOA, FFA, WMPA, Iwi, farmers, investors, the tourist industry ..... the list goes on and on. So who will put this group together and drive the change? NZIF can provide professional advice and encouragement, but we do not have the resources to drive this project (as much as I would like to). Perhaps this needs to be driven by the Government?

I had a very worthwhile and encouraging meeting with our new Minister, The Hon. Louise Upston last week. I found the Minister very open to ideas and someone who wants

to see the sector flourish. She understands there must be interaction between forestry and farming and she also understands forestry is not just about plantations. I offered her our expertise and independence if she ever has any questions or need for advice. I explained we have members in all areas of the sector and they joined NZIF as individuals and spoke as individuals. Finally I suggested we had regular meetings to continue the dialogue about issues facing our sector. I am hopeful we can help the Minister promote forests and forestry and work towards goals which will benefit all of New Zealand.

We have also invited the Minister to attend our conference during the first week of September in Rotorua this year. In addition to the Minister we have invited representatives of all parties to speak at the conference and then take part in a question and answer session. To date we have four confirmations of attendance and I look forward to hearing from each party what their vision for our sector is, just days out from the election. The conference agenda is looking fantastic and I encourage all of you to attend. As always, if you wish to sponsor our conference our sponsorship pack is out, and I encourage you to contact me to discuss options. Our sponsors are very important and enable us to keep costs of attending the conference down for our members. To those sponsors who have already committed I thank you, your support is appreciated. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible there.

Regards

James Treadwell

## **Institute News**

### **Auckland Section Event - 28th March**

Log Export Market Update - Chris Rayes, Marketing Director, Rayonier Matariki Forests

The last year has been another positive period for New Zealand's log exporters but what is the outlook?

Recently returned from China, Chris Rayes, Marketing Director for Rayonier Matariki Forests, has once again kindly agreed to present his views on the log export markets of China, Korea and India, and to take us through developments over the past 12 months.

This meeting is generously hosted by Rayonier Matariki Forests for which the ASIF is very grateful.

Date: 5.30pm Tuesday 28 March 2017

Venue: Rayonier Matariki Forests, Level 5, 32-34 Mahuhu Crescent, Auckland

RSVP: Please RSVP to [andy@logjiztix.com](mailto:andy@logjiztix.com) by Friday 24 March

### **SNI Members - NZ Farm Forestry Association Branch meeting - 29th March**

NZIF SNI members have been invited to the NZ Farm Forestry Association meeting on Wednesday 29 March – Options for harvesting forests.

A lot of small commercial forests are coming up for harvest in the next few years, and if yours is one, come along and ask questions. Information is power.

Harvesting and marketing groups will make presentations on the options available to growers who want to harvest their forests. There will be time for questions at the end of each presentation. The presenters will be PF Olsen (Richard Cook) UFG (Hamish Levack) FOMS (Chris Maher) Don Turkington (still to be confirmed)

Venue: the Johnsonville Club, 1 Norman Lane, Johnsonville, 7pm on 29 March 2017. Please email [James Barton](mailto:James.Barton@nzif.co.nz) if you plan on attending.

### **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](mailto:James.Treadwell@nzif.co.nz).

### **Update from the NZIF Fire Committee**

The latest Board Update from the NZ Fire Service Committee is available [here](#).

### **From The NZIF Admin Team**



Jay and Janice recently took a "field trip" to Lake Tarawera. The trip was finished off with a visit to the Redwoods Forest in Rotorua. We are pictured here by the commemorative plaque to Mary Sutherland. Mary graduated with a B.Sc Forestry from Bangor University in Wales, 1916. She was the first woman Forestry Graduate in the world. She was with the NZ Forest Service from 1923 to 1933, firstly at Golden Downs and then at Whakarewarewa. A truly inspirational lady!

## [In the News](#)

### **Scion Research's 4th Annual Growing Confidence in Forestry's Future Conference and workshops 28-30 March**

Otago Museum, Dunedin.

The GCFF Research programme has reached the halfway mark or mid-rotation. At the outset, it set ambitious targets around raising the productivity of future forests and maximising the benefits from existing forests that will provide the wood sold into the domestic and international markets for the next 20 years at least. This conference will provide updates on key projects that are being undertaken within the overall GCFF programme and the implications for forest managers. More information on the event can be found [here](#) .

### **Invitation to "Growing Your Future"- 31 March**

Meet with the people who drive Tairāwhiti's largest primary industry. Hear the details of the NZIER National Report.

Emerald Hotel, Gladstone Road, Gisborne.

More information on this event can be found [here](#) .

### **Ministry of Forestry Reunion - 15 April**

Way back on 1 April 1987 the New Zealand Ministry of Forestry was born! That's right - nearly 30 years ago! MoF until 1992 also included the Forest Research Institute. MoF later merged, in 1998, with Agriculture to become MAF and more recently MPI.

To mark this milestone event a reunion of folk who worked in the Ministry of Forestry all those years ago is being organised!

It will be held in Wellington on Easter Saturday (15 April - from about 5.00pm) and with a restorative session on Easter Sunday from about 11.00am.

If you are interested in attending please do e-mail [James Barton](#) and he will put you on the list for further details.

### **NZFI Dryland Forests Initiative - Workshop Durable Eucalypts on Drylands: 19 - 20 April**

Marlborough Research Centre, 85 Budge Street, Blenheim

Including presentations by New Zealand and international scientists and technical specialists and a visit to a NZDFI breeding trial site near Blenheim, where we will see and hear about some of the science that is being put into practice on the network of trial sites around the country. Also included is a tour of the LVL plant at Nelson Pine Industries Ltd. More information on this event is available [here](#) .

### **Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) Afforestation Grant Scheme (AGS) funding round.**

Applications will be accepted until 28 April.

Through the AGS, MPI provides grants of \$1,300 a hectare for farmers to plant new small to medium-sized forests (5 hectares to 300 hectares). The purpose of the fund is to achieve a better environment through planting new forests. Whether it be carbon absorption or reducing land erosion, the scheme is already making a real contribution. More information on the AGS is available [here](#).

### **Calling for Nominations Eastland Wood Council – Skilled Professional of the Year**

**Nominations Close 31 March “JUST 5 DAYS TO GO”**

Check out our [website](#) and complete the process of nomination for the person/company that you know deserves the accolades and opportunity to stand up on stage and be recognised at the Eastland Wood Council Forestry Awards 2017 – May 19 Friday. More information on the nomination criteria and award is available [here](#) .

For more information please contact – [Prue Younger](#) 021 276 5484

## **[Documentary on Forestry](#)**

To all forestry workers and companies,

We are a film production company based in Frankfurt and Hamburg, Germany. Our current project is a documentary on forestry work and tree care around the world – and we are looking for ambitious arborists, forest workers and lumberjacks to team up with. The documentary will be a cinematic portrait of tree care and forestry work with a focus on the usage of chainsaws. Our camera team would accompany you during daily work in New Zealand as well as special tasks such as slope logging, tree care and forest harvest, etc. We aim to capture breath-taking and spectacular, yet honest shots of forestry work.

The shooting period will be in April 2017, to be confirmed.

If you are interested in working with us or know someone who might be, please contact us via [Email](#).

Franziska Braun



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