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PRESIDENT'S COMMENT

Andrew McEwen FNZIF
President, NZ Institute of Forestry
president@nzif.org.nz

Council and Board elections

Nominations for the next Council and two positions on the Registration Board close in three weeks on Friday 28th February (note not Friday 24th as previously stated).

Management of your Institute depends on the quality of those who are prepared stand for Council. Please play your part by putting yourself forward and/or by nominating candidates – don't just sit back and expect others to do it for you or expect the current Council to have to shoulder tap people.

New conference sponsor

I am pleased to welcome insurance broker Crombie Lockwood as a Rimu Investor of this year's NZIF conference in Napier.

Sponsor support is essential for our conferences and for the overall financial status of NZIF so we are delighted with the support confirmed so far for the 2014 conference. Also essential for the conferences is support from



members. The organising committee has been working hard to provide a stimulating programme (have a look at the draft programme on the conference website) and many speakers are already confirmed.

Nominations for NZIF Fellow

We will shortly call for nominations for members to be considered for election as an NZIF Fellow in 2014. The primary requirement for nomination is demonstration that the candidate has achieved eminence in the profession of forestry. This is a pretty high hurdle and requires careful consideration by those making the nomination.

The Council has agreed to a change in process this year. Nominators are asked not seek consent of the person being nominated or to discuss nomination with their candidate. Once nominations are received and processed, Council will ask those to be included in the election if they consent to this. The reason for the change is to reduce the possibility of embarrassment that might arise if the vetting process results in a nomination not being put in front of members for election.

In a further move to raise the bar for election as a Fellow, Council intends to put forward a proposal to change the rules relating to election at the 2014 AGM. Currently a candidate is elected on the basis of 50% of the votes for the candidate being in favour. The Council is proposing that election require an 80% yes vote and that at least 100 members must cast a vote for or against the candidate.

NZIF submissions

This week NZIF made a submission to Government on the Proposed Amendments to the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2011.

I also recently sent a letter to the Editor of the *NZ Herald* objecting to the content of a 23rd January 2014 article *Scorched Earth* by columnist Sam Judd. I offered to facilitate preparation of a well-informed article on forestry practices in erosion-prone catchments – I have had no response from the editor.

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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

Forest safety

Ian Lyver, MNZIF, Hastings

I have put my chainsaw aside, and decided that the firewood could wait until I responded to Andrew McEwen's comments in last week's newsletter. I had initially presumed that the comments were made in a very much a 'tongue-in-cheek' manner, designed to elicit reaction from NZIF members. But then I read Wink's brief response and quickly came to the conclusion that our President, and perhaps some of the highly respected members of the Institute, are completely out of touch with the grassroots activities of those at the wood-face of forest management.

Over the last 20 years of my involvement with forest establishment, tending and harvesting, I have looked from the outside with pride and respect at the lengths to which the forest companies seek to create a 'nil-harm' forest environment. Most of those companies are directed or managed by Institute members. I also see situations where some operators, who are not members of either NZIF or NZFOA, create situations where forest risks are either not conveyed to workers or for economic reasons ignored. This is often the case when there are value spikes in the market, and the experienced workforce is not sufficiently large to carry out the harvesting and re-



establishment activities.

There is clearly much more to do, and to keep our public profile as positive as possible we cannot back away from our responsibility to play a leading role in the ongoing campaign for research and training. The extent to which members recognise the significance of the forest safety issues is reflected in the programme for the 2014 NZIF Conference in Napier where much emphasis will be placed on ensuring that the 'nil-harm' message is reinforced once again. I expect that you will find it to be a very informative session! Now where did I put my chainsaw-chaps?

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NZIF BUSINESS

Call for nominations for NZIF Council and Registration Board

A call for nominations for the next NZIF Council and for two forthcoming vacancies for the NZIF Registration Board has been emailed or posted (to those without email) to NZIF Members. The notice and nomination forms are also being placed on the NZIF website (under <About NZIF><2014 NZIF elections>).

Nominations for Council

Nominations are called for the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and six Councillors to make up the NZIF Council to serve from 1st June 2014 until the earlier of 31st May 2016 or the 2016 NZIF AGM.

Any person nominated must be an Honorary, Retired, Registered, Ordinary or Associate Member of the Institute. Retired Associate and Associate Members may only be nominated for the position of Councillor and only if they have been a member of the Institute for at least five years at the time of nomination (see Rule 65). Only one Retired Associate or Associate Member can be elected as a Councillor and the procedure if more than one is in the six highest polling nominees is set out in Rule 77.

Nominations for Registration Board

The terms of Registration Board members Mr Ian Page and Mr David Lowry end on 31st May 2014.

Nominations are therefore called for the following vacancies:

1. One Registered or Retired Registered Member of the Institute. In the event of more than one nomination, an election will be held in which only Registered Members will be eligible to participate;
2. One Honorary or Retired (but not Retired Associate) or Registered or Ordinary Member of the Institute. In the event of more than one nomination, an election will be held in which all members except Student Members will be eligible to participate

The four year term of those elected to fill the vacancies will begin on 1st June 2014 and will end on the earlier of 31st May 2018 or the 2018 NZIF AGM.

Registration Board members receive attendance fees and reimbursement of expenses.

General information about nominations

Each nomination must be made by no fewer than two NZIF members who may be any category of member except Student Member.

Nominations must be received by the NZIF Secretary no later than 5:00 pm on Friday 28th February 2014 by sending to one of the following contacts:

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New Zealand Institute of Forestry
- Te Pihahi Ngāherehere o Aotearoa Incorporated -

Email: admin@nzif.org.nz

Emailed nominations do not need signatures, but the nominee and nominators will be contacted to confirm their agreement.

Postal:

**New Zealand Institute of Forestry
PO Box 10-513
The Terrace
WELLINGTON 6143**

In the event that an election is needed for any position, candidate information will be sought from each nominee. It is expected that election instructions will be distributed no later than Friday 14th March 2014 and that the ballot will close no later than Monday 31st March 2014.

The NZIF Rules can be found on the NZIF website (www.nzif.org.nz, click on “about NZIF”, “Governing Documents”).

If you have any queries about the process please contact the Administrator on (04) 974 8421 or admin@nzif.org.nz.

Registration reviews

The following Registered Members have their five-year reviews due:

- Mr I Moore of Wanganui
- Mr M Watson of Gisborne
- Mr P Handford of Paekakariki
- Mr M Inglis of Nelson
- Mr W Liley of Auckland
- Mr P Milne of Kaiapoi
- Mr R Miller of Wellington.

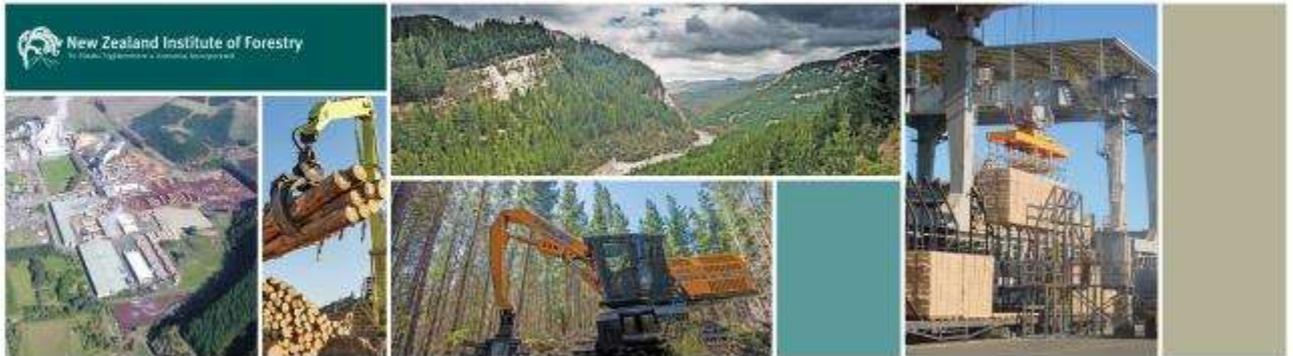
Any member of the Institute has the right to object to an application or review. Any objection should be made by lodging a notice with the Registrar within 20 working days of the first appearance (17 January) of the notice in this Newsletter, specifying the grounds of the objection.

Mike Marren Registrar – NZIF Registration Board

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CONFERENCE 2014

Tackling Challenges and Delivering Value



New Zealand Institute of Forestry Conference · 6 July – 9 July 2014 · Napier

Conference dates

The NZIF 2014 Conference will be held at the War Memorial Conference Centre in Napier from Sunday 6th to Wednesday 9th July 2014. The theme is “Tackling Challenges and Delivering Value”. Please mark your diaries now and plan to attend.

Sponsorship

We are delighted this week to welcome Crombie Lockwood as a Rimu Investor in the conference – thank you.

Sponsors who have already signed up for the conference are:

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Sponsorship enquiries should be directed to James Treadwell (vice-president@nzif.org.nz).

Conference programme

The draft conference programme is now available on the conference [web site](#). Have a look and get excited.

Conference committee

The conference organising committee is:

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| Bob Pocknall | Chair |
| Brett Gilmore | |
| Brendan Slui | |
| James Powrie | |
| Mark Morice | |
| James Treadwell | Sponsorship |
| Ian Lyver | Treasurer |
| Jay Matthes | Conference Manager (admin@nzif.org.nz) |

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Foundation annual reports

The annual reports and financial statements for the NZIF Foundation for the years ended 31 March 2012 and 31 March 2013 are on the Foundation [web site](#) and also on the charities [web site](#) of the Department of Internal Affairs. NZIF members are encouraged to have a look at the reports and to make a donation to assist the Foundation's work.



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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)

ADDRESSING SEVERE EROSION ON THE EAST COAST

Ministry for Primary Industries
Manatū Ahu Matua



Associate Primary Industries Minister Jo Goodhew has announced that public consultation on proposed operational changes to the East Coast Forestry Project (ECFP) is now underway. “The Gisborne region has a severe erosion problem. A quarter of the land is susceptible to severe erosion, compared with only 8 percent of all land in New Zealand,” says Mrs Goodhew. “The ECFP funds the treatment of land to prevent soil erosion, through planting trees or indigenous regeneration.”

Since 1992 landowners have used the fund to treat soil erosion on 42,000 hectares. “But some 60,000 hectares of eligible land remains prone to erosion across the region, and landowners need support to tackle the issue. The proposed changes to the ECFP come as a result of two reviews by the Ministry for Primary Industries in 2011 and 2012. The reviews made a number of operational recommendations aimed at improving participation. The proposals in the consultation address these issues and suggest either improving the regulations or removing them altogether. I encourage landowners, tāngata whenua and stakeholders to give their feedback on what would work best for them,” says Mrs Goodhew.

Consultation closes on Sunday 16 March 2014. Further information can be found on the Ministry for Primary Industries website: www.mpi.govt.nz or [here](#).

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LOCAL SECTIONS

SNI SECTION

Combined meeting of NZFFA Wellington Branch and NZIF SNI Section

When: Tuesday 11 February 2014 (5:00 pm for 5:30 pm start – anticipated finish 7:30 pm).

Where: ForestWood Centre, Level 9, 93 The Terrace, Wellington.

Who: (a) Dr Satochi Tachibana, Associate Professor, University of Tsukuba, Japan; (b) Dr Naoki Yasumura, Lecturer, University of Tokyo, Japan; (c) Mr Norio Matsuki, Forest industry consultant and researcher, Auckland.

What: The Japanese academics will make presentations on forest resource management and small scale-scale forestry in Japan, and Japanese demand, supply, price and other aspects of marketing. The national presidents of both the NZIF and the NZFFA will be present and time will be set aside for general interaction.

Cost: Donation at the door to assist with refreshments.

Enquiries: Hamish Levack (hlevack@xtra.co.nz)



All welcome: NZIF and NZFFA members and others.

Note: the doors at the ground level of 93 The Terrace lock automatically after 5:30 pm. If you are late (try not to be) ring Susan on (04) 472 0432 and she may let you in.

CNI SECTION MEETING

When: Wednesday 19 February

Where: 6:00 pm, Waiariki Institute of Technology Forestry School Building (networking and drinks followed by two presentations – Stephen Pawson, Scion Senior Scientist and Ian Gear, Research Director of STIMBR)

Topic: Beyond Methyl Bromide: Alternatives and Market Access

Enquiries: Jessica Brown (jmbrown@hnr.org)

Dr Stephen Pawson is a senior scientist and research leader of entomology at Scion. Currently he is the science leader of the STIMBR and MBIE funded Alternative Quarantine Treatments research programme that aims to reduce market access risks for NZ's export wood products. Stephen has a background in forest entomology, phytosanitary treatments, impacts of forest management on biodiversity and sustainable forestry.

Ian Gear is one of two directors of In Gear Global Ltd, a specialist project management and communications group, and he is STIMBR's Executive Officer and research programme director. He is also a Fellow of the Royal NZ Institute of Horticulture in recognition of service to horticulture and a member of the International Forestry Quarantine Research Group and the NZ Biosecurity Institute. Ian has over 40 years of experience in management, strategy, and governance spanning science, education, primary industry, biosecurity and trusteeship. He directed the successful painted apple moth eradication project for MPI and has managed several genetically modified organism responses for the Ministry.

Presentation blurb (Stephen Pawson): The export log sector within NZ has expanded rapidly in the last five years. In tandem NZ has seen a large increase in the use of methyl bromide as this is the main tool that allows exporters to meet the phytosanitary requirements of our trading partners. The EPA has stipulated the methyl bromide can no longer be released to atmosphere after 2020. To maintain access to overseas markets in the face of the upcoming 'wall of wood' NZ needs to expand its phytosanitary toolbox to give exporters more options. Stephen will provide an overview of the phytosanitary process as it applies globally as background. He will then outline the current phytosanitary situation in NZ (pest species, phytosanitary treatment options), and finish by outlining the future phytosanitary vision for export logs and explain the research currently underway to realise that vision. Although the current research programme is focused on the export log sector, many of the principles apply to processed wood products and there will be significant spillover for sawn timber as the research reaches the adoption phase.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND SECTION

Otago-Southland Forest Products Industry Meeting

Date: Wednesday 5 March

Venue: Rosebank Lodge, Balclutha

When: 5:30 pm – Drinks; 6:30pm – Dinner; 7:15pm – After-dinner presentation

Presenter: Leo Schep, Toxicologist, National Poisons Centre, University of Otago

Email: caroline.rickerby@fiea.org.nz about registrations. These need to be received before mid-day Tuesday 4 March. Catering will not be made available to those who turn up on the night who haven't pre-registered.

The first industry meeting for 2014. The Southern Wood Council (SWC), in conjunction with the local branch of the NZIF and the Mid & South Otago Branches of the NZFFA has planned an evening's networking, along



with good food and some excellent company. As with previous and well-attended gatherings, it is designed for all those involved in or associated with forestry and wood products in the lower South Island.

After-dinner presentation: Synthetic cannabinoids. You've heard and read about them. They're a class of drug having a major impact on our communities and, more importantly, in our work places. Synthetic designer drugs are the fastest evolving group of substances. They're easy to get and they're cheap. They're not marijuana but do act on the brain like marijuana. They're more toxic than marijuana with quite different effects. The truth is that many of our current drug tests just aren't picking them up at the moment. Learn more about what they are, how their use is growing, and what as an industry we can do about their detection to improve the safety of our workers in the forest, in transport or in processing and manufacturing operations.

Afternoon field trip

Topic: Managing Natural Conservation Areas in Plantations: Being a Good Custodian and Managing FSC Responsibilities

Lead by: Ecologist Dr Kelvin Lloyd (Wildlands Ltd) and City Forests

Meeting point: Milton: Corner of SH1 (Union St) and Ossian Street (opp. Milton Community Church)

Time: Thursday 13 February at 1:00 pm (returning by approx. 4:30 pm)

Transport: Limited 4WD transport will be available, otherwise additional 4WD transport will be welcome (to minimise forest traffic we will fill up the available seats)

Numbers required: Please confirm numbers and discuss transport details with Peter Oliver

Contact: Peter Oliver: Daytime: 03 467 7720; Cell: 0272453377; Email: peter.oliver@cityforests.co.nz

City Forests maintains a network of approximately 1,900 hectares of natural reserves that are tightly integrated with its plantations of exotic species. This represents more than 11 per cent of the company's total working forest area. Monitoring, management, and even enhancement of natural reserve areas are a major and increasing focus and are a formal principle of FSC environmental certification. Local territorial authorities are also increasingly seeking to provide special protection for areas deemed of outstanding natural value both on public and private land. Forestry is well placed to protect such areas and may even have an abundance of important remnants to care for – but there are some fishhooks!

Locally-based ecologist Dr Kelvin Lloyd has worked extensively with City Forests to identify, assess and classify many of their areas, some of which contain high conservation values and which protect natural forest, some rare examples of wetlands, nationally significant soil types, and rare and threatened flora and fauna. Together with City Forests' staff, Dr Lloyd will lead an afternoon's field trip to view two to three particularly significant examples of these areas within City Forests' Tokoiti forest. We will discuss the process of identifying, protecting, monitoring and managing natural areas and their values within a forestry and FSC context.

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TECHNICAL FORESTER, PAN PAC, HAWKE'S BAY

Pan Pac Forest Products Limited is a fully integrated forestry company operating a pulpmill, large modern sawmill with value adding plant, and is the largest forest owner and purchases in the Hawke's Bay. The Forestry and Logistics division of Pan Pac is primarily responsible for meeting the wood supply requirements of the Lumber and Pulp divisions of the company for external, domestic and export log sales and purchases, and the management of its 33,000 hectares of radiata pine forests.

Reporting to the Forestry Manager, the Technical Forester will provide technical and operational support to the Forestry team. You will support the team's drive to improve quality and productivity and you must be able to implement technical solutions with practical outcomes.

The position has a strong emphasis on technical and analytical skills. To be effective, you will have a degree in forestry science together with post degree forestry experience. The key components of the role include genetics and deployment, stand record maintenance, planning and scheduling of forestry operations, forestry budget consolidation and reporting, forest growth, yield and trial management and regime analysis.

We are looking for someone who is self-motivated, has a high level of energy and a business focused approach. You will need a passion for forestry because we have. Excellent mentoring and development will be provided to assist you to grow your career in forestry. If this sounds like you, then we would love to hear from you. To apply for this job go to www.panpac.currentjobs.co.nz and enter ref code 1491215. **Closing date:** 14 February 2014.

TECHNICAL MANAGER, WPMA, WELLINGTON

The Wood Processors and Manufacturers Association of NZ (WPMA) is the result of the merger between the NZ Wood Processors' Association and the NZ Pine Manufacturers' Association. This new position leads WPMA's work on regulation and technical standards ensuring that they support growth of the NZ wood processing and manufacturing sector.

The job entails:

- Maintaining an overview of legislation, regulation and technical standards
- Devising and implementing strategies to overcome technical barriers
- Leading industry working groups
- Supporting the day-to-day operations of WPMA and its technical committees
- Developing databases of relevant economic statistics and carrying out analysis to inform policy development and programme delivery for industry.

Skills, experience and qualities needed:

- Five years' minimum experience in the wood industry or engineering sector more broadly
- Depth of experience working with government agencies and a good understanding of the machinery of government



- Working knowledge of legislation, regulation and technical standards (public and private) that impact or are likely to impact on the wood industry
- Entrepreneurial approach to problem-solving and action
- Competent written and oral communicator
- Competent in use of computer and commonly-used software
- Experience with website management an advantage
- Excellent interpersonal skills and self-motivated.

Closing date: please email your CV and covering letter to Jeanette Sutherland by 5:00 pm on 14 February 2014 (jeanette@wpa.org.nz).

JOB VACANCY WEBSITES

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| Science jobs | fusionz.rsnz.org/ |
| MPI | http://careers.haines.co.nz/MPI/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 |

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PUBLICATIONS / MEDIA / NOTICES

THE NZ FOREST INDUSTRY SECTOR: HARD TIMES TO GET HARDER, OR ARE GREEN SHOOTS APPEARING?

With one exception, sectors of the NZ Forest Industry have faced challenging times over the last 5-10 years. These have included:

- New land tree planting, which not only evaporated from the huge new land plantation expansion experienced in the 1990s but net plantation areas are now actually reducing in the face of buoyant farming land prices and demand. New land planting IRR expectations are half of what they were 20 years ago.
- A sawmilling industry which has seen at least 40 sawmills closing since 2003 with lost annual lumber capacity of around 40% of total 2013 production.
- A veneer/plywood industry which has shrunk by the closure of some mills.
- A reconstituted panel industry which has lost one big mill and with two others changing hands at reported losses.
- A kraft pulp sector which, while reasonably efficient, has been unable to measurably increase capacity for a decade.



- A paper industry with shrinking capacity, particularly in the publication paper sector, which has lost two of its three paper machines between 2006 and 2013.
- A wood pellet industry which started off with a hiss and a roar but has since crashed and burned.
- A tree carbon industry which promised so much in 2008, when NZ signed up for the world's first government legislated Kyoto compliant emissions trading scheme that allowed trading in tree-based carbon offsets, has also fallen from grace so heavily that it is now treated as a sad joke by most in the industry.

But according to Dennis Neilson, a Director of independent forestry advisor, DANA Ltd, one group of players has been having a ball recently. Neilson comments, "The single exception has been the much publicised log export industry which is riding on an ever expanding crest of the China log demand wave. Total log export volumes in 2013 were more than 16 million cubic metres, up almost 200% from 2006. NZ is now the world's largest log exporter to China: beating even Russia which held this mantle for decades." Log prices continue to increase – and increase – and increase. Neilson notes, "Even as this release was being written, March prices were expected to be up yet again."

This phenomena Neilson notes is causing increasing tensions within the wood processing sector, especially in sawmilling. One of NZ major sawmills failed in late 2013, an alleged victim of the giant Chinese log vacuum cleaner. Others promise to struggle if trends continue. The surge in China log export driven harvest is also being blamed by some for a very unfortunate surge in logging accident rates recently, and the surge has enabled some "protectionist" NZers to complain that overseas companies own most of the NZ tree plantation assets.

But is it all bad?

Veteran observer of the industry, Neilson, does see a few green shoots which may yet bear fruit to improve the situation. Two biochemical plants are under construction and a major biofuels initiative is under way. Swedish giant SCA opened a \$60 million tissue packaging plant in January. A number of international wood processing players are reportedly checking out opportunities, although no announcements had been made by early February.

In addition, developments in multi-storey wooden buildings will fuel demand for LVL and new CLT products, and a massive surge in Korean wood pellet imports may allow the NZ industry a second bite at the cherry.

DANA has just published the ninth edition of its *Review of the New Zealand Forest Products Industry*. It is also organising a major conference on the industry on 11 & 12 August 2014 in Rotorua, the national centre of the forest industry. To subscribe or to register see the relevant tabs on the DANA website: www.dana.co.nz. Contact Julie at admin@dana.co.nz.

MAJOR FOREST INDUSTRY SAFETY REVIEW LAUNCHED

**FOREST OWNERS ASSOCIATION
FARM FORESTRY ASSOCIATION
FOREST INDUSTRY CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION**

Media release

29 January 2014

An independent panel is to conduct a major review into the high number of serious and fatal injuries in the forest industry.

The panel members are business leader George Adams, employment health and safety lawyer Hazel Armstrong and business safety specialist Mike Cosman. Their appointment and their terms of reference have been endorsed by forest industry organisations, ACC, relevant government agencies, the NZ Council of Trade Unions and the



Business Leaders' Health and Safety Forum.

The review, which is expected to take up to six months to complete, is being funded by the Forest Owners, Forest Industry Contractors and Farm Forestry Associations, with administrative support and other resources provided by the government's health and safety regulator, WorkSafe New Zealand.

Forest Owners past-president Bill McCallum says the forest industry makes an important contribution to New Zealand, providing jobs, export earnings and helping to lift economic growth.

“But the current rate of serious injury and death is simply not acceptable or sustainable. We are committed to creating an industry where all our people go home safely at the end of each day, and we are hopeful that the independent panel will shine a light on practical solutions to help us achieve this.”

He says it has taken time to find the right panellists, shepherd vital stakeholder support and agree on the wide ranging and comprehensive terms of reference, but the foundations are now in place for what will be a very important review.

“The panel's job is to uncover the underlying factors that are resulting in workers being harmed and to recommend practical measures to significantly improve the situation.

“How it goes about this is up to the panellists, but they will use the structure adopted by the Independent Taskforce on Workplace Health and Safety for making their recommendations. Most of the Taskforce's recommendations have been adopted by the government and their report provides a template that is understood and widely supported.”

Mr McCallum says no aspect of the industry's operations is out of bounds.

“Panel members can talk to anyone and seek whatever expert advice and analysis they need. We are asking all employers and workers in the industry to give them their full co-operation. Individuals who want to have an input are strongly encouraged to do so.

“They will be looking at our workplace cultures, our existing safety programmes and training, the activities of Worksafe NZ and ACC, worker involvement and engagement, and the unique structure of the industry, with its reliance on contractors to do most harvesting.”

The panel will have its first meeting on 14 February in Wellington.

Footnote:

The following organisations were consulted in the development of the inquiry's terms of reference and on the appointment of the inquiry panel:

- Accident Compensation Corporation
- WorkSafe New Zealand / Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment
- Ministry for Primary Industries
- Business Leaders Health and Safety Forum
- Competenz (forest industries ITO)
- Council of Trade Unions
- Forest Industry Contractors Association
- Farm Forestry Association
- Forest Owners Association.



FIEA BIENNIAL FOREST CONFERENCE IN AUCKLAND



The Forest Industry Engineering Association (FIEA) is running the third biennial forest industry investment conference – Forest Investment and Market Outlook – in Auckland on 9 to 10 April 2014. It will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in the city. This latest conference will focus on strengthening ties between the equity investment, finance and forest products industries in NZ and globally. The list of keynote speakers includes:

- Kevin Mason, Managing Director, Equity Research Associates, BC, Canada
- Gary Myers, Principal, Timberlink – Timber Advisors to Institutional Investors, Georgia, USA
- Brooks Mendell, President, Forisk Consulting, Georgia, USA

This is *the* industry conference of choice for CEOs and other industry leaders looking to inform their company strategies and investment directions for forestry and forest products in Australasia. Registration can be done easily by phone on 1800 126 398 or by going online at www.fimo2014.com. *As a member of the New Zealand Institute of Forestry you will receive a 10% discount on your registration.*

DANA CONFERENCES IN MELBOURNE AND ROTORUA



The Australian Forestry and Forest Products Sector:
Its situation in 2014 and trends going forward

7 & 8 August 2014: Bayview Eden Hotel,
Melbourne, Australia

For further information please visit www.prcc.com.au/danamelbourne2014 or email pam@prcc.com.au.



The New Zealand Forestry and Forest Products Sector:
Its situation in 2014 and trends going forward

11 & 12 August 2014: Novotel Rotorua Hotel
Rotorua New Zealand

For further information please visit www.prcc.com.au/danarotorua2014 or email pam@prcc.com.au.



ForestWood 2014

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www.forestwood.org.nz

Early bird registration closes on 10 February 2014

When: Wednesday 19 March 2014

Where: Museum of NZ Te Papa Tongarewa, Wellington

Conference programme

ForestWood 2014 is "Green Green Growth of Home". In an election year, ForestWood 2014 will present a unique opportunity to hear the views of the main political parties on how they expect to influence NZ's forest growing and wood processing/manufacturing business in pursuit of increased economic growth. Politicians, industry leaders and political analysts will elaborate on what they plan to do to make the NZ forest and wood industry more successful in a highly competitive international marketplace. World demand for wood fibre is expanding. How the sector responds to this demand will be shaped to a large extent by government policies. ForestWood is formulated to enable participants to find out if the future government has the right agenda when it comes to forest and wood industry growth.

View the draft [programme](#) and speaker [profiles](#). Visit the [website](#) for full registration information and to register online. NZIF members qualify for a discounted rate.

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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.

February 2014

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| Tue 11 | SNI section meeting, sandy@forme.co.nz |
| Thur 13 | Otago-Southland Section meeting, peter.oliver@cityforests.co.nz |
| Wed 19 | CNI section meeting, jmbrown@hnrg.com |
| Fri 28 | Nominations close for NZIF Council and Board elections |

March 2014

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| Wed 5 | Otago-Southland Forest Products Industry meeting, caroline.rickerby@fiea.org.nz |
| Wed 19 | ForestWood 2014, website |

July 2014

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| Sun 6 – Wed 9 | NZIF 2014 Conference, Napier |
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August 2014

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| Wed 9 – Thur 10 | FIEA biennial forest conference, Auckland, www.fimo2014.com |
| Mon 11 – Tue 12 | DANA Melbourne conference, www.prcc.com.au/danamelbourne2014 or email pam@prcc.com.au |

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Mon 11 – Tue 12 DANA Rotorua conference, www.prcc.com.au/danarotorua2014 or email pam@prcc.com.au

April 2015

Mon 13 ANZIF Conference 2015, ifa@forestry.org.au

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