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PRESIDENT'S COMMENT

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Nominations for NZIF Forester of the Year

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The awardee receives a certificate and the Forester of the Year carving, which they hold for one year.



Nominations forms and further information are available on the [NZIF website](#). Nominations close at 5:00 pm on **Monday 7th May 2014**.

2014 AGM and conference

This week I am delighted to welcome, with thanks, our first conference exhibitor – Aerial Surveys Ltd.

There are still a number of sponsorship opportunities and several exhibitor booths available for those who want to show us what they are doing (and possibly drum up some business from conference delegates).

Why not show your support for NZIF and the NZIF conference and become a conference sponsor?

Submissions

There are a number of opportunities for submissions on matters of interest to forestry professionals:

- Submissions on the East Coast Forestry Project close with MPI at midnight this **Sunday 16th March**. NZIF has prepared a submission;
- The Environmental Reporting Bill was introduced to Parliament this week and has been referred to the Local Government and Environment Select Committee. Submissions on the Bill close on **17th April**;
- MPI has released a draft *New Zealand Wilding Conifer Management Strategy* for comment. The document is available [here](#). Submissions close on Thursday **17th April**.

If you wish to make any comments on the above or want to help with any submission please ask me or email murray.parrish@chh.com.

Reminders

- Decide if you are going to nominate someone for NZIF Forester of the Year for 2014, then grab the nomination form from the website and get the job done. Nominations close on **Monday 7th May**;
- Members who have not paid their 2013/14 fees will be struck off the register of members with effect from 31st March if they have not attended to the matter. Thank you to those that have responded (eight this week) – **but there are still 30 of you who have not met your obligations**;
- Student Members need to confirm their student status in 2014 and ensure we have their contact details;
- Nominations for NZIF Fellows close on **Monday 28th April**;
- Some Registered Members need to enter their 2013 CPD records into the membership database;
- Mark your diaries with the NZIF AGM and conference in Napier (6-9 July);
- Offer to help with some submission opportunities.

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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

Wood use

Wink Sutton FNZIF, Rotorua

Few others seem to consider it important, but I am concerned that if there is a trend that could result in the use of more wood there is not enough wood being grown in the world to supply our future needs. Story [here](#).

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NZIF BUSINESS

Nominations for NZIF Forester of the Year 2014

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Kirk Horn award

The Kirk Horn Award is an award for eminence in forestry in NZ and is offered every second year. It is available in 2014. The purpose of the award is to recognise outstanding contributions in the field of forestry with those eligible being NZIF members currently working in, or who have worked in, forestry in NZ.

No applications are called for, with the recipient being selected by a committee appointed by Council.

If you wish to suggest names of potential recipients of the Kirk Horn Award, please email the [NZIF President](#) and/or the [Convener](#) of the NZIF Fellows Committee.

Time to nominate candidates for NZIF Fellow

Is there an NZIF member that you consider has achieved eminence in the forestry profession? If so you may want to nominate them as a candidate for recognition as an NZIF Fellow. Apart from the criterion of eminence, candidates must be a Retired (but not Retired Associate), Registered or Ordinary member of NZIF and must have been such a member for at least five years prior to the nomination. They also must have had at least 15 years' experience in some branch of forestry (which can include practice, administration, teaching or research), of which at least five years must have been in NZ.

In a change of procedure this year, we are asking nominators not to discuss the fact they are being nominated with their candidate. Should a candidate pass through the nomination and vetting processes, the Council will



contact the candidate to ensure they are willing to have their name put into the voting process.

Nomination forms are on the NZIF [website](#) (the link to the form is near the bottom of the page) or contact the [Administrator](#).

Timetable for the 2014 Election of NZIF Fellows

Nominations close with the NZIF Administrator – **5:00 pm Monday 28th April**

Electronic ballot opens – Friday 30th May

Close of voting – 5:00 pm Monday 23rd June

Announce new Fellows at AGM – Sunday 6th July

From the Registrar

2013 CPD recording

In preparation for the 2014/15 membership invoicing the CPD recorded by Registered Members on the NZIF website has been reviewed. It is with pleasure that the Registration Board can report that the majority of Registered Members have met their CPD reporting requirements for maintaining their registration. Unfortunately, some still have to comply and those in arrears need to address the matter. Please note the CPD module is available for any NZIF Member. Anyone considering registration should avail themselves as CPD reporting for three years prior to applying for registration is part of the application criteria.

Latest Journal online

The latest NZ Journal of Forestry 58-4 (2014) is now online.

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CONFERENCE 2014

Tackling Challenges and Delivering Value



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

Conference field trip – 9 July

Below is the field trip timetable for the NZIF field trip at the conference:

- 08:30 Boarding buses at War Memorial Conference Centre in Napier
- 09:30 Cape Sanctuary Wildlife Reserve at Cape Kidnappers
- 12:15 Lunch at Clifton Café
- 13:15 [David Trubridge workshop](#)
- 14:45 [Kanuka Engineered Wood Products](#)



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

This week we are pleased to welcome with thanks our first exhibitor:

- Aerial Surveys Limited.

Sponsors who have 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:

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



The Ministry for Primary Industries seeks feedback from stakeholders and tangata whenua on proposed operational changes to the East Coast Forestry Project (ECFP). The ECFP funds erosion treatments in the Gisborne District. Since 1992 landowners have used the fund to treat 42,000 hectares. Approximately 60,000 hectares of untreated land remains and landowners need support to treat the remaining land. That is why there are proposed changes to the ECFP. **Consultation closes this Sunday 16th March 2014.** Feedback from submissions will be considered and proposals developed for approval by Cabinet.

The discussion paper is available at: [East Coast Forestry Project Proposed Changes to the Operation of the Scheme](#). Written submissions should be sent directly to:

Email: ecfp@mpi.govt.nz

Post: ECFP Submissions Growth and Innovation Team Ministry for Primary Industries, PO Box 2526, Wellington 6140

REVIEW OF EAST COAST FORESTRY PROJECT

MPI is reviewing the East Coast Forestry Project. It is likely that NZIF will make a submission. Please contact president@nzif.org.nz if you have a view on the review, would like to make a contribution to the submission, or would like to help prepare it. More information is available on the [MPI website](#).

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LOCAL SECTIONS

CNI SECTION

CNI field trip to Kaingaroa Living Plantation Museum

On Wednesday evening a group of around 25 met with Dr Wink Sutton to visit the Kaingaroa Living Plantation Museum. Everyone was impressively prompt for the meeting time, and there was only a small misunderstanding as to the final destination thanks to a rogue attendee parking at the wrong end of the 'Museum'. Wink opened the field trip with an overview of the background and intention of the Living Plantation Museums, and recounted the trials involved in setting them up, as well as the eventual successes. The trip then progressed into the stands where a team from Kaingaroa Timberlands had thankfully cut a track through the blackberry and broom. Wink led the group through what is essentially a walk through time. The



Living Museum is a visual demonstration of the evolution of plantation forestry silviculture from 1900 to 2000, starting with a densely populated, untended stand, the likes of which simply no longer occurs in NZ forestry. The following plots demonstrate the various silvicultural regimes proposed by Ure, then Fenton and Sutton, and finally the CHH Millennium Regime.

It was a fascinating experience to literally walk through the history of plantation silviculture in NZ, emerging from the densely planted stands of over 6,000 stems per hectare into the sparsely populated stands thinned to around 100 stems per hectare. One of the highlights of the trip was Wink's recounting of the morning tea battleground in the lunch room at FRI, where silvicultural ideas were hurled back and forth, and eventually resulted in the emergence of the silvicultural management practices that we implement today. Many thanks to Wink for his fantastic story-telling ability and for making this field trip a possibility. Also thanks to the team at Kaingaroa Timberlands for clearing the track. For those who are interested, Wink wrote an explanatory article on the Living Plantation Museums for the *NZ Journal of Forestry* in November 2007 that can be found by following this link: http://www.nzjf.org/free_issues/NZJF52_3_2007/2222E88-C62A-450A-BA0C-C7A56E85834D.pdf

HAWKES BAY SECTION

Durable eucalypt field day and pruning workshop

Members in the Hawkes Bay may be interested in this event:

Date: Wednesday 30 April

Time: 1:30 pm – meet at Alexander property, 458 Omapere Road, Central Hawkes Bay. 4WD vehicle access to the durable eucalypt trials. All vehicles must travel together to access the site so please be on time. 4:00 pm Workshop ends.

RSVP: Ed Saathof by phone on 027 590 0177

Ground-durable eucalypts are an exciting diverse species that can be grown by Hawkes Bay farm foresters. The NZDFI is working with farm foresters to develop best-practice pruning and thinning regimes so growers can produce a range of products including posts and poles. In 2011, Rick Alexander planted one of NZDFI's species demonstration trials with eleven durable eucalypt species. After 18 months, some of the plots in this trial were among the top performing in the NZDFI's programme. Timely and correct form-pruning has been a key part to management of these trials and this will be the focus of the workshop, which will be led by NZDFI project manager Paul Millen.

Ken Scott of Lakewood Products Ltd is sponsoring the pruning workshops and will provide pruning equipment that attendees can test. However, please also bring your own loppers and secateurs. There will be plenty of time for questions and discussion throughout the workshop. Please bring your own refreshments and wear boots suitable for rough terrain. Bring wet weather gear if required. For more information about NZDFI check out their website: www.nzdfi.org.nz



CANTERBURY SECTION

Genetic engineering lecture – 27 March

Canterbury section members may be interested in the following lecture:

Kim Hill asks: 'Should genetic engineering play a part in NZ's future?', 27 March, Lincoln

Explore the pros and cons within NZ's primary industry – from the food we eat to the forests we grow and enjoy. Join respected broadcaster Kim Hill and panelists in a stimulating discussion on genetic engineering's part in NZ's future. Featuring: Professor Jon Hickford and Dr Rob Cruikshank, Lincoln University; Dr Tony Conner, AgResearch; Philip Gregan, NZ Winegrowers; Dr Christine Dann, Researcher and writer; Dr Richard Newcomb, Plant & Food Research.

Details: 7:30 pm (doors open 7:00 pm), Lecture Theatre One, Stewart Building, Lincoln University. Entry \$5 koha. Refreshments and nibbles provided.

See: <http://www.lincoln.ac.nz/News--Events/Events/Kim-Hill/>. The debate is one of the Selwyn Earth Hour events organised by the Lincoln Envirotown Trust: www.lincolnenvirotown.org.nz.

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PACIFIC FORESTRY SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

Would you like to help Fiji forestry?

The Secretariat for the Pacific Community (SPC) is seeking assistance for the Fiji Forestry Department, which is facing some major challenges with its Management Services Division and is urgently in need of an experienced (perhaps retired) forester to provide an advisory role for the next two to three years. SPC would like to investigate the possibility of getting a suitable person through the NZ volunteer service scheme. NZIF is working with SPC and NZ VSA to see how it can help.

Anyone reading this who might be interested in such an assignment is asked to let me know of their interest – email president@nzif.org.nz. I only want expressions of interest, not any definite commitments at this stage, so we can see what help might be available.

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STUDENT'S SECTION

Time for student members to confirm status

At the beginning of each year, NZIF student members need to confirm that they are still a student. Please contact the Administrator (admin@nzif.org.nz) and let Jay know if you are still studying and confirm your contact details. Don't expect us to have some sort of second or third sight and to know what you are doing in 2014. You need to tell us.

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ADVERTISEMENTS

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JOB VACANCY WEBSITES

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

SCION WORKSHOP ON VISUALISATIONS FOR COMMUNICATING ON SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY

You are invited to a workshop on visualisations for communications on sustainable forestry. For engaging with forestry stakeholders, good communication is crucial and visualisations are an important component. This two-hour-long workshop focuses on the use of visuals to facilitate communication. Drawing on a range of images, participants will explore some of the challenges of depicting sustainable forestry and discuss how successful images are for communicating. This workshop is focused on forestry stakeholders (councils, ministries, iwi, ENGOs, public) and the forest sector (owners, managers, communicators). Please RSVP to this email the venue you will attend: Barbara.Hock@scionresearch.com. The numbers will be limited so early registration is recommended.

CITY	TIME AND DATE	VENUE
Gisborne	Tuesday 18 March 10am-12noon	Meeting room at the Gisborne Hearing Assn Inc, 179 Palmerston Rd, Gisborne
Palmerston North	Wednesday 26 March 10am-12noon	Hancock Community House 77-85 King Street, PN
Wellington	Thursday 27 March 1pm-3pm	Scion, 86-90 Lambton Quay, Level 14 (Prime Property Tower)



Christchurch	Tuesday, 1 April 10:30am-12:30pm	Scion, Illam Campus, Forest Road, Canterbury University
Nelson	Wednesday, 2 April 10am-12noon	Meeting room at the Nelson Suburban Club, 168 Tahunanui Drive
Dunedin	Thursday 3 April 10am-12noon	Edward Bowes Room, Cargill's Hotel (Quality Hotel), 678 George Street, Dunedin
Auckland	To be determined	Auckland University
Rotorua	2 nd workshop if sufficient interest	Scion, Sala Street

IFA PLANTATION PRODUCTIVITY SYMPOSIUM PROVING R&D PAYS

Mt Gambier, 12-14 May 2014

The Institute of Foresters of Australia (IFA) is offering IFA Members' Rates for NZIF Members who would like to attend this event

We would like to find ways to increase the yields and value of the current planted estate for long-term gain. Did you know there are R&D results from Australia and overseas that show how to increase yields and commercial value of plantations? It is time to stop thinking and start doing!

- Two days of international and local speakers
- Full day tour
- Practical 'how to' case studies on research and implementation
- Measuring the gain – productivity and profitability
- Early bird registration now open on the [IFA website](#).

RSNZ SCIENCE MEDIA SAVVY WORKSHOPS

The Royal Society of NZ's Science Media Centre is taking applications for its two-day workshops aimed at scientists and researcher keen to work with the media to communicate their science. Designed specifically to orient scientists and researchers to the realities of a rapidly changing media environment, Science Media SAVVY offers practical skills and experience that will help participants work more effectively with journalists.

The individualised media training and feedback provided can accommodate a range of experience levels, from intensive introduction to master class for seasoned science communicators. Significant opportunities to hear from working journalists – during a newsroom tour, media discussion panel, and chance to pitch a story to journalists – are a unique strength of the course.

Other highlights include: on-camera interview practice and feedback; social media and blogging primer; handling the first phone call; hearing first-hand from media-savvy scientists; and working with your communications office. Science Media SAVVY workshops are led by Peter Griffin and Dacia Herbulock of the Science Media Centre with support from veteran media trainer Michael Brown of Skillset NZ.

Workshops are limited to 12 participants to ensure maximum interaction. A scholarship is available to allow one PhD student to complete each course. Applications are now open for Science Media SAVVY Dunedin (**27-28 March**) and Wellington (**22-23 May**). Course fees \$795 + GST (lunch and refreshments included). Note that RSNZ members, Companions and Fellows are eligible for a 10% discount. More details from: smc@sciencemediacentre.co.nz



SECOND TREES FOR BEES CONFERENCE

A second Trees for Bees conference entitled ‘Promising Trees to Nourish Honey Bees’ is being held the Eastwoodhill National Arboretum on Friday 9 and Saturday 10 May 2014. The conference includes expert keynote speakers from the Trees for Bees NZ programme and participating landowners, beekeepers and policy-makers who are engaged in planting bee forage to improve bee health for pollination services and honey harvesting. The conference has ample opportunity for panel discussions on both days, one of which is planned as a one-day field trip to a large East Coast hill country property. The conference will cover amongst other topics:

- The biology of bees and their need for protein in pollen
- How to remedy seasonal shortages in pollen supply
- Protein sources from promising trees and shrubs at Eastwoodhill
- Applications to planting programs: erosion, riparian protection, timber, native restoration.

The conference programme will be uploaded to this page once confirmed. Registration will commence mid-March and expressions of interest to attend may be emailed to: enquiries@eastwoodhill.org.nz. For more information please see the conference website: www.eastwoodhill.org.nz/conference/.

WOODFLOW LOGISTICS 2014

Squeezing efficiencies out of wood harvesting and transport



11-12 June 2014, Rotorua, New Zealand 17-18 June 2014, Melbourne, Australia

Transportation costs – from the bush to the processing plant or export port – constitute the lion’s share of delivered log costs. Wood flow logistics can centralise truck dispatch and control, reduce transport costs, improve the utilisation of trucks and reduce traffic generated by logging and log hauling operations. The opportunities to improve efficiencies – and returns – in the wood supply chain are significant.

The return on investment through the adoption of real time dispatching and mobile technologies to assist in communications between landings, truck fleets, dispatchers and customers are already well documented. Results from Chile, North America and in this part of the world have shown transportation costs of up to 35% can be made through a wood transport logistics system.

To capitalise on the opportunities available to local forestry, wood harvesting and transport companies, Wood Flow Logistics 2014 is being run, both in Australia and NZ in mid-June. “This series builds on the outstanding support we had for the Steep Slope Wood Harvesting and Forestry Safety Summit run in November 2013 (over 400 forest managers, owners and harvesting contractors came in from New Zealand, Australia, the US, Canada and South America) and a transport and logistics event run for forestry companies in the Pacific North West in October last year,” says FIEA Director, Brent Apthorp.

For the June event, the largest forestry companies in Chile will be presenting to local companies on how they plan and run their harvesting and hauling operations (10 and 15 million m³ each year) and case studies will be given where local competing companies have joined forces to optimise their wood transport operations. Harvesting innovations – on steeper and flatter terrain – will be provided, including a run-down on new



equipment and innovations that are being used in South American harvesting operations.

A look at wood procurement systems and their selection, online and real-time measurement of wood flows, GPS and vehicle fleet performance tools, a new Smartphone App for measuring wood volumes, innovations being used to effectively manage storage, handling and marshalling at our ports and road and shipping trends impacting on forest products companies,” will all be covered in this year’s Wood Flow Logistics 2014 series says Brent Apthorp.

Wood Flow Logistics 2014 will run in Rotorua on 11-12 June and again in Melbourne in the following week on 17-18 June. Further details can be found on the event website, www.woodflowlogistics.com. **NZIF members will be able to access discounted registration rates.** Use discount code **soNZIF14** when registering.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF NZ

Charles Fleming Fund – call for applications

Closing date: 31 March 2014

RSNZ is calling for applications for the following awards:

- Charles Fleming Fund – Publishing Award
- Charles Fleming Fund – Senior Scientist Award.

Information on these awards and application forms are available [here](#).

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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.

March 2014

Tue 18 March – Scion workshops on communicating sustainable forestry,

Thur 3 April Barbara.Hock@scionresearch.com

Wed 19 ForestWood 2014, [website](#)

Thur 27 Kim Hill, GE lecture, Lincoln, <http://www.lincoln.ac.nz/News--Events/Events/Kim-Hill/>

Thur 27 – Fri 28 RSNZ Science Media SAVVY workshop, Dunedin, smc@sciencemediacentre.co.nz

April 2014

Wed 30 Hawkes Bay field trip, Ed Saathof 027 590 0177

May 2014

Fri 9 – Sat 10 Trees for Bees Conference, Gisborne, www.eastwoodhill.org.nz/conference/

Mon 12 – Wed 14 IFA International Plantation Productivity Symposium, Mt Gambier, [IFA website](#)

Thur 22 – Fri 23 RSNZ Science Media SAVVY workshop, Wellington, smc@sciencemediacentre.co.nz

June 2014

Wed 11 – Thur 12 Woodflow Logistics 2014, www.woodflowlogistics.com

July 2014

Sun 6 – Wed 9 NZIF 2014 Conference, Napier

August 2014

Wed 9 – Thur 10 FIEA biennial forest conference, Auckland, www.fimo2014.com

Mon 11 – Tue 12 DANA Melbourne conference, [details here](#) or email pam@prcc.com.au

Mon 11 – Tue 12 DANA Rotorua conference, [details here](#) or email pam@prcc.com.au

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

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