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## PRESIDENT'S COMMENT

Andrew McEwen FNZIF  
President, NZ Institute of Forestry  
[president@nzif.org.nz](mailto:president@nzif.org.nz)

### Have you voted yet?

Voting on two motions to amend the NZIF Code of Ethics **closes at 5pm next Tuesday (15<sup>th</sup> April)**. This is an important issue that affects all members. If you have not already done so, I urge you to vote as soon as possible – just click on the link in the reminder email sent to you yesterday and answer yes or no to two simple questions.

Apologies to those you have already voted before they received yesterday's reminder. There is no simple way for Jay to remove those who have voted. The upside of the reminders is a wave of voting in the few hours after they are despatched – so you will receive more next week.

If you have lost your voting instructions or have any queries on the voting procedure or problems making your vote, please contact the Administrator, Jay Matthes at [admin@nzif.org.nz](mailto:admin@nzif.org.nz) or phone (04) 974 8421 as soon as



possible. Please don't leave it until the hours before the poll closes.

## Have you seen your invoice?

Invoices for your 2014/15 NZIF membership subscription were emailed to you last week. Please ensure payment by the end of April.

If you don't seem to have received the invoice or have queries, please ask Jay ([admin@nzif.org.nz](mailto:admin@nzif.org.nz)) for a copy.

## NZIF conference updates

This week I am very pleased to welcome two new conference sponsors:

- C3 as Monday's Network Drinks sponsor and as sponsor of two conference sessions;
- Panasonioc Toughbook as an exhibitor.

Thank you.

The latest version of the conference programme is now on the [conference website](#). Have a look at it.

A second field trip has been added to the programme – check it out.

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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](mailto:newsletter@nzif.org.nz))

### Safety in the bush

*Colin Bassett, FNZIF, Wellington*

I happened to run across this [poem](#) 'The Bushfeller' by Eileen Duggan, an early NZ poet. As they say – there is nothing new!

#### THE BUSHFELLER

Lord, mind your trees to-day!  
My man is out there clearing.  
God send the chips fly safe.  
My heart is always fearing.

And let the axehead hold!  
My dreams are all of felling.  
He earns our bread far back.  
And then there is no telling.

If he came home at nights,  
We'd know, but it is only—  
We might not even hear—  
A man could lie there lonely.

God, let the trunks fall clear,  
He did not choose his calling;  
He's young and full of life—  
A tree is heavy, falling.



## Poplars and willows on the East Coast

*Dave Janett, RMNZIF, Christchurch*

As someone watching from afar but having land in forest on the East Coast myself I see the whole erosion issue as being one of economic and cultural attitudes. It seems blindly clear to me that much of the land eroding should not be farmed with animals in any form whatsoever. I'm not saying it should be all in pines – a lot should be in native forest.

There still seems an acceptance of erosion downstream affects in the area probably because the infrastructure and people below make up a very small percentage of NZ's population and GDP – and falling by the year. If Auckland or Wellington were on the coast and flats below I'm sure sheep, cattle and probably a lot of pines would not be there.

As a result the land use is tolerated even though it has been proven many times over it is not sustainable. The landowners are also trapped as the economics of hill country farming in the area have become harder and harder – they can't afford to retire any grass. Economic failure is the only option for exit – even then land prices continue to rise for the next keen man. I recall Kit Richards a while ago showing the real economic value of the land re forestry – based upon market prices most is not worth much but farming pays a lot more. Don't start me on farming economics – I'm still trying to find out where the university that teaches it is located.

In effect we will continue to mine the natural resource until it becomes economically unviable – enough soil gets washed away so the fertility left no longer supports the land use based upon costs and returns. How did a lot of older East Coast forests come about?

To me this is the bigger cultural issue – whether you use poplars, pines or nothing we need to accept the scientific fundamentals and stop being the Emperor with no clothes.

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## NZIF BUSINESS

### From the Registrar

#### Registration reviews

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

- Mr A Bell of Lower Hutt
- Mr A Dick of Whangaparaoa
- Mr C Fisher of Rotorua
- Mr P Keach of Rotorua
- Mr B Manley of Christchurch.

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 (28 March) of the notice in this Newsletter, specifying the grounds of the objection. *Mike Marren, Registrar, NZIF Registration Board*

### Nominations for NZIF Forester of the Year 2014

Nominations are now called for NZIF Forester of the Year 2014. Members are urged to nominate those they consider have made some difference to NZ forestry, particularly over the last year.



The NZIF Forester of the Year Award is one of the highest accolades the Institute can bestow. It recognises an NZIF member who has made an outstanding contribution to either the forestry profession, or the forestry sector, over the last 12 months. The award recognises leadership, excellence and personal integrity, particularly where this demonstrates the character and strength of the forestry profession.

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 7 May 2014**.

## 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 on Monday 28 April**

Electronic ballot opens – Friday 30 May

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

Announce new Fellows at AGM – Sunday 6 July

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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 6 to Wednesday 9 July 2014. The theme is “Tackling Challenges and Delivering Value”. Please mark your diaries now and plan to attend.

Conference website is [here](#).

### Student poster competition

Each year the NZIF conference has a competition for forestry students to display posters they have created during the year for their dissertation or course work. There is no theme this year for posters, just the best forestry-related poster wins. Posters will to be displayed in the foyer of the conference venue in Napier. During tea breaks students should be around to discuss their poster (and encourage votes). Voting will be a paper ballot by each conference attendee. The prize winners will be announced on the Tuesday afternoon.

Prize money: 1<sup>st</sup> \$800; 2<sup>nd</sup> \$400; 3<sup>rd</sup> \$200. Free entry to the conference for Student Institute members. Posters will need to be in Napier on **Sunday 6 May** for hanging. Please contact: Matt Croft, 0274 360 714, or [matthew.croft@rayonier.com](mailto:matthew.croft@rayonier.com).

### Programme update

The latest version of the conference programme is on the conference website.

### Conference field trip – 9 July

A second field trip has been added to the conference programme. Details are:

#### Field Trip 2

- Board buses at War Memorial Conference Centre
- Pan Pac – stem optimisation and byproduct utilisation
- Clonal trial Esk Forest followed by lunch
- Glengarry forest Peninsula road trial, ex FRI



## Sponsorship

This week we welcome:

- **C3 as a sponsor for Network Drinks on Monday and for two conference sessions**
- **Panasonic Toughbook as an exhibitor.**

Thank you.

Sponsors who have signed up for the conference are:

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## CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS



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



## Conference committee

The conference organising committee is:

Bob Pocknall	Chair
Brett Gilmore	
Matthew Croft	
James Powrie	
Mark Morice	
James Treadwell	Sponsorship
Ian Lyver	Treasurer
Jay Matthes	Conference Manager ( <a href="mailto:admin@nzif.org.nz">admin@nzif.org.nz</a> )

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## 2014 Awards and Scholarships

The NZIF Foundation is inviting applications for the following awards and scholarships:

**Chavasse Travel Award:** open to any person interested or employed in New Zealand forestry to enable:

- The applicant to travel overseas in order to increase their and the forestry sectors experience and knowledge; or
- The applicant to assist an overseas person to travel to and within New Zealand for the purpose of making presentations on forestry topics to New Zealand audiences.

The award recognises forestry excellence and personal integrity, and aims to reward the clear dissemination and presentation of results.

One award of up to \$3,500 is available.

### Student Scholarships

The student scholarships are open to students enrolled for degree or diploma of relevance to the broad field of forestry at a NZ tertiary institution. They recognise excellence at the student level and reward innovation and entrepreneurial potential. Each award is for \$1000.

The three student scholarships being offered by the Foundation in 2014 are:

**Undergraduate Scholarship:** - Available to students enrolled for a forestry or forestry related degree at a New Zealand University;

**Frank Hutchinson Scholarship:** - Available to postgraduate students enrolled for a forestry or forestry related postgraduate degree at a New Zealand University;

**Mary Sutherland Scholarship:** - Available to students enrolled for a forestry or forestry related course at a New Zealand Polytechnic;

Please apply if you are interested and please tell others who might be interested in applying. Visit the



Foundation website or [click here](#) for further information. Please advertise the Awards around your office, universities etc. You do not have to be a NZIF member to apply. The awards will be announced at the NZIF 2014 Conference in Napier on Monday 7 July 2014 ([see here](#) for more details on the Conference).

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## SUBMISSIONS

Murray Parrish ([murray.parrish@chh.com](mailto: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)

The following opportunities for submissions will be of interest to Members:

### Environmental Reporting Bill - due 17 April

The Environmental Reporting has had its first reading and has been sent to the Local Government and Environment Select Committee for consideration. The purpose of the bill is to create a national-level environmental reporting system, including affirming the role of the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment in reporting on environmental reports and processes that produced the reports. Submissions are due by 17 April. More information [here](#).

### NZ Wilding Conifer Management Strategy – due 17 April

The Ministry for Primary Industries is seeking comment feedback on a draft strategy ([download here](#)) to improve the management of wilding conifers in NZ. The strategy aims to enable key parties to address the spread of wilding conifers, and contain or eradicate established areas of wilding conifers by 2030. The strategy sets out a number of high-level actions to support that goal. MPI has worked closely with a working group of key stakeholders to develop the draft strategy. The Working Group includes representatives from; the forestry and farming industries, regional and district councils, Department of Conservation, Land Information NZ, the NZ Defence Force, SCION and community groups. This strategy builds on an MPI commissioned Pacific Eco-Logic status report on wilding conifer management that was developed with input from members of the NZ Wilding Conifer Management Group. Please provide submissions to [wildingconifer@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:wildingconifer@mpi.govt.nz) by 17 April.

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## LOCAL SECTIONS

### HAWKES BAY SECTION

#### Durable eucalypt field day and pruning workshop – 30 April

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

**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](http://www.nzdfi.org.nz)

## CANTERBURY SECTION

### Annual General Meeting and Section Meeting – 15 April

#### AGM

This will occur immediately before the section meeting. The agenda and reports for the AGM will be emailed to Canterbury members soon.

#### Section meeting: How can forestry help Canterbury meet its water quality goals?

We are pleased to bring you:

- David Caygill, CNZM and Deputy Chair at Environment Canterbury
- Darren Mann, Regional Manager, Canterbury Rayonier Matariki Forests
- Chris Fowler, Partner, Adderley Head.

Now that the Land and Water Regional Plan is here, how does forestry fit within the new outlook on Canterbury water management? Hear where we have been with forestry and water management, what the arrangements are now, and perspectives on how to manage forestry's responsibilities under the LWRP.

#### Programme:

- Drinks and nibbles 6:00 pm
- AGM 6:30 pm – with continued drinks and nibbles
- Presentation 7:00 pm
- Cost: \$15 – please bring correct change

**Venue:** Drinks and nibbles in downstairs entrance foyer of the School of Forestry, University of Canterbury. Presentation in Lecture Theatre F3.

**Want to come?** Please email your confirmation to Yannina Whiteley by **Tuesday 8 April** ([yannina.whiteley@xtra.co.nz](mailto:yannina.whiteley@xtra.co.nz)).

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## PACIFIC FORESTRY SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

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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](mailto: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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## PEOPLE NEWS

News this week of the death of:

### Dr William Mutch OBE FICFor FRSE

Bill was President of the Institute of Chartered Foresters (in UK) from 1982-1984. An academic (he lectured in forest economics at Edinburgh University) and an author, Bill's passion for forestry affected the lives of many in the forestry industry in UK.

### David Bills

Former Director-General of the UK Forestry Commission and a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Foresters. Died in Sydney.

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## ADVERTISEMENTS

The NZIF has no view on the service or product sought or advertised. Follow up any item directly with the advertiser, not with the NZIF. A charge may be imposed, depending on the nature of the advertisement. If you respond to an advertiser, tell them that you saw it in the NZIF newsletter. To advertise in the newsletter contact the NZIF Administrator, [admin@nzif.org.nz](mailto:admin@nzif.org.nz), ph (04) 974 8421.

### RESOURCE SUPPORT TEAM FORESTER, HANCOCK FOREST MANAGEMENT, WHANGAREI



Hancock Forest Management is a Forest Stewardship Certified forest manager responsible for the management of 204,000 hectares throughout New Zealand. We combine leading forest management techniques with outstanding environmental stewardship to provide maximum value to our clients.

We're looking for a star candidate to take on a key position within our Resource Support Team based in sunny Whangarei.

Reporting to the Resource Support Team Manager the role will be responsible for:



- Planning and managing the collection of forest inventory data
- Monitoring the yield recovery from harvesting operations within the Northern area
- Managing the collection and undertaking analysis of wood quality data
- Long-term and tactical woodflow modeling for the Northern area.

The person we're seeking will have a sound knowledge and understanding of: statistical principles and the ability to apply these effectively; forest resource data capture and analysis; GIS and information systems for large data sets; and the principles of key wood quality attributes.

Our successful applicant will have a forestry related tertiary qualification and a minimum of two years' experience preferably related to forest inventory and resource modelling.

**Closing date:** to kick start your career and work with an industry leader while having nature's playground on your doorstep please send your application to Jo Burrell, Human Resources Manager, [jburrell@hnrg.com](mailto:jburrell@hnrg.com) by 5 May 2014.

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## HARVESTING FORESTER, HANCOCK FOREST MANAGEMENT, TOKOROA



Hancock Forest Management is a Forest Stewardship Certified forest manager responsible for the management of 234,000 hectares throughout NZ. We combine leading forest management techniques with outstanding environmental stewardship to provide maximum value to our clients.

We are currently inviting applications for the position of Harvesting Forester in the central North Island area, based in our Tokoroa office. Reporting to the Harvesting Manager you will oversee the health and safety, value recovery, log quality, environmental and production performance of harvesting crews, as well as contributing to the overall business performance by way of budget setting and monitoring.

Current annual harvest volume in the region is 1.5 million tonnes, increasing to 3.2 million tonnes by 2021.

The successful applicant will ideally hold a tertiary qualification in forestry or a related field, and have experience in harvesting or forestry operations. We need a great team player who has strong relationship and people management skills and a commitment to health and safety and the environment. Sound computing skills are also desirable.

In return, this role offers a prime opportunity to become part of a friendly and supportive team within a global organisation. You will be rewarded with a stimulating work environment, career development opportunities and a competitive salary, including a generous bonus tied to performance.

**Closing date:** if this sounds like the challenge you are seeking then send your CV and a covering letter to Jo Burrell, Human Resources Manager ([jburrell@hnrg.com](mailto:jburrell@hnrg.com)) by Tuesday 22 April 2014.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL RISK PLANNER. ERNSLAW ONE LTD, GISBORNE



Ernslaw One is a forest owner and manager with forests and offices throughout NZ. Applications are invited for the role of Environmental Planner – Gisborne

Your role will be to manage environmental and eco-certification programs across the North Island forest estate. With much of our forest on steep and potentially unstable country, the role will involve a balance of coaching and auditing to ensure that operations are conducted in line with our expected standards. Through periodic audits you will ensure these operations maintain high environmental outcomes.

You will also be involved with developing policies/processes to meet any new environmental best practice requirements. The company has close relationships with many local bodies and you will write submissions on any new policies, plans or initiatives. Ernslaw One is very active in protecting many rare and threatened native species is involved in kiwi, falcon and blue duck conservation programmes and your role will have oversight in this area. There is also the requirement to travel much of the North Island and may involve the occasional visits to our South Island forests.

Serious consideration will be given to applicants with:

- A relevant tertiary qualification, e.g. resource management/planning/forestry, with relevant field experience
- A knowledge of the RMA and Local Government Plan development and appeal processes, with experience in the preparation of written submissions.

And ideally:

- Experience in undertaking field audits against Environmental Codes of Practice and council Permitted Activity rules or consent conditions
- A working knowledge of erosion and sediment control best management practices
- Understanding of the Historic Places, Wildlife and Conservation Acts
- Experience and aptitude in iwi liaison and public consultation
- An ability to operate ArcGis.

Membership of the NZ Planning Institute or the Resource Management Law Association would be an advantage and will be encouraged for the successful applicant. Ernslaw One is committed to ensuring a safe and healthy environment. The successful applicant would require a pre-employment medical, drug and alcohol assessment, and be willing to participate in our ongoing programme of random testing to underpin Ernslaw One's commitment to a (100%) safe workplace.

A position description and application form is available from Di Liddell on (06) 868 0083 or email [environmentalrole@ernslaw.co.nz](mailto:environmentalrole@ernslaw.co.nz). **Closing date:** a letter of application plus a CV should be submitted by Thursday 24 April 2014.



## JOB VACANCY WEBSITES

Science jobs	<a href="http://fusionz.rsnz.org/">fusionz.rsnz.org/</a>
MPI	<a href="http://careers.haines.co.nz/MPI/Pages/Vacancies.aspx">http://careers.haines.co.nz/MPI/Pages/Vacancies.aspx</a>
NZ conservation jobs	<a href="http://www.conjobs.co.nz/index.php">www.conjobs.co.nz/index.php</a>
Department of Conservation	<a href="http://www.doc.govt.nz/about-doc/jobs-at-doc/current-vacancies/">www.doc.govt.nz/about-doc/jobs-at-doc/current-vacancies/</a>
Australian Government	<a href="http://jobsearch.gov.au/Login/Login.aspx?WHCode=0">jobsearch.gov.au/Login/Login.aspx?WHCode=0</a>
Australia Department of Agriculture Fisheries & Forestry	<a href="http://www.daff.gov.au/about/jobs">www.daff.gov.au/about/jobs</a>

## German student seeks work

I am 23 years old and a student in Forest and Ecosystem Management, 8th semester, at the University of Applied Science in Erfurt, Germany. I am writing to ask if there might be a vacant position for a practical trainee in your company for three or four months, preferably starting from April 2014 onwards. My qualifications: I have a three-year vocational education as a forest worker (logger). Furthermore I gained experience as a forwarder and skidder. I am good at forest inventory (with GPS, GIS, Vertex), silviculture, roundwood supply, marketing and controlling, hunting and other things that are connected with forest management. As international mobility for students is becoming more and more important, I am very eager to gain practical experience by working abroad. This will not only help to improve my prospects for a future professional career, but will allow me to learn more about your country and culture as well. Kind regards,  
*Christian Riedel* ([forest.emc@gmail.com](mailto:forest.emc@gmail.com))

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## PUBLICATIONS / MEDIA / NOTICES

### NEWS FROM ROYAL SOCIETY OF NZ

#### Early Career Researchers Conference – Making an Impact, Challenging the World

Wellington, 5-6 May 2014.

More information on the [RSNZ website](#).

The conference is providing a forum for discussion, advice and support for early career researchers on the issues that impact their careers. It will establish lasting research connections and networks, facilitate the development of mentorship relationships, and initiate dialogue as a means of increasing involvement of early career researchers in the decisions that impact on their future and the future of NZ.

#### Science Media SAVVY – Media and communication skills for scientists, 22-23 May, Wellington

Researchers and scientists keen to improve their public outreach are invited to apply for the latest in the Science Media Centre's national series of media and communication skills workshops. This two-day intensive course is ideal for established and emerging researchers who want to gain practical skills for explaining their science to a wider audience and feel more confident going in front of the media.

**Details:** 22-23 May, RSNZ, 11 Turnbull St, Thorndon, Wellington. [View website for more information.](#)



## Applications now open; closing 23 April – [APPLY HERE](#)

One scholarship covering full course fees is available for a postgraduate student who shows exceptional promise in science communication. This award is funded by 2011 Prime Minister's Science Media Communication Award winner Dr Mark Quigley. Please see the application for full details.

If you are potentially interested in sponsoring course fees (\$795 +GST) for successful applicants from your faculty, department, research area or association, please contact the Science Media Centre for more information.

## Opinion: 'The Dairying Dilemma – A Nation in Denial?'

This country faces urgent and difficult choices on dairying expansion and the health of its waterways, writes Sir David Skegg, the President of the Royal Society of New Zealand ... before it's too late, let's stop pretending that we can have our cake and eat it too.

“Every New Zealander knows that one of the worst threats to our natural environment is the degradation of rivers and lakes. Some fresh waterways that were previously clean and inviting have become choked with weeds, slime and algal blooms – with adverse effects on insects, fish, and birds as well.

Two other facts are widely known. First, a major reason for the pollution of waterways is the expansion of the dairy industry. Secondly, dairy products are New Zealand's biggest source of export dollars. Every one of us benefits from the success of the dairy industry. Without its recent expansion, our economic situation might be gloomy today.

Driving through the South Island, I have seen small towns that were dying rejuvenated by local dairy conversions. And I am conscious that the sectors in which I work – health, education and research – are crucially dependent on a vibrant economy.

In November the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment issued a report in which she concludes that New Zealand faces “a classic economy versus environment dilemma”. Dr Jan Wright's advice is worded diplomatically, but her message is blunt. “Unless New Zealand takes urgent steps to slow the expansion of dairying, many more rivers and lakes will be degraded. None of the steps being taken to lessen environmental impacts can reverse this trend in the near future ...”

Read full opinion piece in the [New Zealand Herald](#) or in the [Otago Daily Times](#)

## 'A place to live', 16-19 November, Whanganui

A new date has been confirmed for 'A place to live: For the life worth having', a national conference about the economies and environments of our regions and smaller centres, moved from September to 16-19 November 2014.

The purpose of this national meeting is to consider ways of improving the environments and economies of our regions and smaller centres, which have the potential to offer the best possible lifestyles and contribute to national wealth in the widest sense. Many New Zealanders want to make their futures there. An important theme will be the need for humans to connect with, and be part of, the natural world. The worrying incidence of mental ill-health, obesity, poor nutrition, social isolation, and poverty are related to this, it will be argued. Human restoration is part of, and not separate from, ecological restoration.

This forum is being organised by the MacDiarmid Institute and Victoria University of Wellington, in association with Wanganui District Council and the RSNZ. It follows on from the 2012 Transit of Venus Forum, initiated by **Sir Paul Callaghan** and Valuing Nature Conference in July 2013. Whanganui has been chosen to host this forum to commemorate the life of Sir Paul, who had fond memories of growing up there.

**Richard Louv**, author of *Last Child in the Woods* and *The Nature Principle*, has been confirmed as a keynote



speaker.

**Dame Anne Salmond** FRSNZ, 2013 Kiwibank New Zealander of the Year and 2013 Rutherford Medal winner, will give the New Zealand Rutherford Lecture on rivers – *'Give me the water of life'* – on the eve of the conference, Sunday 16 November, and lead a workshop – *New River Futures* – on Monday 17 November.

The programme will include many panel discussions led by **Kim Hill** and a guided tour through the stunning natural environment that is the Whanganui River valley, where the culture and history are evident at every turn. Registrations will open in May.

### New Zealand History of Science conference, 23-24 November 2015

2015 is a significant year for New Zealand science history: it is 150 years since James Hector arrived in Wellington to set up many of our national science organisations; and 100 years since Ernest Marsden arrived in Wellington to join Victoria College. Victoria University of Wellington is pleased to announce an academic conference to celebrate these anniversaries focusing attention on New Zealand's science history and building momentum for the RSNZ's 150th anniversary in 2017 and the 250th anniversary of the arrival of the first European scientists in 2019. A Call for Papers will be made in November 2014. In the meantime, please direct all comments and enquiries to Rebecca Priestley at [NZhistsci2015@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:NZhistsci2015@vuw.ac.nz).

## PROVISIONAL ESTIMATES OF TREE STOCK SALES AND FOREST PLANTING IN 2013

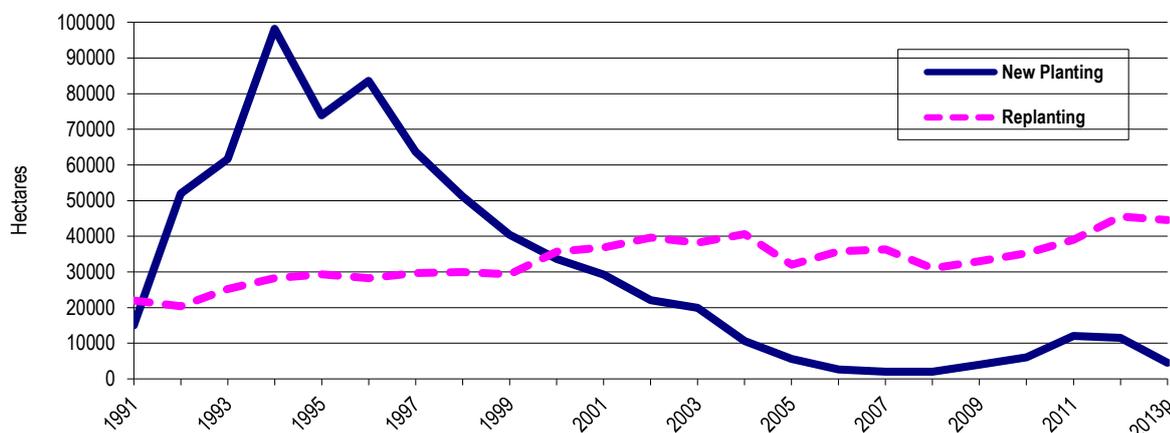
Each spring the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) undertakes a survey of tree stock sales from commercial forestry nurseries. This information is then used in a model to generate estimates of planting by species or species groups, and a total area planted.

The full report is available [here](#). The table and graph below are taken from the report.

**Table 1: Tree Stock Sales from 2006 to 2013 (millions)**

	2006 <sup>1</sup>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013p
Radiata pine	28.8	36.7	36.2	37.7	46.4	58.9	64.6	48.5
Douglas fir	2.8	2.9	2.3	3.0	3.6	5.1	4.0	3.1
Other softwoods	1.8	1.7	1.5	1.5	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.7
All hardwoods	0.6	1.1	1.2	1.0	1.9	2.3	2.6	1.9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>34.0</b>	<b>42.4</b>	<b>41.2</b>	<b>43.2</b>	<b>53.2</b>	<b>67.6</b>	<b>72.5</b>	<b>54.1<sup>2</sup></b>

**Graph 1: Estimated Areas of New Planting and Replanting**





## 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](mailto:Barbara.Hock@scionresearch.com). The numbers will be limited so early registration is recommended.

CITY	TIME AND DATE	VENUE
Auckland	<b>Monday 14 April</b> 10am-12noon	HSB 429, Human Sciences Building, Auckland University, Symonds Street A map will be sent on request
Rotorua	<b>Tuesday 15 April</b> 2pm-4pm	Totara Room, Scion, Sala Street, Rotorua

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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.

### April 2014

- Mon 14 – Scion workshops on communicating sustainable forestry,
- Tue 15 [Barbara.Hock@scionresearch.com](mailto:Barbara.Hock@scionresearch.com)
- Wed 30 Hawkes Bay field trip, Ed Saathof 027 590 0177

### May 2014

- Mon 5 – Tue 6 Early Carers Research Conference, [RSNZ website](#)
- Fri 9 – Sat 10 Trees for Bees Conference, Gisborne, [www.eastwoodhill.org.nz/conference/](http://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](mailto:smc@sciencemediacentre.co.nz)

### June 2014

- Wed 11 – Thur 12 Woodflow Logistics 2014, [www.woodflowlogistics.com](http://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](http://www.fimo2014.com)
- Mon 11 – Tue 12 DANA Melbourne conference, [details here](#) or email [pam@prcc.com.au](mailto:pam@prcc.com.au)
- Mon 11 – Tue 12 DANA Rotorua conference, [details here](#) or email [pam@prcc.com.au](mailto:pam@prcc.com.au)
- Mon 25 – Fri 29 IUFRO Forestry Tree Breeding Conference, Prague, [Conference website](#)

### Nov 2014

- Sun 16 – Wed 19 ‘A place to live’ national conference, RSNZ, registrations to open in May
- Sun 24 – Mon 25 New Zealand History of Science conference, [NZhistsci2015@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:NZhistsci2015@vuw.ac.nz)

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