

Conference Programme

Sunday 3rd September

12 noon

Registration

12.30–1.00pm

Valuation Working Group update

1.00–3.00pm

The Real Estate Agents Act Exemption CPD Workshop

- » Do you know if you may be breaching the Real Estate Agents Act?
- » What is the exemption that NZIF has sought and that is to be granted?
- » When will it come into force?
- » What does it mean for the NZIF registration scheme and for registered members?
- » What are the implications for other NZIF members?

These topics and more will all be explored during the workshop. It is a must attend workshop for all Registered Members and all other members who are involved in any way with transactions involving the transfer of land or forests, forestry rights, leases, licences, or the granting of leases, licences, forestry rights, easements, etc.

The workshop will be led by **Andrew McEwen**, who has been leading the push to gain the exemption since December 2010. We are hoping to include a Q&A panel session with legal and regulatory members on the panel to allow attendees to seek answers to specific questions and to raise concerns.

3.00–3.30pm

Break

3.30–5.00pm

International timber legality import regulations CPD Workshop

Illegal logging and trade is a significant issue globally. The US, EU, Australia and Indonesia have introduced laws and regulations to address illegal timber.

A number of our key markets in the Asia Pacific region are also developing similar regulations. Despite the low level of risk of illegal timber in New Zealand, these laws and regulations apply equally to our forestry exports.

Hear from MPI about these developments and how they might impact you.

The workshop will be led by **Anna Tyler** of MPI. The chair of the NZ Forest Certification, **Andrew McEwen**, will also describe a proposal for a simple legally harvested certification scheme the association has developed.

5.30–6.30pm

89th NZIF Annual General Meeting

6.30–8pm

Networking Drinks

Monday 4th September

9.00	Coffee and Registration	Session Chair
	Mihimihi: George Mutu	
	Welcome from the Conference Chair: Jonathan Dash	
	Opening Address: Peter Clarke	
Key note 1	Roger Smith (MPI): Biosecurity 2025	Jonathan Dash
Key note 2	Charlotte Severne (LRFT): Māori forestry realising the moemoea of our tupuna through responsible use of the whenua for the benefit of descendants	
	Lunch	
	Session Theme = Forestry in the NZ landscape	
	Andy Dick – Toitu Te Waonui: an experiment in planting underutilised Māori land	Simon Rapley
	Rob Ford – A safer Landcorp	
	Jeff Tombleson – Pruned wood supply from the Central North Island and disrupter influences on wood processing	
	Garth Cumberland – The forest sector’s policy initiative: Holistic forestry for the future	
	Break	
	Session Theme = Political hustings	
	Gareth Morgan (TOP)	James Treadwell
	Stuart Nash (Labour)	
	James Shaw (Greens)	
	Louise Upston (National)	
	Fletcher Tabuteau (NZ First)	
	Break	
	Session Theme = Forestry in the public eye	
	Professor Robert Nola – Fake news and post-truth: Does philosophy have anything to say to forestry?	Linton Winder
	Brian Richard – Positioning forest industries brands from the outside in	
	Steve Wilton – Kiwis investing: The ultimate industry endorsement	
	Peter Oliver – Forestry’s narrative, fact or fiction, and does it matter?	
6.00 pm	Networking drinks	

Tuesday 5th September

8.00	Coffee and Registration	Session Chair
	Session Theme = International perspectives	
	Welcome and introduction to the day	
Key note 3	Cameron Bargrie (ANZ) – Averting the 10-year boom bust pattern	Jonathan Dash
Key note 4	Mike May – The people, genetics and environment of forestry in 2050	
	Break	
	Session Theme = Environmental/sector resilience	
	Tim Payn – Future environmental challenges and New Zealand’s planted forests	Ian Wilton
	Russel Death – Why can’t I see the forest for the cows: Arboreal solutions for New Zealand’s water quality crisis	
	Sally Strang – The future of forest certification for New Zealand plantations	
	Glen Thorlby – Biotechnology: A solution for wilding conifers in New Zealand?	
	Chris Fowler – NES plantation forestry: Implications for foresters	
	Lunch	
	Session Theme = Human factors... workforce, training and education	
	Haari Savonen – The new national environmental standards for planted forests	Simon Rapley
	Linton Winder & David Evison – Education for forestry: opportunities and challenges	
	Mark Preece – Industry training: Where to next?	
	Richard Parker – Forestry automation and robotics	
	Ross Davis – Labour shortage: Is there a plan?	
	Break	
	Session Theme = A positive future	
	Steve Chadwick, Mayor – Rotorua Lakes Council’s wood first policy	Murray Parrish
	Marty Verry – Wood will be the norm in New Zealand mid-rise buildings by 2030: Here’s the pathway	
	Tobias Smith – The timber renaissance: Materials, technologies and techniques	
	Florian Graichen – Advanced biobased products: Combining sustainability with performance	
	Daiman Otto – Engineered timber and the future of digital construction	
	Closing Address: Murray Parrish	
6.00 pm	Pre-dinner and networking drinks	
	Conference Dinner and Awards from NZIF Foundation and NZIF	
	Guest Speaker – Angela Swann-Cronin	
	Angela Swann-Cronin is the first Māori woman to become a pilot in the New Zealand Air Force. Angela, now based in her hometown of Rotorua, is an inspiration for us all; her career reminds us that anything is possible if you set your mind and heart on it.	

Wednesday 6 September

Field Trip 8am to 4.00pm

Pick up will be 8am at the Novotel Hotel. The field trip will visit the following locations in smaller groups:

Red Stag

A guided tour of Red Stag sawmill where attendees can see the continued investments in this vital processing business including the new USNR Tandem-Quadsaw sawmill line that make this one of the most advanced sawmilling sites in the world. Red Stag cuts 550,000 cubic metres of timber per year generating an annual turnover in excess of \$220 million and employing approximately 300 staff.

Scion – NZ Forest Research Institute

The field trip will lead us to New Zealand's largest forest research facility where delegates will receive a multi-stop walking tour of the Scion Campus. This will include visits to state-of-the-art facilities for wood quality research, tissue culture, genomics, and bio-materials research. Here we will have a unique opportunity to hear from scientists who support our sector by pushing the boundaries of forest productivity, new technologies, and genetic improvement and see their research first-hand.

Rotorua Redwoods – LUNCH

Lunch will be held in Rotorua's famous Redwoods, one of the must-go places for visitors to Rotorua. We will have a barbeque in the beautiful redwood forest filled with majestic giant trees. The unique Sail venue will ensure that we stay dry no matter the weather and lunch will provide another fantastic networking opportunity.

Horohoro forest

We will visit a local forest where we will discuss the challenges and opportunities faced by woodlot growers. Presentations will encompass the economics of small plantations and land-use restrictions affecting growers in the local region. The study forest includes a unique set of trials that are now reaching maturity. These will provide us with a chance to see first-hand the impact of silvicultural practice, including final crop stocking, on the return to growers. We will also have the chance to observe the effects of genetic improvement on tree growth. Attendees will walk amongst stand trees with clearly labelled genetic composition.

Rotorua Mountain Bike Park

In recent years the rapid development of the young sport of mountain biking and the trail network centred on Whakarewarewa Forest has transformed Rotorua into a must-visit destination for mountain bikers from around the world. These developments are bringing large numbers of new visitors into our forests providing significant contributions to the local economy, and community, but also bringing a unique and complex set of challenges for forest managers. We will hear from the team behind Mountain Bike Rotorua (responsible for bringing the world-famous CrankWorx festival to New Zealand), the Rotorua Trails Trust, and other stakeholders on the growth of the sport and plans for future developments.