



New Zealand Institute of Forestry



JOINT APPITA & NZIF ANNUAL DINNER MEETING

DATE: Thursday 1st October 2026

VENUE: Copthorne Hotel, Fenton Street, Rotorua

PROGRAMME

6:00pm Registration and Cash Bar – House Bar

6:30 Buffet Dinner - Hotel Restaurant

TECHNICAL PROGRAMME – REDWOOD 2

7:30 “New Forestry Tools and Digital Innovation”.

David Herries, CTO/Director, Interpine Innovation

David is a technologist and innovator in the forestry sector, with a strong focus on applying advanced technologies across the forest industry value chain. His expertise spans resource yield modelling and valuation, forest mensuration, log optimisation systems, GIS, remote sensing, LiDAR, and carbon monitoring—translating complex technologies into practical, commercially impactful solutions.

As Chief Technology and Innovation Officer at Interpine, David leads the organisation’s technology and innovation strategy, driving the adoption of emerging tools to meet the evolving needs of the forestry industry. His work is centred on enabling better decision making and performance across forestry operations, helping shape today’s forests with the technology of tomorrow.

8:00 “Why bioenergy & biomass resources versus energy demand in the Bay of Plenty”.

Peter Hall, Team Lead - Process Development, Bioeconomy Science Institute

Peter Hall has worked in forest management, logging and bioenergy research in various roles since 1978. Currently employed at the Bioeconomy Science Institute in the Bioenergy programme, working on biomass resource analysis, solid fuels, industrial symbiosis and techno-economic analysis.

COST: Members: \$55 Non-members: \$65

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Please register **by Monday 28th September** by contacting **Shiraz Khashim**

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