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**SAIF Calendar : June 2022 -Snow Capped Drakensberg , Mkhomazi Valley KZN: Mike Hunter from KZN Branch**

## From the President's Desk

### **World Environment Day**

Several Environmental oriented Days are celebrated in the month of June namely World Reef Day(1<sup>st</sup>), World Environment Day (5<sup>th</sup>) World Oceans Day(8<sup>th</sup>), World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought(17<sup>th</sup>), World Giraffe Day(21<sup>st</sup>) and World Rainforest Day( 22<sup>nd</sup>). On top of that in South Africa we also celebrate Youth Day on the 16<sup>th</sup> of June. We can probably relate to most if not all of them and agree that these are all worthy causes of which we should be regularly reminded.

I would like to focus on World Environment Day which was celebrated on Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> of June 2022. Various themes have been chosen all over the World ranging from the theme "Only One Earth"



### *World Environment Day 2022 : "Only One Earth"*

In the Introduction of this Document, titled *Only One Earth Practical Guide for World Environment Day 2022*, the author states the following :



“Climate change, nature and biodiversity loss, and pollution and waste –evidence that Earth is “code red” is all around us and growing more ominous every day. At the same time, billions of people are short of income, food, shelter, health care and education. Energy and food crises on the heels of the COVID-19 pandemic and a spike in conflict” around the world are further causes for concern.” It then offers the following advice :“ The way out of this dilemma is to transform our economies and societies to make them inclusive, fair and more connected with nature.”

This is certainly a very noble idea and approach and the paper proceed to offer several recommendations at various levels including government e.g. **clean up our air and water**. We as South African residents can certainly agree with this in particular if you live in some parts of SA where clean water is but a dream at this stage not to mention pollution caused by the coal-driven power stations.

The paper/ report offer several ideas / suggestions over a wide field to cities and local authorities, Finance , Business and Industry, NGO’s Community Organisations, Faith Groups, Science and Education and finally Individuals.

When looking at some of the recommendations, one tends to become disillusioned thinking that this is “mission impossible”. The fact of the matter is that each one of us can make a difference. The Forest and Forest Products Industry in my view make way to less reference to the fact that commercial plantations and the industry associated with it, that forestry is a renewable resource unlike mining , have a very low to positive carbon footprint and most products are recyclable.



But what can and should we do on a personal level? Each one of us can and should make a contribution by thinking before we act. It is actually amazing how we have become a consumerist society and how we have become complacent and just accept and adopt what is offered to us instead of asking critical questions.



Why should we for instance buy the product on the right instead of demanding to buy the sweetcorn / mealies in their natural packaging? Although this is only a small / minor example, if each one of us simply ask ourselves whether we are part of the problem or part of the solution, it could go a long way in addressing the wastage and pollution. Some people have actually seen opportunities to convert waste into something valuable and at the same time creating jobs. Let each of us try and make a difference to the environmental issues we face.

**Resources:**

- Worldenvironmentday.global
- Unep.org
- <https://www.thepaperstory.co.za/>

**Commemoration of the June 2017 Knysna Fires**

On the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 2017 what is believed to be the most destructive and dramatic fires in SA, occurred in the Southern Cape when two separate fires starting either side (west and east) of Knysna resulted in the loss of eight lives, almost 1000 structures, 19,000 ha of vegetation which included in the order of 7,000 ha of plantation and an estimated economic cost of R3.3billion. Several investigations, workshops and reports followed the devastating fires which were described as the “Perfect Storm”

Five years later we are all faced with the inevitable question : “**Are we ready for the next Perfect Storm /Mega Fire ?**” Also refer to Notice on page 9.

**Resource :**

**The Knysna Fires of 2017 : Learning from this Disaster**  
A collaborative research report between Santam, Stellenbosch University and the CSIR (2019)



**Sponsor of the June 2022 Page in the SAIF  
Calendar**



**CEO : Dr. Michal Brink**

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Headed up by **Ben Potgieter**, the strength of CMO's Compliance Management Division lies in the combination of the power of our Perform software solution to run FSC certified operations, our extensive experience and know-how of forest certification and our broad technical knowledge of forestry.

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- Forest certification implementation for both forest management and chain of custody
- Holistic forest risk profiling with risk mitigation interventions
- Productivity improvement and cost reduction interventions
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**8 June: Memorandum of Agreement between  
FSA and the Department of Forestry,  
Fisheries and the Environment signed into  
power**

FSA is delighted to report that the Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) relating to forest protection between FSA and the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) has been signed into power. After five years of continuous and active engagement with the DFFE, the process was concluded in the short space of one month thanks to the services and interventions of Mohammed Bhabha of the PPGI, with the assistance of Sabelo Malaza from the Masterplan Programme Management Office in DFFE and Director-General Tshabala.

The MoA secures R9 million a year for two years. While long overdue, this partnership with DFFE will add greatly to our efforts to protect our timber resources against pests and diseases, conduct desperately needed research and development, build our human capacity in this crucial area and encourage ongoing investment by our Sector.

**FSA secures R35.2m for Research Development  
and Innovation**

FSA is delighted to announce that the Department of Science and Innovation has approved our third round application for Sector Innovation Funding, in the amount of **R 35,2m over 4 years!**

As members will recall, the decline in State co-investment into RDI has been a key focus area in our PPGI programme. The Herculean efforts of FSA's Research and Protection Director, Dr Ronald Heath, with the support of our Research Advisory Committee and the critical role played by our partners in the PPGI, have been crucial in securing this funding and they are all sincerely thanked for their roles in achieving this success.

## **Rob Thompson Column June 2022**

### **Decision time.**

I've mentioned previously that I entered the forestry profession with high expectations of never-ending vistas, gentle horse rides through the woods, woollen checkered lumberjack shirts, a crackling fire in a log cabin, a relaxed work schedule and two Jack Russel's as companions. Fast forward about a century and quick reality check shows that all I really have to show of my list of expectations is one and half Jack Russel hounds. One is real one and the other we believe is of extra-terrestrial origin and currently unknown to science. Yes, yes, I have had a few crackling fires, but they were thousands of hectares in extent and all of the firefighters, fire tenders and water bombers present tended to destroy the romantic ambience that I had once envisioned. The less said about these the better. Anyhow... I did enter the forestry profession successfully but only given particular circumstances that I have been pondering over quite a lot lately...

If it were not for a certain mathematics teacher in my high school days, I would never have had the opportunity to enjoy the challenge of forestry, South African style. This teacher refused to allow me to even contemplate a standard grade option for mathematics which would have diverted my life trajectory away from a university entrance. Now that is a flash back to way back! Can anyone actually remember the days of standard-grade vs. higher-grade passes? Whilst my teachers' constant badgering severely interrupted my preferred personal programme of studying "Mad" and "Tin Tin" comic books (who remembers these?) I did end up with an appropriate higher-grade pass and became a forestry practitioner. Who would have thought?

My having to arrange an intervention on a disciplinary level for a young employee in my organization recently, stimulated the above reminiscences of my own youth, and reminded me once again of how our lives are inadvertently directed by decisions made by individuals intercepting our life trajectory. Had my mathematics teacher decided to allow me to apply the finer nuances of Tin Tin's travels to my matric examination, I would now be in a totally different space.

Fortunately, she saw some potential in me (as an aside, my wife tells me regularly that she is still waiting for that to show) and persevered ultimately to my benefit (and of course to the thousands of trees that I have subsequently managed, barring the burnt ones). The decision that I would take regarding the young employee had the potential to radically change his career trajectory, which thought drove home to me the absolute obligation we have to carefully consider any decision we take.

I believe that sensibility and prudence prevailed, and the appropriate decision was ultimately taken in this particular case. Don't worry...the young employee is still an employee and by all accounts performing at a level not previously achieved. Hopefully, he too will look back in a century or so, and reminisce about the grey-haired old guy who saw his potential and acted appropriately.

It is quite sobering to consider just how singular decisions have the power to impact on individuals in very telling manners. Sometimes the individual affected has no idea of the dynamic that has unfolded behind the scenes. Take for example the series of CV's that I am currently plowing through in an attempt to find short listed interview candidates for a vacant post. Despite the competitive world that we operate in, I am gob smacked by the amount of hurriedly put together CV's out there, displaying skew or distorted photo placement, bad spelling, and general neglect. Such projection of lack of respect for self and the potential employer makes it so easy for the immediate and irrevocable decision to be made to set aside the CV. A single decision by a complete outsider thereby takes away a scarce opportunity from another person's life trajectory.

The more I think about this, the more I realise that decisions taken by other people really do have huge impact on our lives.

Think about milestone moments in your life; the traffic inspector deciding that you should pass your drivers examination...or not; your spouse deciding to say "yes" to your proposal ... good luck with that;

the seller not agreeing to your price for the house situated on the Umdloti dune; the examiner giving you the benefit of the doubt and passing you in your final exam; the referee allowing your team's series match winning try, despite an arguable toe in touch; you being put forward for that recent promotion; the list is endless. Imagine if all these examples had gone the other way? There you would be using public transport to get to your mundane job from your small bachelor flat, rented out of necessity ever since your sea-view house washed away in the recent floods and with only a second-rate relegated rugby team to follow for entertainment.

So, given all of this newly found clarity regarding the impact of decisions by others on our lives, what does it mean for you and me?

The answer to this question came to me via an Emotional Intelligence (EQ) awareness course recently offered to our leadership staff. A better awareness of oneself within the greater social context and conscious management of one's relationships and social interaction, provide all the tools required to direct the decisions we take, and those that others take that affect us. A simple example of this would be the job applicant giving some serious thought to both her own and the companies circumstances and at the very least presenting a decent and well-constructed CV.

In my opinion, there is really no need to go on any fancy course to attain these tools. Simply by deciding to place oneself in the other persons shoes for a moment, would make all the difference. The empathy thus created would result in the appropriate decision and action being taken. Conscious selling of oneself to others (no...not that way people!) in a positive fashion, also goes a long way towards the correct decisions being taken about you, by others.

Whew! So this is all quite philosophical for a forester with limited mathematics skills, but I felt that the thoughts were worth sharing.

With so much change and uncertainty occurring all around us, both privately and professionally, it is beneficial to have some 'controllables' at our disposal.

We do have total control over decisions that we take and can influence to a large degree those decisions that are taken about us. Awareness of this is required and of course some focused effort to embrace and apply this awareness.

It's time to wrap up these ramblings so I sign off with few sage and potentially disturbing revelations to our younger foresters:-

1. Woollen shirts just don't happen in forestry over here. It's really sad but a reality.
2. Never ending vistas are real but they generally comprise hectares upon hectares of pulpwood interspersed by the occasional cell phone tower.
3. Horses are real but are fully occupied pulling interlink trailers laden with upwards of 35 tonnes of logs to mill.
4. We do work according to schedules...never ending all day / all night schedules.
5. Jack Russel's make excellent companions even the strange ones!

Take good decisions. They have implications!

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The SAIF Council, Editor and all SAIF Members would like to congratulate Rob with his birthday in June. His monthly column in the Newsletter has been a major feature, wonderful reading and inspiration to all the readers and we would like to express our gratitude to him and his Employer NCT for his wonderful contribution. Enjoy the Day!

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## Post-doctoral Fellowship

### Design and implementation of a series of forest research experiments

#### THE RESEARCH PROJECT

South Africa has very few remaining long-term, intensively monitored experiments in managed forest environments. Other countries with comparable climates and forest/plantation types (e.g. Brazil<sup>1</sup>, Australia<sup>2</sup>) have a far more extensive infrastructure to support long-term, high quality forest research. A need exists to install this kind of infrastructure, suited to current future needs in society, which will be of broad benefit to the forest science community.

Towards developing a new series of such sites in South Africa, tentatively named the “Open Air Forest Laboratories”, this post-doctoral fellowship will involve the design of a forest research experiment that will provide fundamental infrastructure to support future forest research, with a particular focus on managed eucalypt plantation forests. In particular, the vision is to create an experiment in which the widest possible array of variables are continuously monitored at the highest possible and feasible spatial and temporal resolutions. This would include, therefore, the installation of a range of sensing equipment, the harnessing of remote sensing data and the planning of regular measurement campaigns, and associated data acquisition and management protocols. The design stage will include working closely with the principal investigator of the project and other role-players, including potentially arranging and coordinating one or more workshops. The fellowship will then also involve planning and managing the installation and set-up of the first of a series of sites in Stellenbosch in 2022/2023.

The fellowship will be funded through the Hans Merensky Foundation “EucXylo” Research Chair (<http://blogs.sun.ac.za/eucxylo/>), based at the Department of Forest & Wood Science at Stellenbosch University.

The program aims to understand and model processes of wood formation (xylogenesis) in **eucalypts**.

#### LOCATION

The incumbent will be based at the Department of Forest & Wood Science (DFWS) at Stellenbosch University (SU). SU celebrated its centenary in 2018, is widely acknowledged as one of Africa’s premier tertiary education and research institutions (visit [www.sun.ac.za](http://www.sun.ac.za) for more information). Staff and students at the University enjoy a relaxed and pleasant lifestyle, close to mountains and sea. Attracting students from around the world, and particularly Africa, and with strong international linkages and collaborations, the DFWS prides itself on research excellence with a diverse, friendly culture.

#### REQUIREMENTS AND QUALIFICATIONS

- A recognized Ph.D. in Forest Science, Ecology, Plant physiology or other related field within the last five years.
- Up-to-date knowledge in scientific data collection, data management, and data/statistical analysis.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills to be able to interact effectively with a diverse group of scientists and stakeholders.
- Good written and verbal communication skills in English are essential.
- Ability to function in a multicultural and multilingual environment, ability to work well both independently and as part of a team and take initiative.

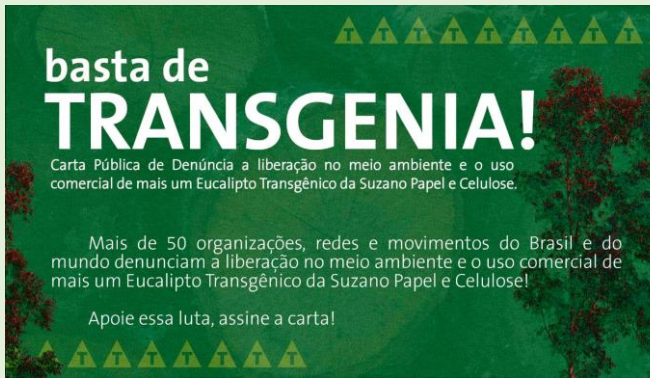
#### RECOMMENDATIONS

- At least two papers already published in the scientific literature.
- Knowledge of the R system for statistical computing or other programming languages.
- Familiarity with Campbell Scientific data-logging and sensing equipment.
- Working knowledge of electronics.

#### CONTRACT DURATION AND COMMENCEMENT

The research stipend is granted for a one-year period which can be extended to a second year, performance dependant. For more information about post-doctoral fellowships at Stellenbosch visit <http://www.sun.ac.za/english/research-innovation/Research-Development/postdocs>  
This position is based at Stellenbosch campus.





### No More GE Trees

More than 50 organizations, networks and movements from Brazil and around the world denounce the release into the environment and the commercial use of a new transgenic eucalyptus from the Brazilian company Suzano Papel e Celulose!

The approval by the National Technical Commission on Biosafety (CTNBio) of the GE eucalyptus resistant to glyphosate, identified as 751K032, is a serious threat to life, to society and to nature. It was approved without any democratic consultation with Brazilian civil society in general and the neighboring communities of the areas where the plantations will be located in particular. The only concern was granting the license in the benefit of the commercial interests of Suzano Papel e Celulose, instead of the detrimental effect on life.

Organizations denounce the CTNBio decision from November 16, 2021 to approve the release into the environment, commercial use and any other related activities of the new GE eucalyptus developed by FuturaGene, owned by Suzano Papel e Celulose.

The letter ends by demanding the immediate revocation of the license granted for the use of Suzano GE eucalyptus 751K032, as well as the action and intervention of the Federal Public Prosecution Service to revoke the decision made by the CTNBio, a decision made without a full public debate, especially in regions of Brazil that have been exposed for many years to eucalyptus monoculture.

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### International News : Investing for People and Nature

<https://forestry.co.za/investing-for-people-and-nature/>



The turning point has come and gone: as global citizens, we're now playing catch up to protect and restore nature. Though there are countless multilateral, public and civil society organizations whose mission is to do just this, it is not enough. To invest in protection and restoration activities at the scale required, the big guns of private finance are needed.

This is beginning to happen. We're getting a handle on the investment side, and in putting a monetary value on the goods and service nature provides - at least in terms of traditional ecosystem commodities such as food and wood products, and the easily quantifiable service of carbon storage. But there's a long way to go. We need a massive shift in economic thinking, which also values less tangible ecosystem services and supports the sustainable development of those who act as nature's stewards.

This transition toward a genuine bioeconomy can be seen the evolution of WWF's [New Generation Plantations](#) (NGP). For the past 12 years, NGP has existed to support sustainable forest plantations through convening a network of forest industry practitioners and leaders, the scientific community, NGOs, communities and investors through study tours and dialogue events aiming to share knowledge and scale up sustainable forest plantations in line with the NGP principles: maintaining ecosystem integrity, protecting and enhancing high conservation values, ensuring effective stakeholder involvement, and contributing to economic growth and employment.

Throughout this time, it has built a solid network of local practitioners on the ground and organically conceptualized various forest landscape restoration projects that address social, environmental, climatic

and economic aspects. NGP has gone on to develop the organizational infrastructure, fundraise (successfully) and get boots on the ground as a project developer and implementer across South America, Sub-Saharan Africa and Southeast Asia.

As the demand for these projects increases, it's important to step back and think strategically about how to scale the impact of this unique model. The first part of the journey has been to define the investment case for NGP's project development approach. So where have we got to?

#### THE INVESTMENT GAP

Current funding approaches to forest landscape restoration tend to fall within one of two categories:

- **Commercially focused** investment has a viable business case, but returns-driven companies lack the resources to solve wider landscape challenges beyond their operational scope.
- **Philanthropic** funding addresses social and/or environmental challenges, but tends to be small scale and not sustainable in the long-term, and can generate donor dependency.

For forest landscape restoration to become truly resilient and sustainable over the long term, a different approach to financing is required - one that combines the strengths of business (large scale, efficient, aiming for long-term self-sustaining viability) with the strengths of the donor model (able to address environmental and social needs without compromising impact objectives). This is NGP's model.

***NGP's unique approach combines the scale, efficiency and long-term viability of traditional investment with the environmental and social impact needs of the landscape, with stakeholder involvement at its core.***



## XV World Forestry Congress

On Monday, 2 May, Byeong-Am Choi, Minister of Forests, Republic of Korea, welcomed participants to the XV WFC. He lamented the rapid decline in global forest cover, and highlighted the many ways in which sustainably managed forests can help address biodiversity, climate, and health crises.

Via video message, Amina J. Mohammed, UN Deputy Secretary-General, on behalf of UN Secretary General António Guterres, said that in spite of their essential role in planetary health, forests remain under threat. To address this, she stressed the need to increase finance, ensure deforestation-free supply chains, engage all stakeholders, and incorporate Indigenous and local knowledge.

HRH Princess Basma bint Ali, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, FAO Regional Goodwill Ambassador, underscored the importance of ecological restoration and nature-based solutions (NbS) and prioritizing genetic diversity and locally-appropriate approaches. Noting the decline in renewable water resources in near East and North Africa, she emphasized the “unequivocally critical” regulating service that forests and woodlands provide and called for sustainable supply chains, adding that urgency is crucial.

Magdalena Jovanović, President, International Forestry Students Association, highlighted XV WFC as “an enormous opportunity” for youth to be at the center of forest-related discussions, share experiences, and take a leading role. She added that although young people are the future of the sector, their voices are often not heard.

Qu Dongyu, Director General, FAO, emphasized the need to ensure that forests are an integral part of solutions to current and future challenges. He highlighted FAO's focus on halting deforestation, maintaining forests, and restoring degraded lands, and called for an efficient, inclusive, resilient and sustainable transformation of agricultural systems

Read the Full Report and more at <https://www.fao.org/event/world-forestry-congress/news/en>





**The Cluster of Natural Resource Management of the Nelson Mandela University (NMU) invites you to the 13<sup>th</sup> Fire Management Symposium:**

***“Preparing for the next Mega”***

**Date:** 23-25 November 2022

**Venue:** George, NMU (George Campus), Southern Cape, South Africa

**Background and purpose**

Globally, effective wildfire management is impeded by a lack of integration between research results, technological development and efforts by fire managers to prevent, suppress and protect the environment, human wellbeing and assets against wildfire. This event aims to streamline the efforts of natural resource managers, engineers and scientists through an integrated approach to ensure better management throughout the wildfire community by making the different role-players aware of each other’s realities.

You are invited to join fire managers and authorities from different disciplines and land uses (Nature Conservation, Agriculture, Disaster Management, Forestry, Local Authorities, etc.) for a range of informative presentations, and exciting networking opportunities.

**Focus**

Following the worst fire that we experienced in the history of South Africa in the Southern Cape on 7 June 2017 as well as numerous other urban interface fires in SA, it was decided to dedicate our biannual wildfire symposium to the topic: “Preparing for the next Mega fire event”.

**Programme**

The 2022 Fire Management Symposium promises to be a special event. Not only because of the unique setting of the venue in the heart of the Garden Route, but because of the conglomeration of top rated

fire management specialists whom will share their expertise in a very practical and applied manner. Internationally renowned fire scientist Prof Pete Fule will deliver the keynote address and will be supported by local fire specialists such as Pieter van der Merwe. We will also proudly host other international fire specialists from the USA as well as specialists from leading forestry companies in South Africa. The 2<sup>nd</sup> day of the event will provide the opportunity to visit the Southern Cape region to observe the unique vegetation and fire related issues. The Southern Cape Fire Protection Association (SCFPA) will host this day.

**In General**

This event present opportunities to people from different entities and parts of South Africa to network. In addition, the world of scientists who are engaged in research will meet that of the hardcore fire manager who gets the smoke of wildfires in his/her eyes. Due to the capacity of the venue only 200 delegates can be accepted for a specific day of the event. Final cost of the event has not been finalised but as in the past, will be very reasonable in order to provide the opportunity for everybody to afford attendance. The event dinner will take on the form of a spit braai with live music.

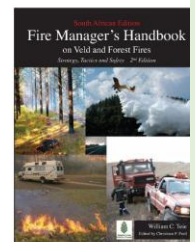
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**Fire Manager’s Handbook on Veld and Forest Fires**

The SAIF, in conjunction with William C. Tele, published the 2nd edition of the Fire Managers Handbook on Veld and Forest Fires in 2009. Tiaan Pool of NIIMU Saasveld edited the Handbook.

The Handbook offers the user a thorough understanding of the numerous complicated principles and procedures to ensure safe and effective forest fire fighting. Knowledge to be gained from the Handbook includes: how to predict Fire behaviour; control line construction; proper use of water; incident command and organisation; how to use aircraft; how to protect structures during a major wildfire and most of all, how to fight a wildfire safely.

- The key topics include:
- Fire weather
  - Topography and fuels
  - Fire behaviour
  - Fire line safety
  - Fire prevention and protection
  - Fire suppression strategies
  - Use of fire fighting resources
  - Structure protection
  - Fire organisation and management



Copies of the Fire Handbook are available from SAIF National Secretary, Corine Viljoen who can be contacted at [saif@mweb.co.za](mailto:saif@mweb.co.za)

## SAIF AGM : 14 JUNE 2022

### PRESENTATION BY DR. MICHAL BRINK FROM CMO

Please do join us for an interesting talk by Michal Brink titled “Forestry Globally and Nationally Quo Vadis ?” followed by a short Annual General Meeting



The awards will also be presented at the Branch Annual General Meeting.

### SAIF PHOTO COMPETITION 2022

The popular SAIF photo competition will again be taking place in 2022. The top 14 photos will be used to compile the 2023 SAIF calendar.

Stihl has kindly confirmed sponsorship of the photographic competition prizes.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize: GTA 26 Handheld Pruner
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: HSA 26 Pruning Shears
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: SE 62 Vacuum Cleaner

The closing date for the competition is **31 August 2022**.



### SU-FOR First Thursday

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Reference to the recordings of the latest presentations as well as the previous ones listed here – feel free to share the links

<https://youtu.be/hOgGVdHyRnY> - ‘An assessment of productivity and volume recovery of mechanised harvesting in a pine fire salvaging operation in the Eastern Cape, South Africa. ‘ – [Phozisa Dlokweni – Nelson Mandela University] (2/6/2022)

[https://youtu.be/XL9CiVvDK\\_o](https://youtu.be/XL9CiVvDK_o) - ‘Mapping the SA Forestry Supply Chain’ – [Jennimi Laubscher – Stellenbosch University] (3/2/2022)

<https://youtu.be/g-qzK743hLU> - Interview with Dwayne Marx - CEO of SAFCA [2/12/2021]

<https://youtu.be/d0cc1CEf8jY> - ‘Effective small-scale harvesting and forwarding in industrial plantation first thinning operations’ – [Simon Ackerman – Stellenbosch University] (05/11/2021)

<https://youtu.be/ojCj4pCx8Xs> - ‘Pine thinning methods: operational productivity and residual stand damage’ – [Munyaradzi Makoto - Stellenbosch University] (07/10/2021)

[https://youtu.be/LkrMi6\\_-Gqo](https://youtu.be/LkrMi6_-Gqo) - ‘Post-thinning control of harvester operator consistency and adaptability using UAV derived imagery’ – [Hugo Zandberg – Stellenbosch University] (02/09/2021)

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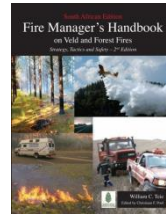
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