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Editorial

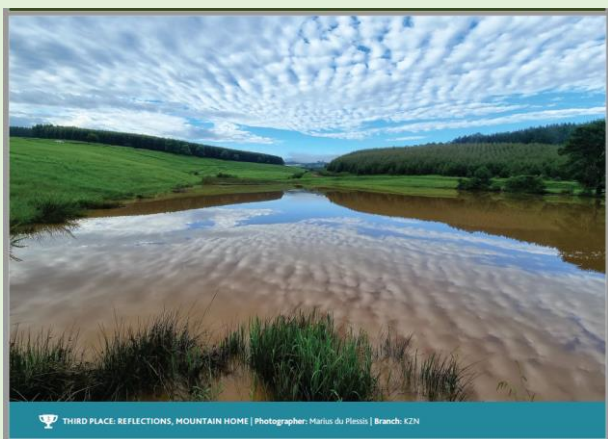
It is hard to believe that we are already 25% into 2023 as it feels like yesterday that we celebrated Christmas and New Year !

During the month of March we celebrated according to my sources, World Wildlife day (3rd), International Women's Day(8th) Solar Appreciation Day (11th-), International Day of Action for Rivers(14th), Global Recycling Day(18th), World Frog Day(20th), International Day of Forests(21st), Human Rights Day in SA(21st), World Water Day (22nd), -National Water Week (22-26 March) and World Meteorological Day (23rd). At least the WWF did not need to arrange and notify the public of *Earth hour* on the 26th as ESKOM offered to do it on their behalf at no extra charge (no pun intended) !

All of these themes are valid for us in S.A. perhaps even more so than in the past!

What is really significant of the 10 different days mentioned above, excluding Women's Day, Water week and Earth hour which are more specific events, three are directly associated with water (quality & quantity) but that 5 of the remaining 7 are at least also indirectly associated with water ! Water is Life and essential for the survival of all of us, touching on our Human Rights. If we pollute our rivers we will face the dire consequence e.g . unhealthy waterbodies and less amphibians etc.

It is therefore also very appropriate to continue with the theme on the War against weeds as many of our river systems have been heavily invaded by Invasive Alien Plants which directly affect river health.



SAIF Calendar : March 2023 :Third place :Photographer- Marius du Plessis : KZN Branch



From the President's Desk

Weeds : Are we winning or losing the War ? Part 2

This is Part 2 of the series on Weeds. The answer to the question above, depends to a large extent on who you ask for their view and opinion.

Many of us including yours truly learnt most of what we know regarding Weed management and control during our forestry careers. Commercial Forestry and the old Forestry Department have always been at the forefront of the war against weeds.

According to the latest available verified statistics available from FSA, the area under commercial plantation stood at 1,194,663 ha in 2019. SA has a very high percentage of plantations which achieved either FSC or PEFC Certification. Weed management is regarded as a very high priority in order to achieve and maintain certification. Forest Management Standards require of certificate holders to consistently prove that they are making progress in moving towards so-called "Maintenance Phase" i.e in other words "winning the war against weeds".

South African Forestry is in the fortunate position of having access to several experts in this field and with the support of Forestry South Africa (FSA) compiled a very practical guideline to be used by the SA Forestry Industry in 2018. "The Code of Good Practice for Managing Alien and Invasive Species in the SA Forestry Industry" (The Code) compiled by John Scotcher, Karen Kirkman, Colin Summersgill for FSA and valuable inputs from Vaughan Koopman (WWF-SA) and Samantha Choles (Frog Communications) is available on the FSA Website (www.forestrysouthafrica.co.za)



Code of Good Practice for Managing Alien and Invasive Species in the South African Forestry Industry February 2018

Background and Supporting Documentation

Prepared for Forestry South Africa
by John Scotcher (FSA), Karen Kirkman (FSA), Colin Summersgill (FSA),
Vaughan Koopman (WWF-SA) and Samantha Choles (Frog Communications)

How do you win a war? As with most things in life, it should start with good planning.

As it is said : "If you don't know where you are going, any road will take you there" or "if you fail to plan, you plan to fail" Individual forestry companies also designed their own procedures and approaches to weed management. First of all one should know what you have namely a survey indicating the weed species, where they occur as well as the area covered and densities involved which will form the basis for a weed management plan. The plan can be simple or more sophisticated as long as one set clear objectives, allocate sufficient funds, use the best combination of methods and very important measure and monitor progress.

Current Status: According to the FSA Code, SA Forestry spend in the order of R100million annually in the control of Alien and Invasive species (AIS) on forestry estates outside planted areas i.e conservation- and open areas in 2019. A Forestry Economic Services Report for 2021 indicated that the SA Forestry Industry spent R148-64/ha planted on control of Noxious weeds and furthermore R88,56/planted ha. If this figure is used and projected over the total afforested area which according to FSA stood at 1,194,663 ha, it amounts to R177.5 million.

Question: is this spending sufficient ? Based on the very high level of certification achieved and maintained in South Africa, it can be argued that it is adequate. FSC/ PEFC Standards are very clear namely that for commercial plantations (Forest Management) certification, certificate holders must be able to prove that their plantations are already in Maintenance Phase or will soon reach that level.

The future: It is generally accepted by the Forestry Industry, that an Integrated Approach to Weed Management both inside commercial compartments as well as in Open Areas should be followed. This would ideally include all forms of control namely manual-, mechanical-, chemical- and biological control.

What concerns more however , is the emotions and opposition surrounding use of chemicals (herbicides) which is already very efficiently controlled through the work done by the Timber Industry Pesticide Working Group(TIPWG) working under the auspices and kind support of Forestry South Africa (FSA) . Only time will tell. Documents referenced are available on the FSA website (<https://forestrysouthafrica.co.za/>).



The Serenity Prayer by Rob Thompson

I remember my Dad always displaying a copy of the Serenity Prayer, either in his office or at home. Interestingly, modern circumstances have maintained the significance and meaning of the words of that prayer proving the timeless strength and wisdom associated thereto.

“God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference.”

So much is happening these days to potentially affect us both personally and as forest practitioners. By way of example, we have just come through a threatened national stay away, State rail service provision is collapsing, forcing us to put many more trucks on the road, weather events are disrupting field operations and plantings by being too dry or too wet or too hot or too cold. Input costs have skyrocketed making profit targets unlikely. Careers and jobs are arguably under more threat than ever before given affordability, regulatory, and marketability constraints faced by our industry and others. An economic and political climate apparently dominated by crime, grime and mediocrity ostensibly does not allow much room for positivity to flourish... Or maybe not?

An ongoing quest through the virtual hallowed hallways of the University of YouTube, in search of practical ways to approach and process our ever-changing circumstances and environment, led me to the ancient philosophy of stoicism which struck a chord on a number of fronts.

The stoic concept totally explains the Serenity Prayer, it fits the forestry profession “hand in glove” given its foundation based on allowing nature to lead, and it provides a practical guide as to how to approach the myriad circumstances unfolding, over which we literally have absolutely no control.

Unknowingly, an old colleague and friend, Dr. Keith Little, now hailing from NMU, outlined the essence of stoicism at a silvicultural field day he presented in Northern KZN many years ago. Keith emphasized the fact that when planting a cutting, it is critical that the forestry practitioner ensures from onset, that she does everything correctly and to the best of her ability. Any oversight at that early stage can lead to the cutting not performing optimally or even dying in the months / years to come.

Seen through my newly opened stoic eyes, Keith was implying that we should focus on the aspects that we know are under our control (courage to change the things we can). We must focus on our intent to do the best that we can, thereby allowing for the best possible chance of a favourable outcome. Knowing that we have done our best with the controllables, we need not spend any energy in stressing about the ultimate outcome which is out of our control (serenity to accept the things I cannot change).

So, the stoics call on us to live our lives according to nature. Every day to try and be better than we were yesterday, using our penchant for social interaction and our ability to reason. The premise however is that the stoic should embrace temperance during the process of reasoning, implying that one ought to be placing the correct amount of energy into determining what are controllables and doing the right things.

Examples of controllables would be ones’ opinion, motivation, and desire. We determine just how motivated we are to plant that tree correctly. We have a professional opinion as to the extent of the silvicultural measures we need to put into place, and we can control the level of our desire to achieve an excellent planting operation.

Examples of non-controllables would be our property, our bodies, our occupation etc. We cannot control the outcome of the trees planted given all of the incoming variables, Politics and regulations may render our careers untenable and ill health and age are simply a reality that we must contend with. What we can do however, is to attach a high level of esteem to our reasoned approach to the non-controllables. If we try to be better than yesterday, apply integrity to all of our intentions, actions and outputs, and simply do the best we can, the non-controllables may just end up with positive outcomes.

Massimo Pigliucci, an advocate of stoicism, gave a talk on Tedx Talks in which he speaks of the necessity that we find role models, either real or imaginary, to assist us to continue to be better than yesterday. One of his role models is Spider Man who stated that “ With great power comes great responsibility”. Now, none of us really have great superpower (even though we may fantasize about that) but we all do certainly have the power to exercise choice. The real trick therefore is to exercise the best choice we can.

At the next threatened national stay away, we can choose to not spread fake news, to ensure best safety protocols for all staff, to ensure best means to reduce downtime etc. (courage to change the things I can).

In field, we can choose to create a well-considered healthy, productive commercial planted area, balanced with adequate biodiverse corridors, by doing the right things right first time round.

In our careers, we can choose to face legislation and politics head on, armed with reasonable considered responses and approaches.

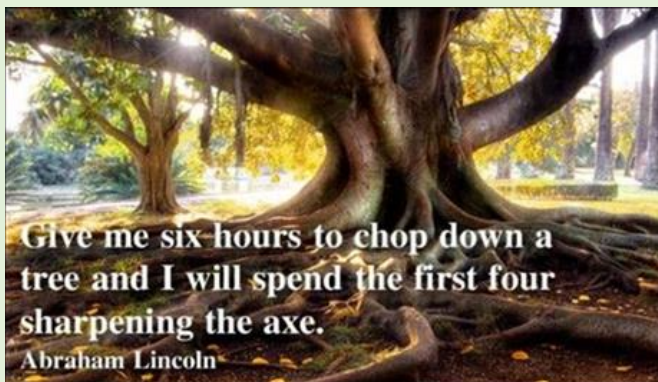
We can choose to engage with the appropriate forums with reasoned views on restoring rail infrastructure and reducing road impact.

We can choose to become better informed about matters climate change and actively create awareness and build practical protocols to mitigate such within our work sphere.

The raw reality is that we cannot control the emotions that we feel as a myriad of changing, and often negative circumstances, appear in front of us.

It does take courage to follow the example of Spider Man and, in the face of adversity, exercise the best choice possible.

It must remain our hope and prayer that exercising best choice, ultimately trumps the emotive drain we are bound to experience (God grant me serenity...).



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Focus on Forestry 2023 - Karkloof, Howick, KZN, South Africa - 7 to 9 November 2023

Focus on Forestry is back! Save the date!

Focus on Forestry 2023, being held at the Karkloof Country Club (close to Howick in the KZN Midlands), is taking place from **07 to 09 November 2023**.

Focus is organised by CMO, Nelson Mandela University and Forestry South Africa. Focus is concentrated on, amongst others, forest landowners/growers (large and small), managers and contractors, although tremendous benefit will be obtained by academics, researchers, consultants, training providers, governmental organisations and others. Focus also remains committed to serving the greater African forestry market. The breakdown of the event is as follows:

- **07 to 08 November** (Karkloof Country Club) – conference and exhibition.
- **09 November: Focus on Forestry Field Day and Demo's** – Sappi plantation close to the conference

More detailed information will follow soon, including registration information for delegates, exhibitors and sponsors. Early bird registrations will be discounted, so watch the press!

Full details of sponsorship packages will be released shortly, but enquiries can be directed to Andrew McEwan from CMO : andrew@cmogroup.io.



Michal Brink and Andrew McEwan of CMO, organisers of a number of Focus events over the past 10 years.

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SAIF Council Member Profile

Past President : Wayne Jones



Wayne has been Involved in forestry and forestry research. A career that spans more than 30 years working for Government Programmes, Research Institutes with the bulk of time spent within private Forestry Industry Programmes. The focus has been on Tree breeding, Seed production systems and Research Programme management. Current position: Programme Leader: Seed Technology at SAPPI Forests

Experience

- Programme management, scientific and technical knowledge of plantation forestry.
- Genetic improvement of hardwood species for growth, wood properties, pests and disease tolerance.
- Tree seed production systems of hard and softwood species – pure and hybrid seed production, seed orchards, research, marketing, sales, import, export and quality control.
- Nursery production systems and research.
- Forest silviculture, finance and fire protection.
- Presented scientific papers and posters at both local and international conferences and symposia.
- Chaired and participated in various forestry Research Steering Committees

Higher Education

- Diploma in Forestry
- National Diploma in Parks and Recreation Management
- BSc
- MSc Botany - Thesis: Breeding systems of some cold tolerant *Eucalyptus* species

SAIF/William C. Teie Post Graduate Forest and Veld Fire Management Bursary

The Southern African Institute of Forestry (SAIF) and the William C. Teie bursary fund will be awarding a R20 000 bursary per year for two years to a MSc or MTech post graduate student studying forestry and veld fire management.

Mr Teie is the author of the popular “Fire Manager’s Handbook on Veld and Forest Fires” which is edited by Tiaan Pool. Mr Teie has kindly donated all South African royalties from the handbook to a bursary fund for South African students carrying out post graduate research in forest and veld fire management. A panel of fire management experts and SAIF council members will select the most suitable candidate.

The requirements are as follows:

1. Applicants must be South African citizens .
2. The student must have a basic knowledge of forest or veld fires and their management.
3. The research area must be linked to the management of forest and veld fires. Research into veld fire management must also show direct application or benefits for the South African forestry industry. The research should be related/linked to an industry need/problem (e.g. request from industry to solve a fire management problem)
4. Applicants must prove that they have registered at one of the South African academic institutions offering a relevant post graduate degree. A short motivation (maximum one page) must be submitted as to why the student is deserving of the bursary, and they must attach a short project proposal for their MSc/MTech.
5. For the second year of the bursary, the student must again supply proof of registration, along with a short note from their supervisor indicating the progress of the research. The student should also provide a short synopsis of their progress/results for the past year. The student must complete the study in two years.
6. Undergraduate results must accompany the application. The main consideration for awarding the bursary will be previous academic performance and the strength of the research theme.
7. Students must state whether they have any existing bursaries, including the amount and duration of the funding.

Applications must be addressed to Corine Viljoen at saif@mweb.co.za



SAIF AWARDS : 2023

Nominations are awaited for worthy candidates in the following categories :

THE DISTINGUISHED FORESTRY AWARD

The purpose of the award is to give recognition to those contributions to or the application of forestry in Southern Africa, which have been individual and outstanding. This is the highest award given by the SAIF. This is open to any person who fulfil the set criteria.

THE DEDICATED SERVICE AWARD

The purpose of the award is to give recognition to members of the Institute for continuous and dedicated service to the SAIF over many years. This award is open to SAIF members.

THE CONTINUOUS SERVICE EXCELLENCE AWARD TO THE FORESTRY INDUSTRY

The purpose of the award is to give recognition to individuals at all levels through the forestry industry in Southern Africa for excellence in their field of expertise and to reward efforts towards continuous improvement. This award is open to any person actively engaged in the forestry industry.

THE MERIT AWARD

The purpose of the award is to give recognition to the work of young and deserving students within or outside the field of forestry in order to promote the forestry profession in Southern Africa and its visibility and interest to a wider and important target audience. The award is open to any student or part-time student registered at a recognized University or other tertiary educational institution in South Africa.

FORESTER OF THE YEAR AWARD (Floating Trophy)

The purpose of the award is to annually recognise individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to forestry practices, or have improved the reputation of forestry in South Africa through their individual operational actions. The award aims to recognize foresters for a specific forestry practice or action, as opposed to cumulative achievements. The award aims to recognize operational foresters whose achievements might not always be noticed at a national level, due to their lack of exposure. The award is open to all SAIF members.

SCIENTIFIC WRITING AWARD

The Scientific Writing Award aims to give recognition to the work of young and deserving students or researchers, within the field of forestry.

Through this award we want to promote forestry as a profession through visibility to a wider scientific and international target audience. The award will consist of an electronic certificate with the name and insignia of the Institute, bearing the highlighted text: "Scientific Writing Award", the name of the recipient, date awarded and the signature of the President of the Institute.

Criteria

Any student who is currently studying towards an Masters or Doctoral degree, or has obtained such degree in

the field of forestry. The award is open to any student or part-time student registered at a recognised University. In order to be judged as outstanding, the candidate should meet the following requirements:

- Published at least one article in Southern Forests: A Journal of Forest Science
- Be of high academic and scientific standard (international writing standards)
- Bear a clear relation to the field of forestry
- Be innovative (novelty research) and of sound methodology
- Results should have been made available to the scientific community and other stakeholders

Nominations will be considered by a branch once a year and must be put forward and motivated by individual members through their branches. Nominations must be accompanied by a proper written motivation and submitted to the branch committee before the due date. Submissions should include 30 words on the achievements under each of the criteria listed above.

Selection : The branch committee will consider the submissions at its own discretion. In making its decision, the committee will apply high standards.

Presentation: The award will be presented either at the Branch Annual General Meeting, or at a special general meeting convened for that purpose.

Please contact your Branch Chair or the National secretary if you require additional information.

Please submit your nomination accompanied by a concise motivation to the National Secretary of the Southern African Institute of Forestry, Ms. Corine Viljoen at saif@mweb.co.za by no later than 2nd of May 2023

W Cape State Plantations coming back into forestry production

By Chris Chapman : SA Forestry

A Cabinet decision – taken in 2008 - to restore 22 000 hectares of state owned forestry plantations in the Western Cape to active forestry, has moved a step closer to realisation much to the delight of industry stakeholders who have been stressing over dwindling round log resources in the region for years.

The good news came in December last year when the Department issued a call for proposals from suitable investors to lease, develop, operate, plan and control forestry operations in the Western Cape recommissioned plantations for a maximum period of 50 years.

A voluntary briefing session held on 20 January was attended by around 28 interested parties, and the deadline for submission of bids closed on 3 February 2023.

Thus potential forestry investors had a little over one month to prepare their bids for what is an extremely complex business proposal that could change the face of forestry in the Western Cape, and spark a resurgence in downstream wood processing business that will give the struggling regional economy a massive boost.

The 22 000 ha of former pine plantations have been lying dormant for anything between five to 20 years, as they were handed over to the receiving agents after clear-felling at rotation end by the previous lease holder, MTO Forestry.

This land was earmarked for conservation and other land uses, but due to budget constraints and/or a lack of confidence in the way forward, much of this land has been left in limbo without consistent management, creating huge fire risks and sliding back into a jungle of fynbos, alien invasive plants and pine regeneration left over from the forestry days. Infrastructure and plantation roads are also in a sad state of disrepair. There are small pockets of utilisable trees that could provide incoming land managers with a head start in bringing these former plantations back into production.

But in most cases the land will have to be completely cleared, the slash burnt or mulched, plantation roads rebuilt or rehabilitated, before re-planting can commence. This is going to require significant investment in money, resources, expertise and time. Considering it takes 20 to 25 years to grow a high value pine sawlog in the Western Cape, the new plantation operators are going to need very deep pockets before they can expect a decent return on their investment. They are also going to need to hit the ground running as at best they will have two sawlog rotations – or three rotations for the pole market - before their lease expires after 50 years.

In terms of the bid document, the plantations may only be used for intended purpose – i.e. forestry - and may not be sub-let without the consent of the Department; and the prospective investors will not have the option to buy the land during or at the end of the lease period.

If you throw in the requirements of B-BBEE compliance and the need for investors to partner with local communities, plus the variables of weather, politics and the ever-present threat of wildfires, only the most well-resourced, experienced and tenacious companies would consider taking on the task.

However such is the widening gap between supply and demand of good quality sawlogs and poles in the region, that interest in these ‘abandoned’ state plantations is extremely high. Moreso since the opportunities for new afforestation in the region are close to zero.

The 22 000 hectares available for recommissioning have been broken into five economically viable packages as follows:-

1. Package 1 – Boland plantations – total 7 053 ha, comprising La motte, Hawequa, Kluitjiekraal and Grabouw plantations
2. Package 2 - Jonkersberg – 4 106 ha
3. Package 3 – Bergplaas – 4 868 ha
4. Package 4 – Homtini – 757 ha
5. Package 5 – Buffelsnek – 4 507 ha

According to the bid document, the strategic investor is expected to form a partnership with tenure beneficiaries in each one of the business packages of



the Western Cape to ensure that the communities organise themselves into a Special Purpose Vehicle that will hold an agreed equity percentage of the business.

Investors are also expected to implement targeted capacity building and transformation programmes to ensure coping skills and resilience of communities, youth, women and people living with Disability. These initiatives should promote employability, transfer of life skills, and overall participation in the forestry value chain. Furthermore, they will need to contribute to transformation by providing contractual work and opportunities to SMMEs, thus promoting B-BBEE.

So why the flip-flop of converting the 22 000 ha out of forestry to other land usage in the first place – and then a few years later deciding to bring it back into forestry? And why did it take so long (14 years) for the Department to take the step of inviting potential investors to submit bids for recommissioning the 22 000 ha following a Cabinet decision taken in 2008?

It's a very long story. Suffice to say that in 2001 Cabinet approved the conversion of all plantation areas in the Western Cape (45 000 ha) to other land uses as the land was considered marginal for forestry. In terms of an Exit Lease MTO would hand over clear felled compartments to the receiving agents systematically over the period of the lease, completing the process in 2020.

The exit decision was later reviewed due to pressure from stakeholders who highlighted the negative impacts on the regional economy, including job losses and a growing shortage of timber for processing, which inevitably led to the closure of sawmills, pole manufacturers and other processors. Government subsequently appointed the Vecon Commission in 2006 to re-assess the viability of the exit areas. The Commission recommended that roughly half of the 40 000 hectares should be brought back into forestry. In 2008 Cabinet recommended that the area be declared sustainable area for forestry again. The actual implementation of this decision was the responsibility of the Department of Forestry.

In 2014 the Department commissioned a study through IDC to do a situational analysis of commercial forestry and downstream processing in

the Western Cape. The study recommended replanting of VECON areas (approximately 22 000 ha) sooner rather than later, in order to address the inevitable shortage of round log supply that was looming. The study suggested that the exit areas be divided into five business packages to promote participation by local forestry businesses and to avoid over-concentration and dominance of big, established forestry businesses.

As the years rolled by MTO, as the incumbent managers of the state plantations in the Cape, tried various approaches to persuade government to allow it to re-establish or manage the re-growth after clear felling the exit reversal areas, pending their recommissioning back into forestry. But to no avail. Thus clear felling and handing over to receiving agents of the exit reversal areas continued and was completed in 2020

Meanwhile the massive wildfires in the Southern Cape in 2017 and 2018 further exacerbated the shortage of timber available for processing in the region, negatively impacting the business of almost every sawmill, pole plant and furniture manufacturer, both big and small.

Setting the ball rolling : The news that the Department has at last set the ball in motion to find suitable operators for the 22 000 hectares has been welcomed across the board. It is going to provide tons of work for forestry practitioners, contractors, and services and equipment suppliers going forward. It's also going to increase the timber resources available for downstream processing all the way down the value chain. In the process – if all goes according to plan – it will also provide a golden opportunity to advance the implementation of B-BBEE in the forest and related sectors.

According to Cyril Ndou of DFFE, the process of evaluating the bids by the adjudication committee is due to begin shortly, and is expected to be completed by May.

Forestry South Africa's Ronald Heath welcomed the progress being made on recommissioning of the Western Cape plantations, but cautioned that the process of evaluating the bids should be "transparent and properly considered".

To read the full article, please go to <https://saforestryonline.co.za/category/articles/>

2023 INFIREs ANNUAL CONFERENCE

7 June 2023

Securex : Gallagher Convention Centre

The Fire Protection Association of Southern Africa (FPASA) is pleased to announce that the theme of our 2023 InFIREs Conference will focus on Green Energy and associated fire hazards, the impacts on fire protection, fire systems and firefighting in general with a presentation from the FPASA on the latest SA National Fire Statistics and the wealth of data that this provides for the sector.

This is an annual industry event that is attended by key, influential decision makers including insurance underwriters responsible for specifying standards and product specs as well as municipal chief fire engineers and legal executives, the cream of the fire fraternity. It is a diary event they do not miss. The networking value from shared experiences and new perspectives on highly topical issues of concern alone, makes this invaluable. Speakers comprise high profile personalities from the fire community.

Australian Timber Supply Summit – Programme

Timber & Forestry e-news collaboration invites you to the 2023 Australian Timber Supply Summit (TFE2023).

Australian Federal and State governments, industry associations and the industry have long been debating and writing about the future Australian wood supply, necessary to provide wood products for a growing Australian population, building and construction demand.

For several years the Federal government has had an official “One Billion Tree” new land planting policy, but alas to date to no avail.

CRITICAL ISSUES

- A static softwood plantation resource
- **Decades of native forest lockups have decimated hardwood timber supply**
- A reducing hardwood plantation area
- **Australian construction and building industries increasingly at the mercy of timber imports**
- Will major timber supplier Russia be off the table?
- **How bad can it get?**
- Where to from here?

<https://web.cvent.com/event/766c3498-2748-451b-afdd-7265e7ee67d4/summary>

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The 34th Annual Meeting of the Tree Protection Co-operative Programme

The 34th Annual Meeting of the Tree Protection Co-operative Programme (TPCP) and DSI-NRF Centre of Excellence in Plant Health Biotechnology (CPHB)

The annual meeting of the Tree Protection Co-operative Programme (TPCP) and DSI-NRF Centre of Excellence in Plant Health Biotechnology (CPHB) has become one of the most important meetings relating to forest tree health in South Africa and globally. The 2023 TPCP/CPHB meeting will take place on **9-10 May**. This event is open to staff of member companies of the TPCP and other stakeholders in the TPCP and CPHB.

As has been the case in the past, the 34th annual meeting of the TPCP will focus on key issues relating to forest tree health in South Africa. Importantly, the meeting will again seek to provide feedback to forest industry and other stakeholders on programmes focused on dealing with threatening pest and disease problems following an integrated pest management approach.



Tree Protection Co-operative Programme

The TPCP represents a co-operative research initiative between the University of Pretoria and all private forestry companies in South Africa. It is also supported by the South African Government Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment. Other than long and short-term research, the TPCP provides members with extension services, training of forestry students at Universities, access to a world-class disease and pest diagnostic clinic and guidance in dealing with tree pest and pathogen problems.

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Happy Birthday to all our members who celebrate(d) their birthdays in March and April !

BIRTHDAYS MARCH 2023			
Mar-02	KAREN KIRKMAN	Mar-20	IZETTE GREYLING
Mar-04	BRUCE BREEDT	Mar-21	STUART CHRISTIE
Mar-10	SIPHELELE MASONDO	Mar-21	KWANELE MAPHALALA
Mar-12	KEITH LITTLE	Mar-22	NAVESH NAIDOO
Mar-12	BARRY MULLER	Mar-23	ROGER POOLE
Mar-13	TEMBA VILANE	Mar-24	ARNULF KANZLER
Mar-17	IVAN MUIR	Mar-25	FARAI BEPETE
Mar-18	COERT GELDENHUYS	Mar-26	ANTON DE BEER
Mar-19	VOLLEY KEYSER	Mar-30	JOEL CELE
Mar-20	ANDRE NEL	Mar-31	SCHALK JACOBS
Mar-20	LOUIS DE KOCK		

BIRTHDAYS APRIL 2023			
Apr-01	LEO LONG	Apr-22	POLLA DU PLESSIS
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