



Media Release

Top Forester Wins National Award (17/10/06)

A Western Australian forester has been awarded a prestigious national medal for forestry. The President of the Institute of Foresters of Australia (IFA), Dr Peter Volker RPF, announced today that forester Jack Bradshaw has been awarded the 2006 NW Jolly Medal.

The NW Jolly Medal is the Institute's highest honour. The award citation reads:

"Awarded as the Institute's highest and most prestigious honour for outstanding service to the profession of forestry in Australia."

In making the announcement on behalf of the IFA Board of Directors, Dr Volker said

"Jack Bradshaw has made a very significant contribution to forestry. He has been widely published in the scientific and popular journals.

His work in inventory, planning and silviculture has been innovative and backed by solid science. His work has been widely recognised by his peers and the general community.

Jack Bradshaw has also devoted his efforts to formal and informal education of the community about forestry. In this regard he has also made a significant contribution to the profession of forestry.

The contribution to the IFA through his involvement in administration and leadership in the establishment of the Foresters Wood near Manjimup is very significant and has helped improve the standing of the IFA within the profession and the wider community."

Jack Bradshaw joined the Institute of Foresters of Australia as a student member in 1961 and was made a Fellow of the Institute in 1993. He commenced his association with forestry at an early age, growing up in the timber mill communities of Mornington and Jarrahwood in the south west of Western Australia.

Jack completed his Diploma of Forestry at the Australian Forestry School (Canberra) in 1963 and graduated from the University of Western Australia with a Bachelor of Science (Forestry) in 1965.

Forty years later, Jack Bradshaw is still contributing to forestry through his work as a consultant. However, he now has behind him the legacy of an outstanding contribution to forestry and the profession of forest management. Jack's contribution can be deemed to be outstanding because it has been sustained for such a considerable time (40 years) and because he has excelled in a range of fields; inventory, planning, native forest silviculture, communication, education and the profession. The NW Jolly Medal award recognises that contribution.

Jack Bradshaw was also awarded the Institute's Western Australian Forester of the Year award in 2005.

The Medal will be presented at a Dinner in Western Australia later this year.

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Photo of Jack Bradshaw attached.