



## MEDIA RELEASE

### **Local Institute of Foresters presents Scholarship - April 2007**

The South Australian Division of the Institute of Foresters of Australia (IFA) chose World Forestry Day on 21 March 2007 to present the inaugural IFA Forestry Scholarship to Bill Crowe of Mt Gambier.

The Scholarship was presented by Lew Parsons, Chairman of the IFA South Australian Division.

The Institute chose World Forestry Day, to present this scholarship to mark the significance of a day on which the contribution of forests to the World environment is acknowledged. This is particularly important as people now recognize the importance of forests as a means of combating global warming and providing stability for the local and global environment.

The scholarship will be awarded each year to a student from South Australia or the Green Triangle Region of Victoria who is studying for a forestry degree in 2007. The value of the scholarship is \$4,000, to be provided in annual payments of \$1,000 over the 4-year term of the degree course.

Bill Crowe has completed the first year of the Southern Cross University Bachelor of Applied Science (Forestry) course which is being run in Mt Gambier. Southern Cross University is located at Lismore, NSW, and conducts the course by extension in Mt Gambier using local TAFE, Tenison College and Mt Gambier High School facilities. Bill was one of the 14 inaugural local students in 2006. In 2007 a new group of 10 students are enrolled for the first year of the degree course.

Originally from Hamilton, Bill Crowe moved to Mt Gambier to work as a logging machine operator for G&R Logging. He is studying for a forestry degree to further his career in the local forest industry.

The Institute of Foresters of Australia represents 1300 forestry professionals throughout Australia.