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Cover photos
The photos used on the cover and throughout this report are of IFA members, taken at various events and activities around the country as reported during 2010/11.

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President’s Report

Once again the past year has been rather tumultuous for our profession. The continued uncertainty around a number of plantation companies and restructure of government forestry organisations has had a dramatic effect on many members and their families. Unfortunately the IFA does not have the resources available to offer tangible support, but it can offer some moral support and act as a network for people to turn to.

The IFA needs to be involved on the public discourse on forest management in Australia. If we don’t do it, then it seems obvious to me that others will only push their own interests, which is to be expected. The IFA must stand up for sustainable forest management first and foremost, whether this is in production forests, conservation reserves, public or private land. It must also stand up for the profession of forestry and continued support for research and education from both the public and private sector. I only hope that governments and the private sector can see the value in the IFA Scholarship Trust to support education of future foresters.

Over the past year IFA has been very active in providing advice to a number of bodies including politicians, government officials, inquiries, industry groups and public meetings. In all these cases the representatives of the IFA have been able to draw on a guiding set of policy statements and put forward a professional and consistent message. The IFA and the profession of forestry have been enhanced by this activity and I thank the many members who have given time to undertake this work.

Membership of the IFA has remained strong through this period. The Board and CEO have been diligent in managing the budget so that IFA can provide services and support to members within its means. I am pleased to present a balanced financial statement to members. The Board has also been receptive to new ideas; in particular it has embraced a call to increase the appeal and hopefully the involvement of young people. Zoe Ryan has initiated some work in this area and I look forward to the outcomes over the coming year.

A highlight of the year was the ANZIF Conference in Auckland. It was pleasing to see a large contingent of IFA members supporting this event. IFA was instrumental in promoting the theme of Pacific Forestry and we were able to secure funding from the Commonwealth Government to support attendance of professional colleagues from Pacific Island nations. I am indebted to the NZIF for embracing the theme and organising a successful event. The concept of ANZIF deserves continued support and if we can embrace our Pacific neighbors into the fold, so much the better.

This will be my last Annual Report as National President. I would like to thank you, the members for your support throughout the past six years. I also thank Adrian O’Loughlin and Cassandra Spencer as CEO’s during that time and their staff, for keeping the administration and the finances under very good control. Members of the Board over this time have all made a fantastic contribution, made my job enjoyable and provided valuable support and counsel. I thank the many volunteers who serve on various committees including Editorial Committee for Australian Forestry, Divisional committees, Special Interest Groups and many other activities, your contribution is the heart and soul of our organisation.

IFA celebrated its 75th anniversary during the year. Its relevance to the Australian forestry sector has probably never been more important as the sector transitions from a focus on timber production to other drivers. Despite this, I hope that wood and wood products will remain as part of our national forest economy and a sensible balance is reached. The role of the IFA and its members is important to achieve sensible outcomes. You have an opportunity to influence Australia’s forest future, don’t let it pass.

Dr Peter Volker FIFA RPF
IFA President
I am pleased to report the activities of the company to you and those of the individual Divisions of the IFA. A time for company reflection falls during annual reporting and this is often the best time for members to take stock of what each Division has undertaken throughout the year. This opportunity shows how collectively the Divisions have represented their members on many issues topical to their regions.

Throughout 2010/11 - members have engaged in various forest debates on local and international levels and this is reported further in the report against the IFA Strategic Plan on page 7. The most significant activity of the Institute during the year was by far the ANZIF Conference. The Conference was hosted by the New Zealand Institute of Forestry and was reflective of the 2011 theme of International Year of Forests. A theme that the IFA is extremely proud to support and promote. As part of that support, the Institute sought funding from the Australian Government to support the attendance of Pacific Island foresters at the conference who would otherwise not have been able to attend. As those who attended the conference can attest, the Pacific Island attendees provided incredible insight into their worlds and show us how important it is to practice within a regulated environment.

Trends in the membership of the Institute continues to reflect the importance of conservation and biodiversity implementation and awareness for foresters. A significant number of Australian foresters are gaining overseas appointments as the qualifications and diversity of experience of Australian foresters is recognised internationally.

The audited financial statements of the company are included further in this report. The Institute remains in a stable position financially and is testimony to the sound judgements and commonsense approach of the IFA Board of Directors.

It has been a pleasure to complete my second year as Chief Executive Officer with the IFA and to continue to promote the highest of standards and expectations of professionals in forestry… that’s you!

Cassandra Spencer
Chief Executive Officer

Meetings of Board of Directors

As with most Boards, the IFA conducted a busy working schedule informally via email, and formally meeting on 29/09/10, 16/12/10, 3/03/11 and 1/05/11. In addition to the many portfolios that Directors hold in addition to Divisional Chair duties, the Directors have engaged in the development of the next IFA Strategic Plan due for implantation in 2012.

The Chief Executive Officer worked in the following capacities throughout the year:

Institute Company Secretary, IFA Board Secretary, Registered Professional Forester Scheme: Project Administrator, Publications Committee: Member & Secretary, Max Jacobs Fund Committee: Secretary, Editor 'The Forester', Secretary Forestry Scholarship Fund Committee and Secretary to the Education Sub-Committee.

Australian Forestry Journal

By far the shining light within the Institute - Australian Forestry journal has continued to produce quality articles and is in such demand that 2010/11 has continued to host a back log of articles awaiting publication. Such demand has cemented it’s position within Australia and

**Australian Forestry Journal Subscriptions**

![Australian Forestry Journal Subscriptions](image)

50 Overseas subscriptions made up of:
- Hard copy subscriptions = 80%
- Online subscriptions = 16%
- Hard copy + online = 4%

36 Australian subscriptions made up of:
- Hard copy subscriptions = 75%
- Online subscriptions = 8%
- Hard copy + online = 17%
overseas as being the number one resource for articles and research on aspects of forest ecology, forest management, forest policy and land use relating to Australia and the South Pacific region.

The success of the journal is equally shared by the authors of the articles and the members of the publication team and Editorial Panel. The Institute recognises the invaluable contributions of:

Colin Matheson
Brian Turner
Stuart Davey
Ian Bevege
Jack Bradshaw
Kevin Harding

In addition to the above persons, Australian Forestry would not produced the quality that it does without the input of over 65 reviewers who have taken the time to painstakingly edit articles. The June issue (Vol 74/2) lists those who have participated in Australian Forestry in this capacity.

Australian Forestry continues to maintain its subscription status both in Australia and overseas and now offers institutional bulk on-line access which has increased the accessibility of the articles to researchers.

The Forester newsletter

The Forrester continues to provide a forum for members to showcase the activities that they have been involved in through their work and affiliation with other organisations as well as local events held within the Divisions. It is a fun, informal publication that highlights the diverse role that IFA members play in forest society.

Email Bulletin

The weekly Email Bulletin continues to be the most favoured form of communication between the National Office and members. There is considerable demand from outside sources to access the IFA Email Bulletin due to its membership base. For this reason the Institute zealously guards the content and frequency of the Bulletins to ensure that the information remains current, relevant and of interest to the members. The National Office is aware of the heavy volume of emails that everyone receives during a normal week and consciously limits the number of emails sent so that members are not bombarded with emails everyday and potentially missing the important ones.

International Year of Forests

2011 was announced as International Year of Forests. This theme was embraced by the IFA Board of Directors and whole of industry was encouraged to get on board and promote Australia’s multiple use forests at every opportunity.

The Institute established a website to host events supporting the International Year of Forests theme and also secured funding from the Australian Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry to promote the theme and has collaborated with industry organisations to provide resource packs and initiatives to schools and groups around Australia.

Divisions participated in local events that included tree plantings, dinners, workshops, group walks and much more.

Awards and Scholarships

A highlight during the year was the awarding of the N.W. Jolly medal to R.L. (Bob) Newman OAM of ACT and David Flinn of Victoria. The award is the Institutes highest honour and is awarded for outstanding service to the profession of forestry in Australia.

The following members of the Institute were recognised for their dedication to forestry by being elevated to level of Fellow: David Wettenhall, William Jackson, John Macgregor-Skinner, Norman Endacott and Doland Nichols.

Max Jacobs Fund issued two research grants during the year: Sam Wood - Fire regimes and ecological processes in Tasmania’s southern forests. Michael Roche - Reprising the role of Hugh Corbin in Australian and New Zealand forestry.

The trustees of the Allan Henderson Fund announced the recipient of the professional development award to Courtney Johnson.

The Forestry Scholarship Fund which is an independent trust fund managed by the Institute issued one undergraduate scholarship to Emily Holland (ANU) and five post graduate scholarships to participants of the National Forestry Masters Program: Tim Broster, Brett Ciulis, Courtney Johnson.

Acknowledgements

The Institute submitted around 12 major submissions and attended numerous stakeholder meetings throughout the year.

The Institute expresses its appreciation to all its members who have participated in these activities representing the IFA, and for providing assistance and advice to the Board of Directors, National Office, and to the Division and group Committee members.
RPF® Scheme

The Registered Professional Forester (RPF®) scheme was introduced by the IFA in 2001 as a national scheme for the assessment and accreditation of forestry expertise. Suitable qualified persons may apply for registration in one of the following categories:

- **General Practicing Forester** (foresters who possess the skills required in general field forestry)
- **General Practicing Forester with recognized skills** (foresters who have worked or are still working in general forestry and have specialized or streamed into specific areas)
- **Specialist** (persons who are not foresters but have achieved a high degree of recognition in a specialist area of forestry such as research, carbon accounting etc).

The RPF scheme provides a quality assurance of a person’s professional forestry skills, knowledge and experience for individuals and their peers, employers, clients and the broader community, including the media and judicial system.

The IFA believes that a rigorous and credible system for the accreditation of forestry expertise is particularly relevant as we move into an era of significant changes within the forestry sector, including a transition towards plantation forests for wood production, the emergence of carbon trading and the demise of many traditional forestry educational institutions. RPF accreditation brings the following benefits -

- **Formal recognition of professional skills in an era where many people entering the forestry sector do not have traditional qualifications or backgrounds in forestry**
- **Requirements for foresters to keep their skills up to date through continuing professional development**
- **Quality assurance of expertise relevant to forest certification and other forest management schemes**

To gain accreditation applicants must meet the requirements to be a voting member of the IFA and demonstrate expertise and experience within the relevant category. Applications to the scheme undergo thorough reference checks and assessment by national experts and reviewed by a panel of the RPF Registration Committee.

Once appointed, RPFs must comply with a rigorous Code of Ethics and undertake Continuing Professional Development (CPD). The requirements for CPD are an important part of the accreditation process, as they provide an incentive for foresters to keep their skills up to date and to extend their areas of expertise wherever appropriate. CPD also provides clients with an assurance that the Registered Professional Forester is up to date and not relying upon experience or skills which are now out of date.

The administration of the scheme is undertaken by the Executive of the IFA with the assistance of the RPF Registration Committee.

During 2010/11 the Registration Committee consisted of:

- **Graham Wilkinson** - Chair (Regulatory)
- **Peter Devonshire** (Consulting)
- **John Herbohn** (Forestry education)
- **Libby Mattiske** (Non-timber forestry)
- **Robert Towler** (Public forestry)
- **David Wettenhall** (Board representative)
- **Paul Smale** (Private forestry)
- **Cassandra Spencer** (RPF Administrator).

A total of 85 RPFs were active as at 30 June 2011 (see below for a complete list). 2010/11 saw 7 applications approved. The IFA website hosts a listing of all current RPF’s, their registered category, demographic information and contact details.

The IFA Board and RPF Registration Committee thank the following members who acted as Assessors and Reference Checkers for the scheme during 2010/11:

- **Assessors:**
  - Michael Emmett, Braden Jenkin, Rod Keenan, David Gough, Sophie Bickford, Mark Poynter and Branislav Zoric.

- **Reference Checkers:**
  - Matthew Palmer, Belinda Field, Julian Fox, Peter Byrne, Ron Wilson, Ray Borschmann and Ian Barnes.

**Registered Professional Foresters as at 30 June 2011**

- Adams, Paul
- Alexander, Judy
- Ball, John
- Bankes, Thomas
- Barnes, Ian
- Betanour, Luis
- Bleby, Michael
- Borschmann, Raymond
- Bradshaw, Jack
- Bradshaw, Ben
- Brennan, Paul
- Cannon, Anthony
- Clarke, Stephen
- Clinnick, Peter
- Cole, Alan
- Collet, Stephen
- Connie, Jeffrey
- Crawford, Hamish
- Cross, Gerard
- de Felgy, A. (Rob)
- Devonshire, Peter
- Dickinson, Andrew
- Done, Christopher
- Feasman, Tony
- Featherston, Gary
- Ferguson, Ian
- Finlay-Jones, Richard
- Geddes, David
- Goodwin, Adrian
- Hanssen, Robert
- Hanson, Michael
- Innes, John
- Jenkins, Braden
- Killin, Daryl
- Lacy, Philip
- Lambert, Marcia
- Larkin, Mary-Anne
- Leech, Jerry
- Lengenberg, Belinda
- Levitzke, Peter
- Llyod, Philip
- Maddern, Linda
- Manson, Stephen
- McArthur, Geoffrey
- McCarthy, Richard
- McCaw, Lachlan
- Middley, Stephen
- Moore, Gerard
- Nethercott, Kenneth
- Newman, Robert
- O’Hehir, James
- O’Neill, Michael
- Parsons, Michael
- Peacock, Ross
- Poynter, Mark
- Quill, David
- Raymond, Daniel
- Read, Shana
- Ryan, Ruth
- Ryan, Zoe
- Sasse, Joanna
- Shepard, Peter
- Shields, Brett
- Shirley, James
- Shoobridge, Richard
- Smaill, Paul
- Smith, Hilary
- Springson, Don
- Taylor, Glenn
- Thistlethwaite, Robert
- Tibbitts, Wayne
- Turner, John
- Van Rensburg, Rudolf
- Vaughan, Barry
- Volker, Peter
- Vollmaire, Brendan
- Walker, Stephen
- Walsh, Anthony
- Wettenhall, David
- White, David
- Wilkinson, Graham
- Wood, David
- Wood, Matthew
- Yates, Andrew
- Zoric, Branislav
1. To advance and protect the cause of forestry

The Institute has advanced the cause of forestry through various strategic plan initiatives that include to publish and make educational, marketing and other materials available to those engaged in forestry and to promote the Institute and its members participation in forestry and related matters.

The National Office has participated in various meetings at Parliament House including representation at the Inquiry into Australian Forest Industry, representation with Minister Burke for the Independent Review of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 and multiple workshops with Rob Oakeshott on Climate Change. The President and CEO of the IFA has held regular meetings with representatives of the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Senator Richard Colebeck and representatives of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

Each Division has participated in political, media and other types of representations on various levels throughout the reporting period. The NSW Northern Branch met with Rob Oakeshott MP and Peter Besseling. The meeting focused on the importance of forestry in the MPs electorates as well as the NSW north coast economy. Prior to the State election, representatives of the Northern Branch also met with Coffs Harbour MP, Andrew Fraser and Burriñuck MP, Katrina Hodgkinson to discuss issues facing the native forest sector. The NSW Division critically reviewed State government policy positions relating to the management of the States public native forests. Their review included recommendations for change which were subsequently formalised in a paper titled ‘Seeking a new path for forestry in NSW’. Correspondence between the NSW Division and Katrina Hodgkinson MP is ongoing.

Highlighted activity also includes correspondence to Ministers and relevant government departments on Myrtle rust, Tasmanian Statement of Principles and members have expressed concerns over biased reporting by media outlets and the relentless anti forestry campaigns. The WA Division has issued a number of releases on issues such as impacts in closing hardwood sawmills, calling for a WA Forestry and Forest Products Strategic Plan, expressing concern about new proposals to mine bauxite in the jarrah forests, harvesting of small sawlogs from native forests and missing potential of woody biomass for carbon mitigation. WA has assisted in compiling a government directory of trees suitable for street plantings and continues its support in an ongoing campaign to protect the northern jarrah forests from under-management and neglect.

In addition to 12 on-line discussion articles, the Victorian Division held a Revegetation forum on revegetation of the degraded agricultural landscape. Following on from the forum, correspondence was sent to the Prime Minister requesting large-scale addressing of the issue.

The NSW Division was instrumental in assisting Forests NSW in identifying library resources for retention at the organisations West Pennant Hills facility. IFA members were able to take possession of surplus books.

Australian Forestry journal (AFJ) has seen increased demand from authors during 2010/11. The peer reviewed journal continues to be the pinnacle of publications providing a forum for a large number of impressive research activities. After a three year wait, the journal received an impact factor rating of 0.836. The journal is available free of charge to IFA members and is also made available to outside organisations on a subscription basis. The proceedings from the joint conference of the IFA and the New Zealand Institute of Forestry were made available via the IFA website. The Institute has supported FWPA in promoting it’s new resource website forestlearning.edu.au and growingcareers.com.au and has engaged with individuals to produce a ‘Forests in the Australian Landscape’ fact sheet. Over 5000 copies of the fact sheet have been circulated as part of the International Year of Forests promotions to schools, community groups, zoos and individuals seeking further information on Australia’s forests.

The Institute continues to maintain its hosting of over 950 abstracts and has published research findings funded by the Max Jacobs awards in its quarterly newsletter The Forester.
Divisions have been aggressive in providing submissions throughout the year. These include:

- Forest Stewardship Council, Draft Interpretation of Principle 5.6
- Westridge House (A.C.T) Draft Management Plan
- Water Quality Protection Note (WQPN) 121 - Western Australia
- NSW Forest Agreement Review
- National Park Estate (South-Western Cypress Reservations) Bill 2010
- Carbon Farming Initiative
- SA Forest Industry Strategy
- Yarra Ranges Draft Flora and Fauna Strategy
- Carbon Credits (CFI) Bill 2011
- Inquiry into Australian forest industry
- Inquiry into Australian forest industry - WA Division
- Victorian Regional Forest Agreement 10 year review
- Draft 2.1 HCV Evaluation Framework
- Carbon Farming Initiative - Positive & Negative Lists

The IFA Board of Directors is aware of the need to be energetic and persistent in its attempts to increase the IFA profile and that to do so is a combined effort of individual IFA members. The comprehensive list of submissions, media releases, letters and interviews during the reporting period is a positive reflection of the committed dedication of IFA members to their profession.

The Institute engaged in a review of its existing forest policy statements and also produced the following new statements:

- The role of forestry as a primary industry
- Environmental value of timber as a commodity
- Salinity Mitigation and trees
- Ecotourism in Australian public forests

2 To maintain a high standard of qualification and professional standards and ethical practice among those engaged in forestry

The Institute continued to liaise with universities and organisations (such as Forestworks and FWPA) in identifying schemes that will increase and ensure the ongoing availability of undergraduate studies in Australia. The Institute maintained its support of postgraduate studies and supported the Institutions in seeking additional funding opportunities to ensure that this program continues to be made available.

Institute members remain active in attending local career days to promote all areas of forest science and in fielding enquiries from people interested in gaining qualifications in forestry. Both the ACT and Victorian Divisions have held consistent dialogue and interaction with their respective Universities and the Tasmanian Division completed its involvement in the Forester Mentor Program.

The Registered Professional Forester scheme reached a milestone by approving its 100th applicant. With the changes being experienced within the education system, the RPF accreditation scheme is being recognised as even more important for employers to adequately and confidently assess the qualifications and experience of their staff.

In recognition of outstanding service to the profession of forestry in Australia, the Institute awarded its highest honour, the N.W. Jolly medal to R.L. (Bob) Newman OAM of ACT and David Flinn of Victoria. The Institute elevated to Fellow level of membership David Wettenhall, William Jackson, John Macgregor-Skinner, Norman Endacott and Doland Nichols.

Divisions have acknowledged the commitment of members by presenting Chairman and President awards for various activities that have supported the IFA and local events. The ACT Division awarded its 2011 Forester of the Year award to worthy recipient Ian McArthur.

3. To promote social networking between persons engaged in forestry

The Institute has encouraged interaction among members and others engaged in forestry and natural resource management and has strengthened links with like-minded organisations. On a National level, the Institute held its joint conference with the New Zealand Institute of Forestry in Auckland, NZ. The theme of the conference was ‘Pacific Forestry - Building a forestry future’. The conference provided an opportunity for members to meet with foresters from NZ, Samoa, New Caledonia, India, Papua New Guinea, Marshall Islands, Fiji and the Solomon Islands. International organisations such as FAO, the UN, CFA were also represented. Australia was represented by over 50 IFA members and also by representatives of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, ACIAR.
The Board of Directors has endeavored to engage youth members and has facilitated an online ‘youth forum’.

Each year two main opportunities for members to meet and engage in forestry and natural resource management discussions arise. World Forestry Day, held in March and Division AGM’s held during July/August of each year provide great opportunities for member networking. In addition to these events the Divisions held regular face to face meetings and teleconferences.

The NSW Northern Branch held two field weekends around the north coast and north-west slopes. The events included guided tours of the Weathertex factory at Heatherbrae and local forest timber supply and also inspections of the Cypress pine sawmill and several dryland species trials established by Forests NSW.

For the Victorian Division the biggest event was the Centenary of Forestry Education in Australia. The activities were predominantly undertaken by IFA members and was opened by Veronica Tyqin, Professor Tim Flannery, Dr Kevin Tolhurst and Dr Bill Jackson.

Tasmanian members had opportunity to engage with Julian Amos (Forest Industries Association of Tasmania Chair) and Kim Booth (Greens MHA) to discuss some widely varying views.

The Queensland Division held meetings and engaged Tim Blumfield of the Environmental Futures Centre at Griffith University to discuss his role as Project Coordinator - Improving silvicultural and economic outcomes for community timber plantations in the Solomon Island. Members also had opportunity to speak with Brian Farmer, CEO of Forestry Plantations Qld on his new position with FPQ and the future of the forest industry including both plantations and native forests.

ACT members engaged in ongoing activities related to the international arboreta and with members of FACTA. The Division held an Anniversaries Dinner which included the IFA 75th Anniversary and the 100th anniversary of forest education.

Members also had the opportunity to hear from Fleur Flannery, ACT Urban Renewal Program. The ACT has began coordinating activities in relation to the 2013 IFA National Conference.

The WA Division held events in Perth and Kununurra and involved the Indian sandalwood plantation as well as engagement with the Australian Institute of Agricultural Science and Technology. Members had opportunity to also inspect the overnight hut constructed at the Foresters Wood by the W.A. Department of Environment and Conservation and the Munda Biddi Trail Foundation.

Due to the IFA holding membership with various organisations, members where able to participate openly at forums and stakeholder meetings with the Forest Stewards Council Australia, Australian Forestry Standards and the Australian IUCN.

4 To promote the Institute to members and forestry organisations inside Australia and in overseas countries

In recognising the Strategic Plan capabilities, the Institute has promoted itself as a national advocate for professional forestry expertise and its participation in international forestry and natural resource management. The Institute has created a strong recognisable Institute identity.

The Institute has represented members and the forestry profession at the national level through personal representations at a number of inquiries, discussion groups, conferences, stakeholder workshops and media activities. Each Division has been actively involved in promoting the Institute’s policies where appropriate. An advertising campaign to promote the Consulting Foresters Division of the IFA was completed in early 2011 - creating awareness of the importance of qualified practitioners. Several high profile articles in national publications have been written and include quotes from IFA members. The ACT Division was instrumental in promoting the Institute at national International Year of Forests activities held in the A.C.T.

On an international level, the ANZIF Conference was effective in showcasing the expertise of IFA members with many presenting to the 300 strong audience. The IFA was able to strengthen its ties with the Chinese Society of Forestry and will be collaborating with them further on the IFA tour of China due to take place in late 2011.

The Institute has embarked on managing a capacity building project in collaboration with the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research and Forests, Forest Industry Council of Tasmania. The Institute will also be working closely with the Association of Foresters PNG to re-establish their presence within PNG forest debates.

The Board of Directors has provided ongoing support for the International Forestry Students’ Association (IFSA) by way of financial support to attend international conferences and forums.

South Australian member Dr Jerry Leech has remained active in his participation in the International Valuation Standards Committee as the ACFA/IFA representative. Elaine Davison remains the IFA representative on the Myrtle Rust Coordination Group. Gary Featherston and Peter Fagg represent the IFA on certification and other matters.
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF

INSTITUTE OF FORESTERS AUSTRALIA LIMITED

We have audited the accompanying financial report of The Institute of Foresters Australia Limited ("the company"), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2011, and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the directors’ declaration.

Directors’ Responsibility for the Financial Report

The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the Corporations Act 2001 and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor’s Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor’s judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity’s preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity’s internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001. We confirm that the independence declaration required by the Corporations Act 2001, which has been given to the directors of Institute of Foresters Australia Limited, would be in the same terms if given to the directors as at the time of this auditor’s report.
Opinion

In our opinion the financial report of Institute of Foresters Australia Limited is in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including:

a) giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 30 June 2011 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and

b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the Corporations Regulations 2001.

RSM Bird Cameron Partners
Chartered Accountants

Canberra, Australian Capital Territory
Dated: 30.8.2011

G M STENHOUSE
Partner