

The Institute of Foresters of Australia & Australian Forest Growers

ACT Divisional Committee Meeting

5.30 PM Thursday 3 October
University House, Forrest Room

Minutes

Attendees: Cris Brack, Yulia Cuthbertson, Rachael Dawes, Cleo Riddy, Geoff Roberts, Peter Kanowski, Maddie Shelton, Steve Thomas, Brian Turner, Kim Wells

Apologies: Stuart Davey, Tim Gillespie-Jones, Peter Langdon, John Sedgley

1. Member Matters

These are recorded under "Other business"

2. Approval of the minutes of last meeting (4 July)

Accepted

3. Matters arising from the Last Meeting

- a. Heritage There hasn't been a response or follow up yet on the President's letter to Port Nordica (developers of CSIRO site). The IFA has been in touch with the Yarralumla Residents Assoc., who are meeting with Port Nordica representatives in November
- b. Gary Featherstone has been assisting by searching boxes for printed Conference Proceedings, and hard drives for files. Uploading already digitized newsletters 1951-2003 is proceeding.

4. ACT Division Strategy/Activities for 2019/2020

a. Update of the Events Calendar 2019

- i. IFSA at ANU will host a forest bathing event at the Botanic Gardens (9am 5 Oct)
- ii. Christmas Drinks planned for December (date tba)

b. Priorities 2019-20 (see Annex 1)

The set of priorities suggested by the Co-Chairs, and formation of informal working groups to advance each, was endorsed. Initial ideas and responsibilities are listed in Annex 1.

5. Other business

a. Update on Member Services Working Group

The Member Services Working Group are looking to develop webinars, the first being in November relating to the climate and projected climate.

b. Updates from/ to CEO

Peter reported on advice from Jacquie:

- i. note AGM (25 October, 5,30pm), in which members can participate by video conference;
- ii. note Director nominations and voting for Directors at AGM; members are invited to submit a postal vote or nominate a proxy (forms circulated with notice of meeting);
- iii. a Communications and Engagement workshop will be held in Canberra on 5 December – details to follow soon
- iv. the next Board/ Chairs planning day will precede the AGM on 25 October.

The meeting noted the set of issues tabled at the AGM that the Co-Chairs had undertaken to flag at the Board and Chairs meeting on 25 October.

c. Future Foresters Initiative

We thanked Cleo and Maddie (members of the FFI Committee) for joining the meeting, and invited them to continue to attend ACT Division Meetings.

They advised that the FFI Committee will meet on 9-10 November; that there is a need to get updates onto the websites. Cleo is in the process of updating the awards and scholarships pages.

We agreed to pursue opportunities to link the ACT Division activities with the IFSA and FFI.

d. IFSA Member Fees

Yulia is continuing discussions with Jacqui, based on a business case for IFA support.

e. Field Trip to Tumut

A field trip to Tumut hosted by Visy, Forestry Corporation, and Hume Plantations (attracted 14 students. The students were introduced to the nursery, softwood plantation, and the Visy Mill. Thanks to all who helped organise and assist.

f. Education

Cris advised he has written an editorial for Australian Forestry, to stimulate discussion.

6. Next Meeting/ meeting cycle

Next meeting: Tuesday 5 November 5:30 at University House (Forrest Room);

subsequent bi-monthly meetings beginning in February 2020;

Christmas drinks event to be organised for December (possibly 5 Dec, in conjunction with those for Communications and Engagement Workshop).

Annex 1

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- Through such activities, we can aim to build ACT members' participation in these events, noting we need to provide adequate notice.

Cleo, Maddie, Yulia, and Cris agreed to form the core of this working group.

(Advance ... knowledge to ensure best-practice management of forests): Engaging with ACT Government & community to promote best practice management of the ACT's forested landscapes (rural and urban), and awareness and conservation of Canberra's forests and forestry heritage.

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Rachael, Kim, Cris and Steve agreed to form the core of this working group.

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- It includes making sure we respond to media articles touching on the profession; and thinking about activities/ profile that capitalise on/ connects to positives, eg NAC.
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Geoff and Peter agreed to form the core of this working group, noting it's a role all members share.

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ACT and Region Divisional Committee Meeting 2/ 2019-20

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Minutes

1. Present/ Apologies

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3. Approval of the minutes of last meeting (3 October)

The minutes were approved.

4. Report on the IFA AGM, 25 October

- See report in IFA/AFG e-news of 31 October
- Peter Kanowski & Brian Turner advised there was little to add to the e-report. There had been discussion of the merger between the AFG and the IFA, and how to capitalise on that most fully (this was happening in some regions, but not in others).

As noted in the Report, the next steps are development a strategic plan and associated priorities.

Stuart Davey's service a Director was noted with thanks.

- There was a discussion about how the ACT IFA can best support the merger with the AFG; Steve Thomas noted there were limitation to AFG activity given land use constraints in the ACT, and market constraints in the surrounding NSW region. He also noted some policy constraints (eg associated with watercourses) that could be a focus of joint interest. Peter Kanowski suggested this could be part of the scope of one of the field days envisaged for 2020.

5. ACT Division Strategy/Activities for 2019/2020

a. Update of the Events Calendar 2019

- i. Christmas Drinks planned for 5pm 5 December, following Communications & Engagement seminar, at Badger & Co, Kambri, ANU campus.

b. Communication and Engagement Seminar

There is a Communication & Engagement seminar on 5 December (see IFA/AFG email of 24 October); the deadline for scholarships has expired, but we will ask if this can be extended (note – deadline extended to 21 November; scholarship details attached).

c. Agreement on a plan for implementation of 2019-20 priorities (Working groups - see Annex 1)

i. Future Foresters Engagement

Cleo is looking to update the website with the opportunities for students with the IFA; and to build a document for the IFA explaining IFSA's value. The Future Foresters have a strategic planning weekend on 9/10 November; There is broad support to develop clear actions for the first half of 2020, coinciding with a period of funding.

Cleo and Emma will follow up with Yulia and Maddie to create a document to go through the Future Foresters Initiative to take to the IFA Board. The Committee also requests that they also highlight what activities the students would like the ACT IFA/AFG to support (eg careers nights, curriculum for primary school students).

ii. Engaging with ACT Government & community

Peter and Cris attended panels and community meetings, respectively, on 8 October. These provided an opportunity to raise awareness of the IFA as an source of forestry expertise in the ACT. There are follow-up meetings scheduled or planned with a number of residents' groups.

d. Update on ACT Living Infrastructure and Heritage Issues

The Tree Protection Act is currently out for review, and available for comment. The Committee agreed that it should have a submission to the process. This needs to be completed by 8 December.

<https://yoursay.act.gov.au/trees-act/review-tree-protection-act-2005>

Action: Cris and Peter will work on the ACT IFA submission. Any interested parties are asked to get in contact with Peter and Cris.

The Urban Forest Strategy is under development. There is an opportunity to have workshops or engagement and discussion on the Urban Forest Strategy, in the February/ March 2020 period. More details to follow.

On Heritage Issues, there is a circle that needs to be closed between the Yarralumla Residence Group, the IFA, and the Developers. The ACT Committee will engage via the Residents Group to meet with the developers.

6. Other business

a. Update on Member Services Working Group

There is a webinar on the 28 November; all ACT members will be encouraged to attend.

b. Updates from/ to CEO

None other than those advised in member emails.

c. Future Foresters Initiative

No further updates than from above.

d. Other Items

There may be a request for Urban Forests special edition of *Australian Forestry*.

There may be an opportunity for Mike Sutton from Forestry Corporation NSW to present with the ACT Division.

There will also be a Westoby Lecture in early 2020, as well as an event in late 2020 for the 400th birthday of John Evelyn, the Author of *Sylva*

Another Gottstein Course will run at ANU 19-21 February; we will plan a social event in conjunction with this.

e. Draft Events Calendar 2019-20

See attached.

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4 February 2020 at 5:30pm

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ACT and Region Events Calendar 2019-20 (working draft of 5 Nov 19)

Date	Event	Details/ comments
December 2019 Thu 5 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National Communications & Engagement Seminar (see member email of 24 Oct) - ACT & Region Christmas Drinks 	Kambri, ANU 5 – 6.30pm, Badger & Co, Kambri, ANU
February 2020 Tues 4 th Wed 19 th tba	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ACT Region Committee Meeting 3 - Drinks with Gottstein Wood Science Course participants - Jack Westoby Lecture 	5.30pm 5.30pm, tbc
March 2020 Around Sat 21 st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - International Day of Forests event 	May link to ACT Urban Forestry Consultation
May 2020 tba	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Student careers evening 	

To be scheduled:

- field day(s) – ideally one per ANU semester
- other student-related events



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Call for Applications

IFA & Department of Agriculture Leadership Grant Scholarship to attend the:

Communication and Engagement Skills for Forestry Professionals Seminar

Are you an IFA member?

Would you like assistance to attend the IFA's Communication & Engagement Seminar?

Are you studying full time or under 35 years old and working in forestry?

The Institute of Foresters of Australia (IFA/AFG) and the Future Foresters Initiative (FFI) are offering financial support to assist students and early-career professionals and researchers to attend the IFA's Communication and Engagement Seminar. The IFA will provide funding to cover registration for eligible applicants and a grant to assist with related travel and accommodation costs when participants are travelling from interstate.

These scholarships are offered via a grant from the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources - Leadership in Agricultural Industries Fund to develop leadership and communication skills in early career professionals (up to age 35yrs).

Are you:

- An early career professional or university student up to 35 years of age studying or working within sectors such as forest/natural resource management, agriculture, farm forestry, agronomy, agroforestry, urban/greenspace planning or other environment/forest-related discipline?
- Passionate about the role of trees and forests in supporting sustainable and healthy cities, farms/rural landscapes and communities?
- A current IFA Student; Young Professional or Professional member?
- Interested in developing your leadership and communication skills?

Seminar Date: Thursday 5 December 2019

Seminar Location: Australian National University, Canberra

What is on offer:

Complimentary registration (worth \$180 for member registration and networking function) to attend the Communication & Engagement Seminar, along with a \$300 grant to assist with travel and accommodation expenses. \$150 payable on announcement and \$150 payable once a final report and proof of seminar related expenses has been received.

Successful applicants will be required to:

- Attend the seminar
- Submit of a 250-word post seminar feedback report focused on its utility and skills learnt that may be to be published in The Forester
- Please note that due to the terms of the grant, any Commonwealth salary employee is excluded.

Applications close 9.00 am Thursday 21 November 2019

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Yes

No

First name:	
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Current role or Degree:	

Please attach:

- A short (200-word) explanation of how you believe that attending the Communication & Engagement Skills for Forestry Professionals Seminar will help your academic or professional development and assist you to develop your leadership and communication skills
- A letter of support from your employer or academic institution supporting your attendance and this Scholarship application
- Proof of enrolment, if currently studying

Please review and sign:

All the information given in this Scholarship application is factual and correct at the time of submission; I am 35 years of age or under; I understand that incorrect information may render this application void. I understand that all decisions made by the Scholarship Committee in relation to the awarding of this or any other scholarship, prize or bursary are final and are not subject to appeal, review or petition.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Email your application form and attachments in one document to admin@forestry.org.au by **9.00 am Thursday 21 November 2019**.

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ACT Division Open Forum

5:30 PM, 16 February 2020
Fenner School, ANU

Present: Peter Kanowski (ACT Co-Chair), Geoff Roberts (ACT Co-Chair), Tony Bartlett Peter Langdon, Ross Florence, Kirsty Yeates, Paul Ojansuu, Emily Ojansuu, Rachael Dawes, Steve Thomas, Sadanandan Nambiar, Stuart Davey, Brian Turner, John Sedgley, Bob Newman, Janet Newman, Bill Kerruish, Kim Wells, Matt Brookhouse, Depi Susilawati, Mark Parsons, Maddie Shelton, Cris Brack

Apologies: Jordan Cox, Jesse Mahoney

Notes

The ACT Division acknowledges the hardship that many of the IFA's members and communities are experiencing in the wake of the devastating bushfires across Australia in 2019 and 2020. The objective of this meeting was primarily to identify possible activities by the ACT Division members to support those affected.

Policy Responses

The IFA/AFG have established a time-limited **Fire Communication Working Group** to assist in its timely response to the catastrophic fires and compliment the work done by the Forest Fire Management Committee. Members of the ACT Division are encouraged to have input into the workgroup, through sending comments to the Working Group Chair, Bill Jackson.

Tony Bartlett provided an overview of the responses to the 2003 ACT fires and the current fires burning to the west of the ACT and facilitated a broader discussion of policy considerations for responding to events such as this. Issues discussed during the forum included:

- There have been many inquiries over the years, there is likely value in reviewing the findings of these inquiries.
- Likely that some 'step changes' need to be identified to reduce the risk of repeated large scale forest fires under a changing climate
- Experience from the ACT indicates that having adequate resources and good access for early ignition spotting and fire-fighting response is beneficial
- We need to get better at controlling bushfires that start within the forest when the fire danger is moderate
- It was recognized that some fires are unstoppable with or without fuel reduction burning
- Prescriptions for controlled burning need to be different for different ecosystems to prevent unintended consequences to plant and animal populations (vis-a-vis aboriginal cultural burning?)
- Hazard reduction and other ground preparedness for firefighting needs to be most intensive near farms and homes; owners share responsibility;
- Mechanical treatment of vegetation can assist
- A quicker national emergency response is indicated
- Rules of fire engagement across state borders need to be sensible; which could include a national fire office to facilitate cross state issues.

All members are encouraged to identify potential areas of interest to support the Fire Communication Working Group's efforts. Suggestions to the Group are needed by **30 January** (see IFA/AFG e-news of 19/12/19).

Bushfire response and recovery – are there practical things IFA members can do (both short and longer term)?

Peter Langdon initiated discussion on practical activities that the ACT Division may be able to do to assist those directly affected by the fires, including:

Supporting Existing Initiatives:

- Donations; a lot of charities responding with specific bushfire appeals includes RFS, Anglicare, Salvos, Foodbank, St Vincent De Pauls, Redcross and many more including animal welfare donations or volunteering through RSPCA, WIRES, Mogo Zoo, Canberra Pet Rescue
- Givit; website linking items needed with donors.
- Blaze aid; volunteering organisation helping communities rebuild after disasters – current volunteer camps are operating near Canberra include Braidwood and Adelong

Financial Support

- Those with private forests affected by the fires may be eligible for the Emergency Bushfire Response in Primary Industries Grants Program. More information is available at: <https://www.agriculture.gov.au/ag-farm-food/bushfires/primary-producers>

IFA responses

- It's recognised that the IFA is home to unique knowledge that can support those affected by the fires, as well as to provide advice for preparing for future fires. There are multiple Fire Management Resources available on the IFA website, available at: https://www.forestry.org.au/Forestry/About_IFA/Forest_fire/Forestry/About_the_IFA/Fire.aspx?hkey=312d6496-f730-4da5-ace0-88fb92c749cd
- Networking among IFA/AFG members, colleagues is a way to have input into regional/national timber industry salvage and recovery planning
- Knowledge sharing through IFA/AFG supported groups eg Foresters without borders may be an avenue for getting support to those directly affected by the fires.
- There is a need for a database/list that would assist small growers in this situation to search for and contact forestry professionals able to provide information and advice without payment.

Members if need of assistance.

Paul and Emily Ojansuu

Paul and Emily lost ~100 hectares of 12 to 15 year old private pine plantation at their Jerangle property off Peak View Road. The Plantation is part of a larger ~400ha plantation affected by the Good Good fire near Jerangle. The plantation was initially established by Willmott Forests. The forest was approaching its first thinning.

Paul and Emily are seeking assistance on the options for salvage logging and re-establishing the plantation. Any members able to provide assistance with identifying assessors, contractors, markets, would be welcomed. Please contact them (ojanpaul@hotmail.com) or Peter Langdon if you may be able to help.

Next Steps

The next ACT & Region Committee meeting will be on 5 February, where next steps will be discussed. In the interim, committee members will:

- Find out if institutional support is eligible for grant assistance, eg to provide resources for a national database helping small forest growers salvage, recover and replant forests.
- Reach out to regional NSW IFA groups at Batemans Bay and Tumut/Batlow/Tumbarumba areas to support those members who are likely still fully committed in fire-fighting efforts and incident management roles

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ACT and Region Divisional Committee Meeting 4/ 2019-20

5.30 PM Tuesday 7 April

Online

Minutes

1. Present/ Apologies

Cris Brack, Rachael Dawes, Geoff Roberts, Peter Kanowski, Steve Thomas, Brian Turner, Stuart Davey, John Sedgley, Yulia Cuthbertson,

Apologies: Cleo Riddy, Peter Langdon, Maddie Shelton, Kim Wells

2. Membership Matters

The ACT Committee recognises the difficult times many are having following the fires of the summer, and the Covid-19 related challenges. The committee hopes that all members are safe and healthy, and we are actively looking how to maintain engagement throughout the current restrictions.

3. Activities

- Activities planned around International Day of Forests did not proceed, other than the informal ANU reunion drinks at RUC, due to ANU campus closure or meeting cancellations.
- Early ideas of two field days in conjunction with NSW IFA/AFG, to S Coast & SW Slopes, are on hold. NSW colleagues have indicated willingness in principle (initial suggestion for SW Slopes Sept, obviously depending on developments with Covid-19)
- IFA 'national' webinars are continuing and will have a more frequent delivery. The ACT committee could explore some (free to air) locally if we thought there was interest.
 - Any ideas from members of services that can be delivered remotely, would be welcomed.

4. Heritage

- No further updates on AFS/ CSIRO site
- Some hiccups in closing off ACT Heritage grant (Peter L was resolving, will need to follow up in the next meeting)

5. Trees in ACT

- The ACT Committee many a submission to NCA on Draft Tree Management Policy. Thanks to Cris Brack for taking the lead on its development.
- Peter K joined ISCCC meeting of Inner South Residents' Associations

- Peter is yet to liaise with ACT colleagues re virtual Tree Week activities/ Urban Forests Strategy consultation

6. Parliamentary briefing

- The IFA provided a student member (Paris Capell was selected) with an opportunity to accompany Kevin Tolhurst to parliamentary briefings in late Feb.

7. Bushfire inquiries

- Senate Inquiry – [Lessons Learnt](#) – submissions close 9 April
- Royal Commission – IFA draft submission has been prepared

8. Outstanding matters with IFA Admin

- Digitisation project – correspondence with Kim and IFA CEO is ongoing.
- Robin Bedding - Robin's award will be presented the next opportunity that the IFA president has in Canberra. It is expected that this will occur post-cv19

9. Board meeting/ Divisional Chairs update

- Summary was circulated in enews 27 Mar

10. Next Meeting/ meeting cycle

TBC

The Institute of Foresters of Australia & Australian Forest Growers

ACT and Region Divisional Committee Meeting 5/ 2019-20

5.30 PM Tuesday 14 July
via Zoom

Minutes

1. Present/ Apologies

Present: Cris Brack [final items only], Emma Bryant (IFSA), Stuart Davey, Matt de Jongh, Peter Kanowski, Jiaqian Ling (IFSA), John Sedgley, Maddie Shelton, Steve Thomas, Kim Wells (ordinary member).

Apologies: Ollie Andrews (IFSA), Rachael Dawes, Tim Gillespie-Jones, Peter Langdon, Brian Turner

The Co-Chairs welcomed new members (Emma, Matt, Jiaqian) and thanked those who'd stepped since the last meeting (Yulia Cuthbertson, Cleo Riddy).

2. Approval of the Minutes of Last Meeting (7 April)

Previously circulated and circulated again with this agenda. The meeting minutes from the previous meeting were agreed to, noting a minor correction on the outstanding items.

3. Matters arising from the Last Meeting

- On agenda below.

4. ACT Division Strategy/Activities for 2019/2020

- Implementation plan for 2019-20 priorities

Field days

- revisiting plans for South Coast (August) and SW Slopes (September) field days
 - Matt, Geoff, [Maddie, Jiaqian, or Emma] to coordinate on NSW contacts for the South Coast, as well as explore other field trip opportunities. The most appropriate time is likely in August.

Action: Geoff to follow up with the group on South Coast, Peter to coordinate Southern Slopes.

Note: in post-meeting discussion, we also agreed to explore a Namadgi fire field visit (Geoff, Peter)

Seminars/ webinars

- There is general interest in running this, it was noted that the IFA webinars have been successful; and that we complement the national webinars.
- ANU can host the free webinar via the Zoom account on a topic of interest.

Action: Peter to follow up

Other activities

- Proposed visit to the former Australian Forestry School buildings and site, Sunday 11 October (in conjunction with normal FACTT Westbourne Woods walk)
 - Kim explained that CSIRO are expected to leave the site in 2022 or before, following which the site will be redeveloped, possibly as medium density housing.
 - Invitations would be extended to IF/AFG, FACTT, Yarralumla Residents Association members, and the general public. The developers/managers of the site could also be invited

Action: Co-chairs (Peter K) will follow up with CSIRO on seeking access to the buildings. Kim to make all other arrangements.

IFSA Activities (Emma, Jiaqian)

- i. Considering having a virtual careers night, and other webinars limited to 1hr in length; possibly looking at different career segments towards the end of the year. IFSA will look forward to IFA/AFG support when details are finalised.

Future Foresters Initiative (Maddie)

- i. FFI Co-Chairs had written to Divisional Co-Chairs with an update on plans (see separate document).
- ii. There had been a planned event for Queensland, now postponed to 2021.

- ACT Living Infrastructure and Heritage Issues

- **Yarralumla site update.**

- The future developers of the site, Oakstand, for the owners of the lease, have not advised YRA of what form they expect re-development to take.
- Kim Wells was thanked for continuing to monitor the situation re changes to the Yarralumla CSIRO/Forestry precinct that might impact on the site's heritage values.

- **NCA & ACT Tree Policy/ Strategy updates**

No further updates

5. Matters tabled by Committee members

- Kim Wells raised a question on the degree of autonomy of the divisions, and the processes for getting financial approval for an expenditure. In relation to the latter, Stuart advised that it is for the Division to select an appropriate quote, and for this to be provided to the Board for consideration.

6. Other business

- Update on Member Services Working Group

- i. The MWG has had a minor internal restructure for the development of subcommittees. There may be opportunities for members to be engaged in these processes.

- Updates from the Board CEO

- i. Membership numbers and satisfaction had increased.
- ii. The Board had determined that IFA/AFG will operate at a loss in 2020, to maintain the level of activities (anticipated income from the 2020 biennial conference will not now be received in 2020).
- iii. The conference has been moved to 2021, with the possible date in October.

- Future Foresters Initiative

- i. The Future Foresters Initiative has been very busy. There have been a number of changes in the structure with the expanded participation in the group. See separate FFI document.

7. Next Meeting

- 5:30, 1st September 2020, possibly for the Annual Meeting of the Division.