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(W.A. Division)

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NEWSLETTER

JULY

1) BI ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - W.A. DIVISION

The Bi-annual General Meeting of the W.A. Division will be held on Friday 19th August.

Venue: Auditorium, Research Building, Como

Time: 5.00pm

The meeting will be for the purpose of transacting general business and receiving reports and balance sheets from the outgoing executive for 1981-83.

In accordance with the constitution any members wishing to bring any "special business" before the meeting should give notice in writing by Friday 22nd July.

Prior to the bi-annual general meeting an election is to be held for positions on the divisional committee for the next biennium.

Call for Nominations

Members are invited to submit nominations for the offices of Divisional Chairman, the 2 Executive Committee positions and Secretary/Treasurer for the 1983-85 term.

In accordance with the constitution candidates for office must be nominated in writing by at least 2 coporate members of the Division and acceptance of the nomination must be countersigned by the candidate.

Nominations must be lodged with the Secretary on or before Friday 22nd July, 1983. Immediately following the close of nominations, members will be provided with a list of candidates, a postal ballot and details of voting procedure. Nominations can be forwarded on the attached form.

2) SOUTHERN BRANCH NOTES

2.1. The Biannual General Meeting of the Southern Branch was held on Tuesday, 10th May, at Manjimup. 14 members attended, plus guest speaker from Vic. Forestry Commission - John Wright.

2.2. The election of office bearers was duly held with the following result.

Chairman	-	Jack Bradshaw
Sec./Treasurer	-	Roger Armstrong
Committee Man	-	Chris Muller

2.3. The Shannon Basin affair was briefly discussed and the motion passed that, "The Branch ask the W.A. Division to release the prepared press statement before the Premier's return, at least stating the IFA's concern on the issue, and in advance of any statement by either the Timber Industry or the Forests Department".

As this action was taken on Wednesday, 12th, this motion has been satisfactorily laid to rest.

- 2.4. Guest Speaker John Wright provided an insight into the relationship between the Victorian Commission and the State ALP Government. John's rendition of the 'Ash Wednesday Fires' was most interesting and provided much discussion.

3) SHANNON BASIN

Throughout discussions on the Shannon Basin our primary concern was not whether the Shannon Basin became a National Park but whether sound management of the total Karri Forest could be affected as a result of ceasing logging in the Basin whilst at the same time maintaining cutting levels.

This concern was outlined in a letter to the Premier on April 11th, with a request for an interview to explain our views. On May 12th, we decided to release a press statement. This duly appeared in a somewhat varied form but managed we believe to get our point of view across.

On June 1st the Divisional Committee together with representatives of the Timber Industry were given a briefing on the Government's media release regarding the Shannon Basin. Given the political realities of the situation the decision to move towards managing the Shannon Basin as National Park was not unexpected.

We have considered the statement released by Government and have responded with these comments viz:

1. Recognition of the right of Government to decide how State Forests are to be managed.
2. Requesting that in the relocation of logging areas, recognition be given to the effect on sound management of the Karri Forest we have previously expressed concern about, eg. fire protection of the total forest.
3. Support for the proposed 500ha/year pine planting program in the Manjimup region.
4. Request for the W.A. Division to be involved in the development of management plans for the D'Entrecasteaux National Park and proposed Shannon Basin Park.

4) TASK FORCE - LAND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, SOUTH-WEST

Terms of reference of the three man government task force have now been defined as outlined in the West Australian of 25/6/83. The W.A. Division will make a submission and welcomes comments/suggestions from any member. The submission date of August 5th means that early comment will be required.

**TASK FORCE ON LAND RESOURCE
MANAGEMENT IN
SOUTH WESTERN AUSTRALIA
PUBLIC COMMENTS
INVITED**

The Government has appointed a Task Force on Land Resource Management in South Western Australia. Its Terms of Reference are:

To investigate, evaluate and make recommendations consistent with the implementation of Government policy on the most efficient and effective means of co-ordinating the administration and management of land resources in the South West of Western Australia.

In making its recommendations, the Task Force is to report its findings in relation to:

- (1) the structure, functions and inter-relationship of all existing government agencies involved with land resource administration and management.
- (2) A review of all relevant reports on land resource management, with special attention to recommendations upon which no action has been taken.
- (3) The establishment of formal mechanisms by which all interested and relevant parties may contribute to the formulation and implementation of policies on land resource management.
- (4) The form of legislation necessary to give effect to the implementation of its recommendations.

The Task Force invites interested persons and bodies to submit written comments by 5th August, 1983 to:

The Director,
Task Force on Land Resource Management
in South Western Australia,
2nd Floor,
BP House,
1 Mount Street,
PERTH, WA 6000

5) MEMBERSHIP

The W.A. Division welcomes new members Mr. J.E. Day (Associate), Mr. K.C. Low, Mr. M.E. Rayner and Mr. K.W. Sclater (upgraded from student members).

6) DEMONSTRATION FORESTS

Results of the 1982 questionnaire survey indicated that members felt that a lack of public knowledge about forestry and the forestry profession was the most important forestry policy issue in Australia.

To improve this situation the IFA is recommending that Forest Services establish demonstration forests close to each major city in Australia. Information has been obtained on demonstration forests at Rotorua (N.Z.) and Vancouver (CAN) for circulation.

IFA Council has written to Aust. For. Council and State Forest Services recommending the establishment of working demonstration forests.

7) REGISTER OF SIGNIFICANT TREES

The National Trust of Aus. (W.A) and the Tree Society (Inc) is establishing a Register of Significant Trees in Western Australia. The aims of the Register are to promote widespread interest in trees, develop awareness of their environmental value and directing attention to those worthy of protection and maintainance.

The I.F.A. has been asked to assist in nominating appropriate trees. Details of the nomination procedure are set out on nomination forms available from the Trust Office, 139 St. George's Terrace, Perth or from the IFA Secretary in Bunbury.

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Ian Kealley.....
IAN KEALLEY
Sec. W.A. Division.

CALL OF NOMINATIONS, W.A. DIVISION 1983-84

Name of Nominee _____

Office nominated for _____

Signature of proposers 1) _____

2) _____

Signature of nominee _____