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MARCH NEWSLETTER

1. IFA MEMBER APPOINTED TO FOREST PRODUCTION COUNCIL

Don Spriggins has been appointed as the IFA representative on the Forest Production Council established under the New Department of Conservation and Land Management.

The nomination was made in the light of his recent experience as Chairman and excellent representation of the profession over many years. The appointment was accepted on the basis of a 2 year term.

Congratulations Don.

2. SHANNON FOREST AND D'ENTRECASTEAUX NATIONAL PARK

The Institute has made a written submission to the Shannon/D'Entrecasteaux Planning Group on the initial plan published for public comment.

Thanks to those members who prepared the submission.

3. 1987 CONFERENCE

The Biennial Conference of the IFA will be held in Perth during the spring of 1987. The theme chosen for the Conference is "Managing Australia's Forests - State of the Art".

The Committee has appointed Mr John Fox as Chairman of the Conference Organising Committee. Members of the sub-committees appointed to date are:

Programme: Frank Batini, Bob Chandler, Frank McKinnell,
Roger Underwood.

Publicity & Marketing: Geoff McCarthur

Finance & Sponsorship: Chris Krans, Drew Haswell.

Social Organisation: Ian Richmond, Rick Sneeuwajagt

Conference Tours: Alan Walker, Barney White

Registration & Accommodation: To be asked.

Publications: Alan Hill

Secretary: John Kaye.

The Committee is enthusiastic about making the 1987 Conference one to remember so if you are interested in any particular area please don't hesitate to contact any of the Organising Committee members.

4. BALLOT TO ALTER CONSTITUTION

As notified in a previous Newsletter a ballot is being held to alter the IFA Constitution with respect to eligibility for corporate membership. Ballot papers have been sent to all Corporate Members, Fellows and Honorary Members and the results of the ballot should be known by the end of April.

NOTE - Last day for receipt of ballot papers is Friday 12th April.

5. "FORESTER'S WOOD" - MANJIMUP

Progress on the Manjimup wood project has been rapid, significant achievements to date include

a) Management Committee

Following Council approval a management committee has been established, comprising the following persons:

Jack Bradshaw	Co-ordinator
Martin Rayner	Secretary
Barney White	Silviculture (Group Leader)
Wayne Schmidt	Landscaping (Group Leader)
Bob Chandler	Species Research (Group Leader)
Don Keene	Administration (Group Leader)
Chris Muller	Ground Management (Group Leader).

Several on-site meetings have been convened to co-ordinate group activities. Those persons who nominated to serve in one or more of the groups will be contacted by their group leader shortly (if they have not already done so).

b) Name

A number of suggestions were received, and the Committee unanimously agreed on "Foresters Wood".

c) Opening Ceremony

A ceremonial opening of the wood will take place on the afternoon of SATURDAY, JUNE 8th.

The ceremony will follow the format of distinguished guests planting various trees on site at Manjimup, symbolising the theme of Commerce, Culture, Legend and Literature. Please keep this weekend free, as the ceremony will be particularly symbolic in this, our 50th Anniversary of the founding of the Institute. Further details will be distributed shortly.

d) Tenure Details

A forest lease between the Conservator of Forests and the IFA was signed on 11th February, 1985. Boundary fencing is being constructed to enable the IFA to sub-lease the property for grazing.

e) Information Brochure

An informative brochure outlining the purpose of the wood and explaining the themes is being prepared. Copies will be available prior to the Opening Ceremony.

f) Southern Division "Busy-Bee"

An inaugural Southern Division "Busy-Bee" is being held on SUNDAY, MARCH 24th to initiate site clean-up for the Opening Ceremony. Additional work weekends are planned in the near future, and all members will be notified in due course.

g) Group Activities

Silviculture: A site capability map is almost completed, and the species list is under review.

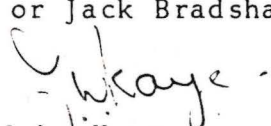
Landscaping: A number of conceptual plans have been developed for the whole property. A detailed plan for the old homestead area is under preparation.

Species Research: A detailed index and species reporting system has been designed. All volunteers have received source materials and have been allocated themes to research. (See attached letter).

Administration: Lease arrangements have been finalised and work is focussing on the Opening Ceremony details.

Ground Management: The grazing sub-lease is being reviewed, boundary fencing constructed, and site clean-up is underway.

Don't forget volunteers are needed in all groups to maintain the momentum of this ambitious project. If you feel you can assist in any capacity, or have any queries, contact Martin Rayner or Jack Bradshaw (C/- Forests Dept, Manjimup).


John Kaye

Honorary Secretary WA Division.

The Institute of Foresters of Australia (WA. Division)

Dear I.F.A. Members

The search for famous trees for Foresters' Wood is underway.

Each volunteer in the Species Research Group has specialised in the pursuit of a few tree fame themes. They will report monthly and the progressive species list and list of reviewed references will be reported regularly in this news letter.

This bright and keen echelon of searchers will undoubtedly sift a great volume of information, but they would still appreciate your help.

If you see any trace of a famous tree story pick it up and hand it to the searcher holding that bag. (See the list of bagpersons.)

If you cannot determine which theme it fits send it to the Species Research Co-ordinator, Bob Chandler at Bunbury.

Also we would like to know the location of any good specimens of the trees on our list. We will examine their site characteristics to guide us when we establish our trees.

If you know of anyone outside our I.F.A. Branch membership who might be able to contribute information on any of our trees or suggest new ones please tip us off.

Keep alert, there are famous tree stories lurking everywhere.

SPECIES RESEARCH GROUP - SUBJECT AND THEME ALLOCATION (BAGPERSONS)

<u>P. Shedley</u>	Subject - Commerce Themes - Building/Construction - Fuel - Extracts - Processed Products - Manufactured Products
<u>J. Kaye</u>	Subject - Commerce Themes - Food and Drink - Transport - Timber Trade and Trade Routes
<u>B. White</u>	Subject - Culture Themes - National Symbols - National Days/Ceremonies - Cultural Instruments or Artifacts - Symbols, Icons, Tokens - Cultural Rituals
<u>W. Schmidt</u>	Subject - Culture Themes - Landscape Character - Recreation - Special cultivation/gardens

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<u>R. Germantse</u>	Subject - Culture Themes - Religion - Music - Preservation/Veneration of Trees - Art
<u>E. Davidson</u>	Subject - Culture Themes - Architecture - Furnishings - Printing - Medicine
<u>D. Hilder</u>	Subject - Culture Themes - Timbermen - Woodworking - Conflict - Animals
<u>P. Stirling</u>	Subject - Legends Themes - Heros/Villians - Locations - Nations/Tribes - Wars/Revolutions
<u>K. Low</u>	Subject - Legends Themes - Romance - Exploration - Deities/Demons - Monsters
<u>R. Chandler</u>	Subject - Literature Themes - Religious - National - Historic - Language and Expression - Heroic
<u>L. McCaw</u>	Subject - Literature Themes - Scientific/Botanic - Foreign - Biographical
<u>M. Rayner</u>	Subject - Literature Themes - Medical - Military
<u>R. Sneeuwjagt</u>	Subject - Literature Themes - Fantasy - Childrens - Poetry - Fomantic

Searchers held in reserve are:

R. Armstrong
J. Day
H. Campbell

List compiled and allocated 25/2/85.

R J Chandler
Species Research Co-ordinator.

26 March 1985

PRELIMINARY SPECIES LIST NO. 4 1/3/85

Initial Suggestions for the Book and Wood

Apple	William Tell, Newton
Acacia	Tannin - Ark of the Covenant
Aleppo (?) Pine	Lone Pine of Gallipoli
Beech	Furniture, carvings, pianos
Birch (Paper)	Indian Canoes
Balsa	Early aircraft
Banksia	Sir Joseph Banks
Blackwood	Furniture
Boab	Water source, Jail (Derby)
Bread Fruit	Captain Cook, Captain Bligh
Bristle Cone Pine	Oldest living tree (Mexico 4000 years)
Camphor laurel	Aromatic, coffins
Chestnut - sweet	Julius Caesar to Britian, Village
- Horse	blacksmith fame
Cedar (Western Red)	Totem poles West Coast Indians
Cedar of Lebanon	Oldest surviving ship, Solomon's Temple
Cedar (Toona Australis)	Cedar getters - opening up of East Coast
Cinchina Tree	Quinine
Coolibah	Walting Matilda
Cottonwood	Mark Twain
Cork Oak	Cork
Douglas Fir	General timber, large sizes, masts
Elm	Buggy wheels, piles Rialta, Venice
E. ? citriodora	Eucalypt oil
Engenia caryophyllus	Spice especially cloves, combat tooth deca
E. melliodora	Honey
E. radiata	Oil
E. regnans	Tallets tree in Australia
Ebony	Piano keys
Elder (Judas Tree)	Judas
Fir	Timber, Trojan horse (?)
Ginko biloba	Most primitive conifer (China)
Hazel	Fencing charcoal, nuts
Huon Pine	Furniture, boats
Hemlock	Timber
Hickory	Mosquito aircraft, spokes, shafts
Holly	Christmas
Kauri	Yallourn coal fields
Furrajong	Man from Snowy River
Ironbark	Man from Ironbark
Japanese Cherry	National Tree

Judas Tree	Judas
Juniper	Gin
Larch	
Laurel	Symbol of Victory
Leptospermum	Ti trees brewed for tea Captain Cook
Lignum Vitae	Hardest wood - clockwork
Lime	Nordic Ships
Lime	Scurvy
Lodge pole Pine	Indian Tepees
Mallet	Tool handles
Maple	Syrup
Mahogany	Furniture
Metaseguoia glyptostroboides	Living fossil (China) the dawn redwood
Mountain Ash	Man from Snowy River
Moreton Bay Fig	Ornamental
Mulberry	Silk
Mulga	Mulga Bill
Myristica fragrans	Spice (nutmeg)
Norfolk Island Pine	Masts
Oak	British fleet, British Empire
Olive	Peace
Palm - Date/Coconut	Food
Poplar	Matchsticks, Popsticks
Plane	Handel's 'Friendly Tree' - Opera Serse
P. pinaster	Reclamation of land, Portugal
P. radiata	Ships masts (California) 1840's
P. taeda	Naval stores
Quereus species	Royal oak
Red Gum	Hans Heysen
Rubber	Transport
Salmon Gum	Gold
Sandalwood	Incense
Silverbirch	Plywood, snow skis
Spruce - sitska	Timber - deal, Aircraft
Scots Pine	Largest supplier of timber
Sycamore	Violins
Sequoia	Largest living organism - written language of Cherokees
Sequoia gigantea	The General Sherman Tree
Taxodium	Everglades
Teak	Furniture
Theobroma cacao	Food- cocoa
Willow	Cricket bats
Yew	Long bow - Robin Hood, furniture, panelling (Q. Victoria special train) Symbol of life.