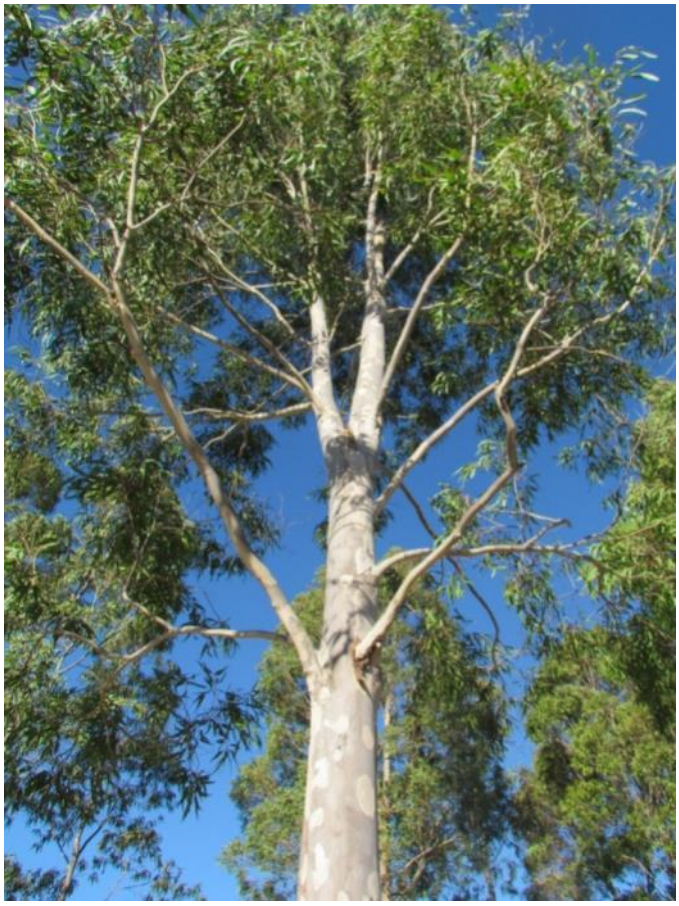
Institute of Foresters of Australia



What is the IFA?

Founded in 1935, the Institute of Foresters of Australia is a professional body with over 1100 members engaged in all branches of forest management and conservation in Australia.

The Institute is strongly committed to principles of sustainable forest management and the processes and practices which translate these principles into outcomes.

The membership represents all segments of the forestry profession, including public and private practitioners engaged in many aspects of forestry, nature conservation, resource and land management, research, administration and education.

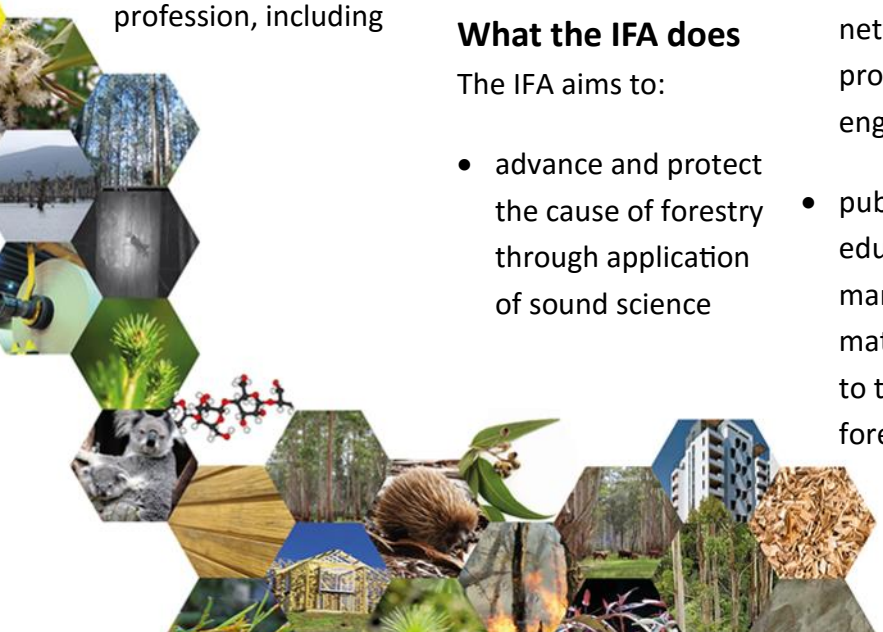
"The IFA is Australia's only professional body for foresters and other forestry professionals"

Rob de Fégely
National President

What the IFA does

The IFA aims to:

- advance and protect the cause of forestry through application of sound science
- maintain a high standard of qualification in persons engaged in the practice of forestry
- promote professional standards and ethical practice among those engaged in forestry
- promote social networking for professionals engaged in forestry
- publish and make educational, marketing and other materials available to those engaged in forestry



At a glance ...

- Members may be awarded the post-nominal RFP if they meet all the professional and ethical standards set by the IFA
- IFA members have access to current peer-reviewed science as it relates to sustainable forestry.
- The IFA caters for professionals involved in forestry, nature conservation, resource and land management, research, administration and education.

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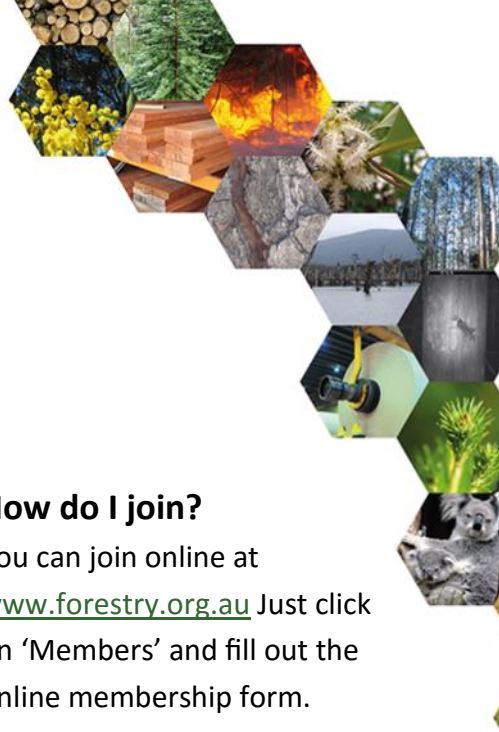

- provide the services of the Institute to forestry organisations inside Australia and in overseas countries as appropriate.

Structure

There are Divisions of the IFA in each State and the Australian Capital Territory, coordinated through volunteer Committees.

The Association of Consulting Foresters of Australia (ACFA) is a national Division of IFA.

"Local, State-based networking opportunities are unsurpassed."

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Grants and scholarships

To encourage excellence in forestry the IFA offers a number of competitive honours, awards and scholarships as detailed on the Institute's website www.forestry.org.au

Membership benefits

Any professionals working with or in Australia's forests are welcome to join.

The many benefits of membership include:

- access to every paper ever published in the scientific peer reviewed *Australian Forestry* journal.
- Weekly forestry news bulletin and two-monthly magazine, *The Forester*, covering member news, opinion, stories and events
- opportunity for accreditation as a Registered Forestry Professional or recognition as a consulting forester
- member only rates at field days, workshops and seminars focusing on forestry issues
- locally-based networking meetings and events (through States, divisions and regional branches)

How do I join?

You can join online at www.forestry.org.au Just click on 'Members' and fill out the online membership form.

Fees are tax deductible and concessional membership costs are available for students and retired foresters.

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