



Media release

Forestry Institute Board movements

Three vacancies on the Board of the Institute of Foresters of Australia were filled by election from four candidates at the AGM held recently in Cairns.

Newly elected (or re-elected) Directors are: **Bob Gordon, Dr Stuart Davey, and Dr William (Bill) Jackson**

Bob Gordon was also elected as National President to fill the vacancy created by resignation of **Andrew (Rob) de Fégely** from a position he held for six years, serving with distinction. Incoming National President Bob Gordon said, 'I am humbled to be elected as National President for the Institute and acutely aware that a lot will be expected of me in order to live up to the expectations set by past President Rob de Fégely.

'Rob has served the Institute during a time of rebuilding which has seen an upturn in membership and a significantly greater emphasis on the Institute as a centre of excellence for forestry science.

'I intend to continue that good work focusing on professional development opportunities and look forward to even greater membership growth as we make the Institute more relevant to the myriad Professionals working for Australia's forests on a daily basis', said Bob.

The IFA is a registered non-profit company limited by guarantee, run by a skills-based Board of Directors who set the strategic direction for the Institute, providing oversight of corporate, business and financial affairs. Current Directors are:

Bob Gordon, Director and National President

Andrew (Rob) de Fégely, Director and Deputy/Past President

Dr Lachie McCaw, Director and Chair, WA Division

Dr Stuart Davey, Director

Gary Featherston, Director

Erin Hodgson, Director

Dr William (Bill) Jackson, Director

Sarah Paradise was also appointed as CEO having previously served as Chief Operating Officer for the Institute.

Biographies for each Director can be found at: <https://forestry.org.au/about-ifa/ifa-board-of-directors-and-divisional-chairs.html>

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