

Charter

IFA Jolly Medal Award Committee

The Jolly Medal Award Committee is a committee appointed by The Board of the Institute of Forests of Australia. The Committee is composed of three members, at least one of whom is a member of the IFA Board and who chairs the committee. The other two members should be members of the IFA, and previous N W Jolly Medal awardees. Members are appointed for a two-year term, but are eligible for re-appointment.

Purpose

The purpose of the committee is to oversee and manage the award of the N W Jolly Medal, being the Institutes highest and most prestigious honour for outstanding service to forestry in Australia, according to the Rules(Attachment A) established by the Board from time to time.

Norman William Jolly

The Award is named in honour of Norman William Jolly (1882-1954) who made an outstanding contribution to development of professional forestry in Australia in the first half of the 20th Century (See Attachment B – a short biography of NW Jolly)

Functions

The functions of the committee include:

- To review and provide recommendations to the Board on Award criteria.
- To formulate and oversee the nominations and selection process.
- To make recommendations to the Board for the award of the N W Jolly Medal.
- To oversee the integrity of the award process, from design phase through to the award ceremony.
- To provide recommendations to the Board from time to time for improvements to the Award

Approved by the IFA Board

November, 2016

N.W. Jolly Medal – Rules

Purpose of the Award

1. The N.W. Jolly Medal is the Institute of Foresters highest award. It is to be awarded for outstanding service or contribution to forestry in Australia. This contribution may include work in international forestry where this has enhanced the reputation of Australian forestry at the international level.

Who can be nominated?

- 2 Any person, whether or not a member of the IFA may be nominated if they have made an outstanding contribution to forestry and the contribution supports achievement of the IFA's objectives.
- 3 In this context forestry includes the sustainable management, development and use of all forests for the manifold goods and services that forest ecosystems provide whether for public, private or commercial purposes, including - education, research and development, forest policy and all types of forest land management.
3. A person deceased since the closing date of nominations for the previous award shall be eligible.

Nomination process

4. Generally nominations for this medal are to be called no later than nine months preceding each Biennial Conference of the Institute.
5. Any financial Voting Member of the Institute may nominate a person for the N.W. Jolly Medal. The nomination should be seconded by another financial Voting Member.
6. Nominations shall be forwarded to the Secretariat of the Institute.
7. The Secretariat of the Institute shall check the membership status of each of the persons making and seconding a nomination.
8. Each nomination must be accompanied by a one-page citation in support of the nomination. Up to five pages of additional information detailing the nominee's work and publications may also be submitted.
9. The nominator may seek information from the person being nominated however once a nomination is made the nominators should not discuss the nomination.
10. The Secretariat of the Institute shall submit all confirmed nominations, to the Jolly Medal Award Committee, including the names of the nominator and seconder.

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11. The N W Jolly Medal Award Committee is a committee established by the Board whose constitution, purpose and functions are detailed in its Charter, approved by the Board.
12. The Award Committee shall assess the nominations against award criteria as established under these rules, and recommend a person for the award to the Board. The Committee may determine that no nominations meet the necessary criteria and recommend accordingly.

13. The recommendation shall be accompanied by a one-page citation from the Award Committee, based on the consideration of the nomination and any other enquiries it has made.
- 16a. In normal circumstances only one Medal would be awarded biennially. However the Award Committee may at its discretion award two medals in one biennium.
17. The decision of the Award Committee on awarding N W Jolly medal(s) is final, subject only to approval by the Board.
18. Following Board approval, the Secretariat of the Institute shall convey the decision to the successful nominee(s) forthwith and seek acceptance thereof.
19. In the event of non-acceptance by the nominee the Secretariat of the Institute shall advise the Award Committee and request a new recommendation. In the event that there be no other nominees eligible no award shall be made.
20. All unsuccessful nominations and related committee papers, with respect to each successive award shall be destroyed when each award is announced. The documentation supporting the Medal awardee(s) will form part of the historical record of this Award.

Announcement and Presentation of Awards

21. The President shall normally announce the award at the Institute's Biennial Conference, or otherwise in such manner as he/she deems fit.
22. The Award shall include the presentation of the N W Jolly Medal, a certificate signed by the President and supporting Citation.
23. The Awardee shall be provided the opportunity, and encouraged, to give a presentation to the Conference at which the Award has been made.

(End)

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ATTACHMENT B

N W Jolly Medal

The Institute of Foresters highest award.

Norman William Jolly (1882-1954) was a brilliant scholar and sportsman. He was dux of Prince Alfred College in Adelaide and went on to study science at the University of Adelaide (B.Sc. 1901). In 1904, he was awarded South Australia's first Rhodes Scholarship to study at the Balliol College, Oxford and graduated with a first in natural science (1907). He then chose to study forestry under Sir William Schlick at the Oxford Forestry School, which was then training foresters for service in the British colonies and Britain. He graduated with an Oxford Diploma of Forestry and served with the Indian Forest Service in Burma in 1908-09 before returning to Australia in 1909.

After a brief stint teaching at the Geelong Church of Grammar School, Adelaide, he was appointed as an instructor in forestry at Adelaide University, the first university forestry course in Australia, and as Assistant Conservator with the Woods and Forests Department of South Australia.

Shortly after his marriage in 1911, he was appointed Director of Forests in the Queensland Lands Department. He energetically pursued the implementation and improvement of Forestry legislation; control of timber harvesting; establishment of national parks, hoop and bunya pine plantations; and regeneration of red cedar stands. Friction with his Lands Department superior caused him to resign in 1918.

He then took up the position of Forestry Commissioner in a Commission of three under Chief Commissioner Dalrymple-Hay in New South Wales, where he embarked on similarly ambitious and necessary changes. At the conclusion of his seven-year term in 1925, he returned to Adelaide and again worked as a consultant to the Woods and Forests Department and as Professor of Forestry at Adelaide University. In 1926 he returned to New South Wales, this time as the sole Forestry Commissioner and, with characteristic vigor, greatly strengthened the staff of the Forestry Commission, established a research branch dealing with silviculture and wood properties, and markedly expanded the radiata pine plantations. He retired in 1933 with impaired health after continual conflicts over government policy.

From 1933 to 1939, he undertook consultancy work for New Zealand Perpetual Forests Pty Ltd in New Zealand. From 1940 to 1954, he was appointed to the Forestry Board in South Australia and again as a consultant to the Woods and Forests Department, where he and a small group of professional foresters further developed and implemented a planning framework that has endured and been widely applied elsewhere. He died in 1954

Jolly was an exceptional professional forester and was an outstanding contributor to forestry throughout Australia.

See also a more detailed biography authored by N B Lewis 1983 in the Australian Dictionary of Biography

<http://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/jolly-norman-william-6865>

