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### (1) Employers Notice Board

ForestrySA - Forest Officers (Experienced Foresters or Graduates)

### (2) FWPRDC Report now available

The latest FWPRDC Project report: "Guidelines in communicating performance against standards in forest management" is now available on website: <http://www.fwprdc.org.au/news.asp?id=148>.

Forestry standards seek to synthesise what is understood to be best practice. Examples include the Australian Forestry Standard (Standards Australia 2003), the Forest Stewardship Council International Standard (FSC 2000) and criteria and indicators developed under the Montreal Process (Commonwealth of Australia 1998). Implicitly, accreditation under a standard asserts a company's commitment to best management and continuous improvement. The validity of this assertion rests on demonstrated compliance. The Report provides guidance on how data gathered in monitoring can be analysed and communicated in a way that is accessible to managers, auditors and stakeholders. Its central objective is to facilitate evidence-based continuous improvement.

### (3) Educating our children on sustainable forestry

A CD for children has been released on the sustainability of the Australian forest industry. The CD-ROM entitled Ollie's Island is designed to educate children on the concept of sustainability and the endeavours of Australia's various industries towards achieving it.

Every primary and secondary school in Australia will receive a copy of Ollie's Island. Through video clips, fun interactive challenges and the CD's 'e-book', students are able to access a wide range of information about natural resources and innovations in Australian resource management.

The CD was produced by Australia's innovative leader in environmental education, Sustain Ability International, with the assistance of the National Association of Forest Industries and funding from the Forest and Wood Products Research and Development Corporation. For more information about the Ollie's Island Program contact Jane Stewart on (03) 9817 7722 or [jane@sustain-ability-int.com](mailto:jane@sustain-ability-int.com).

### (4) Four Corners - will it be more accurate this time?

Oliver Raymond has advised that the Four Corners program on Monday 2 Oct 06 will be covering a story on the Maryvale A Team - a group that took on the Fundamentalist Green groups to save their industry - the pulp and paper industry.

Oliver is skeptical of what the final product may be but he is hoping that it is not as inaccurate as the infamous 'Lord of the Forests' program which ended up with the ABC having to provide a public apology.

Oliver put in a plug for the IFA, but he said it will probably be edited out! Members might like to tune in and make up their own minds.

### (5) Max Jacobs Fund Grants – Final reminder

The Institute of Foresters of Australia, in conjunction with the Australian Academy of Science, administers the Max Jacobs Fund. The Institute donates \$5,000 each year to this Fund. 2 grants are made annually for the purpose of research and/or travel associated with research including the delivery of papers to Conferences. Grants are expected to be for about \$2,000-\$3000 each.

This is a final reminder to members that the applications close this weekend. Members interested in applying may obtain more details and an application form from website: <http://www.science.org.au/awards/jacobs.htm>



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