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Recent dinner meeting (AGM) at Willunga

Old Bush Inn Friday August 27

President's report

What a year of ups and downs! The good news – the water! There has been an unbelievable turn around in the situation locally and across the nation. Avoidance of the threatened down turn will hopefully allow refocus on farm forestry issues, especially in the wake of the demise of managed investment schemes and Adelaide Blue Gum's withdrawal. However hopes of seeing an ETS in the near future are far from bright, and the implementation of plans to restrict importation of illegally logged timber have a long way to go. AFG has a big task ahead in pushing policies friendly to farm foresters like ourselves. Locally our main issue is the development of markets and associated infrastructure for the maturing stocks of timber on our farms. For this we need the support of all the members we can get.

We were greatly saddened to hear recently of the passing of our oldest and most charismatic member, Anthony Brookman, who died after a short illness. Things won't be the same without him. What a life! What a contribution!. We look forward to a long association with his daughter, who plans to continue Anthony's legacy in forestry.

My thanks to those have attended our program activities and specially those who have given time and energy to keep activities rolling out, most notably to Pete Bulman who keeps us all informed and in touch through his involvement in forestry issues and reportage in the Newsletter. For Pete the biggest issue has no doubt been the pre-conference tour, about to role out. All the best for the tour Pete and hope some of our members will be able to dip in for some of the site visits. And hope to see some of you at the Conference!

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Treasurer's report

Started the year with \$4,121.83 and finished with \$3,279.54. The \$20/head contribution from subs to branch funds were used to for *Agroforestry News*. Some of healthy reserves (built up in early years when assistance was received from government agencies) were used to get Jill and Tony to the policy conference.

Other business

Interest was expressed in the opportunity for a **tag-a-long tour/field days with the pre-conference tour**. See p2 and if you get half the chance, make sure you join some or all of these quality field days.

No response has been received from ex ABL growers re harvesting and marketing opportunities with *Adelaide Wholesale* and *SAPlantation Logging*.

Those at the meeting said they were happy to let the trees grow at this stage. So the committee, will not pursue any of the options outlined in the last Newsletter.

Fire prevention field day

Tony has prepared some really valuable material for growers on the legal implications of bushfires for the forthcoming not-to-be-missed fire prevention field day. Members will be advised on the details of the field day in due course.





Pre-conference tour 2010 — ancillary program for AFG/IFA members

Beginning in Adelaide on Tuesday 5 October 2010, the tour travels via the Adelaide Hills and Fleurieu Peninsula, Kangaroo Island, the Lower Lakes and Coorong then the Upper South East to Mt Gambier on Sunday 10 October.

We'd love to have locals independently rendezvous with the tour at a number of points of interest, interact with the tour participants and join in with the discussions.

The mainland itinerary is set out below.

For the KI leg contact Peter Bulman (p_bulman@bigpond.com 0408395055) or Malcolm Boxall (mfboxall@activ8.net.au 0427616200).

Day One - Tuesday 05

Gumeracha Farm Forestry Demonstration Area — species suitability and silvicultural options and picnic lunch.

10.30am at arboretum car park just E of Chain of Ponds (COP)-Kersbrook Rd.

1.8km N of COP or 250m S of old Kersbrook HQ entrance.

Waterways Farm — ~75ha of hardwoods in belts on ridges and drainage lines to redress erosion and salinity; sustainable harvesting and marketing of firewood.

2.30pm 2km E of Keyneton-Angaston Rd at woodyard

Day Two - Wednesday 06

Regreen the Range — 1500ha of conservation and production plantings on the bare Willunga escarpment redressing impaired biodiversity and soil structure, soil erosion and sedimentation in the marine environment.

9.30am Cnr Range and Badgers Rds (2.3km SW of cnr Wickhams Hill and Range Rds)

Bracken Ridge — 46 ha of pine on glacial sands; wide-spacing and pruning of a failed stand, harvesting and marketing, trace-element deficiencies, nutrition responses, aphids and the staking of young windblown trees; picnic lunch with 'fruits' of the Southern Vale wine area.

12 noon 300m E of cnr Victor Harbor and Cleland Gully Rds (1.6km S of Mt Compass)

Day Four - Friday 08

Adelaide Blue Gum Ltd project—a Japanese joint venture that aimed to grow 6500-10,000ha of blue gums for chip thwarted by planning and water policy challenges.

1pm 4.3km S & SW from cnr. Bollaparudda/Range Rds (32.3km W Victor H town centre) **down Bollaparudda Rd to near trig point.**

EITHER Ferret Farm — for use of native species and deep-rooted perennial polycultures; integrated remnant vegetation; minimal chemical inputs and fossil fuel inputs; enhanced biodiversity. Call 0408395055 on the day to find out which elective.

3.30pm 2.8km W from cnr Inman Valley Rd & Valley Rd (7.8km NW from Victor H town centre down Inman Valley Rd) **TR down Keens Rd for 2km**

OR Three Streams — for 10 ha eucalypts; 10 ha pines; culinary herb production; pruning with 'Electrocoup' shears and wide-spacing. Call 0408395055.

4pm 1km S cnr Pambula and Hindmarsh Valley Rds or 6.3km N cnr Hindmarsh Valley & Victor Harbour-Adelaide Rds.

Day Five - Saturday 09

Boat cruise with lunch to the *Murray Mouth* and *Coorong* pending water levels leaving from the Goolwa wharf (otherwise Mundoo Channel on Hindmarsh Island) at 10am but subject to sufficient numbers.

It is imperative to contact Peter at least a few days prior if you plan to join the cruise otherwise just rock up for the other points of interest.

Also note however that as you would expect, the 'tour (show) must roll on' — whether ahead of time or behind time so if you miss a rendezvous, sorry about that ... the only thing to do would be to try calling 0408395055 to re-establish contact.

Contact Peter to email you the detailed tour notes as a pdf file.