

**REPORT FOR EXECUTIVE AND TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE and SGB MEMBERS.**

**FORESTRY SGB MEETING: SAPPI OFFICES, PIETERMARITZBURG
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Levels 1- 4 Unit Standards and Qualifications for Forestry Engineering and Silviculture registered.

Within the Silviculture are the nursery standards and qualifications already registered, which they will make available to us for use.

In the Forestry Engineering are the training manuals for chainsaw operator which is also registered. They do not have any problem if Horticulture SGB adds to this document and makes it a universal document, which is shared between the two fields. They are also looking to us to write the manual for brush cutter operation and then they will add their section so that it also covers the two fields

General and Social Forestry in the process of being developed and input will be appreciated if we could give input on urban forestry.

NSB's are to be changed and are at present not functioning.

A large amount of their work has been given out to Consultants who have the time to keep following up on all matters this is why they have progressed so far.

Forestry has few assessors and moderators ready to do assessments and there is a made scramble to get these posts filled as it is felt that they should have one for each course available.

To make sure everyone knows what is going on at their SGB they are publishing a newsletter and from feedback they are getting it is proving to be beneficial.

The SGB also has the FAWU Union on board for transparency.

Costs as well as for travel and accommodation are being paid but are being strictly controlled.

The Forestry SGB is willing to assist us in plotting our way through and missing all the mine - fields they had to negotiate.

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