

March 2026

To All SAFCA Members

Regional Meetings:

We have started the first round of Regional Meetings in the Tsitsikamma region of the Eastern Cape, and Garden Route area of the Western Cape. Our meetings proved to be fruitful with great participation by members attending.

Apart from updating members on all SAFCA activities, an important point of discussion was the merger of MTO Cape and P.G. Bison South Cape Forests, which once approved by the Competitions Commission, will result in the 41 000 ha being under control of the new company, Cape Forest Products. This merger can only be positive for the region.

Another ownership change in the making is the purchase of shareholding of Rance Timbers / Amathole Forestry Company by the Australian company, New Forests. I am due to meet with the newly appointed management to explore their future plans with the main objective of identifying possible opportunities ahead for our members.

Feedback was overall very positive, with requests being made for provision of Costing Model Workshops. We will possibly also include a Benchmarking Data collection study to be undertaken by Muedanyi and an Honours student, which I appeal to all to contribute towards. I will update further once the parameters have been set.

Dates for the meetings ahead – please diarise:

9th April - Kambula Farmers Association (N. KZN) – 10h00 to 13h00

14th April - Penecuik (Zululand) – 10h00 to 13h00

16th April - Richmond Country Club (KZN Midlands) – 10h00 to 13h00

21st May - Stutterheim (N.E. Cape) – changed to the 21st May, time and venue to be advised

28 May - Tzaneen (Limpopo) – venue to be advised

2 June - Mbombela (Mpumalanga) – venue to be advised

3 June - Mkhondo (S.E Mpumalanga) – venue to be advised



Spread of Fire Policies:

You will all be receiving new certificates from Forgen, which show your present policies being extended to the 30th June 2026.

The reason for this is that we have requested that our SAFCA Policies in future run from 1 July to 30 June, so that the new policy periods then align with our financial year.

SAFCA Website

We have now added even more links to our revitalised SAFCA website, which we implore you to please make full use of. As the website is work-in-progress, maintenance of the site is continuous. We would also welcome photos of members operations and subjects of interest.

We plan to add, amongst more to come:

- Costing Models
- BOP's
- Chainsaw Safety and Operating Handbook manual
- ILO Health and Safety manual
- Equipment Rentals
- Links to other sites that will be of interest.

Organisations ready for viewing:



Kindest regards

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