



## Media Release



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### ForestrySA summer students

ForestrySA's 2008-09 forestry students are now working in the Green Triangle, based at Mount Gambier's Head Office.

Australian forestry students Sharn Gilmour, Reece Sandwith, Clarissa Hage and Jarryd Bannan, and New Zealand students Adam Sewell and Erin Poulson, are spending their holiday break from university with ForestrySA gaining valuable hands-on experience in the industry.

All are in the first, second or third years of their forestry degrees and were selected by ForestrySA to take part in this year's program, which began in late November and will run until February.

The program is designed to assist the Green Triangle obtain foresters for the future, as participants promote the region as a good place to work and possibly relocate to the area for employment after university.

It provides paid, practical experience, with students paid a generous salary and an allowance to cover accommodation and transport costs while they are living away from home.

Students are required to work across a number of areas within ForestrySA's Forest Operations Group, taking part in fire fighting duty, tree marking and pruning, competition control, soil surveys, insect control, growth plot assessment and other technical programs.

The program is designed to assist in the development of students' skills, knowledge and experience in forest management, putting them in good stead when searching for work after university.

Fourth year forestry student Erin Poulson, of Canterbury University, New Zealand, said her three months with ForestrySA would allow her to fulfil her work experience requirements and gain practical experience across a range of forestry areas.

Reece Sandwith has just finished his second year of study at Melbourne University and said his time with ForestrySA would enable him to decide which area of forestry he would most like to work.

**Photograph:** ForestrySA summer forestry students Erin Poulson (back, left), Sharn Gilmour, Jarryd Bannan, Reece Sandwith (front, left), Adam Sewell and Clarissa Hage. Photograph courtesy of ForestrySA.

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