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Consultation process begins on NSW forest operation approvals

THE NSW Government has begun consultation on the new Coastal Integrated Forestry Operations Approvals (IFOA), which sets out how native forestry operations are managed and regulated on public land in the state.

Minister for Lands and Forestry Paul Toole and Minister for the Environment Gabrielle Upton said the coastal IFOA remake was a vital step forward in the government's forestry reform agenda.

"The government is committed to the long-term and sustainable management of the forestry estate, for the benefit of the community, environment and a \$2.4 billion forestry and product manufacturing industry," Mr Toole said.

"The government is determined to get the right balance between the environment and industry; environmental standards can be strengthened at the same time as providing long-term security of wood supply and certainty to investors and the industry.



Paul Toole... a vital step forward.

"For the proposed new coastal IFOA, this means ensuring that we do not erode environmental values or impact the critical wood supplies that our regional economies or industry rely on."

Mr Toole said that over the past six months, he had undertaken consultation on the regional forest agreements, and this was the next important step.

Gabrielle Upton said the new coastal IFOA included once-in-a-generation changes that would ensure protection of the environment.

"For the first time, minimum thresholds are being set for the permanent protection of threatened species and habitat across the landscape, and the rules will be more transparent and enforceable," Ms Upton said.

“DETERMINED TO GET THE RIGHT BALANCE

New legislation would be introduced that would increase penalty notices for not complying with the coastal IFOA from \$1100 to \$15,000. All other private

native forestry businesses and regulated industries in NSW already faced fines of at least \$15,000.

"These changes are making it fairer for all industries to do business in NSW, while offering further protections to our state's forests," Ms Upton said.

Other changes to the coastal IFOA include:

- Merger of four current coastal IFOAs into a single approval for the entire coast of NSW.
- New rules that place limits on harvesting impacts over time and across the landscape.
- Map-based protections with simplified rules for operating near boundaries.
- Increased mapping of threatened ecological species, koala habitats, streams and trees.
- Permanent protections for giant trees and hollow-bearing trees.

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Responsible Wood wins gold in international brand contest

JIM BOWDEN

A GOLD medal award in an international branding competition has added to the Australia-wide success of the Responsible Wood campaign.

The Responsible Wood logo won best brand and best design agency in the Oceania region in the 5th International Best Brands contest, which honours excellence in design around the world.

Since Australian Forestry Standard changed its name to Responsible Wood in November last year – reflecting a clear consumer-focused strategy – the organisation reports a widespread ‘pick-up’ of the new brand by all sections of the forest and forest products industry, including architects, designers, specifiers and builders along the value-added chain.

“The campaign is moving forward, raising the profile of the organisation and delivering greater benefits for those who participate in the Responsible Wood system,” CEO Simon Dorries said.

“The campaign’s advancement will see the appointment of a dedicated marketing and communications officer with responsibilities to include face-to-face contact with industry stakeholders around Australia,” he said.

“Responsible Wood activities are mounting as acceptance of our sustainability and certification credentials widen and a round of major standards revisions gets under way.”



Simon Dorries... raising the profile.



Gary Schmidt... authority and strength.

Mr Dorries said the revised standards would introduce new opportunities for innovation and technology in the sector where there was a genuine acceptance of the advantages of certified wood products.

During the PEFC half-yearly meeting in Geneva, a presentation of the new Responsible Wood branding and marketing campaign by Simon Dorries won high acclaim from international delegates.

Responsible Wood brand designer Gary Schmidt, a director of Loa Branding, said: “We’re extremely proud of the process we shared, and

outcome we arrived at – a symbol showing timber being protected, transformed and renewed, in a timeless form that suggests authority and strength.

“Everyone in the studio knew this project would hold significant cultural weight, and that it would have a lot of concerned eyes on it. It wasn’t something we were willing to do by half, so discovering the board shared that vision and intent was a huge relief.

“We couldn’t be prouder that the Responsible Wood brand has received this international recognition.

“It really is a wonderful reflection of the organisation’s commitment to the industry.”

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NZ building efficiency report ticks carbon worth of engineered wood

NEW Zealand green building leaders are calling for urgent action on building efficiency, following new analysis that has revealed the built environment is responsible for about 20% of all national greenhouse gas emissions, a figure up to 10 times previous estimates.

Other studies have claimed the sector's emissions are responsible for anywhere between 2-5% of total emissions. The 5% figure, which was included in last month's NZ Productivity Commission Low Emissions Economy draft report, is based only on the operational emissions of buildings.

The thinkstep figure takes into account emissions

associated with construction, as well as the products consumed within buildings and emissions associated with building products that are either imported or exported.

Of about 20% of the national gross carbon footprint attributable to the built environment, 8.6% of emissions come from energy use, 8.7% from building products, 2.1% from imported emissions (the majority of which are services such as insurance) and 0.5% from building and garden waste.

The NZ Green Building Council has backed the study, and said the results indicated the government should be increasing resources and efforts to reduce emissions



Andrew Eagles... report shot-in-the arm for engineered wood.

from buildings.

"The findings are a real shot-in-the-arm for suppliers of materials with lower embodied carbon, such as engineered timber products," CEO Andrew Eagles said.

The report found that

just over 6% of NZ's gross carbon footprint came from the production / construction phase of the built environment – 2.6% from steel, 1.6% cent from aluminium, 1.9% from cement and other non-metallic minerals such as aggregates, and 0.1% from other sources.

Wood products were excluded as their emissions cannot be easily separated from pulp and paper, and their maximum possible emissions contribution is only 0.5% of the national total.

Mr Eagles said there was value in tools such as Green Star for reducing the sector's embodied carbon pollution contribution.

(With extracts from The Fifth Estate).



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Brisbane-based Finlayson Timber and Hardware says certification to Australian standards for forest management "from the year go" has been the linchpin to the success of the family's business in both domestic and export markets.

"The seismic shift to 'green building' and the concerns we have noted, and rightly so, among consumers, architects, designers and builders about timber legality and sustainability makes support of timber certification a 'no-brainer' for us," company director Michael Finlayson said.

Finlayson's was one of the first timber sawmiller-merchants to embrace the Australian Forestry Standard scheme from its beginning.

"Now we continue this

commitment through the re-named Responsible Wood program for forest management and chain-of-custody, which has had a positive impact on our trading success," Mr Finlayson said.

Hyne Timber's manager, strategic relations, Katie Fowden said the Responsible Wood logo and its message were aligned to the company's wood sales and marketing policy.

“ BRAND HOLDS SIGNIFICANT CULTURAL WEIGHT

"It sends a clear message to our customers – and their customers – through our national distribution network that the wood supplied is from a reliable and legal source," she said.

Free safety workshops for forestry workers will focus on risk training

A NEW round of free safety workshops for forestry workers will kick off this week in regional New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia under the guidance of the Australian Forestry Contractors Association.

The three-hour workshops provide training on truck rollovers, load restraint risks and chain of responsibility, and have been developed to address challenges unique to forestry in partnership with load restraint engineering consultancy Engistics.

AFCAs general manager Stacey Gardiner says the sessions are aimed at anyone involved in forestry haulage, including employees of forest management companies and contracting businesses as well as operators who load and unload wood, truck drivers and processors who accept wood from trucks.

The course aims to provide information about how to identify faults in existing load restraint systems, the legal obligations of



1/ **On the road... the legal obligations of securing loads.**
2/ **Tracey Gardiner... crucial information for all stakeholders.**

incident investigation findings including who is responsible when things go wrong," Ms Gardiner said.

"This is crucial information for all stakeholders in our in our sector and participants

“KEEPING SAFETY AT FOREFRONT OF PEOPLE’S THINKING

who have already attended have said it has been invaluable."

The program is supported by the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator, which funds the program under its Heavy Vehicle Safety Initiative.

NHVR stakeholder manager John Gilbert says the training provides much-needed support and advice, particularly in relation to truck rollovers.

"These workshops provide crucial information on load restraint, key impacts on vehicle stability when transporting forestry products and emerging technologies in this high-risk industry," Mr Gilbert says.

"Training can make all the difference in keeping safety at the forefront of people's thinking about how they carry out their work and NHVR is keen to support the initiative."

Sessions will be held at Tumut, Bathurst, Myrtleford, Coffs Harbour and Eden, and next week at Portland, Mount Gambier and Traralgon.

Montville nights prize in pioneers luncheon raffle

FORESTRY historian and former CEO of Queensland Forestry Dr Gary Bacon will emcee the Timber Industry Pioneers Luncheon in Brisbane on June 1.

He will also reference the early pioneers of the industry and salute those carrying on the tradition.

Guest speaker Jim Bowden will touch on the pioneering of the media with recollections of a lifetime in print communication.



Forest hide-away... Belles at Montville.

Industry identity Noel Wooton has provided one of the major prizes for the children's charity luncheon raffle – two nights' stay at the highly-rated Belles at Montville

in the Sunshine Coast hinterland.

Set on 1.6 ha with spacious private cottages with covered deck, spa and fire place, Belles

at Montville is the ideal place to relax and unwind while enjoying spectacular views.

The luncheon at the historic Pineapple Hotel, 706 Main Street, Kangaroo Point, Brisbane, will provide free welcome drinks.

Early sponsors include Hyne Timber, Responsible Wood and Kennedy's Timber.

Seating is very limited and bookings must be received by May 28. Dress is casual.

• See notice, Page 16.

Industry champion Bob Frost, 84, was wholesale pioneer and trade innovator

RESPECTED timber industry identity Robert Kenneth (Bob) Frost passed away on May 5, aged 84.

His funeral service in Sydney last Friday was attended by a large contingent of forest and timber industry friends and colleagues.

Bob's passing is a sad loss to the timber industry; he was a pioneer in the wholesale trade, an innovator who made a substantial contribution to industry affairs through his participation on industry entities and associations.

After initially working for Allen Taylor's, Bob started his independent business life in the timber industry in 1986



Industry champion... Bob Frost (centre) with Norm Long, former managing director, Oceania Forest Products, and inaugural chairman of ATIF (left), and Nils Koren, managing director, Gunnersens, and current ATIF chairman.

when he set up KB Timber Marketing, which operated out of a small office opposite Pymble railway station in northern Sydney.

From these humble beginnings, Bob built the successful nation-wide family timber business Tasman KB, importing and wholesaling timber to the industry. He built a reputation not only as a skilled trader but as a loyal supplier, an industry leader and a friend and colleague to many.

Tasman KB was one of the first Australian companies to import radiata pine and Douglas fir timber products from New Zealand in a major way, and to embrace the now-important environmental issue of only selling sustainably produced timber products.

Being a tightly-held family company, Bob was able and willing to take quick decisions – to follow the market in a much more nimble and effective way than many of his more bureaucratic larger corporate competitors.

Bob was passionate about collaboration in the timber industry, and to that end he made major contributions to various timber industry

associations. He was a founding director of the Forest and Wood Products Research and Development Corporation (now FWPA), and was a director of the NSW Timber Development Association for 12 years.

In 2012, Bob was given the rare honour of TDA life membership. He also received a lifetime achievement award from the Australia Timber Importers Federation.

He was a strong supporter of the Australian chapter of Hoo-Hoo International, a service club within the timber industry, and was JIV president (#83454) 1985-86.

“PASSIONATE ABOUT COLLABORATION IN THE INDUSTRY

Bob was a keen sailor and passionate golfer. Among his golfing achievements was hitting a hole in one aged 80. He visited the Masters at Augusta eight times.

He is survived by his son Neil and daughter Kayleen and grandchildren Matthew, Melanie, Kristy and Amy. Bob's wife Beverley pre-deceased him.

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18-19: FRAME 2018 Conference and Exhibition – Park Hyatt Melbourne. Focus on timber offsite construction, expanding local and global markets for timber buildings and the digital future ahead in design, manufacture and construction of timber frame multi-residential and mass timber commercial buildings. Contact Kevin Ezard, Frame Australia conference director, on 0419 538 638. Email: kevin@frameaustralia.com Visit www.frameaustralia.com

20: AFPA Parliamentary Friends of Forestry and Forest Industries Dinner – Mural Hall, Parliament House, Canberra. 6pm. Contact: (02) 6285 3833.

20-21: FIEA Woodflow 2018 – Melbourne, Australia.

26-27: FIEA Woodflow 2018 – Rotorua, NZ.

The objective, with 30-40% of delivered log costs being contributed by transport, is to improve efficiencies through the wood supply chain. It builds on the success of the HarvestTECH 2017 event. Unique opportunity to learn about innovations being developed and employed to assist in harvest and transport planning, logistics and operations. Visit www.woodflow.events

20-22: WoodSolutions Tour for building professionals – Melbourne, Wodonga, Sydney. The tour commences in Melbourne, travelling by coach to Wodonga to see

XLAM's CLT plant. Following this, flights to Sydney have been arranged as well as overnight accommodation, if required. The tour continues June 21 and 22 inspecting many buildings currently being constructed or recently completed in and around Sydney. Buildings range from CLT timber apartments, offices, schools and community halls as well as a laminated veneer lumber industrial shed and a 6-storey timber-framed apartment building. Contact (02) 8920 0446 or info@tdansw.asn.au

JULY

4-7: AWISA 2018 – ICC Sydney Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour Sydney.

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AUGUST

8: FIEA Forest Industry Safety and Technology 2018 – Rotorua, NZ.

15: FIEA Forest Industry Safety and Technology 2018 – Melbourne, Australia.

Covering updates and developments in forest industry safety, as well as providing a space for sharing ideas on how people, culture, technologies and systems are used to improve the safety of workers. Visit www.forestsafty.events

SEPTEMBER

2-5: IFA and AFG Conference – University House, Australian National University.

Titled 'Forests for healthy cities, farms and people'. Title 'Forests for healthy cities, farms and people'. It will be preceded by AFG's pre-conference tour from Friday, August 31, to Sunday, September 2. Contact: (02) 6153 3044 or visit www.forestry.org.au

11-12: FIEA WoodTech 2018 – Melbourne, Australia.

18-19: FIEA Woodech 2018 – Rotorua, NZ.

Drymill scanning, wood machining, timber manufacturing. Includes timber scanning and optimisation, timber gluing and laminating, finger-jointing, cross cutting, timber

machining, kiln drying and timber finishing technologies. Visit www.woodtech.events

OCTOBER

1-3: 2018 DANA NZ Forest-Wood Processing Conference & Optional Field Trip – Wairakei Resort, Taupo.

Theme: 'Does the NZ industry have to be world class to compete in the world?'. One-and-half day conference, followed by one-and-half field Trip with nine Central North Island industry and industry-related site visits. Pre-conference afternoon / dinner cruise on Lake Taupo. Contact Julie Bell admin@dana.co.nz or visit www.danaevents.co.nz/2018taupo/

9-11: 2018 DANA Australian Forest-Wood Processing Conference & Optional Field Trip – Hotel Grand Chancellor, Launceston.

One-and-half day conference, one-and-half day field trip. Contact Julie Bell admin@dana.co.nz or www.danaevents.co.nz/2018tas/

19: Victorian Association of Forest Industries annual dinner – RACV Club, Melbourne. Tickets available from VAFI in July. Contact VAFI on (03) 9611 9000 or info@vafi.org.au

19th Australian Timber Design Awards in Sydney. Full details TBA. Entries open February 12 and close July 6. Judging period July 16-20. People's Choice voting July 23-August 17. Awards gala dinner mid-October. Visit



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JUNE

3-9: 3rd DANA China wood industry tour – China. Manzhouli on Russia-China border, and Chongqing port and wood processing site visits, and to Chengdu Panda Breeding Centre. For further information, see: www.danaevents.co.nz Email: admin@dana.co.nz, Tel: + 647 3492764 Skype: [admin.dana1](https://www.skype.com/people/admin.dana1)

18-19: West and Central Africa Summit – Libreville, Gabon. To improve skills, share experiences and identify collaboration opportunities for the forest and wood-based industry associations of West and Central Africa. For further information go to www.gtf-info.com and enquiries direct to africasummit@gtf-info.com

JULY

16-20: COFO 23 - World

Forest Week – Rome, Italy. For further information see www.fao.org/about/meetings/cofo

SEPTEMBER

4-6: 8th World Congress on Biofuels and Bioenergy – Zurich, Switzerland. For further information see: www.biofuels-bioengery.conferenceseries.com/Europe

16-17: 8th China Global Wood Trade Conference and Tour – Chongqing, China. FEA Canada and China Timber & Wood Products Distribution Association. This will be the fourth joint-conference that both groups have been collaborated. The 2018 event s expected to set record attendance levels. See: www.woodmarkets.com/conference/conferences-china/2018-china-global-wood-trade-conference/

17-21: RISI Tenth International Woodfibre Trade Conference – Durban, South Africa. See: www.events.risiinfo.com/wood-fiber/ Email: conferences@risi.com, Tel: + 866.271.8525, + 32.2.536.0748

17-21: Managing Eucalyptus plantations under global changes – Le Corum, Montpellier, France IUFRO. Improving resource use efficiency in eucalypt plantations. See: www.iufro.org and www.cirad.fr

25-26: FSC Asia Pacific Business Forum 2018 – Mumbai, India. Email: info@au.fsc.org

OCTOBER

18-20: Timber Legality Research Symposium – University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark. To be held in association with the Forests & Livelihoods: Assessment, Research, and Engagement network. See: www.globaltimbertrackingnetwork.org/event/timber-legality-research-symposium Email: cph@ifro.ku.dk

23-27: 4th International Congress on Planted Forests – Nanning, Guangxi, China. Congress aims to investigate the contribution of planted forests to green development in the context of global changes. Topics will include the sustainability of planted forests in the context of changing climates and the future role of planted forests in bio-resources sustainability, environmental protection and green development. See: www.efiatlantic.efi.int/portal/events/ Email: christophe.orazio@efi.int

NOVEMBER

5-10: 54th Session of the International Tropical Timber Council and Sessions of the Associated Committees – Yokohama, Kanagawa,

Japan. ITTO Secretariat. See: www.itto.int/workshop_detail Email: itto@itto.int Tel: +81-45-223-1110

12-17: 2nd DANA 2-day Central America and Andes Forestry Sector Investment Conference – Cancun Mexico. With 2-day optional pre-conference field trip to teak and eucalyptus plantations; a large modern MDF mill in Villahermosa region; and a 2- day optional post-conference tour to Mayan archaeological and recreational sites. For further information: www.danaevents.co.nz/2018mexico/

12-18: XI International Workshop on Uneven-aged Silviculture: Challenges for increasing adaptability – Valdivia, Chile. Uneven-aged silviculture is attracting increased interest due to its positive effects upon carbon sequestration, biodiversity, landscapes, and in its ability to provide a range of goods and services from managed forest ecosystems. Do uneven-aged forests have better options for adaptation to these future changes? See: www.uas.uach.cl/2018 Email: pdonoso@uach.cl

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Peak groups slam government plan: locking up forests won't save koalas

THE peak industry groups representing NSW's timber and forest products industries have slammed the state government's announcement to lock up more state forest, with no evidence that it will lead to better conservation outcomes for koalas and without consulting with industry.

Timber NSW and AFPA said that while Australia's forest industries were committed to koala conservation, evidence-based decisions are needed that recognise the vital role production forests play in the sustainable management of forests. This includes the industry's considerable investment in conservation, bushfire mitigation and recreational amenities.

Timber NSW and AFPA are also demanding answers on how the announcement will impact on future wood supply for the industry, and what the Premier means when she says that the 24,538 ha are "just a starting point".

Timber NSW general manager Maree McCaskill said the announcement undermined the work of the NSW Forest Industries Taskforce and the NSW



Maree McCaskill... undermining the work of forest industries taskforce.

Forestry Industry Roadmap, which promised a more consultative, evidence-based approach to forest policy.

The taskforce has not been convened for almost six months.

"With 90% of state forests in national parks and reserves (80% or almost 6 million ha) or in forest reserves and protected areas (10% or about 1 million ha), and just 1-3% selectively harvested each year and then regenerated as required by law, we should be demanding to know why our extensive reserves system is failing," Ms McCaskill said.

"The NSW government continues to ignore the single biggest message from



Ross Hampton... sustainable resource supports thousands of jobs.

industry that we cannot sustain any further reduction in production forest," she said.

"Above all else we need resource security and policy stability to drive the investment decisions that will

allow our industry to innovate and grow."

AFPA CEO Ross Hampton said: "NSW state forests provide a sustainable resource that not only supports thousands of jobs directly and tens of thousands more in downstream industries, but also generates beautiful appearance grade timbers that Australians love."

He said the NSW government must recognise that any reduction in Australia's world class forest industry would increase imports of hardwood timber from countries with weaker environmental regulations, including those where tropical rainforests were logged unsustainably and illegally.

US wary of tall timber prices

LUMBER prices have rallied more than 30% this year to reach their highest level on record, as US duties on imports of the commodity from Canada contribute to tighter supplies and soaring home-construction costs.

But analysts are growing wary of tall timber prices.

Among the possible threats is the World Trade Organisation's recent compliance with Canada's request to examine the dispute by establishing two panels to rule on higher US lumber duties. Technical analysts claim lumber prices are vulnerable because they've gotten above their fundamental value.

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Sustainable forest fashions make statement at Copenhagen summit

FROM the high use of water and pesticides to produce cotton, to the climate impact of manufacturing synthetic fibres, the fashion industry is one of the most resource-intensive industries in the world.

In response, the fashion industry is increasingly looking to implement sustainability within its supply chains. The Copenhagen Fashion Summit last week promoted a solution directly to fashion brands and retailers. The

solution? Forests, of course!

Italy fashion show 2017 Forests provided materials and fibres for many of the common consumer products we use today. Yarn from cypress, beech and eucalyptus trees can make fibres for clothing. Cork and wood can be used for not only clothing, but accessories too. Shoes on show were made from eucalyptus and natural rubber.

These materials are environmentally friendly, requiring considerably less energy and water to produce compared to cotton and other synthetic fibres. The production of forest fibres uses one-third of the



Forest fibres... transforming the fashion sector.

energy and 1/60 of the water compared to the production of cotton.

“Not to mention all the other benefits that forests provide – mitigating climate change, maintaining water

quality and stabilising soil and providing food and income to millions of people and home to for an extraordinary amount of biodiversity,” said Fabienne Sinclair, head of marketing at PEFC International.

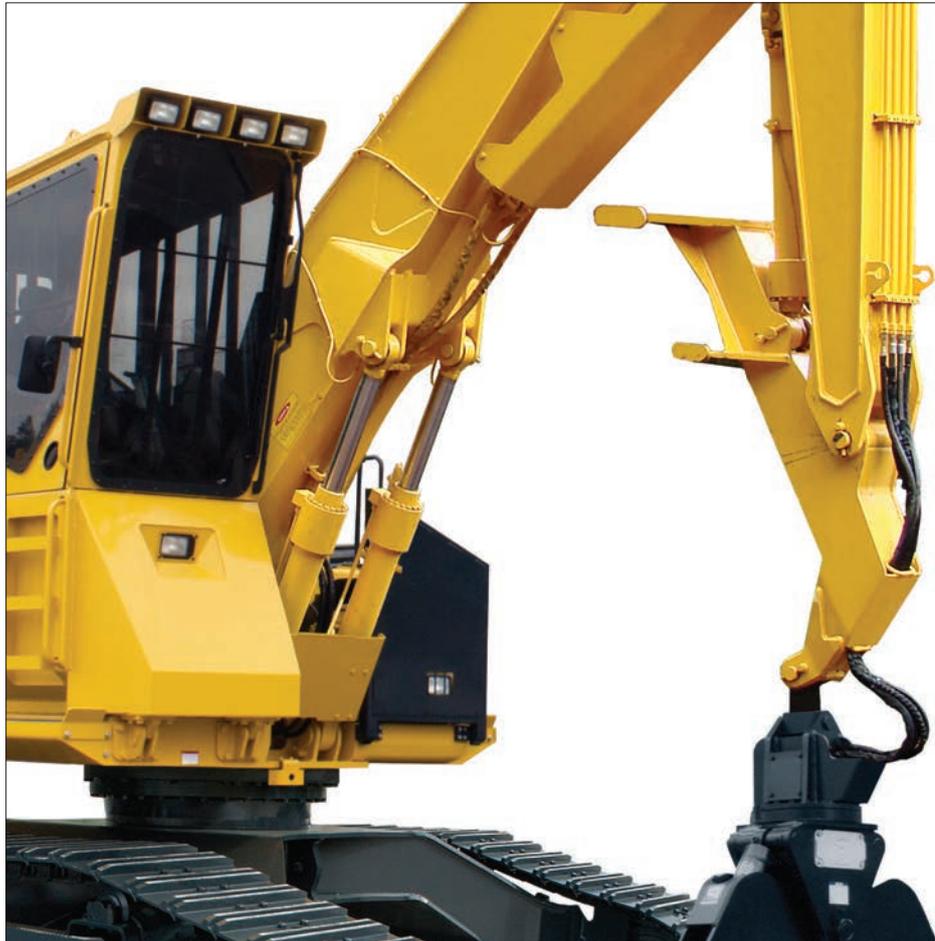
“But make sure it’s certified.”

“We need to ensure that the forest fibres used to make our clothes originate from sustainably managed forests, and that we produce them in a sustainable and ethical manner.

“This is the message we took to the summit.”

Ms Sinclair said forest fibres had the potential to transform the fashion sector.

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Weinig expansion good news for changing wood products industry

EXCITING expansion plans are in progress for Weinig Australia at its Wetherill Park complex in western Sydney. Although well advanced in more than doubling their office and showroom, space plans are being carefully developed.

Managing director Neil Forbes says Weinig Australia is measured about its expansion plans for the future.

“This will provide us with valuable opportunities to showcase the full suite of both Weinig solid wood processing machines and Holzer panel processing machines to our customers and the industry more widely,” Mr Forbes said.

“We are enthusiastic about this opportunity. We are particularly pleased at



Neil Forbes ... Weinig expansion will provide valuable opportunities.

being able to offer a complete spectrum of machines to the solid wood and to the cabinet making industries with our extensive range of German-designed and manufactured Weinig and Holzher machines and equipment, plus our sales and technical backup support.”

Mr Forbes says the

additional space together with strengthened resources, will allow Weinig to more expansively display and showcase their complete range of Holzer CNC panel nesting, edgbanding and other machines.

He confirms that Weinig Australia appreciates that the

timber industry is experiencing some significant changes, notably with apartments in major metropolitan areas now outnumbering detached houses, and new exciting domestic capacity to manufacture more sophisticated engineered products such as LVL and CLT.

“This is particularly encouraging for the industry and Weinig is well positioned to support this pleasing effort critical to the future of building and construction activities across the country,” he said.

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Some positive feedback after big week of events in Canberra: 'I'm in environmental education and I never knew forestry was my tribe'

Forestry: rich learning field for both teachers and their students

A BUSY and rewarding week in Canberra recently involved two huge events for ForestLearning – the Primary Industries Education Foundation national conference and a visit to Australia's World Forestry Education Institute and the National Arboretum, all held in May.

Rick Zenn, senior fellow from the World Forestry Centre, Oregon USA, was invited to be one of two international keynote speakers with a presentation to the entire conference entitled "Where's the STEM? Seeing Forests in 3-Dimensions".

Rick, sponsored by Forestry Corporation NSW, gave delegates a good explanation of how to look at sustainable forestry in terms of time scale, environment and end uses.

As the only forestry presentation at the conference, ForestLearning was delighted to showcase



Commitment... schools looking for long-term forestry partnerships to establish greater input into their curriculums.

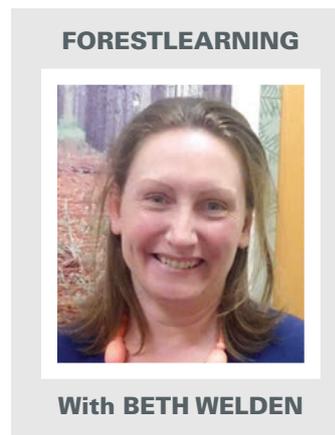
our innovative, sustainable industry and provide more reasons why sustainable forestry and wood products provide rich contexts for learning in the classroom.

Joining ForestLearning at our trade booth was Liz Langford of VicForests and Phil Lacy of PF Olsen who fielded a large number of queries and questions about Victoria's forest management strategies, proving our need to be present at such forums to dispel myths.

the opportunity to take 25 teachers from around Australia to the National Arboretum in Canberra, for some hands-on technological innovation and activities for the classroom.

Cris Brack, Associate Professor at ANU Fenner Forestry School, gave a live demonstration of the use of drones in forestry management and allowed teachers the chance to discover more of the STEM in Forestry (science, technology, engineering and maths).

Darcy Vickers and Hannah Kench of the Forest Education Foundation Tasmania led delegates through a hands-on, interactive demonstration and workshop that incorporated the biology of trees and forests, while small group activities brain-stormed the different ways in which people interact with forests in association with word pairs such as environment,



Day 2 of the conference provided ForestLearning

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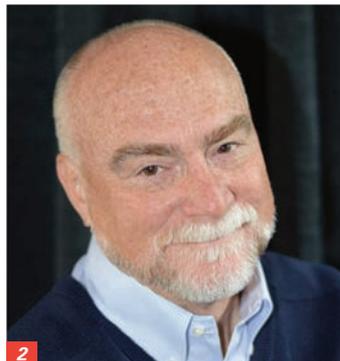
agroforestry, sustainability, recreation, tourism, carbon, forestry, science, engineered wood and more.

Rick Zenn introduced delegates to the PC3 (protect and connect) project – what are foresters doing to protect the forest resource and how are they connecting students with forests.

As a direct outcome of the tour and keynote presentation, six schools want to directly partner with ForestLearning and its industry partners to trial ForestLearning teaching and learning resources. They want to develop a working group to develop new resources addressing key forestry themes aligned to Australian curriculum outcomes.

None of these schools currently has any link or contexts relating to forestry. One school in South Australia would like a long-term forestry partnership to establish greater input into their curriculum as there is currently no contexts exploring

“STORYTELLING TO DELIVER A GOOD FOREST MESSAGE”



- 1/ **Teachers have a great sustainability story to tell.**
- 2/ **Rick Zenn... connecting foresters to students.**

environmental education, schools, national and state peak forestry organisations, botanical gardens educators and others took part in the first Australian World Forestry Centre’s Education Institute workshop on May 2 and 3.

The workshop aimed to showcase and lead participants through forestry education best practice and introduce the art of storytelling to share forestry messages and activities with schools and the broader community.

Day one saw delegates involved in a variety of hands-on interactive sessions relating to ecology and cycles of forests with Darcy Vickers and Hannah Kench from the Forest Education Foundation and Rick

Zenn, World Forestry Centre.

Presentations on the principles and international policies relating to sustainable forest management were given by VicForests, PF Olsen, Responsible Wood, and Melbourne University.

Feedback from all attendees was overwhelmingly positive:

“I’m in environmental education and I never knew forestry was my tribe!”; “I’ve managed to establish great networks for my school – the only school in Australia that offers a forestry course. I can now visit sustainably managed forests near my school with my students for field trips”; “I want to incorporate all that I’ve learnt and use it with schools in my region”; “I want to incorporate the tools I’ve learnt to refine the way I use story telling in the way I communicate forestry to schools and the broader public – making it personal and putting them into our story – we have such a great sustainable story to tell!”

More photos, Page 17.

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On the cover: Hands-on... forests a classroom for learning about sustainably-managed forests.
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Concrete no way in Norway: Timber best choice for building in the Arctic

THE world's northernmost timber building, a geological research station in Ny-Ålesund, Spitsbergen, is now operational.

The Arctic observatory, on the largest permanently populated island of the Svalbard archipelago in northern Norway, consists of four cross-laminated timber buildings, connected by way of wooden walkways. The foundations are the only part of the building that made of concrete.

According to information from the Austrian Wood Industry Federation, timber was considered the best material to meet the specific challenges of building in the Arctic winter.

“CLT HELPED MINIMISE CONSTRUCTION WASTE

The federation represents the interests of around 1300 wood industry companies with more than 25,500 employees.

“The observatory was built in constant darkness so using pre-fabricated wooden components was the easiest solution; it guaranteed safe and fast completion of the



Wood in any climate... CLT was considered the best material to meet the specific challenges of building in the Arctic winter.

building,” the federation’s Helmuth Neuner said.

“Moreover, using pre-fabricated CLT panels also minimised the amount of construction waste at the site,”

Construction of the observatory required 300 cub m of CLT and 50 cub m of glue-laminated timber.

“This project has proven that timber building is possible in all seasons and under all climatic conditions,” Mr Neuner said.

Herbert Jöbstl, a spokesman of the Austrian sawmilling industry added: “CLT is the perfect material for environmental projects.”

He said CLT was a sustainable building material and it’s positive carbon dioxide balance and

durability made it the perfect material to be used in environmental projects.

The project was planned and realised by Veidekke, LPO arkitekter and Woodcon, with Stora Enso

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The observatory is part of a global network for researching and observing climatic changes such as sea level, earthquakes and glacial melting in the Arctic.



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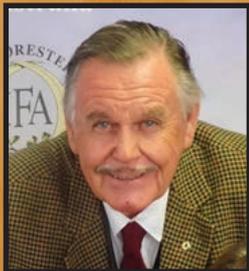
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1m trees program: NZ forestry hub a 'sound investment'



1/ **Tamati Coffey... jobs for our people.**
 2/ **Alastair Scott... plantings a pipe-dream.**

"A PROMISE delivered," says Labour Waiariki MP Tamati Coffey about the decision to base Te Uru Rākau, the new forestry service, in Rotorua.

He says it will lead to jobs ... "for our people, for Māori and for our entire region."

Mr Coffey said he would work to ensure other 'forgotten' forestry towns such as Murupara are also part of the forestry sector growth.

New Zealand First Rotorua-based List MP Fletcher Tabuteau was equally bullish about the launch, saying it would stimulate job creation, economic development and training opportunities.

"As an MP based in Rotorua, I'm particularly happy to see our region's proud forestry industry once again put in the spotlight," he said.

"It's important that Te Uru Rākau has a strong presence in our regions and having the head office in Rotorua reflects its status as being at the heart of the country's forestry industry."

The government re-launched New Zealand's forestry service in Rotorua as part of its plan to invest in the sector and the regions.

More than \$15 million

has been set aside for the operational funding of the newly-named Te Uru Rākau forestry service agency.

The government claims it's a sound investment, as forestry is currently worth \$5 billion annually in exports, and with plans to plant one billion trees in 10 years, the government clearly wants to grow the sector more.

As a sign of how important the announcement was for the government, Forestry Minister Shane Jones was joined by the prime minister for the event.

National's forestry spokesperson Alastair Scott, however, wasn't among the launch cheerleaders.

"Mr Jones (Forestry Minister Shane Jones) was joined by the prime minister for the event.

And jetted in to Rotorua to do nothing but announce yet another ministerial advisory group," Mr Scott said.

"I feel for this group. They've been tasked with working out how to fulfil Mr Jones' promise to plant one billion trees over the next 10 years, which as we all know, is a pipedream."

(With extracts from Stuff Co. NZ)

Forest Learning week: big activity in Canberra



1/ Enjoying the Forest Learning activity in Canberra... Pamela Malone and Sue Hastings of Mater Maria Catholic College in northern Sydney.

2/ Phil Lacy, PF Olsen, Kylie Hughes, Narrabundah College, Kenia Vieira Schmitt, IFA, Brian Gepp, Natures Rhymes and Riddles, Rick Zenn, World Forestry Centre, and Simon Dorries, Responsible Wood.

3/ Kylie Hughes, Narrabundah College, the only Australian school offering a forestry course to high school students, and Kenia Vieira Schmitt, IFA, Canberra.

6/ Mark Brown, Forest Industries Research Centre, USC, Karen Clarke, Australian Rainforest Sanctuary, Bart Schneemann, ANU Fenner School, Sarah Porter, Timber Queensland, and Catherine Higgins, ACT Government Recycling Program.

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