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United strength of forest sector on show at Green Triangle event

500 gather for gala awards presentation in Mount Gambier

JOHN HALKETT

ARGUABLY the largest gathering of forest industry participants in the country this year, the inaugural Green Triangle Timber Industry Awards at Mount Gambier, SA, was an outstanding celebration of performance and excellence in the sector.

The gala award night held at The Barn – a masterpiece of rural architecture inspired by European ‘palais-style’ design – was attended by more than 500 guests, a testimony to the importance of the Green Triangle industry and the magnificent effort by the event organisers.

The region spans the border area between the states of South Australia and Victoria covering 6 million ha and is home to Australia’s largest collective plantation and timber processing industry, generating more than \$778 million gross regional product annually. More than 355,000 ha of softwood and hardwood plantations produce timber for local manufacturing,



South Australian forestry royalty... Dohnt company employees gather in Mount Gambier to celebrate industry successes.

national and export markets. The industry underpins some 8500 regional jobs and provides a valuable tool for businesses and investors.

The GTTI event will go down in history as it marked the introduction of the Green Triangle Timber Industry Awards across Victoria and South Australia that will now become an annual presentation.

The stunning awards night was all about celebrating and rewarding individuals and companies involved in

the timber industry for their dedication, hard work and best practises in their various roles and businesses.

The event encompassed all sectors of the industry from nursery to silviculture, harvesting, haulage, logistics and processing – and everything in between.

Multi-generational logging company Reid Logging picked up the coveted Green Triangle Timber Industry Supreme Timber Industry Award, along with the prize for harvesting excellence, while employee

Adam Sealy took out the individual forest operations award.

Reid Logging was recognised for investment in new and innovative machinery and is known for its integrity and high quality work output. The company has an impeccable safety record, and regularly exceeds best practice to ensure the safety of forest crews. It is committed to ongoing training of workers with staff involved

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Historic changes likely for mass timber building code

THE International Building Code Council has moved to allow mass timber framing in US residential and office buildings as tall as 82.3 m.

In an historic change, IBC officials, headquartered in Washington, DC, last week voted 220 to 103 to increase the height limits for mass timber buildings.

The 58 m Brock Commons Tallwood House at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada, is the tallest mass-timber frame in the western hemisphere.

The IBC is a member-focused association dedicated to developing model codes and standards used in the design, build and compliance process to construct safe, sustainable, affordable and resilient structures.

The IBC's online voting, which runs for two weeks beginning mid-November,



Mass timber... on the rise in US.

will determine whether the primary proposal, called G108 – along with the other 13 related proposals on mass timber approved on October 24 – will actually be included in the 2021 IBC. Preliminary results of the online tally will likely be announced in mid-December.

"ICC's ad hoc committee on tall wood buildings studied mass timber construction for two years prior to introducing these code change proposals, including conducting numerous fire performance

tests," the American Wood Council reports.

"The result of that rigorous process is that each of the new proposed construction types has had its fire and life safety performance confirmed, resulting in a robust building performance."

The Tall Wood Buildings code is introducing three new types of construction for the Type IV classification of buildings, each with different height possibilities based on occupancy classification and the design of the mass-timber system.

Structural elements of Type IV construction are primarily composed of solid, built-up, panelised or engineered wood products, such as CLT, that meet minimum cross-section dimensions. None of the new types of construction proposed permit use of light-frame construction.

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in the development of industry standards on fatigue management.

A full list of award winners and further reports from the GTTIA will appear over the next two editions of Timber&Forestry enews, principal media gold sponsor of the event.

Other gold sponsors included Green Triangle Timber Industry Awards, OneFortyOne Plantations, HPV Plantations, Timberland Pacific, Teagle Excavators, Halari, Trident Tyre Centre



Joining in the celebrations at Mount Gambier... chair of GTTIA Adrian Flowers (left), Rob Hanssen, Timberlands Pacific, and Garth Turner, PF Olsen Australia.

and Scania.

• **A full report on the GTTI awards event with more photos next issue.**

On the cover: Section of the 500-plus guests assembled in the Barn at Mount Gambier for the inaugural GTTI awards.



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Rod McInnes honoured at gala TABMA industry awards night

MORE than 260 guests donned their finest for a 'night on the town' with TABMA on October 13 to celebrate the 2018 Queensland timber industry awards.

They were welcomed at the Podium Room at Rydges Hotel, Brisbane, by TABMA Queensland chairman Michael Gaske and general manager Alicia Oelkers,

The awards recognised excellence in the industry.

"To be recognised for an award is a great achievement and all winners and finalists must be commended for their hard work and dedication," Mr Gaske said.

A special moment on the night was the presentation

of TABMA's Contribution by an Individual to the Forest and Timber Industry Award by CEO Colin Fitzpatrick to Rod McInnes, former CEO of Timber Queensland and long-standing patron and industry leader.

"Rod's tremendous contribution to the industry and his incredible foresight will not go unrecognised," Mr Fitzpatrick said.

Alicia Oelkers said: "When you see how much everyone



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1/ *Dedication and service... TABMA Australia CEO Colin Fitzpatrick makes a special award presentation to Rod McInnes, a long-time champion of the timber industry.*

2/ *Representing Hyne Timber... Katie Fowden and Peter Schiller and Sam Hyne, resplendent in timber veneer bow ties.*



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enjoyed the evening, you know the hard work in preparing the night is all worth it."

She paid tribute to event sponsors ITI Australia, Dindas, Woodhouse, T-PAC, AKD Softwoods, Gunnensen, Ozline Timbers, Parkside Timber, VTW Australia, Wesbeam and Belles at Montville.

The 2018 TABMA Queensland award winners were:

Best Timber Merchant: Tradeware Building Supplies.

Best Building Materials

Centre: BMS Mitre 10.

Best Timber Wholesale

Operation: Dindas Australia.

Best Frame and Truss

Operation: Langs Building Supplies.

Best Timber Manufacturing

Operation: Parkside Group-Wondai dry mill.

Best Sawmilling Operation:

Hyne Timber.

Most Innovative Operation:

Langs Building Supplies.

Best Host Employer:

Williams Group Australia.

Apprentice of the Year: Riley

Cassels, Project Shopfit).

Trainee of the Year: La-lani

Clemett, Versace Timbers.

Best Wholesale

Representative: Michael Branton, ITI Australia.

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Wood treatment technology world ‘first’ declaration for human health

Koppers MicroPro performance sets new high bar for preservatives

A REVOLUTIONARY way to pressure-treat wood for decks, fences, landscaping and general construction has been awarded a Global Green Tag GoldHEALTH rating.

MicroPro wood treatment technology by Koppers Performance Chemicals achieved the rating with its recently published Global GreenTag Level A Product Health Declaration (PhD).

The GreenTag PhD is the first health transparency tool in the world to assess human health concerns directly, rating the health impacts of a final product – and not just the hazards of a product’s ingredients.

“Full disclosure by a manufacturer of the toxicity information of a product is a bold move,” says David Baggs, Global GreenTag’s CEO and program director.

“And it is the right thing to do, as it is important to enable the market to make informed and responsible buying decisions,” he said.



New pressure-treated wood technology... gold health safety rating for people, pets and plants.

“Ultimately, the GoldHEALTH rating awarded in this case reflects the impressive measure to which Koppers Performance Chemicals has invested in developing and manufacturing a wood treatment technology product that is safe for use around people, pets and plants.”

Koppers is the first and only company to have a wood treatment technology certified by GreenTag. “MicroPro wood treatment technology has achieved

both a GreenTag Level A product certification and now the GoldHEALTH excellent rating, an achievement that further confirms that Koppers is committed to produce wood treatment technologies that meet market demands for better products,” says

“FIRST TO HAVE TREATMENT TECHNOLOGY CERTIFIED BY GREENTAG

Elias Akle, general manager, Australian operations.

“This is important for building, design and procurement professionals as well as company directors who need to mitigate risks on projects for workplace and residential use,” he said.

“They need to discern carefully between products that support user and occupant health and wellbeing, compared with products that don’t. ”

David Braggs said a GoldHEALTH rating under the PhD system positioned Koppers’ MicroPro wood treatment technology in the ‘excellent’ range of health scores, which was a significant outcome.

“The product underwent a rigorous assessment procedure that also included comparing MicroPro technology to other ‘treatment technologies’ products that perform the same function,” he said.

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Industry takes up brand ‘package’ as Responsible Wood grows nationally

MORE than 100 stakeholders in certified timber have taken up the Responsible Wood brand.

The Responsible Wood administration is supporting scheme holders through the release of a fresh new range of communication materials that will help members communicate the brand message in the marketplace.

“Furthermore, we are investing extensively in marketing and communications and have a team of roving reporters that will showcase the stewardship practices of our members,” CEO Simon Dorries said.

Launching its new ‘Package It’ campaign, Responsible Wood is using digital media to



Responsible Wood CEO Simon Dorries (left) welcomes new directors Patrizia Torelli and Willie van Niekerk.

raise brand awareness among end-consumers, targeting customers that pick up the box and see the logo prior to purchase.

“With so much mixed messaging in the marketplace around certification, our role is to communicate with the growers, the supply chain, the specifiers and the end-consumer to ensure that the

Responsible Wood message has cut-through,” marketing and communications officer Jason Ross said.

“We have released a new logo usage tool kit which is displayed on our website.”

Responsible Wood elected two new directors at its AGM in Brisbane last week – Patrizia Torelli, CEO, Australasian Furnishing Association, and Willie van Niekerk, general manager, Green Triangle, OneFortyOne Plantations.

The AFA represents 104,000 businesses and more than 420,000 Australians employed in the furniture and furnishing supply chain

According to Ms Torelli, through chain of custody, the Responsible Wood certification provides the furniture industry with a unique opportunity to showcase Australian timbers on a global scale.

“With customers increasingly sensitive to environmental and social considerations, this provides guidance to customers increasingly concerned with the environmental credentials of timber furniture,” she said.

“Customers can purchase timber furniture with a clear conscience knowing the origins of the timber are managed responsibly.”

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“Koppers provided 100% transparency and disclosure of the ingredients of the MicroPro technology, after which the product underwent an investigation by GreenTag Global’s lead auditor and also a peer review by an external consultant toxicologist and member of the Australian College of Toxicology and Risk Assessment.”

MicroPro now qualifies to be entered for projects in Australia, New Zealand and globally, registered with the WELL Building Standard, the wellness focused building program that formally recognises Global GreenTag’s PhD under the International WELL Building Institute.

The product complies with WELL Building Standard

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The PhD behind the product also gives it compliance with LEED product disclosure credits.

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NOVEMBER

2: AFPA members' forum and chamber meetings – East Hotel, Canberra. For further information see: www.ausfpa.com.au/

4-5: FIEA ForestTech 2018 – Rotorua, NZ.

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

FIEA annual technology event for forest resource managers, remote sensing and GIS specialists and inventory foresters from throughout Australia and New Zealand. Visit www.foresttech.events

2: AFPA final members'

dinner for 2018 – Manuka Oval (Bradman Room), Griffith, Canberra. 6-10pm. Tel: 02 6285 3833. Note: Quote TAFP84 if you make a reservation at East Hotel for a discount.

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27-28: SESSION 2 –Private Forestry Service Qld's forest management workshop

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27: Australian Timber Importers Federation Board (ATIF) meeting and AGM – Gunnensen Board Room, Melbourne. For further information contact John Halkett by email:

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MARCH 2019

2: AFPA board meeting and members' dinner – Canberra. 6pm.

8: AFPA members' forum and chamber meetings – Canberra.

JUNE

19: AFPA board meeting and members' dinner – Canberra. 6pm.

20: AFPA members' forum and chamber meetings – Canberra.

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New Melbourne research hub not a waste of money

A NEW research facility in Melbourne will focus on how to transform wood and other organic waste into new, useable and renewable products.

Some \$6.8 million over five years will be invested into Processing Advanced Lignocellulosics (PALS) Hub, hosted at Monash University.

This includes \$2.65 million from the Australian Research Council, \$2.65 million from supportive industry and \$1.5 million from Monash University.

“This is a very worthwhile and collaborative effort which should yield excellent and innovative outcomes,” CEO of the Australian Forest

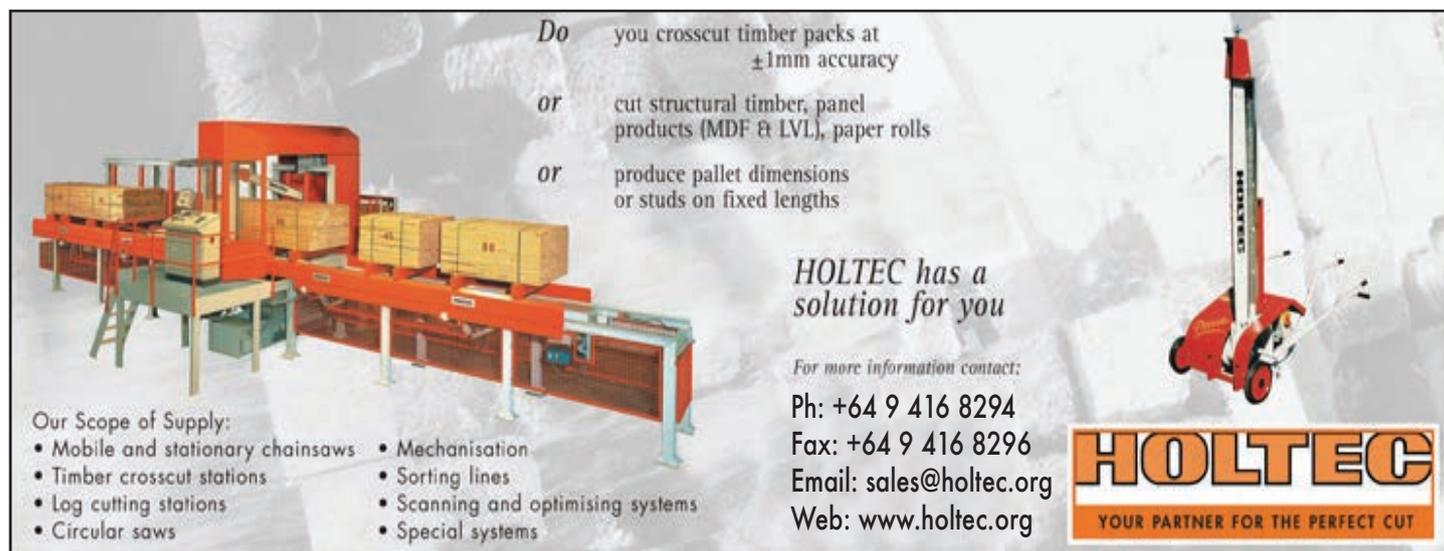
Products Association Ross Hampton said.

“It’s a great vote of confidence in the pulp and paper products industry.”

Mr Hampton said the money would fund research to convert wood residues, plant-based matter and other biomass into products such as hydrogels for personal

medicine, nanocellulose films to replace non-renewable packaging as well as nanogels to help farmers maintain crops. It would also look for breakthroughs to create new renewable products that can rival single-use plastics.

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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
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8-9: 28th Global Forum on Forest Governance – Chatham House, London. Annual two-day event, previously known as the Illegal Logging Update & Stakeholder Consultation Meeting, will include sessions on conflict timber, the latest isotope technology to trace timber supply chains and updates on the Voluntary Partnership Agreements. For further information contact: Melissa MacEwen, Chatham House, Programme Coordinator, Energy, Environment and Resources, +44 (0)20 7314 3639 or mmacewen@chathamhouse.org

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?
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JANUARY 2019

24: Mapping the Course: Timberland, Forest Products Processing, and Fiber Issues for 2019 – Vancouver, Washington, USA. The conference and optional workshop will provide an in-depth analysis on forest products market challenges, opportunities, and threats for 2019 in the North American West Coast timberland region.

For further information see: <https://westernforestry.org/upcoming-conferences/mapping-the-course-timberland-forest-products-processing-and-fiber-issues-for-2019>

MARCH

19-21: International Mass Timber Conference – Portland, Oregon. The largest gathering of cross-laminated timber and other mass timber experts in the world, with a special focus on manufacturing and mid-to high-rise construction. Over 1,200 experts from 22 countries attended in 2018. The conference will explore the supply chain for cross-laminated timber (CLT), nail-laminated timber, glulam beams and panels, mass plywood panels, and dowel-laminated timber, and laminated veneer lumber; and the opportunities and obstacles for mass timber in global manufacturing and construction. See: www.masstimerconference.com/

MAY

8-11: World Conference on forests for Public Health – Athens, Greece. For further information see: www.fph2019.org

20-23: A Century of National Forest Inventories: Informing Past, Present and Future Decisions – Oslo, Norway. For further information see: www.nibio.pameldingssystem.no/nfi100years

SEPTEMBER

16-17: ICATEA 2019: 21st International Conference on Advanced Timber Engineering and Applications – Zurich, Switzerland. The conference aims to bring together leading academic scientists, researchers and research scholars to exchange and share their experiences and research results on all aspects of advanced timber engineering and applications. For further information see: <https://waset.org/conference/2019/09/zurich/ICATEA>

SEPT/OCT

29 SEPT-25 OCT: XXV IUFRO World Congress – Curitiba, Brazil. For further information see: www.iufro2019.com

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Queensland fabricator presented with Andrew Bone Member of Year Award

THE tremendous contribution to the timber industry by Andrew Bone, who died tragically aged 49 in March, was recognised in this year's Member of the Year Award presented at the TABMA Australia national industry dinner at the Hyatt Regency in Sydney last week.

Andrew Bone was managing director of Bone Timber, Adelaide,



1/ Recognition... David Wuiske, CEO of Langs Building Supplies (centre), accepts the Andrew Bone Member of the Year Award from Andrew's wife Georgia and Howard Bone at the TABMA dinner in Sydney.

2/ Enjoying a great evening... Dee Atkinson, Tilling Timber, NSW, and Alicia Oelkers, general manager, TABMA.



Wood, a bronze sponsor of the event, Jason Ross said TABMA members were strong supporters of Responsible Wood's certification scheme.

"The Responsible Wood logo is the only mark ensuring that timber meets Australian standards for environmental certification, and hundreds of TABMA merchants are involved in the Responsible Wood program through our chain-of-custody scheme," Jason said.

TABMA CEO Colin Fitzpatrick, stepped down as a director of Responsible Wood at the AGM in Brisbane on October 23, after serving six years on the board.

a former TABMA vice-president, director of the TABMA Australia national board and chairman of the association's South Australian management committee.

The perpetual Andrew Bone Member of the Year Award was presented to innovative timber fabricator Langs Building Supplies of Stapylton on Queensland's Gold Coast by Andrew's wife Georgia.

The award is presented to a member who has supported the services and benefits of TABMA Australia.

CEO Colin Fitzpatrick said Langs had exemplified this by taking on apprentices and trainees provided by TABMA, supporting the fee-for-service short courses run

by the training division and having a trainee nominated as a finalist in the TABMA Queensland industry awards on October 13.

Presenting the award, Georgia Bone said the timber industry had been her husband's life; he was a 5th generation to run the timber yard.

"This award is wonderful recognition by his peers, and we are very proud," Mrs Bone said.

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EWPAA forum showcase of latest engineered wood research activity

Opening opportunities for wide range of new products

PRODUCT opportunities for engineered wood and an update on research activity were the building blocks of the Engineered Wood Products Association of Australasia's inaugural research and development forum in Brisbane on October 17.

The well-attended forum featured a range of researchers and industry presenters discussing topics such as connector research, timber and construction adhesives development, building industry research needs, research funding models and durability research.

The forum was designed to showcase current research activity to manufacturers, as well as to highlight industry needs among researchers, which stimulated discussion among attendees on future opportunities for engineered wood products.

EWPAA CEO Dave Gover said he was encouraged by the level of engagement at the forum and the potential



Attentive... EWPAA CEO Dave Gover addresses the successful Brisbane R&D forum.

impact this would have on the engineered wood products of the future.

"We have had extremely positive feedback and it was fantastic to see the industry so engaged with what is happening at the research and product development level," Mr Gover said.

"After the success of this inaugural forum, we intend to offer this event to industry every year."

The forum was attended by more than 40 people from the Australian and New Zealand timber industries, many of whom were EWPAA members.

Presenters included Professor Keith Crews (Emeritus Professor of Structural Engineering at UTS), Bill Leggate (product development manager at Koppers Performance Chemicals), Dr Rob McGavin (facility manager at the DAF Salisbury Research Facility), Andrew Dunn (CEO, Timber Development Association NSW), Dr Craig Cowled (lecturer of civil engineering

at QUT), Dr Robbie Currie (development chemist at Hexion New Zealand), Professor Jeff Morrell (director of the National Centre for Timber Durability and Design Life at USC), and Dr Chris Lafferty (research and development manager at FWPA).

Anyone who would like further information about EWPAA events is encouraged to visit the EWPAA website (www.ewp.asn.au), or contact the EWPAA on +61 7 3250 3700 or email inbox@ewp.asn.au

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Expect the unexpected: Innovation, good design define all TDA winners

Marked increase in commercial entries at national timber awards

“THE awards are not just about finding the building that comprises the most timber or looks the prettiest; it’s about rewarding good design, innovative use of timber and the development of new markets for timber use. Therefore expect the unexpected.”

These opening remarks by MC Michael Zorbas set the tone for the night; a night of thrills, spills and breathtaking design as the Australian timber industry celebrated the 19th instalment of the Australian Timber Design Awards at The Star Pymont in Sydney on October 16.

With 23 awarded categories in the offering honours were shared by entrants from New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania, Queensland and Western Australia showcasing timber applications across Australia.

The competition was fierce, with finalists across all categories worthy of congratulations, according to Jonathan Evans, a member



Kennedy’s Timber Sydney branch manager Leonie Emmott presents the Recycled Timber Award to Anna O’Gorman for Northshore Pavilion.

of the judging panel – high praise from a judge well versed in the awards history. Through his association with Tzannes Associates, Lend Lease’s International House in Sydney was judged the overall winner of the Australian Timber Awards in 2017.

The Timber Design Awards national footprint continues to grow with entries received from applicants far and wide.

Timber&Forestry enews two editions ago showcased the critically acclaimed

Bunjil House, winner of the WoodSolutions sponsored Australian Timber Design Grand Prix Award.

In accepting the award, fjmt’s managing director Jeff Morehen gave an emotional tribute to Bunjil, the creator and leader of the Boon Wurrung people.

A popular winner, the 200 guests were left spell bound as the project’s glulam grid timber shell was showcased in all its glory across monitors throughout the room.

To the evening’s first award, where Maddison Architects’ All Hands Brewing House was presented with the Responsible Wood sponsored Australian Certified Timber Award by marketing and communications officer Jason Ross.

This award acknowledges projects where Australian timber is used and where credentials for sustainability and legality of the wood are confirmed at the source by certification. In the case of the All Hands Brewing House, Responsible Wood certified Vic Ash Good Wood and Big River Armourply featured prominently throughout the project.

Reaffirming advantages of certified timbers, Maddison Architects’ Drew Carling acknowledged its consistency in quality and aesthetic, important features that were instrumental in

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delivering project outcomes.

Responsible Wood certification was carried by the majority of entrants and according to the Responsible Wood's Jason Ross provides the ultimate 'stamp of approval' for Australian-grown timber from a sustainable source.

Underlying changes within the industry landscape, the Australian Timber Design Awards this year received a marked increase in applicants for the commercial oriented award categories.

MC Michael Zorbas, group executive, policy and advocacy, Property Council

“ PRAISE FOR FINALISTS ACROSS ALL CATEGORIES



Freycinet Lodge Coastal Pavilions... winner of the EWPAAsponsored Timber Panels Award.

of Australia, remarked that the greater take-up in the commercial award categories was indicative of an increased demand for applied timber within the commercial sector.

Recycled Timber Award was sponsored by Kennedy's Timber and presented by Sydney branch manager Leonie Emmott to Anna O'Gorman Architects for Northshore Pavilion.

Recycled timber was used to cover a public information and amenities building overlooking the Brisbane River at Hamilton Reach, Queensland's largest waterfront urban renewal precinct.

Made from recycled grey ironbark and sourced from the nearby demolished Hamilton wharves, it blends with the 19th-century piers and maritime context

featured nearby.

The Timber Cladding Award was sponsored by Weathertext and presented by executive chairman Paul Michael to Collins and Turner Architects for Barangaroo House in Sydney.

A unique cladding system was used to offset the bold and precise geometric form of the building; 42 mm

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Innovative Structural Design Award won by Nicholas & Alexander Architects and TGA Engineers for Meyer Timber Warehouse

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Timber Panels Award won by Liminal Architecture for Freycinet Lodge Coastal Pavilions

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acetylated treated concentric timber dowels were used to wrap around the building, as a façade.

The Timber Panels Award sponsored by the Engineered Wood Products Association of Australasia was presented by CEO Dave Gover to Liminal Architecture for Freycinet Lodge Coastal Pavilions in Tasmania's Freycinet National Park.

The pavilions feature charred red ironbark cladding forming a protective envelope, selected for its ember proofing, durability and natural and textural qualities.

The interior walls are lined with Tasmanian Oak offcuts or differing thickness, and locally produced plywood was used for the floor and ceiling.

Mr Gover also presented



Meyer Timber Warehouse... winner of the EWPAAsponsored Structural Design Award.

the EWPAAsponsored Innovative Structural Design Award, which went to Nicholas & Alexander Architects and TGA Engineers for Meyer Timber Warehouse in western Sydney.

The building attests to the use of engineered timber in large industrial projects

as an economically viable alternative to more traditional steel buildings. The building covering 20,000 sq m uses 1200 mm deep LVL box beams in a two propped portal frame configuration, spanning more than 96 m. The portal frames are spaced at 15.2 m with 600 mm deep LVL box beam purlins spanning between the

portal frames.

In front of the shed is a 1000 sq m corporate office, manufactured from the prefabricated wall, floor and roof panels, called TBS. This building required a clear span of 9 m to optimise the office geometries. The office structure was erected in under four days.



Congratulations.

All Hands Brewing House

Winner of the Australian Certified Timber Award at the 2018 Australian Timber Design Awards. Designed by Maddison Architects.

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Jason Ross presents the 2018 Responsible Wood Australian Certified Timber Award to Drew Carling, Director of Maddison Architects at the Timber Design Awards in Sydney.

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Loyal forestry clients catalyst for new Onetrak Queensland location

JOHN HALKETT

LOYAL forestry clients, plus the progressive, expanding nature of forestry in the state, were a large part of the motivation behind the decision to open a new Onetrak branch in Queensland.

“We are opening in Brisbane ahead of Sydney so we will be able to continue to service our loyal forest harvesting contractors across Queensland who operate our high performance, reliable range of Canadian-manufactured Tigercat harvesting machines,” managing director David Hazell said.

Onetrak is home to large brands in the earthmoving and construction, forestry, materials handling and quarry industries, and is the exclusive national Australian dealer for Hidromek, Tigercat, Dressta, Striker, Fuchs and Alicon machinery and equipment.

Mr Hazell was joined at the opening of the new Brisbane branch by his entire senior national team.

With the new Brisbane facility, Onetrak has seven branches across Australia, with a head office in Tasmania.

“We now operate 35 field service vehicles and have more than a 100 technical, sales and support staff,” Mr Hazell said.

“Onetrak also offers new and used machine sales, rental equipment,



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1/ *Timber&Forestry enews* co-publisher John Halkett checks out the latest Tigercat grapple skidder at Onetrak’s new Brisbane branch.

2/ *David Hazell... grown Onetrak from a small single construction equipment franchise in Tasmania to an Australian-wide machinery supplier and service provider.*

3/ *Onetrak now operates 35 field service vehicles and has more than 100 technical, sales and support staff.*

branches in Tasmania, Victoria, New South Wales, Western Australia, South Australia and now Queensland.

“Our new Brisbane facility reflects and reinforces our strong growth that is founded on our direct and exclusive relationship with a number of machinery manufacturing factories,” Mr Hazell said.

Onetrak is involved in and supports industry bodies such as the Construction Material Processors Association (CMPA) and the Institute of Quarrying Australia (IQA). The company also actively participates in national events and trade shows including AGFEST and the Elmore field days.

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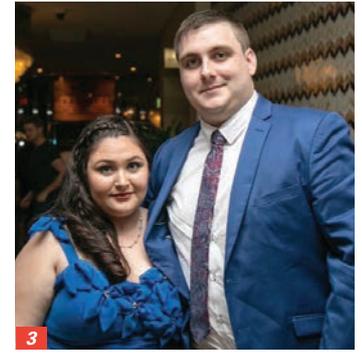
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- 1/ Assembling for a fun night... the TABMA team.
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Standards key as imports play bigger role in domestic market

IMPORTS do and will continue to play a major role in the domestic timber market. This creates new and exciting opportunities and challenges for the Timber Preservers Association of Australia and its members.

TPAA aims to be more proactive in the process of granting registration for overseas producers. I am not suggesting that these products don't meet our Australian standard. However, it is not easy to fully comprehend these standards

and product applications.

The process of reviewing the standards has been a challenge for all those involved. This has somewhat muddied the waters.

I can see more and more responsibility being placed on individual companies. The consumer laws do have teeth, as they should! The rise of CodeMark is a way to protect both the end user and the producer/treater. I see this having a greater uptake in our sector.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



With **GERRY GARDINER**

My position as president of TPAA has been interesting to the say the least. My role

has been more of a sounding board for our secretary/manager Jack Norton.

The application and use of treated timber products has experienced significant increases over the recent years. We are seeing growth in traditional product categories as well as new products, treatments and applications. This is very encouraging for our sector.

We need to keep our minds open to these new initiatives.

Where's the support? Let's get on front foot with TPAA

THE purpose of TPAA is to represent the interests of the timber protection industry in Australia. How can we do that if timber treaters don't give their full input?

When things are chugging along OK and order books are full, I can understand why treaters are focused on getting wood in and out of the front gate. It is only when the 'you-know-what' hits the fan that meetings are well attended.

I firmly believe it is best to get on the front foot and drive change rather than reacting to something after it has happened.

I have been told by more than one treater that the TPAA meetings are only a forum for chemical suppliers

and the big boys in town. My response to that is that these are the only people who turn up to meetings.

It is really hard to represent the interests of the timber protection industry if the same industry doesn't tell us what is needed.

On a slightly different path – but closely linked to what I have been going on about – when something needs doing in the industry, I have heard more than once: "What are the chemical suppliers going to do about it?"

The chemical suppliers are a numerically small part of our industry. There are a lot more treatment plants out there in Australian timber treatment land than the four chemical suppliers. I think it

JACK'S RANT



With **JACK NORTON**
Secretary, TPAA

is reasonable for the timber treaters of this wide brown land to drive the industry forward and this can best be done with active involvement in the TPAA.

At the October 18 meeting of the TPAA technical committee and TPAA council,

among other things we talked about was regulated waste classification, the new National Centre for Timber Durability and Design Life, non-conforming products legislation, a collaborative alliance with TAFE NSW, the quality of imported treated products and a product certification program being investigated by the Engineered Wood Products Association of Australasia.

So you see stuff is happening ...but it would be great to have more treater input.

As always, please contact me if you have any questions, suggestions or issues.

Get Jack on 0418 989 398 or fax (07) 3311 5612. Skype: jak.norton1

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Australian delegates bring home ideas from Boston's mass timber conference

World leaders present design solutions for off-site construction

KEVIN EZARD

WORLD leaders in mass wood construction lined up at the Industrialised Wood-Based Construction Conference in Boston last week for two days of presentations, covering a broad spectrum of major elements in this rapidly growing sector.

A highlight of the program was architect Michael Green who is recognised as one of the top designers in North America, now engaged as design partner for technology-driven offsite construction company Kattera, a billion-dollar vertically-integrated housing manufacturer.

He explained how highly repeatable design solutions and systems for building construction created unique outcomes utilising standard platforms with different surface materials and external building features.

All housing is manufactured in CLT using a 'kit-of-parts' approach to passive house standards with detailing such as gaskets for all



*Improve – not revolutionise...
Tedd Benson,
founder and
owner of
Bensonwood and
Unity Homes in
the US.*

joins to achieve the high-quality thermal efficiency performance required.

A key option offered is visually exposed internal wood panel walls, which is being accepted by more than 80% of all buyers – a vastly greater level than they had anticipated but an indication of the high market acceptance of wood for housing.

Keynote speaker London-based architect Andrew Waugh outlined how mass wood construction in Europe

is increasingly being used for office buildings, with emerging recognition of biophilic benefits to staff in wood buildings, consequently providing higher returns to developers.

He commented that increasing volumes are

“MASS TIMBER ACHIEVES HIGH EFFICIENCY IN BUILDINGS UP TO 25 STOREYS

leading to industrialisation of the process, with CNC manufacture of mass wood and transportation by flatbeds achieving high efficiency in construction of buildings up to 25 storeys.

Andrew also compared the UK productivity improvements in manufacturing of 230% in the past few decades to construction, which has lost ground and is at minus 19%. He is confident the current move into mass wood

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construction is the solution to this major economic issue, not only in UK but around the world.

Tedd Benson, founder and owner of Bensonwood and Unity Homes in USA, said the construction industry needed to develop better ways to build, but “improve not revolutionise” through process and product.

He advocated adoption of the best digital technology to “build it twice – virtual before actual” and embrace the software solutions now available to attain high levels

“AVERAGE TIMBER BUILDING REPLACED BY THE FOREST IN 17 MINUTES



Frame Australia director Kevin Ezard (centre) catches up with Gary Caulfield, CEO Xlam NZ, and Nick Milestone, chairman of TRADA in the UK, at the Boston conference.

of accuracy for manufacture of energy efficient housing.

Nick Milestone, chairman of TRADA in UK, provided comparative information on timber construction based on recent projects in Europe, showing cost reductions achieved of 20% for preliminaries and 20% for main contractor, providing

significant savings apart from any reduction in the on-site building costs.

His analysis also indicated timber frame construction was most economical in the building height range up to five storeys, and mass timber economical from five to 12 storeys.

A presentation by Matthew

Linegar of Stora Enso Timber in Europe covered other aspects of savings which included 50% less weight, 30% less time on site, 20% less overall costs, and up to five times less transport movements.

Matthew also commented that timber buildings “grow back” – with the average timber building construction replaced by the forest resource in 17 minutes!

The IWBC conference in Boston was the first to be held and attracted more than 300 delegates from North America and Europe, with many topics presented being applicable to offsite timber construction in Australia.

The sessions program at Frame 2019 titled ‘Timber Offsite Construction’ will cover many of these topics, and event details will be available in February 2019.

Forest industry still under cloud of doubt as Victoria’ state election date draws near

TIM JOHNSTON

AS of earlier this week, we have now officially entered the caretaker period prior to the upcoming state election on Saturday, November 24.

For the next 23 days we will be seeing candidates from across the broad political spectrum vie for your vote. Up to this point, we don’t yet have substantial policies from the major parties that will secure the long-term future of the whole industry.

Despite the community’s growing demand for wood

“UNDER CONSTANT THREAT OF TRANSITION

products, for many years now a part of the industry has been under a cloud of doubt, operating under constant threat of ‘transition’, ‘phase out’ or just plain shut down (no quotation marks needed on that one!), and in an environment that is divided and politicised.

Let us remind Victoria’s political parties what we want.

- We are a strong, sustainable and diverse timber and forest industry.
- We stand for growth, but we need security and certainty.
- We need the assurance that we will have continued resource – from both native forests and from plantations. It’s so 20,000 workers keep



Tim Johnston... it’s time!

their jobs, and that we have the opportunity to create more jobs. It’s so businesses are able to confidently invest in their operations and their staff. It’s so we can deploy new technology and more research in developing new markets and products.

- It’s so we can be what

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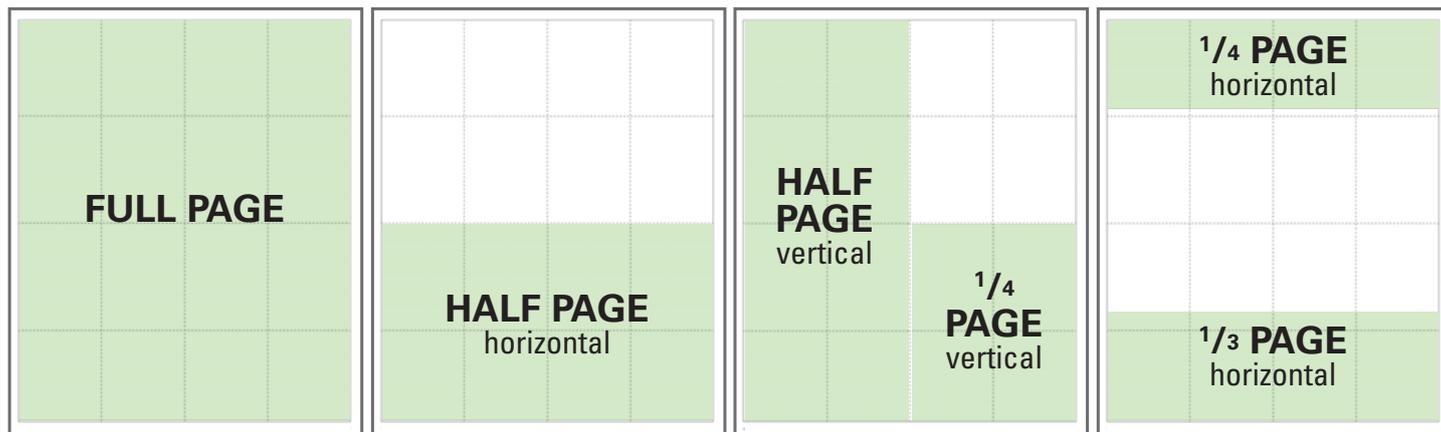
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