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IPCC backs forestry, agriculture to help confront climate change

AN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change special report released last week highlights the need for a whole-of-landscape approach to tackling climate change and the vital role the agriculture and forestry sectors can play in reducing emissions and storing carbon.

Commenting on the report, Climate Proofing Australia said: "The IPCC's recommendations are consistent with our call on the federal government to better target the Climate Solutions Fund to incentivise carbon projects from the agriculture and forestry sectors that deliver the co-benefits of biodiversity, productivity, water quality and landholders and employment.

"With land-based activities also accounting for around 20% of the country's greenhouse gas emissions, carbon farming presents a really important opportunity not just to reduce these emissions, but to improve



At the launch of Climate Proofing Australia at Parliament House in February are, from left, Greening Australia CEO Brendan Foran, Farmers for Climate Action CEO Verity Morgan-Schmidt, MP David Littleproud, MP Mark Butler, Red Meat Advisory Council CEO Anna Campbell, and Australian Forest Products Association CEO Ross Hampton.

our landscape at the same time," Greening Australia CEO Brendan Foran said.

"A strengthened CFI and the introduction of 'premium credits' will mean we can also achieve important co-benefits, such as reinstating wildlife habitat, supporting sustainable agriculture and cleaner waters in our rivers."

Climate Proofing Australia reiterated its call on the federal government to commit a proportion of the Climate Solutions Fund to projects that deliver multiple benefits, and to remove barriers to the fund that

currently limit opportunities for the agriculture and forestry sectors.

Australian Forests Products Association CEO Ross Hampton said the fund's current conditions limited the land sector's capacity to generate co-benefits associated with carbon sequestration, such as reinstating wildlife habitat, supporting sustainable

“BENEFITS FOR LARGE-SCALE TREE PLANTING

agriculture, increasing the plantation forestry estate, and cleaner waters in our rivers.

"This next phase of the fund is an opportunity to address these barriers and make it more accessible to primary industries and landowners."

Climate Proofing Australia is a primary industries and conservation alliance between Farmers for Climate Action, the Red Meat Advisory Council, Greening Australia and the Australian Forest Products Association and is committed to advancing the role of agribusiness, conservation and natural resource management in Australia's climate change and emissions reduction policy.

CPA's key policy principles are:

- Continuation and enhancement of the Carbon Farming Initiative – around which the Emissions

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Grant helps cypress sawmill to double output, create jobs

NATIONAL and international demand for timber products is driving a regional Queensland sawmill to double output while creating new jobs thanks to grant funding from the Queensland government.

Minister for Agricultural Industry Development Mark Furner said Queensland Cypress Supplies at Mungallala in the state's southwest, was one of 15 businesses to receive up to a \$250,000 Rural Economic Development (RED) grant to help fund the expansion of their business and create job growth in regional areas.

"Project managers, builders and manufacturers look to Queensland Cypress Supplies for top-of-the line products – and demand is so intense managers have plans to double the output," Mr Furner said.

"Plans to build a new timber line on the site are expected to create enough work for another 16 full-time workers, including loggers, truck drivers, bench staff and stackers, alongside 12 jobs during construction and another 16 ongoing indirect positions."

Plans to add an additional timber line to the production facility and increase the



- 1/ Sawmill expansion... better outlook for cypress pine in Queensland's southwest.
- 2/ Mark Furner... grants will help lift employment chances.

recovery rate of sawn product and output of value-added timber products from cypress logs include building two sheds, installing a twin edger, a wing edger and two auto benches.

Owner-operator John Shelswell said the business had permission to harvest and mill 26,000 cub m of cypress every five years from the state forest north of Mungallala.

"Considering the many expressions of interest shown by buyers and potential buyers, and

“DEFINITE NEED FOR EXPANSION”



consistent forecasts of strong underlying demand, there is a definite need for the expansion of the current business," Mr Shelswell said.

The Rural Economic Development Grants program offers emerging projects up to \$250,000 in co-contributions to build industry and grow employment opportunities across the agricultural sector. The \$10 million grants program provides for three funding rounds over a three-year period ending 2021.

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Reduction Fund was built – to maximise biodiversity, and food and fibre production benefits alongside the scheme's carbon sequestration objectives..

- Development of new mechanisms and incentives

for carbon abatement on land projects that brings together institutional, private and public capital.

- The need for new and improved national environmental datasets and mapping to guide best practice and whole-of-landscape policy making that

integrates forestry, farming and conservation outcomes.

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Brisbane arboretum hosts first visit by a governor in 80 years

School children join vice-regal planting to celebrate National Tree Day

THE first visit by a Queensland Governor in 80 years marked a special planting at Brisbane's Sherwood Arboretum on July 26 as Paul de Jersey AC joined foresters, politicians and school children at the event.

The Governor, assisted by school children from Sherwood State School, planted a Eumundi quandong (*Elaeocarpus eumundii*), a highly decorative native rainforest tree and one of five new native trees



At the Sherwood Arboretum tree-planting ceremony... standing, from left, Andrew Benison, president, Friends of Sherwood Arboretum (FOSA), Dale Arvidsson, curator, Brisbane City Council, Tim Wright, manager, Keith Foster, senior arborist, Jeannie Sim, Friends of Brisbane Botanic Gardens, Stephen Catchpoole, IFA and vice-president, FOSA, and Roger Hartigan, FOSA. Seated, from left, Alison Jarro, daughter of the governor, Elizabeth Ferguson, FOSA, Cr Nicole Johnston (Tennyson), Prue Pettett, assistant curator, BCC, Paul De Jersey AC, Governor of Queensland, Kerrie Catchpoole, IFA, Marion Mackenzie and Karen Possingham, FOSA, and Nicci Barlow, manager, BCC.

planted at the site to celebrate National Tree Day.

National Tree Day, sponsored by Toyota Australia and co-founded in 1996 by Planet Ark and singer and entertainer Olivia Newton-John, has grown into Australia's largest community tree planting and nature protection event.

“ FORESTERS HAVE PLAYED A BIG PART IN ARBORETUM FOR 80 YEARS

The special day is a call-to-action for Australians to come together and give back to their community. Annually, about 300,000 people volunteer their time to engage in environmental activities that educate individuals about the world around them.

Local foresters, including Dr Kerrie Catchpoole, fellow of the Institute of Foresters of Australia, joined the Governor in the celebration at Sherwood.

Foresters have played a part

in the arboretum's 80-plus year history with active involvement in its inception and first tree planting in 1925. Today the arboretum has more than 1000 specimens and is in the care of a curator and an active volunteer group – The Friends of Sherwood Arboretum.

The arboretum is a heritage-listed site with a collection of Australian native trees, some rare and endangered, spread across seven planting precincts, ranging from wet rainforest to open eucalypt forest.

The arboretum's 'Sir Matthew Nathan Avenue' is one of the few examples in Australia where a wide cross-section of the community came together to plant an avenue of trees to mark the opening of an arboretum or botanic gardens.

Unlike memorial avenues for the fallen in wars, this avenue records each person, from the state Governor, Sir Matthew Nathan, and eminent scientists to pioneering families and a local storekeeper, who planted the 72 Queensland kauri pines (*Agathis robusta*) in 1925. The avenue provides a unique historic record just before the creation of Greater Brisbane on October 1, 1925.

On the cover: The Queensland Governor Paul de Jersey AC plants a tree at Brisbane's Sherwood Arboretum assisted by children from the Sherwood State School.

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Forty award finalists recognition of timber excellence in Tasmania

FORTY finalists in 13 categories gathered in Launceston last week for the inaugural Tasmanian Timber Awards.

Organised by the Tasmanian Forest and Forest Products Network, winners were announced by Assistant Minister for Forestry Senator Jonathan Duniam.

Notable winners included Launceston-based Mechanised Logging Pty Ltd which took home four awards for harvesting excellence, trainee of the year, workplace health and safety excellence and skill development and training excellence.

Mechanised Logging is a family-owned business with a clear mission – to harvest plantation timber, customise it to meet the needs of the target market, while being accountable for maintaining a sustainable economic enterprise.

Operated by Anthony Brown, managing director, and Lillian Aylett-Brown, manager,



1/ Four awards... Lillian Aylett-Brown and Anthony Brown of Mechanical Logging Pty Ltd.



2/ Penny Wells... outstanding contribution to private forests.

business systems, the company started from small beginnings in 1994 applying solid business and forestry practices, and by embracing changes within the industry.

Forico Pty Ltd, Tasmania's largest private forestry management company, also based in Launceston, was awarded the environmental and forest growing and management excellence awards.

Forico's strong environmental credentials are supported by its forest management policies, including strict non-conversion of natural vegetation and

investment in the forest certification schemes Responsible Wood and FSC.

The company's extensive forestry operations include 100,000 ha of timber plantations, two woodchip mills and a high-quality seedling nursery.

Neville Smith Forest Products, the state's largest producer of Tasmanian oak products, received the regional and community development and distribution and logistics excellence awards.

Penny Wells, CEO, Private Forests Tasmania, and Craig Patmore, production manager

at Sustainable Timber Tasmania, were awarded for outstanding contribution to the timber industry (female and male).

Other award winners were Timberlink Australia's Bell Bay sawmill, Warren French of Architect and Valley Workshop, and Sue and Owen Smith, tree farmers

Senator Duniam said all the award winners should be very proud of what they had achieved.

"I look forward to working with the award recipients and the industry more broadly as we implement our vision for Tasmania's productive and sustainable forestry industries," he said.

Following extensive industry consultation through the Department of State Growth, the Tasmanian government offered unencumbered seed funding to enable the establishment of the Tasmanian Forest and Forest Products Network in 2017.

A photograph showing a modern architectural design featuring large glass windows and a vertical wooden slat fence. In the foreground, there are some plants and a paved walkway leading towards the building.

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Seedlings pave way for growth in SA

THIS year's plantation re-establishment by ForestrySA will have a two-fold result; one, that the seedlings will pave the way for strong future growth and, two, that some sites will also be used for genetic trials.

ForestrySA is this year partnering with the Tree Breeding Australia to establish a genetic gains trial at one of the planting sites. This trial is part of the national network of trials and results of the trial will be shared with other softwood plantation managers in Southern Australia.

The purpose is to demonstrate the superiority of advanced genetics and also identify elite trees to be used as parents of future plantations.

It is expected the



Tree planters endure challenging wintery conditions hand-planting about 1000 trees each a day.

genetically improved trees will be faster growing, have straighter stems, smaller branches and improved wood properties. The new genetics are expected to be more robust and resilient to pests, disease and better adapted to changing environments.

Local contractors have the job of planting 480,000 pine seedlings across the Mount Lofty Ranges plantation

estate this winter.

More than 320 hectares of recently harvested pine plantation will be planted by mid-August across nine sites within the Kuitpo, Mount Crawford and Second Valley forest reserves.

Commercial operations manager Peter Merry oversees ForestrySA's annual planting program and said the operation required thorough

planning, preparation and coordination.

Site preparation, cultivation and weed control needs, natural features and heritage conservation, as well as stakeholder interests are all considered on a site-specific basis.

"Planning starts long before the first seedling goes into the ground," he said.

"The start of planting this year was pushed back to late June due to the delay in the break of the season," Mr Merry said.

"Optimising young plantation establishment is critical due to the long-term nature of forestry – the seedlings we plant this season will set up a more than 30-year investment commitment."

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AUGUST**18: Hardwood is Good**

Convocation – Maryborough, Qld, Australia.

Sunday, August 18, from 11.30 am. Private Forestry Services Queensland has partnered with industry to discuss the native forest sector in Queensland – and new changes 'in the wind'. New government regulations will impact on everyone, so attendance at this event is critical. Slacks Harwood is supplying a BBQ lunch. RSVP by August 11 for catering. Contact Bronwyn Lloyd, PFSQ on (07) 5483 6535 or email pfsq@bigpond.com

SEPTEMBER

7-9: Kununurra Consultation Forum – Department of Primary Industries & Regional Development Conference Room, 1 Durack Drive, Kununurra, WA,

Australia. 10 am-12 noon. Free event. Identify and explore the growth potential of the forest and forest products industry in Northern Australia and develop longer term relationships with key industry and community representatives. RSVP by August 29 to sarah@timberqueensland.com.au or call (07) 3358 7900.

OCTOBER

18: 2019 TABMA National Awards Dinner – Doltone House, Hyde Park, Sydney, Australia. Hosted by TABMA Australia, 6:30 - 11:30 pm. Dress formal.

17: 20th Australian Timber Design Awards presentation dinner – The River Room, Crown Melbourne, Australia. Peoples' Choice voting open August to September. Contact 0420 232 253 or email inbox@timberdesignawards.com.au

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15: Victorian Association of Forest Industries annual industry dinner – Melbourne Cricket Ground, Melbourne, Vic, Australia. Tickets available at www.vafi.org.au

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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: www.waset.org/conference/2019/09/zurich/ICATEA

17-18: NordGen Forest Conference 2019: Future Forest Health – Early detection and mitigation of invasive pests and diseases in Nordic forests – Hotel Örk, Hveragerði, South Iceland. Conference will focus on threats posed to Nordic forestry and forest plant production by invasive pest species. For further information contact: forest@nordgen.org

SEPT/OCT

30 SEPT-4 OCT: Second World Congress on Mid- and High-rise Wood Buildings Woodrise 2019 – Québec City Convention Centre, Québec City, Canada. Theme: Building our cities for future generations jointly organized by FPInnovations (Canada) and Institut technologique FCBA (France) will bring together wood construction stakeholders, decision-makers, and professionals to share their knowledge and strengths in order to position wood as a leading construction material for tomorrow's sustainable cities. For further information: Ann Cantin, Director, Communications and Marketing, Québec City Convention Centre, acantin@convention.qc.ca, 418 564-1312; Marjolaine Dugas, Director of Communications, FPInnovations, marjolaine.dugas@fpinnovations.ca, 514 782-4595

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

OCTOBER

6-9: 52nd International Symposium on Forestry Mechanization (FORMEC) and 42nd Council on Forest

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23: Woodflow Logistix Conference – Vancouver, Canada. For further information see: www.woodflowlogistix.events

NOVEMBER

19-21: Malaysian Wood Expo 2019 – Putra World Trade Centre, Kuala Lumpur. Email: info@malaysianwoodexpo.com.my or visit www.malaysianwoodexpo.com.my

20: Exploring pathways to verified sustainable tropical timber Conference

– Berlin, Germany. The 2019 European Sustainable Tropical Timber Coalition (STTC) Conference centred around the two themes of tropical timber promotion and verified sustainable forest management. Visit www.europeansttc.com/20-november-2019-conference-exploring-pathways-to-verified-sustainable-tropical-timber/

APRIL 2020**3-5: FORESTlive, Forestry trade fair – Offenburg, Germany.**

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Seminar focuses on modern timber construction

DESIGN and building professionals are invited to a free seminar in Sydney on September 11 that will focus on modern timber construction methods in Europe and Australia.

Where Australia sits globally in the adoption of these methods will be addressed by a top panel of speakers who are at the forefront of modern construction.

Organised by WoodSolutions and Western Sydney University at the NSW Teachers Federation Conference Centre at Surry Hills, the seminar will explore

where Australia sits globally in the adoption of these methods.

Keynote speaker is Associate Professor Helena Lidelöw, modern construction leader at Lulea University of Technology in Sweden. She is the executive director of Sweden's Lean Forum Bygg, which disseminates knowledge about new working methods that contribute to increased customer value and minimised waste.

Helena is globally recognised through her publications and industry



Helena Lidelöw... keynote seminar speaker.

insights and is head of engineering at Lindbacks, a leading manufacturer of timber multi-unit construction,

which provides turnkey services; spanning design, manufacture and assembly.

Registration at 37 Reservoir Street, Surry Hills, is at 12 noon and the seminar runs from 12.30 pm to 5 pm. Food and afternoon tea will be provided.

CPD certificates of attendance are available for all professions; and 4 formal CPD points are available for architects.

Further information contact 0420 232 253 or email tdaevents@woodsolutions.com.au

NZ businesses get serious about the sustainability of forest sector

JASON ROSS

NEW Zealand is often considered the land of milk and honey, but it's also the land of exotic plantations and high conservation value native forests.

While New Zealand's agricultural trade is legendary, its round wood industry is growing from strength to strength. In fact, behind concentrated milk, sheep and butter, round wood timber is the country's largest export industry and is a key pillar of the domestic construction industry.

And for environmentally conscious Kiwis, forest certification is all-important; providing forest growers, processors, merchants, businesses and consumers with confidence that scarce forests resources are managed for multi-generational use.

Born from changes to the Forest Act 1949, sustainable and responsible forestry, by its very nature, is a non-negotiable for New Zealanders.



1/ A captive audience... Simon Dorries (second from left) meets with the New Zealand Green Building Council team in Auckland.

2/ PEFC matters for tropical timbers... Malcolm Scott, chairman, New Zealand Tropical Timber Importers Group, and Simon Dorries, CEO, Responsible Wood.

More than 600,000 ha of New Zealand forest is covered by PEFC 'sustainable forest management' certification, with over 30 businesses now carrying PEFC chain of custody. That number continues to grow as demand from New Zealand buyers is encouraging Kiwi merchants, retailers and processors to join PEFC and make formal claims on product.

PEFC is one of two globally recognised forest certification schemes, the other is FSC, with more than 12% of global forests covered by both schemes. In New Zealand alone, most of the commercial forestry is covered by the two schemes.

Over a week in July, Responsible Wood travelled extensively throughout New Zealand meeting with forest growers, importers and

merchants, understanding the drivers behind forest certification in the New Zealand market place.

Along with Responsible Wood CEO Simon Dorries we met with the New Zealand Green Building Council and the New Zealand Tropical Timber Importers Group – two associations challenging the New Zealand timber and paper industry to embrace forest certification within their supply chains.

With the announcement of a joint Australian and New Zealand standard for sustainable forest management expected soon, New Zealand and Australian businesses could soon use the same standard to achieve PEFC forest certification.

In an increasingly globalised world, where timber is increasingly exported to and imported from far-away countries, forest certification is a 'must' for businesses who are looking to do the right thing.

• Jason Ross is Responsible Wood marketing & communications officer



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Penetration patterns remain a bone of contention for industry

THE issue of determining penetration patterns set down in the revised Standards Association drafts (clause 1.8.3.1) is likely to remain a bone of contention among stakeholders in the industry, says Timber Preservers Association of Australia technical committee chairman Dr Harry Greaves.

He added: "Most prefer the traditional use of colourimetric methods (spot testing), but with an element favouring analytical methods."

The second round public review of the major revision of AS/NZS 1604 and 1605 has entered the post-editorial stage, with the new revised drafts soon to be uploaded to the Standards Australia (SA) public domain web pages.

"In the spirit of innovation that SA fosters in its standards, the clause that deals with this issue has

“ TRANS-TASMAN DOCUMENTS A FRUSTRATION FOR INDUSTRY

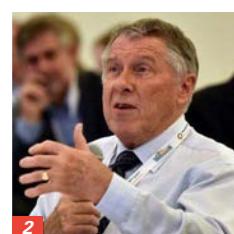


1/ Standards in the industry are pivotal to treatment operations.

2/ Making a point... Dr Harry Greaves.

been crafted to permit both approaches," Dr Greaves said. "But any results obtained by a method other than spot testing will need to be at least equal to the results obtained using spot test methods. We will await with interest the responses from the PR stage, especially to clause 1.8.3.1."

Dr Greaves, who attended the American Wood Protection Association meeting in May in Orlando, Florida, was impressed with a presentation by Jacob McBrayer, technical manager at Koppers Inc, which viewed the potential to take out some of the subjectivity of spot testing and spot test



interpretation.

He said the presentation described a procedure referred to as 'machine vision' which was used to assign the pass-fail outcome of the colours obtained by colorimetric spot testing ... "a method we could use in Australia to help with the proposed AS/NZS 1604 Part 2 on verification, as well as addressing the controversy likely to centre around clause 1.8.3.1 in Part 1, referred to earlier."

In New Zealand, the revised NZS 3640 and NZS 3602 public consultation stage (equivalent to Australia's

public review) closed last April. Standards NZ received more than 700 responses to these drafts which, like the AS/NZS 1604/1605 drafts, has ultimately led to further revisions and a second round of public consultation, closing on August 23.

"Standards in our industry are pivotal to treatment operations and the production of fit-for-purpose treated commodities," Dr Greaves said.

"The trans-Tasman documents that we all know so well, warts and all, can be a frustration to work on, compounded in many ways by SA and NZ SA process requirements.

"The American Wood Protection Association with its industry-driven and industry-drafted standards has much to recommend it," Dr Greaves said.

[TPAA hast taken up membership of the Treated Wood Council in the US. The TWC is an international trade association founded (and funded) jointly by treaters].

•TPAA bi-monthly bulletin, P 20.



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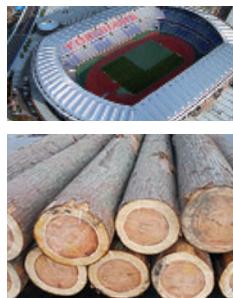
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A luncheon for legends as ten are inducted into Pioneer Hall of Fame

Staying with timber: a sixth generation of Hyne family

JIM BOWDEN

TEMPUS vincit omnia ...

And with these three words – time conquers all – spoken 37 years ago by J.R L. (Lambert) Hyne on the occasion of Hyne's centenary, the Queensland Timber Pioneers lunch in Brisbane last Friday set the stage for a day of nostalgia and recognition – recognition of the many, past and present, who have contributed to the greatness of the state's forest industries.

More than 40 guests were at the historic Pineapple Hotel at Kangaroo Point for a presentation by Chris Hyne –



Pioneer Hall of Fame inductees... Brian Schaumberg, Harvey Goodchild, Charles Achilles, Chris Hyne (accepting for brother Richard), Peter Crooke (accepting for father John Crooke), Frank Withey, and Tom Ryan.

a fourth generation member



of the Hyne family – and the awarding of Hall of Fame certificates to 10 sawmillers and foresters with a combined service to industry of more than 500 years.

Opening the day, Jim Bowden, lunch coordinator, reflected on Hyne's history, and in particular his interview in 1982 with Lambert Hyne.

He recalled Lambert's words: "Tempus vincit omnia – time conquers all. While this is undeniably true of man it is not necessarily true of his works.

"The human body is born, lives and inevitably dies, but the corporate body can with the ability to change and with wisdom and vigour as its policy, continue ad infinitum.

"Nothing stands still – change is continuous, thus if the corporate body cannot change with the times, it, like the human body, falls by the wayside, dies and in a very short time is but a memory.

"In this area this company has indeed been fortunate in the vigour of its staff who have contributed so much to the welfare of the company."

“CHRIS HYNE
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James Richard Lambert Hyne joined his father in the company in 1921 and served until his death in 1985. He saw the company rise to prominence after the tough times during the Great Depression, soon followed by the equally difficult period of World War 2. He was proud of his three sons who carried on the tradition – the late Warren Hyne, Richard Hyne and Christopher Hyne.

Jim noted that Hyne is the only timber company in Australia, or the southern



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Guest speaker... Chris Hyne (centre) with foresters Tom Ryan and Dr Gary Bacon, who gave the vote of thanks.

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hemisphere for that matter, that boasts six generations of the one family working continuously in the business since Richard Matthews Hyne, an English carpenter, set up a saw and planning mill on the banks of the Mary River at Maryborough in 1882.

"So it's a warm welcome to members of the Hyne family here today – Chris, James and Sam Hyne, a sixth generation working in the family who, like his forefathers, chose a career in timber."

Nine guests attending – five sawmillers and four foresters all aged in their 80s, were induced into the Timber Pioneers Hall of Fame "for their many outstanding contributions to the industry and their dedication to a sustainable forest industry".

The inductees with their previous titles were: Sawmillers John Crooke (Allies Creek), Richard Hyne (Hyne Timber), Peter Wilkinson (Wilkinson Day and Grimes), Harvey Goodchild (Yuleba Cypress), Frank Withey (Standard Sawmilling), and Charles Achilles (Hyne, Chinchilla); and foresters Tom Ryan (Conservator of Forests), Norm Clough (CEO, Forestry Queensland), Dick Pegg (director, operations,

Queensland Forestry), and Brian Schaumberg (director, technical services, Queensland Forestry).

Sponsors of the presentations were Bill Philip, The Responsible Wood Shop and The Accurate Group/Sterling.

Representing Bill Philip was Peter Bunning, a cousin of Bob Bunning of the Bunnings dynasty, and Mary O'Shea, a descendant of Alexander Hart. She gave a fascinating presentation on the timber pioneer Wilson Hart & Co of Maryborough and the Hart family, connected through marriage to the Hyne family.

Lambert Hyne often said: "I may be half Hart and half Hyne, but I'm not half-hearted."

Lambert's mother was Jessie Hart daughter of one of the founders of Wilson Hart, which celebrated its centenary in 1965.

• See P21 for more pictures.



Charles and Charlie... Achilles and Henry catch up at the pioneer lunch.

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India plants 66 million trees in 12 hours

VOLUNTEERS in India have planted more than 66 million trees in just 12 hours in a record-breaking environmental drive.

About 1.5 million people were involved in the huge plantation campaign, in which saplings were placed along the Narmada River in the state of Madhya Pradesh on a Sunday last month.

India committed under the Paris Agreement to increasing its forests by 5 million ha before 2030 to help combat climate change.

Last year volunteers in Uttar Pradesh state set a world record by planting more than 50 million trees in one day.

Observers from Guinness World Records also monitored the Narmada River



One for the record book... more than one million volunteers joined 12-hour plantation program.

plantation and are expected to confirm in the coming weeks that the effort set a new high.

The campaign was organised by the Madhya Pradesh government, with 24 districts of the Narmada River basin chosen as planting sites to increase the chance of survival for the saplings. Volunteers planted more than 20 different species of trees.

Shivraj Singh Chouhan, the state's chief minister,

described the efforts as an "historic day".

He said volunteers including children and the elderly had planted 66.3 million saplings between the hours of 7am and 7 pm, adding in a tweet: "By planting trees we are not only serving Madhya Pradesh but the world at large."

India is the world's third largest generator of carbon emissions. Prime Minister Narendra Modi last month reaffirmed his country's

commitment to the Paris climate accord after the US withdrew from the deal.

"The protection of the environment and the mother planet is an article of faith," he said at a joint press conference with French President Emmanuel Macron.

India is one of the ten most forest-rich countries of the world along with Russia, Brazil, Canada, United States of America, China, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Australia, Indonesia and Sudan. Together, India and these countries account for 67 percent of total forest area of the world.

The UN Food and Agricultural Organisation estimates India's forest cover to be more than 70 million ha, occupying 23.8% of the total land area of the country.

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Supporting skills development: FWPA keeps an eye on the future

IT is more important than ever for the forest and wood products industry to keep an eye on the future.

At Forest and Wood Products Australia, one of our key areas of focus is supporting and developing our current and future workers. We believe an industry is only as strong as its people.

FWPA provides learning and networking initiatives along the value chain for members, levy payers and other stakeholders.

COLLABORATIVE LEADERSHIP

The *For Our Future* initiative focuses on regional and collaborative leadership. Now into its third year, it aims to identify and train future leaders, while providing connections to set up opportunities for ongoing collaboration.

Participants benefit from developing their own abilities as leaders, while their organisations reap the rewards of the strong leadership skills they bring back.

“ REAPING REWARDS OF STRONG LEADERSHIP SKILLS



An industry is only as strong as its people ... For Our Future program in action.

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES

FWPA regularly sponsors university students to attend the prestigious World Conference on Timber Engineering (WCTE). For the last eight years, FWPA funding has helped outstanding post-graduate students engaging in timber-focused research to travel and attend.

Students make connections with globally leading talent that will often last throughout their careers and are encouraged to give presentations to their peers once back in Australia.

LEARNING ANYWHERE, ANY TIME

The WoodSolutions Campus is an online training program aimed at increasing product knowledge and

TALKING TIMBER



With Ric Sinclair
Managing Director, FWPA

upskilling workers across the supply chain.

The program, established almost three years ago, is in response to a lack of knowledge around the nature and performance of wood and wood products. It provides education on the latest advances in design, construction and supply chain logistics, as well as timber education and skills development.

MAKING CONNECTIONS

Events and networking opportunities help professionals make new contacts and extend their knowledge across the industry, such as the WoodSolutions Young Professionals Network.

IN-DEPTH TECHNICAL SKILLS

In conjunction with the Centre for Timber Durability and Design Life and the University of South Australia, FWPA recently organised a five-day workshop on the application of statistical process control for the manufacturing of structural and treated softwood sawn timber.

Following strong participation and excellent feedback, development is underway for a second course focused on engineered wood products to be held next year.

LOOKING FORWARD

FWPA is proud to take an active role in supporting the next cohort of experts with skills and knowledge. This investment in human capacity will place our industry in a stronger position to collaboratively deliver a brighter future.

Climate change: forest industries should consider trillion trees idea

MATE Duncan said my comments last month about the Catholic Church were far too generous. However, he did agree with my comments about the climate change-related remarks by Pope Francis.

If you remember, way back last month, I reported on the Pope calling carbon pricing "essential" to stem global warming. He also called for "open, transparent, science-based and standardised" reporting of climate risk and a "radical energy transition" away from carbon, saying that an ecological crisis "threatens the very future of the human family".

The Pope implicitly criticised those who deny that climate change is mostly caused by human activity.

Well since then, natural world iconic film-maker Sir David Attenborough, sometimes criticised for a lack of assertiveness, has given a strong message about overdue climate change action to a UK parliamentary committee. He even pointed the finger at Australia and our need to lift our game.

Reinforced by research, if it wasn't already totally obvious and without question, the most effective way to fight global warming is to plant lots of trees. A recent Swiss Federal Institute of Technology study asserts that we need to plant one trillion extra trees, maybe more.

Swiss scientists are saying that there is enough room, even with existing cities and farmland, for new trees to cover 9 million sq km. The Swiss study calculated that over the decades, those new



Planting trees, thousands of 'em... the cheapest climate change solution on the planet - and the most effective.

trees would suck up nearly 750 billion tonnes of heat-trapping carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. That is about as much carbon pollution as humans have generated in the past 25 years.

"This is by far – by thousands of times – the cheapest climate change solution and the most effective," said study co-author Thomas Crowther, a climate change ecologist at the Zurich-based Swiss institute.

The study concluded that the six countries with the most room and potential for new trees are Russia, the US, Canada, Brazil, China – and Australia.

"We all knew restoring forests could play a part in tackling climate change, but we had no scientific understanding of what impact this could make," Crowther said. "Our study shows clearly that forest restoration is the best solution."

George Mason University conservation biologist Thomas Lovejoy, who was not part of the study, called it "a good news story"

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because planting trees would also help stem the loss of biodiversity.

However, planting trees is not a substitute for weaning the world off burning oil, coal and gas, the chief cause of global warming, Dr Crowther emphasised. "None of this works without emissions cuts," he said.

Nor is it easy or realistic to think the world will suddenly go on a tree-planting binge, although many groups have

“ TREES THE CHEAPEST AND MOST EFFECTIVE SOLUTION ”

started, he noted. "It's certainly a monumental challenge, which is exactly the scale of the problem of climate change."

Yes, here in Australia some have taken up the cause. Trillion Trees Western Australia, formerly known as Men of The Trees, a self-funding non-profit organisation, has to date been responsible for planting more than 15 million native trees and understory to improve biodiversity, combat salinity and soil erosion.

So Trillion Trees Western Australia is on the case, and yes, Pope Francis's carbon price call is something the forest industry would see as a real boost to plantation investment.

So, let's all start planting trees. Are you listening new forestry minister Jono Duniam and forestry companies?

Along with many others I will be watching with interest.

Catch you again next month.

Cheryl

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Weinig and Parkside: a long and mutually-beneficial relationship

AMONG the collaborative efforts of Weinig and Parkside has been the acquisition of an OptiCut 450 series machining centre by Parkside's Wondai dry mill in Queensland's South Burnett region.

This installation provides automated high-speed optimising cross-cutting capacity – position, cut and sort at rapid speed with optimal recovery. Modern operations benefit from this performance for fixed-length cutting, when cutting out defects and for recovery and grade optimisation.

Weinig managing director Neil Forbes says this optimising sawing centre provides superior reliability, accuracy and complete user-friendliness in high-performance, continuous operations.

The Queensland-based Parkside Group is a large, leading company in sawmilling, timber manufacturing, land and property development, with operations from Cairns to Sydney. The group's Wondai dry mill has undergone a major upgrade that has improved its quality and quantity output, and made the mill a world-class hardwood manufacturing facility.

The mill is now the cornerstone of Parkside sawmilling and wood processing operations and produces hardwood decking, flooring, cladding, industrial and decorative timber for numerous applications.

Wondai dry mill operations manager Ross Lakin says the Weinig OptiCut scanning and docking saw system has been a real game-changer



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1/ Joint effort between Weinig and Parkside has been the installation of an OptiCut 450 series machining centre providing high-speed fully automated optimising cross-cut sawing.

2/ Collaborative optimising sawing effort at Wondai... Ross Lakin, operations manager, Richard Keenan, head wood machinist, and Weinig technician Gary Spillane.

3/ Neil Forbes... constructive input into Australia's hardwood industry

for the company in terms of productivity and quality performance.

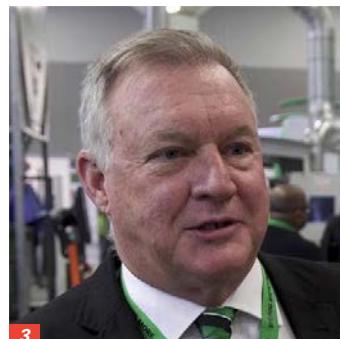
"With the Weinig scanning and optimising docking centre we are now able to much improve the quality and value of our production," Ross said.

"So critical value-adding of our predominantly spotted gum and ironbark decking and flooring lines has moved us to a new level – they are now much enhanced products."

Weinig's Neil Forbes is extremely enthusiastic about the relationship between Weinig and Parkside.

"Parkside is an amazing, iconic Queensland success story and a pre-eminent hardwood sawmiller and wood processor," he says. "We feel we are able to make a useful contribution to their success."

Neil said as Australasia's well-established, leading solid wood processing machinery and technology provider, Weinig was able to



make a constructive input into Australia's hardwood industry as it looked to provide increasingly high-quality products to a discerning market.

"So precision, rapid and high-quality wood processing machinery and support is a critical part of today's manufacturing mix," Neil said.

Weinig Queensland representative Gary Spillane said the OptiCut series of automated scanning and cross-cutting saws offered innovative cross-cutting combined with state-of-the-art control technology and software – everything from a single source.

"An outstanding application of high-performance optimising cross-cut saws is their integration into fully-automatic cross-cutting lines with automatic defect and quality detection," Gary said.

The OptiCut system can grow along with the requirements of the operator. It can be upgraded and retrofitted at any time, and another advantage is that customers of DimterLine OptiCut machines benefit from the service of an experienced manufacturer and the security of the world-wide presence of Weinig.

In connection with an integrated high-performance scanning system, up to 100 running metres of timber can be cut and optimised per minute.

"The process can be organised to be fully automatic, from the vacuum destacking of the raw material

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Russian forest fires burn out of control

RUSSIA has sent army soldiers to help fight forest fires that have burned nearly 31,080 square km in Siberia and the far east – an area the size of Belgium.

Russian officials said the fires had spread to remote areas of Siberia that firefighters could not reach.

Avialesookhrana, Russia's aerial forest protection service, said more than 30,690 sq km were on fire, with the vast majority in areas that were hard to reach and where potential damage was likely to be less than the cost of fighting them.

The Russian military sent transport planes and



Women in action... a young Russian soldier battles forest fires in Russia.

helicopters that can drop water on fires, on orders from President Vladimir Putin.

Avialesookhrana said about 2700 firefighters were working to put out the blazes but it said about 27,970 sq km of the fires were in hard-to-reach areas.

Russia's vast stretches of forest have often been hit by widespread fires in the summer. This year, however, the world experienced the warmest June on record.

"It's not for the first time that we're having this catastrophe in our country,"

said Mikhail Kreindlin, a Greenpeace activist in Moscow.

"Why there is so much attention to it this year is because the smoke from the fires has reached the cities, with activists who (have) started to raise the issue."

Protests demanding action against the heavy smoke from the fires were planned for Thursday in Moscow outside the Ecology Ministry. Greenpeace also planned to submit a petition with more than 200,000 signatures to the Russian government urging a better response to wildfires and more preventive action.

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to the stacking of cut lengths," Gary said.

In relation to Parkside's relationship with Weinig, Ross Lakin added: "Yes we are very pleased that we have

enjoyed a long and productive relationship with Weinig. In fact, since the scanning and optimising docking installation

at Wondai we have purchased another Weinig machining system for another one of our sawmills."

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I AM continually trying to get on the front foot and drive the interests of TPAA rather than simply react to them.

A major issue for me is to 'get the information out there'. As I have lamented often enough in the past, there is a poor understanding by the users of our product on what we have to offer and in the style of our Prime Minister I promote: "How good is preserved wood!"

Please note this is a statement rather than a question.

In July, TPAA recorded 3643 visitors to its web site, 90% of which were new visitors. Now I don't know how good 3600 visits are in the scheme of things, but I am hopeful that this is a good result. Of the visits, 39% were Australian, 35% were from the US and 21% were from the UK.

While I am talking about the TPAA web page, a new tab called 'products and services' has been added to help the viewer contact individuals and organisations for services such as information and advice, inspection services and product testing.

TPAA's major activity

“ NEW WEB TAB ON PRODUCTS AND SERVICES



Keeping on the front foot... getting the information out there.

over recent months has been interaction with the Queensland Department of Environment and Science (DES) in developing an End of Waste (EOW) code for preservative-treated solid wood. This name is a little misleading; it is not about disposal of treated wood. The EOW sets the rules around treated wood that is to be reprocessed after its first use. The rules apply to such products as power poles that have been removed from service and solid off-cuts that are to be used in the manufacture of other products. This particular EOW code applies to solid timber which is not regarded as a regulated waste, compared to residues (sawdust and shavings) which are still being considered.

DES, along with Timber Queensland, is funding an independent evaluation of

insurance service is big enough to justify developing a program.

Whilst these actions have been progressing, I have responded to a wide range of queries both off the web page and by direct phone contact.

There are the on-going queries about the safety of treated wood. To respond, I have started using the analogy that using treated wood is probably about as dangerous as driving on bitumen which is chock full of nasty carcinogens.

With the recent focus on building certification, certifiers are understandably becoming increasingly nervous in approving buildings and building products. One of the issues that needs clarification is the requirement to apply a brush-on preservative when an envelope treatment is breached by cutting, boring etc.

This issue is current and I have just written what I hope is a clarifying article for the FTMA News. No doubt there will be more to come on this matter.

As always, if there are any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me on 61 (0)4 1898 9398 or email jak.norton@gmail.com Skype: jak.norton1

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With JACK NORTON
Secretary, TPAA

residues to establish the levels involved and how to proceed from there. It is important to note that EOW codes are different to disposal.

Another initiative I have been pursuing is the provision of insurance services to the timber treatment industry. At the moment I am still trying to establish if the need or the desire for an industry-based



1/ Enjoying the timber pioneers lunch... Jason Ross and Simon Dorries, Responsible Wood, a sponsor, and Gerry Gardiner, principal, iTreat Timber, Narangba.

2/ Lucky winner... Noel Wootton of Belle's at Montville (left) presents the prize of a holiday for two at the cottage retreat in the Sunshine Coast hinterland to Katie Fowden, Hyne Timber. Looking on are Clarissa Brandt, Timber Queensland, and Michael Kennedy, Kennedy's Timber. The raffle was run by Brisbane Hoo-Hoo Club 218 with funds raised donated to Hummingbird House, a support service for children affected by a life-limiting condition.



3/ Mixing with pioneers at the Pineapple... James Hyne, operations manager, Hyne Timber and chairman, Queensland Timber Board, with Peter Crooke, Bretts, Frank Withey, formerly Standard Sawmilling, and Ian Clarke, national sales and service manager for Azelis Australia.

4/ Congratulating Queensland Timber Pioneer Hall of Fame inductee Harvey Goodchild (right), are Don Towerton, Thora Wholesale Timbers, and David McIntyre who worked with Don at Bretts before setting up Trans Global Timbers.

5/ John Huth, a technician with forestry research in Queensland for more than 46 years (left) admires a Queensland red cedar, silver ash and mallee burl jewellery box, donated to the timber pioneers' raffle by John Muller of the Blackall Range Woodcrafters Guild at Montville (right).



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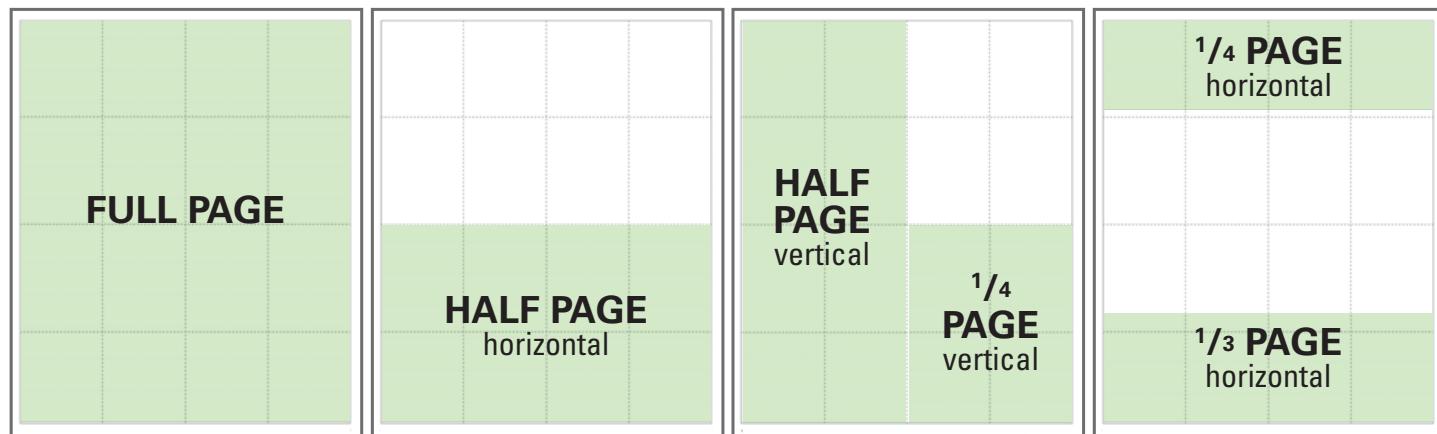


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