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Nine companies unite in action for \$1bn sustainable growth plan

Forest Industries Hub aims to plant an extra 200 million trees

THE Green Triangle Forest Industries Hub this week launched a \$1 billion sustainable growth plan in which an extra 200 million trees will be planted by 2030, sequestering 3.6 million tonnes of carbon dioxide every year.

The plan means the hub will contribute 20% of the national growth target outlined in the federal government's Forests for Future initiative.

The new 'Green Triangle Forestry Industries Hub Action Agenda' outlines how the industry will increase its economic output by more than 65% to meet projected local and global demand for wood and fibre products, making it a \$2.5 billion industry for the region.

It will also support the Green Triangle with a focus on developing skills for the future ensuring a sustainable local wood fibre supply for construction of homes,



Linda Sewell... growing new opportunities for the Green Triangle region.

furniture and household products, and contribute to South Australia's and Victoria's economy and exports.

The plan was launched on Monday in Mount Gambier, in the heart of the Green Triangle region, by the nine companies which make up the forest industries hub.

Chair Linda Sewell said the plan demonstrated the long-term social, environmental and economic commitment of each of the hub members to the industry and the Green Triangle.

"The action agenda is the Hub's 10-year plan for growing future opportunities for the region, which will contribute to the longer term prosperity of Green Triangle communities,"

Ms Sewell said.

"Our industry supports more than 7000 people in the Green Triangle Region by providing a sustainably-produced timber source, fulfilling the needs of people for a whole range of products essential to our daily lives.

"As stewards of our industry, we want to build on the successes of the past decade and create a significant fibre bowl."

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Ms Sewell said the industry had gone from strength to strength, continuing to support local communities and providing stable, long-term employment.

Deputy chair Ian McDonnell said the hub would work collaboratively with governments, communities and landholders on

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Working together... Senator Jonathon Duniam catches up with recently-appointed ForestWorks CEO Yvette Nash at the AFPA Members' Dinner in Canberra last week. Story, more photos, P 5, 6, 8.



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Architecture climate summit agrees timber is better for the environment

'If we invented concrete today, nobody would think it was a good idea'

ARCHITECTS and academics at last week's Architecture of Emergency climate summit in London have called on house designers to fight climate change by ditching concrete.

"If you came here with the hope of one clear action for what you can do in the office tomorrow – stop it with the concrete," said Maria Smith, founding director of transdisciplinary architecture and engineering practice Interrobang in London.

"We don't have to wait to solve every single problem in order to start something today," said Ms Smith, a keynote speaker, who is chief curator of the Oslo Architecture Triennale, an architectural festival that will explore the topic of 'de-growth' in response to climate change.

The summit at the Barbican Centre in London, the largest performing arts complex in Europe, was the largest gathering of architects to discuss climate change in the UK.

Phineas Harper, deputy director of London built environment think-tank the Architecture Foundation, said architecture and the materials it was made from accounted for an extraordinary proportion of global greenhouse gases.

"Yet as an industry, our

“OUR POTENTIAL TO FIGHT GLOBAL HEATING IS ONLY MATCHED BY OUR FAILURE TO DO SO



Timber locks in the carbon... the Dalton Works project in Hackney, London, which instituted a 'timber first' policy for new construction in 2012, comprises several building volumes ranging from five to 10 storeys that provide 121 units of housing along with office, restaurant, and retail space. Except for the building's concrete podium, the structure is built entirely of CLT, from the floors to the walls to the elevator cores.
Photo: Waugh Thistleton Architects

potential to lead the fight against global heating is matched only by our failure to do so," he said.

"Building construction accounted for 8% of the total global carbon dioxide emissions."

Dr Michael Ramage, an architectural engineer and University of Cambridge academic added: "If we invented concrete today, nobody would think it was a good idea.

"We've got this liquid and you need special trucks, and it takes two weeks to get hard. And it doesn't even work if you don't put steel in it," he said, suggesting timber was a much more environmentally sound alternative.

"We have an incredible industry that produces concrete and rebar that have low levels of embodied

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energy over their lifetimes.

“We don’t have that infrastructure for trees anymore. We don’t have 50 years.”

On the same theme, Andrew Waugh, co-founder of Waugh Thistleton, argued: “These buildings that release a large amount of carbon during the building process shouldn’t be considered sustainable.

“We have BREEAM (the world’s leading sustainability assessment method for master planning projects, infrastructure and buildings) and LEED that look to control or reduce the amount of carbon construction puts into the atmosphere, but this is measured over a period of 50 years.

“If you build a building now it’s in 50 years’ time when the carbon is measured from that building,” he continued. “We



Maria Smith... shifting the model – substitution is not enough.



Michael Ramage... we don’t have infrastructure for trees anymore.



Phineas Harper... construction accounts for 8% of emissions.



Louise Wyman... we’ve got to move away from cement.

don’t have 50 years.”

Mr Waugh said that in order to meet the EU’s target of cutting emissions by 40% for 2030, even sustainably-rated concrete buildings were hindering progress.

“The only material that has a lower embodied energy level is timber, which locks in the carbon it transforms into oxygen as the plant grows.”

Encouraging architects to switch to timber-framed buildings has rattled the cement and concrete

industry, which has taken out adverts warning about the supposed dangers of timber buildings.

“We must be doing something right because, much like the tobacco industry in the 1980s and 1990s, Big Concrete is beginning to fight back,” Mr Waugh.

“We must fundamentally shift our model.”

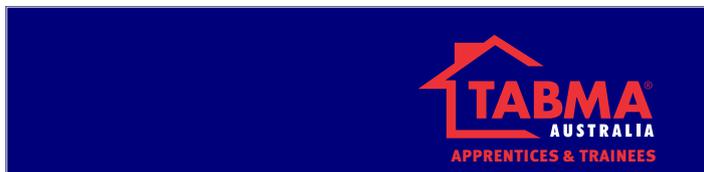
Even with the housing crisis being faced by the UK, concrete should not be used as a short-term solution, agreed Louise Wyman of Homes England, who recently was appointed to the National Infrastructure Commission, an influential government group that will champion design excellence in all new UK infrastructure.

“We’ve got to move away from cement,” she said.

Along with calls to end building with concrete, speakers at the summit called for a radical overhaul of the systems that cause environmental damage while enriching the richest one per cent.

“Incrementalism is dead,” said Greenpeace activist Danielle Paffard. “There’s no time for fanning around the edges,” he said.

Summing up, architect Maria Smith said: “We must fundamentally shift our model for all relationships, from one of domination towards a model based on sharing on cooperation. Substitution is not enough – we must think and act differently.”



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Economic growth slows

“AUSTRALIA’S economic growth rate remains stuck at a decade low but the government has what’s needed to get it moving again,” says Denita Wawn, CEO, Master Builders Australia.

“What’s urgently needed is an acceleration of infrastructure projects to the construction phase and more discussion of measures to encourage business investment,” she said.

New GDP figures show Australia’s economy grew by

0.5% during the June 2019 quarter equivalent to a 1.4% annual growth rate – the lowest since September 2009.

Mrs Wawn said main components of domestic demand had shrunk over the past year – including key elements like business investment in addition to both residential and commercial building.

“Even though household spending has grown it has done so at the weakest pace in years,” she said.

Video premiere at Canberra dinner throws a spotlight on sustainability of forest industry

AUSTRALIA'S sustainable forest industries have been showcased brilliantly in new promotional videos produced by the federal Department of Agriculture and launched at the AFPA members' dinner in Canberra last week.

The videos, premiered at Old Parliament House, were introduced by the Assistant Minister for Forestry Senator Jonathon Duniam

The videos cover different themes of forest industries and promote their environmental, economic and social benefits.

"Those of us who work within forest industries have always known of the truly renewable nature of the timber and fibre products that we produce, but these new videos will help tell the story in an excellent way to more Australians," the chair of the Australian Forest Products Association Greg McCormack said.

"They will also help build on the great work of Forest and Wood Products Australia's 'The Ultimate Renewable campaign, a



Australian Forestry – Planning for Tomorrow, Today... more than 52,000 people are employed in an industry that provides more than \$24 billion to the Australian economy. Log truck driver Daniel Neve contributes to the new promotional videos: "How many other people on top of that 52,000 are surviving on the products that come from forestry? All because of that one little tree over there. You won't get anything better than that tree. They are beautiful things."

campaign that new research shows has reached 25% of Australians," he said.

The flagship video is titled 'Australian Forestry – Planning for Tomorrow, Today', which can be viewed on the Department of Agriculture website www.agriculture.gov.au

Other more focused videos have been developed with different themes, including Australian forestry: benefitting our communities; Technology and innovation lead the way in forestry; Replanting and regrowing for the future; Wood – the

ultimate renewable.

Mr McCormack emphasised the value of the \$24 billion contribution the forest industry makes to the country's economy each year noting that much of the income and employment provided substantial benefit to regional Australia.

He also emphasised the

PROMOTING ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL BENEFITS OF FORESTS

importance of meaningful plantation effort – "to get the right trees in the right place at the right time."

Greg McCormack took the occasion to pay tribute to Tasmanian forest industry champion Glenn Britton, managing director of Britton Timber, who passed away recently.

Meanwhile, the trustees of the J.W. Gottstein Trust have acknowledged the significant contribution which Glenn Britton made, not only to the Tasmanian timber industry, but also in providing personal growth and development opportunities to many industry participants through his involvement in the Gottstein Trust.

On behalf of the board, the chair of the Gottstein Trust, John Simon paid tribute to Mr Britton, who was a highly respected trustee of the organisation for many years.

"His wise guidance and passion for improving our industry and its people added significant value to the Gottstein Trust's activities," Mr Simon said.

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- 1/ In the ladies' corner for pre-dinner drinks... Jessica Douglas, OneFortyOne Plantations, Natalie Heazlewood, AFPA, Sarah Paradise, Australian Honey Bee Industry Council, Helen Murray, Gottstein Trust, and Suzette Weeding, Sustainable Timber Tasmania.*
- 2/ Confering at the AFPA dinner... Guy Barnett, Tasmanian Minister for Primary Industries and Water, Diana Gibb, NSW Rural Assistance Authority and AFPA board member, Senator Jonathon Duniam, Assistant Minister for Forestry, and Greg McCormack, chair, AFPA.*
- 3/ In the world of woodchips... Malcolm McComb, chairman, Pentarch Forest Products, and Tony Price, CEO and managing director, Midway Ltd.*
- 4/ Enjoying the AFPA dinner... Bill Hurditch, founding principal, Fifth Estate, and Daryl Quinlivan, secretary, Department of Agriculture*
- 5/ Mick Stephens, CEO, Timber Queensland; Katie Fowden, manager, strategic relations Hyne Timber, and David Rowlinson, Make It Wood campaign manager at Planet Ark.*
- 6/ Trans-Tasman relations... Pat Groenhout, managing director, Greenwood Strategy, Anne Geary, director, sales and contracting, VicForests; Julie Collins, Deputy Director-General, Forestry New Zealand, and Rob de Fégely, Margules Groome.*

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3: Australian Timber Importers Federation board meeting – Brisbane Airport Conference Centre, Brisbane Australia. Contact John Halkett (02) 9356 3826 or mobile 0417 421 187. Email: john.halkett@bigpond.com

17: Institute of Foresters of Australia, Innovation in Forestry Seminar – Library at the Dock, Docklands, Melbourne, Australia. Seminar will cover: latest developments in drone use and mobile data collection in native and plantation forests; adaptive harvesting and regeneration practices in native forests; harvesting performance monitoring in plantation forests, and innovation in log measurement and payment systems. To register to attend see: www.forestry.org.au/Forestry/Events/Innovation_in_the_Forestry_Sector

17: 20th Australian Timber

Design Awards presentation dinner – The River Room, Crown Melbourne, Australia. People's Choice voting closes September 30. All category winners including the 'Grand Prix' winner will be announced during the presentation evening on October 17. Enjoy a three-course meal and drinks all while being entertained by MC Peter Maddison, founding director of Maddison Architects and host of Grand Design Australia. Contact 0420 232 253 or email inbox@timberdesignawards.com.au

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

26: 2019 Queensland Timber Industry Gala Evening (Casino Night) – The Tote Room, Eagle Farm Racecourse, Ascot, QLD Australia. 6:30pm. Hosted by TABMA Queensland. For bookings contact (07) 3456

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31: Rural Press Club of Queensland: A conversation on the future of agriculture and activism – Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre, Cnr Merivale and Glenelg Streets, South Brisbane. Club members \$125 p.p. (gst inclusive) or \$1200 for table of 10. Non-members \$135 p.p. (gst inclusive) or \$1300 for table of 10. Speakers: David McNamee, Lemontree Feedlot and Rowan McMonnies, managing director, Australian Eggs, in conversation with ABC Radio's Craig Zonca. Wide relevance to Australia's forest industry. In March 2017, the McNamee family made headlines when more than 100 animal activists illegally entered their feedlot near Millmerran. The flow-on effect has been unprecedented scrutiny of the interface between activism and primary production and

a suite of proposed new measures to clamp down on unlawful entry to agricultural land. Contact: Rural Press Club on (07) 3221 9222 | or email admin@ruralpressclub.com.au

NOVEMBER

1: Green Triangle Timber Industry Awards 2019 – Mt Gambier, South Australia, Australia. The second GTTIA forestry awards for the region will recognise and celebrate outstanding foresters, companies, service providers and forest managers. Nominations open June 17 and close August 30. Gala dinner November 1. Further information and sponsorship opportunities visit www.gttia.com or contact Prue Younger +64 21 2765 484. Email: prue@publicimpressions.co.nz

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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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 - 5 OCT: 25th World Congress of the International Union of Forest Research Organisations (IUFRO) – Curitiba, Paraná, Brazil. First IUFRO congress ever held

in Latin America, bringing international experts in forest research. IUFRO, with a remarkable 127-year history, links more than 15,000 forest scientists globally. During the plenary sessions, scientists, researchers, teachers, students, and professionals in the forest sector will participate in discussions on issues related to the event's five main themes. The scientific sessions with 1700 oral and 1000 poster presentations will offer ample opportunities for IUFRO and its stakeholders to showcase the state-of-the-art in forest science. For information email imprensa@agricultura.gov.br or florestas.imprensa@embrapa.br

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6-9: 52nd International Symposium on Forestry Mechanization (FORMEC) and 42nd Council on Forest Engineering (COFE) Annual Meeting – Sopron, Hungary. For further information see: www.formec2019.com

8-10: Timber Expo Birmingham – Birmingham, UK. Annual trade show covering a breadth of timber applications from

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8-10: AUSTROFOMA (Austrian forestry machine and device demonstration) – Forchtenstein, Austria. For further information see: www.austrofoma.at/en

21-25: 2019 DANA Japan Forest Industry Tour – Japan. A unique five-day Forest Industry Tour of several forest, wood processing and wood importing and exporting port facilities on Kyushu and Honshu Islands. For further information and to register see: www.danaevents.co.nz/2019japan/

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

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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. Leading fair covering forestry technology, wood energy and biomass for decision makers in the forestry and agriculture, construction and municipal economy, timber crafts and energy industry. For further information contact: +49 (0)781 922604 or www.messeoffenburg.de

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implementing the action agenda and members would invest up to \$300 million in local processing and manufacturing equipment upgrades to boost efficiency.

“We’re planning for growth. Without action, we will not be able to meet future demand for timber products and there will be an overall reduction in the national plantation estate, which will negatively impact the industry and communities that rely on it,” he said.

“This supply constraint has

“ BUILDING A SIGNIFICANT FIBRE BOWL

been identified in the federal government’s plan, which is calling for one billion trees to be planted across Australia to meet demand and support jobs. We’re excited that our 200 million tree goal is a significant 20% of the national target.”

The hub’s action agenda encompasses four core areas of activity which include a commitment to local processing, training and skill development for local people, genuine community engagement and a focus on sustainable initiatives to support future generations.

“The agenda is an industry-led vision for growth over the next 10 years,” Linda Sewell said.

“The hub is committed to consulting with stakeholders including the local community, government and other interested parties, to ensure that their needs

and interests are addressed through the work of the Green Triangle Forest Industries Hub.

More detail is available at www.gtfigh.com.au



In Canberra at the AFPA Members’ Dinner... Kersten Gentle, Frame and Truss Manufacturers Association; Arthur Potter, FTMA Australia; Nick Livanos, Koppers Performance Chemicals, and Christine Briggs, national marketing manager, AKD Softwoods and FWPA board member.



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Penguins on parade as tourists flock to three points of timber-rich centre

VICTORIA'S most-visited tourism destination has a new award-winning visitor centre which uses timber, in part, to achieve a delicate balance between landscape and built form and between people at one of the country's most vulnerable wildlife habitats.

Achieving this balance was part of the challenge facing architects Terroir when designing the new \$58.2 million Penguin Parade Visitor Centre on Victoria's Phillip Island where visitors since the 1920s have gathered to watch the twilight show.

While the stars of the show are tiny, today visitor numbers have become vast, with up to 3800 arriving at Victoria's Phillip Island every day to view the famous parade of Little Penguins as they commute from the sea along the Summerland Bay Beach to their burrows.

Situated in a very exposed coastal location, the impressive geometric building sits at the point where three distinctly different landscapes intersect. Basalt bluff headland, coastal dune



Penguin Parade Visitor Centre... impressive geometric building sits at the point where three distinctly different landscapes intersect.

and wetlands meet here and the visitor centre has been designed, in the words of architect Scott Balmforth, to "visually embody the sense that the building is reaching out to the landscapes but also stitching them together."

Low carbon building materials were used throughout the centre's construction, notably sustainably-sourced laminated Victorian ash hardwood for the exposed beams. The choice of timber beams and plywood panelling, which are self-finished and offer a carefully selected colour and texture, were integral in achieving the centre's robust appearance.

Terroir worked closely with the structural engineers to realise a hybrid steel/mass-timber roof structure with glulam beams. The laminated beams span up to 16 m and are 900 mm in depth. They create a net structure over the space with nested junctions of up to seven intersecting beams which are all structural yet left exposed.

Terroir specified timber sourced from managed forests with certified sustainability of the species achieved through the Program for Endorsement of Forest Certification and reciprocally by Australian authority Responsible Wood.

Project architect David

McPeak says: "This approach supported the expectations of the client to achieve the highest standards of environmentally sustainable design."

Responsible Wood CEO Simon Dorries explains why certification is important to architects and specifiers seeking the most environmentally sustainable building materials: "Timber and timber products must meet the Australian standard for Sustainable Forest Management (AS 4708) and Chain of Custody for Forest Products (AS 4707) to achieve and maintain 'Responsible Wood' certification, removing any uncertainty from the selection process."

Responsible Wood certification for AS 4707 for chain of custody is held by AG Brown Sawmill which supplied the glulam timber panelling featured throughout the building's interior.

On the cover: The \$58.2 million Penguin Parade Visitor Centre on Phillip Island features sustainably-sourced laminated Victorian ash hardwood for the exposed beams.



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FSC appoints new standards manager

Sara Gipton joins PF Olsen Australia

A PAST board member of FSC Denmark, Stefan Jensen, has been appointed policy and standards manager at FSC Australia.

He has significant experience working in complex policy environments in both government and forest conservation. He has been living in Australia for the past three years, working in a regional electoral office for a federal member of parliament.

A former project manager of charity organisation Forests of the World, Mr Jensen will manage local standards development and revision processes as well as other responsibilities related to supporting the growth of FSC certification in Australia.

More than 1100 forest managers and over 23,000 producers have certified their operations to FSC standards.

In other changes, Sara Gipton has left her position as CEO of FSC Australia to join PF Olsen Australia, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the PF Olsen Group, which is the largest independent forest management services provider across New Zealand and Australia, managing about 250,000 ha of land and handling 3.5 million tonnes of wood a year.

Ms Gipton has played a critical role in FSC Australia's successes over the past two years, including the finalisation, launch, and



1/ **Stefan Jensen... local standards development.**

2/ **Sara Gipton... taking position with PF Olsen.**

implementation of the Australian Forest Stewardship Standard and National Risk Assessment for sourcing controlled wood.

As convenor of the FSC Australia Indigenous working group, she helped reinvigorate FSC's engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. Under her leadership FSC Australia has made great progress in building the domestic market for FSC certified products. In 2019, Ms Gipton led a group of prominent Australian retailers and B2B brands who aim to develop campaigns to raise awareness of FSC in Australia.

FSC Australia is in the process of recruiting a new CEO.

The Forest Stewardship Council this month is celebrating its 25th anniversary. The organisation has expanded globally with a staff of 355 in 50 offices across five continents. Around 200 million ha of forests is FSC-certified.

The milestone is being commemorated this week in Cancún, Mexico, the birthplace of FSC where stakeholders, including FSC members, are celebrating the occasion.

“FSC CELEBRATES 25 YEARS



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Stanton award winner: ‘peace in our forest’

AFTER a decade of reflections as a conservation planner on both sides of the forest debate, Dr Marie Yee is a firm believer “that we can achieve peace in our forest and a sustainable forest industry that all members of the community are proud of”

Marie, senior conservation planner, Sustainable Timber Tasmania, was the inaugural recipient of the highly prestigious Richard Stanton Memorial Trophy in 2015, awarded each year by Responsible Wood. She was nominated by Ross Garsden, Forest Management Systems auditor with BSI, for her outstanding work in the development of a landscape context planning system.

“Through my work I am in a privileged position to witness the innovation and creativity being displayed by many of

Australia’s larger forestry organisations as they come to grips with the complex issues involved in sustainable forest management,” Mr Garsden said ahead of the 2019 award presentation at the Responsible Wood AGM in Mount Gambier on October 22.

“It’s exciting to see how Australia’s forest managers are forging ahead with the development of a range of new technologies aimed at improving forest management – and this award is worthy acknowledgement,” Mr Garsden said.



Inaugural Stanton Award winner in 2015... Dr Marie Yee of Sustainable Timber Tasmania (second from left) is congratulated by Senator Anne Ruston, then the Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Forestry, Sonia Stanton, wife of the late Richard Stanton, and Nanette Drielsma, wife of Responsible Wood chair Dr Hans Drielsma.

“The landscape planning system developed by Marie and her team is clearly a game-changer for sustainable forest management in Australia and further afield.”

Suzette Weeding, general manager, forest management, Sustainable Timber Tasmania, said Marie Yee had been recognised in her leading

role in a landscape planning that enabled a systematic system and management approach which incorporated the principles of landscape ecology into forest management.

Responsible Wood CEO Simon Dorries said Dr Yee’s win was considered a “nourishing award”, recognising the work of young people in taking responsibility for carrying forward the forest industry’s message of sustainability and the value of forest certification.

The award and trophy recognise the life of the late Richard Stanton who was devoted to the forest industry in Australia and internationally.

Nominations for the award close on October 4. More information about the award is available on www.responsiblewood.org.au

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Green Building Council ticks timber

A NEW report by the World Green Building Council highlights the huge potential of timber product building solutions to reduce emissions in Australia's built environment.

The Report, Bringing Embodied Carbon Upfront, says renewable timber products will play a key role in meeting ambitious goals of reducing carbon emissions in the built environment by 40% in 2030 and achieving carbon neutrality by 2050, as buildings currently account for 39% of global carbon emissions.

Australian Forest Products Association CEO Ross Hampton said Australia's renewable forestry industry produced a unique building material because it absorbed enormous amounts of carbon from the atmosphere in



Timber... building solution to reduce emissions.

working forests and then stored the carbon in timber products.

"Timber has always been a great building material, but advances in technology, including the development of cross laminated timber, light weight timber framing and other timber building solutions, accompanied by recent building code updates, have opened many more doors for renewable timber to be used more widely in

construction," Mr Hampton said.

"We commend the World Green Building Council recognising the importance of 'embodied energy' – the

carbon emissions associated with manufacturing and construction processes in the lifecycle of a building material.

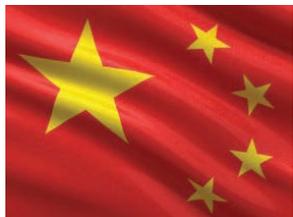
"Timber has very little embodied energy in comparison to other building materials making it a more sustainable, renewable choice in a carbon-constrained future."

Mr Hampton said while innovations in timber construction were increasing

the uptake of modern timber building solutions in Australia and globally, there was more governments could do to harness the benefits of using renewable timber in the built environment.

For example, there is currently no specific methodology to allow timber construction to bid for carbon credits through the federal government's Climate Solutions Fund. Substituting 1 cub m of concrete or brick for a cubic metre of timber eliminated about one tonne of carbon dioxide from being emitted into the atmosphere.

AFPA has calculated that even a very modest increase in timber product construction would store 11 million tonnes of additional greenhouse gases over the coming decade.



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Positive workplace culture a winner

SEVEN years ago, Brisbane-based sustainable timber specialist Kennedy's Timbers had stagnated, facing issues on all fronts in a tough competitive market and at a risk of closure.

A commitment to creating a positive workplace environment turned the business around, and on September 14 Kennedy's Timbers was named Queensland's Small Employer of the Year at the Queensland Training Awards.

Kennedy's, whose projects include Howard Smith Wharves, has found that with a positive workplace culture both staff and productivity can thrive.

Owner Michael Kennedy attributes the success of the business to creating an engaging culture which he

said was an important formula within the company structure.

"Nothing works without getting your culture right," Mr Kennedy said.

"I can make money by slashing costs, being pushy and demanding, but that is a miserable way of doing business. So invest in your culture on an ongoing basis; it needs to be in your veins, you have to live it," he added.

Investing in the company's culture has not only retained staff numbers, it has also increased productivity



Successful formula... Michael Kennedy (centre) celebrates with Shannon Fentiman, Minister for Employment and Small Business, and Chris Whiting MP for Bancroft.

levels and turnover.

Kennedy's Timbers now has 600% lower staff turnover, three times lower staff absenteeism, fewer lost time injury days and one of the lowest Work Cover premiums in the Queensland manufacturing sector. The average length of service of staff has substantially

increased from 1 to 6.7 years. Kennedy has also been able to expand and purchase competitors in Victoria and New South Wales and also establish distributors in Western Australia and New Zealand.

While Kennedy's has always been profitable, there had been staff-retention issues, absenteeism, product complaints and until culture was addressed nothing worked over a sustained period.

With everything else failing, Michael Kennedy engaged workplace culture specialist Dr Tony Watt after hearing him speak at a business event.

Staff are encouraged to lead the workplace culture program, something Mr Kennedy said was a little scary and alarming at first.



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Malaysian forests green industry, says former MTCC, ITTO chief

'Judicious balance between environmental and economic issues'

IN spite of what has been alleged by certain groups, Malaysia is still a green country with 54% of its land area under forest cover, the bulk of which has been legally constituted as permanent reserved forests (PRFs) and totally protected areas (TPAs) to ensure forest cover.

Speaking ahead of this week's MTCC 20th anniversary celebrations in Kuala Lumpur, Dato' Dr. BCY Freezailah, former chair of the Malaysian Timber Certification Council and former executive director of the International Tropical Timber Organisation, said more importantly, in order to ensure that the country remained green, Malaysia made a commitment at the historic Earth Summit in 1992 that its forest cover would always remain more than 50% of its land area.

Dr Freezailah said such a threshold would limit forest conversion into other forms of land uses even though agri-conversion might offer exciting prospects.

"This important policy decision on land use was made to strike a judicious balance between environmental and economic considerations," he said.

"Such a policy is in line with the 17 sustainable development goals adopted by the United Nations in 2015, which also include caring for the environment and eradicating poverty.

"It is within the context of poverty alleviation that conversion of forests into productive agriculture has



1/ Sustainable... officers in the Perak state forest in central Malaysia demonstrate how trees are measured and selected for harvesting. Photo: Jim Bowden

2/ Dato' Dr. Freezailah... Malaysia can be proud that 35% of its permanent reserved forests have been certified.

in 1999 to certify that timber felled in a logging area can be sustainably grown again. With the full cooperation of the Forestry Department, MTCC started operating in some states at the end of 2001 using a phased approach. The standards contain only the key elements of SFM, which are embracing economic, social, and environmental and conservation aspects.

It also incorporated corresponding standards of performance for Sabah, Sarawak and Peninsular Malaysia adopted by consensus during regional and national-level stakeholder consultations.

“MALAYSIA IS COMMITTED TO HISTORIC EARTH SUMMIT

been implemented.

"Those benefiting from such land development programs include a million smallholders through oil palm and rubber cultivation."

To give effect to Malaysia's commitment to sustainably manage its PRFs, the National Committee on Sustainable Forest Management was established in 1994 to operationalise the ITTO criteria for sustainable management of tropical forest.

Sustainable forest management is central and is seriously pursued in Malaysia by relevant ministries and agencies.

This commitment to SFM was further demonstrated with the creation of the MTCC

There are two international schemes on forest certification – the Program for the Endorsement of Forest Certification and the Forest Stewardship Council.

Dr Freezailah said that globally there were 4 billion ha of forests which were more or less equally distributed between tropical and non-tropical forests. Globally, at the end of 2018, 24% of non-tropical forests had been certified compared to a meagre 1.8% of tropical forests.

"Malaysia can be proud as 35% of our PRFs have been certified and our forest managers are doing their utmost to strengthen forest management so that other areas may also be certified," he said.

Meanwhile, a wealth of business opportunities awaits industry at the Malaysian Wood Expo 2019 in Kuala Lumpur from November 19 to 21. Jointly organised by the Malaysian Timber Council and Panels and the Furniture Group of wood magazines, MWE 2019 will be the first true coming together of top exhibitors in southeast Asia.

Participants will meet, learn, network and wheel-and-deal with renowned international wood-based manufacturers and exporters as well as woodworking suppliers and buyers while tapping into the unlimited opportunities that some of the fastest-growing economies in the region have to offer.

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Logging bid stirs Tassie 'forest war' fear

TASMANIA timber companies fear they are running out of resources and may need to log native forests they had agreed to protect, rekindling the state's divisive 'forest wars'.

The Forest Industries Association of Tasmania said the sector had a resource problem, even before the impact on wood supply of last summer's vast bushfires was calculated.

It is understood Sustainable Timber Tasmania has already failed to deliver full contracted wood volumes in some cases.

FIAT acting chief executive Terry Edwards said concern about resource supply had led it to ask the state government to assess potential harvesting in parts of 357,000 ha of forest the industry had previously agreed could be protected.

"We have asked the government to have a look at the assessment processes required and get them under way, to avoid a hasty process," Mr Edwards said.

It is understood there is a focus on an area of 64,000 ha already identified as having the potential to deliver high-quality sawlogs, within the 357,000 ha.

The state government suggested it would consider the request, made ahead of the expiry in April of a moratorium on logging the area.

"The government will consider any application made by industry, based on its merits," a spokesman said.

FIAT and other industry groups agreed on the permanent protection of all 357,000 ha as part of a 2012



Terry Edwards... weighing up the potential for any return to a forest war footing.

forest 'peace deal' with conservationists.

It includes long fought-over forests in parts of Wielangta, Bruny Island, Tasman Peninsula, Ben Lomond, Douglas-Apsley and the Tarkine.

However, full implementation of the deal

was halted by the incoming Liberal state government in 2014, and the 357,000 ha earmarked as a 'wood bank' available for logging after April 2020.

Mr Edwards said tougher forest practice codes to protect threatened species, as well as the resource impacts of the 2016 and 2019 bushfires, had contributed to wood supply being "less than anticipated".

He said industry would have to "seriously" weigh gains from harvesting the contested forests against the "pain" of returning to "forest wars".

"We have to weigh up the potential for any return to a forest war footing," he said. "We don't want to go back to that, but that is a potential outcome."

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Toyota GTS 86 coupe a break-away for communicative driving and style

“THEM’S the breaks,” sighed by young motoring enthusiast.

“Miss out on the \$250 million lottery?” I offered.

Nothing to do with it. Mark was referring to the stand-out Brembo (Rambo?) brake discs, glistening bright orange on all wheels of the new Toyota 86 GTS Auto – 326 mm rotors at the front and twin pots at the rear.

Reflecting Italian design tradition, the Brembos later showed us their beefy grip ability and excellent wet-road performance – on the one day it rained in Brisbane this month.

Parked at the Mount Coot-tha kiosk and lookout on One-Tree-Hill – the highest point in Brisbane with panoramic views of the city – we returned to the 86 to chat with an elderly gentleman who was down on one knee snapping the Brembos with his I-Phone.

“Wonderful car,” he enthused, “...and those wheels...” But, like me, on the wrong side of 70, getting into the 86 is a lot easier than the contortions required to get out of it. Just make sure



1/ Toyota new GT 86... a fun and engaging auto coupe.



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nobody’s watching.

The car’s communicative chassis is arguably one of the two-door sports coupe’s most redeeming qualities. Fluid throttle responses and the rear-wheel-drive make the 86 one of the most appealing in its class.

Two trim levels come with the auto at a base dealer retail price of \$31,190 or \$34,460 for the GT, which features leather/suede seats and door trim, dual-zone automatic climate control, heated seats, LED fog lights, remote entry with push button start, a spoiler, and a 4.2 in. display in the instrument cluster.

The car has a five-star ANCAP rating but minimal advanced driver assist

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technology. But the 86 is flexible and sharp enough to avoid a crash.

The interior consists of front bucket seats, and two rear seats – OK for short drives, but a challenge for adults over a long haul. They can enjoy an eight-speaker Pioneer sound system (standard), with the in-dash

stereo looking like a standard double-DIN unit and the rest of the dashboard taking on a smart and simple look.

Power comes from a horizontally opposed (boxer), 2-litre four-cylinder engine for 152kW and 212Nm of torque. With dual injection (into the inlet port and also into the combustion chamber) the 86 has two torque peaks at around 2000 rpm and another at around 4000 rpm.

Toyota has paid attention to the race series it sponsors and has selectively implemented changes to the 86, based on this engineering intelligence.

Yes, Toyota’s sleek little Toyota 86 coupe is certainly racy, well worth the price and it attracts a lot of attention.

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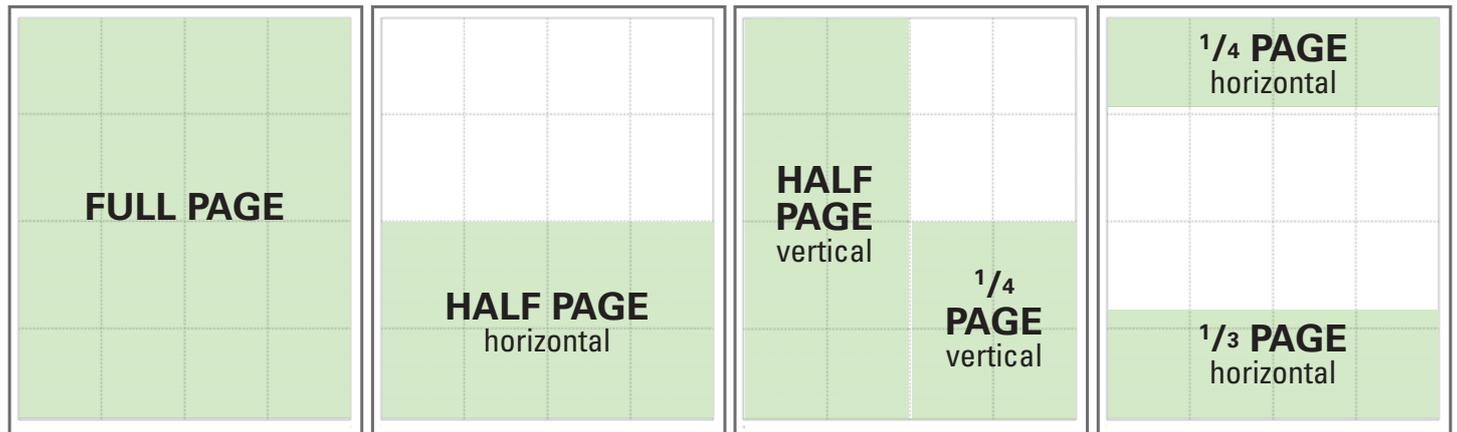
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