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# NZ strikes new deal on China free-trade upgrade after many years of negotiations

AFTER years of negotiations, New Zealand and China have struck a deal on the long-awaited upgrade to their free trade deal.

It includes new rules to make exporting to China cheaper and easier, the highest level of commitment to environmental standards China has made in any free trade deal, and giving the vast majority of wood and paper trade to China preferential access over the next 10 years.

That will include some processed wood products, for which the forestry sector had been seeking tariff cuts.

In return, New Zealand will adjust visa rules for some jobs, including tour guides and Mandarin language teachers, but the overall number of visas allocated will not change.

Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern made the announcement at the East

**“THIS HAS BEEN A VERY HARD-WON BATTLE**



**1/ Trade deal... NZ Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern meets with Chinese Premier Li Keqiang at the ASEAN summit in Bangkok.**

**2/ Brian Stanley... significant inroads for market access.**



Asia Summit in Bangkok this month where she met with Chinese Premier Li Keqiang.

"This ensures our upgraded free trade agreement will remain the best that China has with any country," she said.

Chair of the Wood Processors and Manufacturers Association of New Zealand Brian Stanley welcomed the announcement of the tariff reductions for the wood manufacturing sector under the China-NZ Free Trade Agreement upgrade.

He thanked the Prime

Minister, Trade Minister David Parker and Forestry Minister Shane Jones for pushing the case for New Zealand's wood industry to the top of the agenda in the recent free-trade negotiations.

"Trade officials at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs are to be congratulated on gaining tariff concessions for the wood industry in the protected Chinese market," Mr Stanley said.

"I know that this has been a very hard-won battle that will

see \$2 million of savings on 15 export product lines in a \$36 million annual trade," he said. "While these may not be huge figures in terms of the overall export of NZ wood products to the world, the fact remains that New Zealand was able to make significant inroads on market access where initially this was a no-go."

As tariffs tumble, Mr Stanley urges the attention of government now turns to defeating other insidious trade barriers, particularly overseas manufacturing subsidies.

"These continue to proliferate around the world, give unfair advantage to our competitors and stifle investment in NZ industry," he said.

"I'm sure if we confront these with the same skill and mettle displayed in our fight against tariff barriers then this can only further benefit our wood manufacturing sector together with the jobs and communities it supports."

Before the upgrade, the original deal was signed in Beijing in 2008. So far that has trebled two-way trade.



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# Billion-dollar growth plan to put an extra 200 million trees in the ground

## Green Triangle action agenda launched at Mount Gambier

JOHN HALKETT

THE Green Triangle Forest Industries Hub has launched a billion-dollar sustainable growth plan to plant an extra 200 million trees by 2030, sequestering 3.6 million tonnes of carbon dioxide every year.

The plan, announced last week in Mount Gambier, 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, furniture and household products, and contribute to economy and exports in South Australia and Victoria.

The plan was launched at Mount Gambier, in the heart of the Green Triangle region, by the nine companies which comprise the hub before nearly 100 local, state and federal stakeholders.

**“FOCUS ON DEVELOPING SKILLS FOR THE FUTURE**



**Linda Sewell... plan a long-term social, environmental and economic commitment.**

GTFIH 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. The industry has gone from strength to strength, continuing to support local communities and providing stable, long-term



**Adrian Flowers... hub announcement major business driver for the Green Triangle.**

employment."

Green Triangle Timber Industry Awards chair Adrian

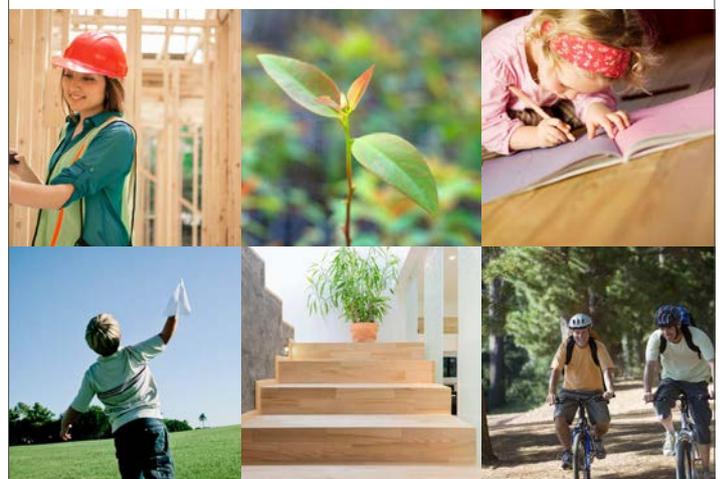


**Tony Pasin... boosting growth of forestry industries will create more regional jobs.**

Flowers added: "Along with the entry into the region of

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# Industry 'gutted' by Labor's decision to phase out native timber harvesting

FEDERAL Minister for Agriculture Bridget McKenzie has condemned the Andrews government's plans to close native timber harvesting in Victoria by 2030, arguing the industry was sustainable.

"It's a clean, green, sustainable, well-managed resource," Senator McKenzie said.

"The decision this week shows that the Victorian government doesn't care about families in regional towns; 4700 people will be out of work and this will have serious flow-on effects for the state's regional economy," she said.

"Our beautiful natural hardwood is in demand and for good reason. It's a

sustainable resource when managed well. The short-sightedness of this Labor government is breathtaking."

Logging of native trees will be phased out in Victoria over the next decade under a transition plan that could cost hundreds of millions of dollars.

The planned announcement comes amid financial strain for the timber industry.

An ABC news report says the state government will provide funding to help the sector's transition

Forestry groups have long argued the industry ending could destroy the lives of thousands

The Andrews government



**Bridget McKenzie... short-sightedness of Labor government is breath-taking.**

is set to announce the policy that includes reducing the current level of native timber available for harvest from 2024-25.

With dwindling supply already restricting the industry, all native timber harvesting will cease by 2030 under the policy.

Reduced supply will put a strain on thousands of jobs and put pressure on already struggling mills.

Reports suggest the financial assistance for the industry will be substantial and reach well into the hundreds of millions of dollars.

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significant forest industry companies like OneFortyOne and Borg, we anticipate expanded manufacturing investment and growth."

He said this would most certainly translate into real commercial and community benefits for Green Triangle communities and for jobs.

"So that's great for our communities and a big driver for local businesses," he said.

Ian McDonnell, deputy chair of the hub, said the member companies would work collaboratively with governments, communities and landholders on implementing the action agenda and invest up to \$300

The Victorian Association of Forestry Industries estimates more than 21,000 people work in forestry and the wood products sector and other studies have shown the native timber sector employs around 2000 people.

VAFI previously welcomed government commitments to boost plantation timber.

Forestry and government have been under increasing pressure in recent years over the future of the sector, with supply of sustainable sawlogs dwindling.

Those views were echoed by Victorian Nationals leader Peter Walsh who said communities like Orbost would be "gutted" by the announcement.

VAFI says the plan will have a devastating impact on the many rural communities and heighten the mental stress on many families.

million in local processing and manufacturing equipment upgrades to boost efficiency.

"The hub is planning for growth," Mr McDonnell said.

"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.

Member for Barker Tony Pasin said the Green Triangle contributed significantly to forestry across Australia and was a vital part of the National Forest Industry Plan, which included establishing and supporting regional forestry hubs.



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# Kiwis publish an embodied carbon footprint for radiata pine products

## Bold vision for a 40% reduction in embodied carbon by 2030

STEPHEN MITCHELL

THE New Zealand timber industry has joined the Australian and Swedish timber industries in declaring the embodied carbon footprint for their sawn radiata pine timber products.

NZ producers have also published a verified environmental product declaration that is compliant with European standard EN15804.

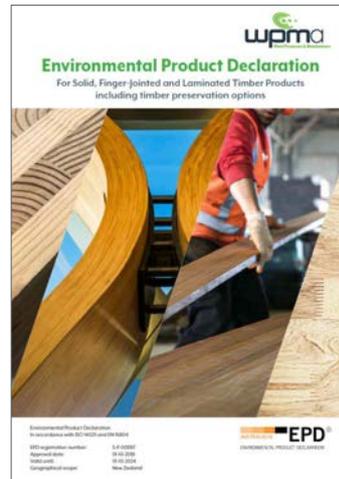
Ten producers, including Abodo Wood, Red Stag, Taranaki Pine and Xlam NZ, contributed data to the New Zealand EPD project, which covers a range of solid, finger-jointed and laminated timber products made from sustainably managed NZ radiata.

The independently verified data shows that production of 1 cub m of kiln-dried dressed radiata results in the release 67 kg of carbon dioxide from fossil fuels. This compares with 32 kg per cubic metre of Swedish

spruce and pine timber and 183 kg for Australian softwood plantation pine.

Higher rates of renewable energy use in production and greater production efficiencies may explain the lower carbon footprints of New Zealand and Swedish timber.

Carbon footprint data for building products is becoming more important every day. In September, the World Green Building Council released an embodied carbon strategy through its report, Bringing Embodied Carbon Upfront: Coordinated Action for the Building and Construction Sector, to tackle embodied carbon. The report has set a bold vision for a 40% reduction in embodied carbon by 2030 and for all new-builds and renovations to be net-zero embodied carbon by 2050. It has more than 80 endorsements from stakeholders calling for



**Cover story... New Zealand certified environmental product declaration report.**

coordinated action across the whole value chain.

The influential Green Building Council of Australia has indicated that the embodied carbon of building materials will need to be measured and reduced substantially in the next iteration of the Green Star sustainable building rating system.

The Infrastructure Sustainability Council of Australia's IS rating tool also requires measurement and reduction of the embodied carbon of materials in IS rated infrastructure projects.

These measures are putting pressure on companies to provide verified carbon footprint data for their products. In response, suppliers of timber, concrete, steel, and other building products are all producing EPDs and working on innovative solutions to help customers reduce the embodied carbon of their projects.

Industry-average EPDs are also proving useful for benchmarking production performance.

The New Zealand EPD project was coordinated by the Wood Processors and Manufacturers Association of NZ and produced by thinkstep ANZ.



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# 2020 Gottstein wood science course, field trip set to commence in Albury

THE popular Understanding Wood Science course, run by the JW Gottstein Memorial Trust, is gearing up to run in February 2020.

This is a 'crash course' to provide knowledge about how harvested timber moves along the value chain and undergoes conversion to wood products like building materials, furniture or the like.

It promises to be another packed week of learning experiences. Participants will assemble in Albury on the NSW-Victoria border on Sunday evening, February 16, ahead of a day and a half in the region. Inspections are planned at prominent timber processing facilities at Benalla, Wangaratta and Wodonga.



*Gottstein Trust wood science course... how harvested timber moves along the value chain.*

This will cover a variety of processes from hardwood sawmilling to the manufacture of trusses and cross laminated timber.

The group is likely to be accompanied by Dave Gover,

CEO of the Engineered Wood Products Association of Australasia, who will make use of travel time to speak about wood composites.

Additional networking opportunities will open for course participants to mingle with regional timber industry people over a meal in Albury. Once the field trips are complete the group will be whisked in comfort up the Hume Highway to Canberra by luxury coach.

The second leg of the week is a lecture series which will wrap up on Friday, February 21. This will be held at the Australian National University's Fenner School of Environment and Society, which has again generously provided the venue. The support and participation of the school's Professor Peter Kanowski and Associate Professor Cris Brack is invaluable, and both will again deliver presentations.

It promises to be a course not to be missed. To express

your early interest email the Gottstein management team at [gottsteinsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:gottsteinsecretary@gmail.com)

Bookings open in mid-November at [www.gottsteintrust.org](http://www.gottsteintrust.org)

The trust provides substantial discounts for patron and sponsor donors to send directors and staff to Gottstein courses.

In other news, the Gottstein trustees will interview the short-listed candidates for the 2020 fellowships and scholarships on November 20. Award announcements can be expected soon after.

The Joseph William Gottstein Memorial Trust Fund was established in 1971 as a national education trust to promote the development of Australia's forest products industry through the pursuit of excellence in people, processes and products.

The Gottstein Trust provides financial support to people employed in the industry who wish to further their education, develop new skills and continue contributing to the industry through their professional development.

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**NOVEMBER**

**15: Victorian Association of Forest Industries annual industry dinner – Melbourne Cricket Ground, Melbourne, Vic, Australia.** Tickets available at [www.vafi.org.au](http://www.vafi.org.au)

**19: Timber Queensland seminar: Glulam Timber: Long, Strong & Reliable.** – Ballroom, Victoria Park Golf Club, Herston Road, Herston, Brisbane, Qld, Australia. 2.30-5.30 pm (includes afternoon tea and cocktail function). Engineering, architecture and certification experts present practical advice on using glulam to deliver cost effective and structurally sound projects. 'Must-attend' event for developers and building and design professionals. Cost: free for TQ members and technical subscribers; non-members \$60. Register at: [www.timberqueensland.com.au/events](http://www.timberqueensland.com.au/events)

**27-28: Hyne Timber and Xlam CLT and mill tour – Tumbarumba sawmill and**

*plantation pine forestry operation.* Conducted by Timber Development Association. Tour limited to approved building design professionals: architects, developers, engineers, certifiers, cost planners. Commences in Sydney. Coach from Albury visits Xlam's Wodonga CLT plant. Travel to Tumbarumba for overnight stay and dinner at Courabyra Wines. Morning visit to pine forestry operation then continue to Tumbarumba sawmill. Tour cost includes return flights Albury-Sydney accommodation on Monday night, breakfast, two lunches, dinner and luxury bus travel. Reduced rate where accommodation is not required. CPD certificates of attendance available for all professionals. Contact Mariela at TDA on 0420 232 253 or email [info@tdansw.asn.au](mailto:info@tdansw.asn.au)

**DECEMBER**

**9-10: Integrated Timber Design Workshop – University of Queensland, Brisbane, Qld, Australia.** The

ARC Future Timber Hub at UQ has announced its second timber design continuing professional development course. The workshop, open to practicing engineers, architects and other building design professionals, will focus on integrated design of timber buildings, fire safety, durability and building physics. The course will be led by internationally recognised engineer Professor Jose Torero, University College London, with contributions from timber durability expert Geoff Stringer and building physics expert Samantha Anderson, and presentations by members of the Centre for Future Timber Constructions and the ARC Future Timber Hub. Greater awareness of the potential benefits of engineered timber as a structural material for the design of multi-storey buildings is increasingly leading to client interest in a 'timber building option'. However, the technical education and professional experience of designers

typically focuses on concrete and steel, providing little or no grounding in either the fundamental principles of timber design or its practical application to a contemporary building context. Integrated design ensures that all design aspects are considered simultaneously at all design and construction stages. Failure to apply an integrated design approach can lead to delays, rework and redesign, and even failure of a project. This course will present state-of-the-art knowledge on fire safety engineering including façade detailing, design for durability and how this is reflected in maintenance, and why air-tightness is as equally important in Queensland as it is in Tasmania. Contact Kelly Rischmiller, ARC Future Timber Hub, Centre for Future Timber Structures. Phone 61 7 344 31360 or email [k.rischmiller@uq.edu.au](mailto:k.rischmiller@uq.edu.au) Visit [www.futuretimberhub.org](http://www.futuretimberhub.org) and [www.civil.uq.edu.au/timber](http://www.civil.uq.edu.au/timber)



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**11-12: 8th International Conference on Biodiversity Conservation and Ecosystem Management – Tokyo, Japan.** For further information see: [www.biodiversity.conferenceseries.com/events-list/forestry](http://www.biodiversity.conferenceseries.com/events-list/forestry)

**11-15: PEFC Forest Certification Week 2019 – Würzburg, Germany.** For further information see: [www.pefc.org/events-training/pefc-forest-certification-week-2019](http://www.pefc.org/events-training/pefc-forest-certification-week-2019)

**18-30: CLEM2019, IV Latin American Conference on Timber Structure – Montevideo, Uruguay, LATU, Latitud, the Architecture faculty of Universidad ORT Uruguay, and the Engineering faculty of UDELAR.** For further information about the event see: [www.clem2019.uy/](http://www.clem2019.uy/) or contact Stephany Arrejuria De Giuda: [sarrejuria@latitud.org.uy](mailto:sarrejuria@latitud.org.uy)

**19-21: Malaysian Wood Expo 2019 – Putra World Trade Centre, Kuala Lumpur.** Email: [info@malaysianwoodexpo.com.my](mailto:info@malaysianwoodexpo.com.my) or visit [www.malaysianwoodexpo.com.my](http://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/](http://www.europeansttc.com/20-november-2019-conference-exploring-pathways-to-verified-sustainable-tropical-timber/)

**DECEMBER**

**3-4: Climate change and new challenges in the production of high quality and well adapted forest reproductive material – Jastrebarsko, Croatia.** A European Forestry Institute event in collaboration with the Croatian Forest Research Institute (CFRI) celebrates the 60th anniversary of organised forest seed science in Croatia. The conference will provide a valuable contribution to the multidisciplinary look at seed science and connection of wide circle of scientists from the field of biotechnical sciences. For additional information see: [www.efi.int/events/climate-change-and-new-challenges-production-high-quality-and-well-adapted-forest](http://www.efi.int/events/climate-change-and-new-challenges-production-high-quality-and-well-adapted-forest)

**16-17: Forest Landscape Restoration and the Bonn Challenge in Eastern and South-East Europe – Belgrade, Serbia.** Informing on the Bonn Challenge (launched in 2011 and extended by the 2014 New York Declaration on Forests, a global effort to bring 150 million he of deforested and degraded land into restoration by 2020 and 350 million ha by 2030), and to gather input for a study on forest landscape restoration. For further information see: [www.unece.org/](http://www.unece.org/)

**MARCH 2020**

**16-17: Asia Pacific Woodchip and Biomass Trade – Radisson Blu Shanghai New World Hotel, China.** Optional field trips: March 18-19 to Yangtze Basin region; March 19-22 (including travel)

to Suifenhe on the Russia-China border in Heilongjiang province. Visit [www.danaevents.co.nz/2020china](http://www.danaevents.co.nz/2020china) or contact Julie Bell [admin@dana.co.nz](mailto:admin@dana.co.nz)

**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](http://www.messeoffenburg.de)

**MAY 2020**

**19-20: FastMarkets – RISI-DANA 7th annual Forest Investment Conference – Convene Conference Centre, New York City.** Register at [www.events.risiinfo.com/investment-conference/](http://www.events.risiinfo.com/investment-conference/) or contact [conferences@risi.com](mailto:conferences@risi.com)

**26-27: Inaugural DANA Russia Forest Industry Sector Conference and field trip – Hilton Helsinki Strand Hotel in Helsinki, Finland..** DANA joins with respected Russian information company Whatwood. Post-conference visits to harvesting and wood processing equipment manufacturers who sell to Russia (and in fact to the rest of the world); and to mills using some of this equipment. Visit [www.danaevents.co.nz/2020russia](http://www.danaevents.co.nz/2020russia) or contact Julie Bell [admin@dana.co.nz](mailto:admin@dana.co.nz)

**JUNE 2020**

**1-5: DANA Europe Spruce Damage Seminar and Tour –**

**Hamburg, Germany.** One-day seminar in Hamburg on the impact of spruce forest damage on Germany, Austria, Czech Republic, Poland, Sweden, Italy. Website and full details available soon. Register interest with Dennis Neilson [dana@dana.co.nz](mailto:dana@dana.co.nz)

**AUGUST 2020**

**24-27 : World Conference on Timber Engineering (WCTE Santiago 2020) – Santiago, Chile.** Topics include Sustainable Forests for timber production; wood products, connections: timber engineering' timber architecture; building and environmental impacts; policies, education and future trends. For further information see: [www.wcte2020.com/](http://www.wcte2020.com/)

**SEPTEMBER 2020**

**1-3: DANA New Zealand Forest Industry Status and Outlook Conference and field trip – Gisborne, NZ.** One and half-day conference and one and half-day (optional) field grip. Emerald Hotel in Gisborne. Follows six previous successful events. Timed close to the NZ elections, the conference program is modelled around the pre-election DANA conferences held in 2014 and 2017. Speaker panel includes NZ political party forestry spokespeople. Details on website (currently under construction and live for registrations shortly) [www.danaevents.co.nz/2020gisborne](http://www.danaevents.co.nz/2020gisborne) or contact Julie Bell [admin@dana.co.nz](mailto:admin@dana.co.nz)

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## Responsible Wood AGM a celebration of forests

GROWING interest in forest certification has provided Responsible Wood, Australia's largest forest certification scheme, with a platform for continued strength.

Speaking at the annual general meeting in Mount Gambier – the first in a regional location – CEO Simon Dorries, spoke of the importance of forest

certification in managing forests for multi-generational use.

Reflecting on the growth of the organisation, he stressed the importance of the re-brand from Australian Forestry Standard to Responsible Wood in driving a surge of interest for PEFC and RW across the supply chain of forest products:

“We are now starting to bare the fruits of our labours with a growing awareness of forest certification, and a growing interest in Responsible Wood and PEFC forest certification with the consumer,” Mr Dorries said.

He provided members with an update about the proposed trans-Tasman joint Sustainable Forest Management Standard.

“The timelines have been drawn, and we expect to provide more information about the standard development process soon,” Mr Dorries said.

Following the AGM, directors were invited to participate in a forest field day hosted by Responsible Wood member One Forty One Plantations.

# Robin blazed trail for treated timber

ONE of the doyens of the Australian timber treatment industry Robin Dowding has died on the Sunshine Coast, aged 73.

English-born Robin was a trail-blazer in the late 1970s and 1980s for the acceptance of chemical wood preservation in pine framing and during a lengthy period with the industry in both New South Wales and Queensland held senior marketing management positions with Koppers-Hickson, CSR Wood Products and Permalog, later taking on private consultancy in Brisbane.

He wrote the respected

**“BURNING PASSION FOR FOREST PRODUCTS”**

and acclaimed column 'Around the Vacuum' Chest in the 1980s-90s for Australian Timberman.

Robin spread the timber treatment message across international conferences, at local government seminars, in radio and TV interviews and in confrontations with the anti-timber brigade where he often expressed his burning passion for forest products. His time as a member of Toastmasters International equipped him well as a public speaker.

In a varied and colourful life – “I’ve done everything, been everywhere” – he managed country pubs in England, worked with the wood industry in New Zealand, was a “character” extra in TV and films, including an appearance in the Charge



**Robin Dowding... strong promoter of timber preservation.**

of the Light Brigade filmed in Turkey in 1967, and was a pioneer member of Brisbane HooHoo Club.

A seasoned traveller, he spent much of his later life roaming the globe – the UK, America, most of Europe, South Africa and many southeast Asian countries.

Robin would say: “I’ve done

a lot of good things in my life and made some decisions that were not so good. But no regrets for any of them. I don’t have time for regrets it’s a wasted emotion. The only thing going for me is the cheek of ‘old Nick’ and pure arse.”

The writer, who enjoyed a 40-year-plus friendship, always found Robin a quiet and honest man full of integrity who would hesitate to spend on himself but was more than generous to anyone in need.

Robin Dowding is survived by two sons, Paul and Richard, a daughter Sarah, and seven grandchildren.

A funeral service for Robin will be held on the Sunshine Coast next week at a time and date to be announced.

– JIM BOWDEN

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# Government takes vital first step to recognise resource security for Qld

## Formal recognition of unsuccessful hardwood plantation program

THE Palaszczuk government this week announced an important first step toward recognising the need for resource security and the long-term future of the workers and timber companies directly involved in the southeast Queensland native hardwood industry.

Timber Queensland CEO Mick Stephens said the announcement of a number of measures by the state government was formal recognition of the unsuccessful hardwood plantation program, with more detail and work needed on key aspects of the proposed new plan.

“We have warned of a looming hardwood industry crisis given the lack of certainty over future resource supply,” Mr Stephens said.

**“A LOOMING CRISIS IN HARDWOOD INDUSTRY”**



**1/ Things are looking up... announcement to extend state supply of hardwood forests to 2026.**  
**2/ Timber Queensland CEO Mick Stephens (left) with Queensland Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk, and Bruce Saunders, MP Maryborough.**



sawmills which generate regional income in excess of \$200 million and provide direct employment for more than 1000 workers, and a further 1000 indirect jobs with related economic activity in many local communities.

Mr Stephens said the announcement to extend state supply to 2026 in the Wide Bay Burnett would address some of the immediate concerns for resource security for investment.

“The two-year extension will allow for additional credit confidence as options are explored for new avenues of hardwood

“Under the 1999 South-East Queensland Forest Agreement, the state-owned native timber supply was to cease from 2024, assuming an adequate resource from plantations and private native forests.

“However, with insufficient development of the private

native forest resource and the inadequacy of the hardwood plantation resource, there was significant uncertainty.”

The southeast region is home to 40 hardwood

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timber supply across the region," he said.

"While falling short of industry's recommendation for a more longer-term extension of state supply, we welcome the announcement to establish a timber advisory panel for making plans with industry for the future. The associated study to identify new options for sustainable long-term supply will be an essential priority."

Key actions previously advocated by Timber Queensland include ensuring the private native forestry regulatory code remains a practical and cost-effective tool for landowners to implement good forest management; and the acceleration of private native forestry management incentives and extension activities, to develop a more financially secure and long-term private timber resource.

"These actions, if implemented effectively, could generate additional resource supply certainty, along with any options for further supply on state-owned land," Mr Stephens said.

"The private forestry code already provides for ongoing forest cover and prescriptions to protect biodiversity values and soil and water resources, thereby helping to protect the reef while supporting timber industry production and local dependent communities.

"There is also a critical need for extension activities and incentives for landowners to adopt good forest practices across remnant and non-remnant vegetation, which can act to boost timber production and reduce land clearing pressures for broadacre agricultural activities.

"There is a growing body of

evidence that the integration of forestry and grazing, which retains a proportion of permanent forest cover with livestock, can generate higher overall returns to the landowner than broadscale clearing for grazing alone.

"We want to work with government and stakeholders to promote these opportunities through wider forestry extension and education in the agricultural community, including links with related programs such as the Land Restoration Fund."

**“WORKING WITH GOVERNMENT TO PROMOTE OPPORTUNITIES**

Forestry practices can generate multiple environmental and economic co-benefits such as carbon sequestration, income diversification, agricultural productivity, climate resilience, soil and water conservation and habitat enhancement. In addition, timber products that are sustainably harvested contribute to a greater pool of renewable and carbon friendly products over time.

"Not only do we want to educate landowners about the opportunities for enhancing forest cover for timber production and related environmental outcomes, we want to ensure appropriate carbon market signals and incentives are put in place to help drive these activities," Mr Stephens emphasised.

"There is strong demand for Queensland timber products and with the right policy settings and measures, the hardwood industry has strong potential to grow and generate additional jobs across southeast Queensland."



# Buyer ForestOne changes Gunnersen company name that lasted 140 years

SINGAPORE-based ForestOne International, which bought the Gunnersen group of companies earlier this year through newly-created Melbourne entity Global Wood Pty Ltd, will operate its Australian acquisition as ForestOne.

The name change comes after the sale of Gunnersen in May marked 140 years, almost to the day, when Gunner Gunnersen immigrated to South Australia to establish his trade and timber importing business in Adelaide.

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to, and work in, the business founded by our great grandfather and great, great, grandfather.

“Our values and commitment to people to meeting the needs of customers and to serving the interests of our suppliers has been and will continue to be the great strength in the newly-created entity,” he said.

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Reflecting on the sale of the family company, Mr Gunnersen said It was a difficult decision to make considering the family's long-standing commitment

## Building approvals rebound

BUILDING approvals rebounded for the month of September, increasing by 7.6% compared to the previous month. But they remain well below levels experienced in recent years, ABS figures show.

“This improvement in approvals is a welcome reprieve from the declines that began in late 2017 and

confirms that confidence is returning to the home building market,” Housing Industry Association chief economist Tim Reardon said.

“It remains too soon to confirm that we have passed the bottom of this cycle, but this result is another indication that the market is stabilising.”

# Winner boosts confidence in the future of Green Triangle forestry

## Sell-out crowd celebrates award presentations at Mt Gambier

IN front of a sell-out audience of more than 560 guests at the Green Timber Triangle Industry Awards for forestry at Mount Gambier last week, this year's winner Jubilee Sawmill-OneFortyOne, was beyond its achievements in several ways.

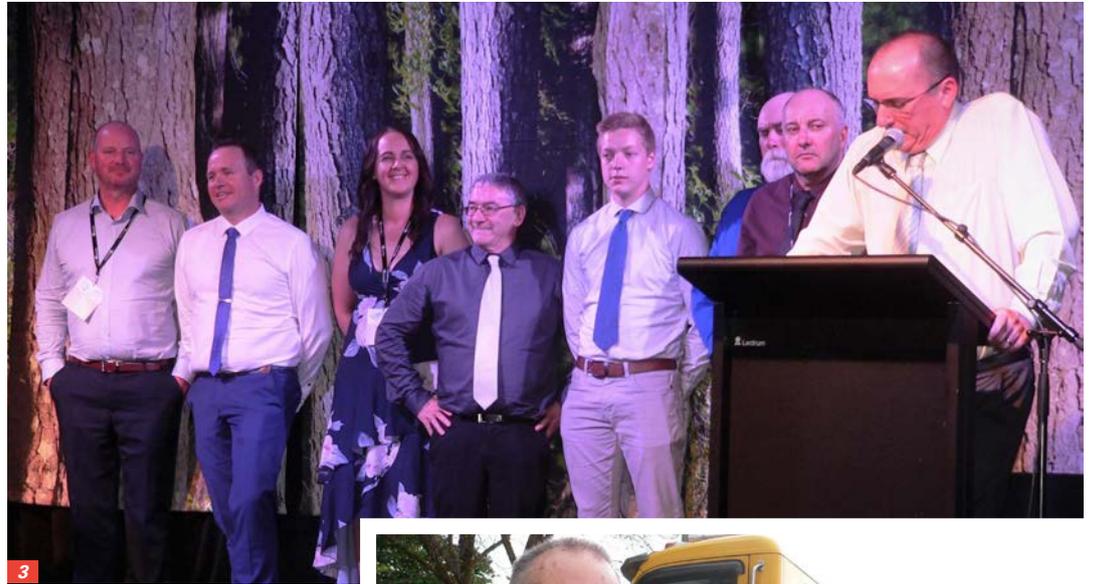
Not only did they achieve with excellence the completion of a build of a new sorter stacker, together with a great team of local contractors, but the commitment of this company to invest in timber processing in this region has provided a significant boost in confidence about the longevity and future of this industry.

The sawmill is the largest in South Australia, and the second largest in Australia, with more than 300 employees, processing 750,000 cub m of timber each year on its 65ha site.

The sorter stacker project was completed while the sawmill remained operational and led to significant efficiencies on the site. The build project was one of the first capital investment projects that OneFortyOne committed to when it first took ownership of the sawmill.

The team on site were passionate about the project, knowing it would lead to

“SITE TEAM PASSIONATE ABOUT THE PROJECT”



**1/ Supreme Timber Industry Award... gathering for the applause centre stage are Jubilee Sawmill-OneFortyOne Wood Products team, from left, Andrew White, Nigel Boyd, Melissa Smith, Glenn McCrae, Sam Von Duve, Andrew Hoath, Steve Allen and Paul Hartung.**

**2/ Committee members gather... Philip Dohnt, LV Dohnt & Co., Sharon Freyer, QUBE Ports, and Roland Freyer, South West Fibre.**



significant improvements in productivity and efficiency.

The Jubilee Highway Sawmill also takes it environmental responsibility seriously; it has installed boiler emissions cyclonic technology (worth \$4.2 million) this year to ensure the mill complies with the new air emissions standards introduced into South Australia.

As the cornerstone of OneFortyOne Wood Products in Mount Gambier, Jubilee Sawmill- OneFortyOne directly employs about 300 people and more than 1000 indirectly.

The sawmill also took

out the Timber Sawmilling and Processing Excellence award. The overall results for OneFortyOne's employees was outstanding with Andrew White taking out the Innovation Award, Sam VonDuve Trainee of the Year and Chris Atkinson Forest Operations (silviculture, harvesting and chipping).

Dual winners Sue Shaw, HVP Plantations and Tammy Auld, Timberlands Pacific won the Outstanding Contribution to the Timber Industry (female) and a special award was celebrated with a Lifetime Service Award presented to David Quill.

With 37 years in the industry and multiple leadership roles, David – a character in the industry known for being larger than life – has been a leader in terms of introducing modern equipment to the industry and an advocate for regional forestry industry and those that feel they don't have a voice.

This is the second year of the awards and they continue to meet their original goals which is to celebrate and reward those involved with the timber industry and cover

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1/ Moreland Holding crew... Paula Moreland, Craig Moreland, Emily Devine, and Mark Huitema.



2/ Standout quintet from C3 Australia... Mikaila Pitt, Darren Briggs, Chentelle Norman, and Trae Bond.

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all facets of it – from nursery to silviculture, harvesting to haulage, logistics, processing and everything in between.

The awards campaign was run by a nine-strong committee who represented a diverse section of the industry.

GTTIA chair Adrian Flowers said the committee was very happy with nominations. "This event celebrates and recognises the people that are part of our fantastic industry," he said. "The night has been a reflection on the back of the overwhelming success of last year's inaugural event of all the passionate people and organisations that have contributed to putting it together."

The Green Triangle is home to Australia's largest collective plantation and timber processing industry with more than 355,000 ha of soft and hardwood plantations producing timber for local manufacturing as well as national and export

**“RECOGNISED THOSE IN THIS FANTASTIC INDUSTRY**

markets. The industry provides employment for around 8500 people.

Adrian also remarked: "The ticket sales and nominations exceeded last year which is evidence that the future growth of our industry and this event is looking good. Special mention needs to go to all the generous sponsors, the organising committee members and to Prue Younger from Public Impression, our event manager."

Adrian congratulated the nominees, award winners and all who attended.

"Thank you for the contribution by all in making it a complete success and worthy celebration."

The awards dinner was held at The Barn in Mount Gambier with Australian comedian Merrick Watts MC for the evening.

**AWARD RESULTS:**

**Supreme Timber Industry Award:** Jubilee Sawmill-OneFortyOne Wood Products.

**Safety Excellence:** Mechanised Logging.

**Highly commended:** Mick Lynn (Merrett Logging), Melissa Smith (OneFortyOne).

**Timber Sawmilling &**

**Processing Excellence:**

Jubilee Sawmill-OneFortyOne Wood Products.

**Infield Forest Operations Excellence (harvesting and chipping):** LV Dohnt.

**Regional and Community Development:** Gildera Forestry Services.

**Silviculture and Forest Management Excellence:** A & M Contracting.

**Logistics Excellence:** Fennell Forestry.

**Service to the Timber Industry:** Australian Trucking Safety Services & Solutions.

**Innovation Award:** Andrew White (OneFortyOne).

**Highly commended:** Tree Breeding Australia.

**Outstanding Contribution to the Timber Industry (female):** Sue Shaw (HVP Plantations) and Tammy Auld (Timberlands Pacific) joint winners.

**Outstanding Contribution to the Timber Industry (male):** Ben Rosenthal (Mechanised Logging Pty Ltd).

**Trainee:** Sam VonDuve (OneFortyOne).

**Forest Operations (silviculture, harvesting and chipping):** Chris Atkinson (OneFortyOne).

**Sawmilling, Processing**

**and Logistics:** Jamie Irving (Timberlink).

**Lifetime Service Award:** David Quill, Eumeralla Consultancy

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*On the cover: A lot to celebrate... Sarah Eustace from Timberlands Pacific joins the SFM Asset Management crew of Courtney Pink, Joel Turner and Jasmine Turner.*

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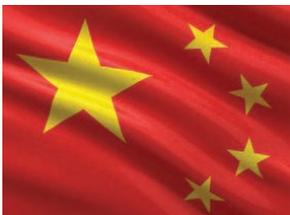
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- 1/ Kurt Shephan, Teagle Construction, joins GTTIA chair Adrian Flowers before dinner.
- 2/ Bubbly before dinner... Fay Roberts and Tammy Whitehead from Glenara Transport.
- 3/ Part of the large contingent from Kalari... Emily Vinall, Matthew Vinall, Shane Perry, Judith Button, Chris Stevenson, Linda Bridges, and Peter Bridges.
- 4/ Komatsu Forest contingent... Caroline Schulz, Troy Newton, Amy Buckley, Nick Sims, and Bob Herring.



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- 1/ *Timberlands Pacific colleagues were out in force... Ncky Jellesman, Will Tom, and Kelly Williamson.*
- 2/ *Enjoying pre-dinner drinks... Debbie Caldwell, Tabeel Trading, Rachel Rosenthal, Timberlands Pacific, with Cassie Bogie and Jo Pasquarri, both from Tabeel Trading.*
- 3/ *South Australia politicians join in the celebrations... Clare Scriven MLC, and Nick McBride MP. Passionate about the industry, Ms Scriven was previously state manager of the Australian Forest Products Association.*
- 4/ *Comparing notes.. David Wheaton, Regional Development Australia, Dennis Jackson and Bob Sandow, The Boarder Watch, and Erika Vickery OAM, Mayor Naracoorte Lucindale Council and representing Regional Development Australia.*

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# The four-year itch is on again at Traralgon next year AUSTimber 2020 plans in place!

WELL it's a quadrennial thing, and I am starting to get excited!

Every four years is about as often as Duncan buys me a steak and a couple of glasses of savvy blanc – or a solar eclipse – but I'm not sure about that.

However, work-wise, it's in the cycle when I take a good hard look at major repairs and equipment upgrades.

So AUSTimber 2020 next year from Wednesday, April 1, to Saturday, April 4 in Traralgon, across the border in Victoria, is more than well timed.

In the forest harvesting game, we know a few things to be absolutely true. Setting aside the non-negotiables of safety and worker comfort, productivity and costs rule your business survival. So, machinery operational reliability, minimising down time and managing running costs are vital in what is a very competitive game.

Also, it is more than critical to be across the latest trends and innovations in machinery developments, energy efficiency measures, and harvesting technology. As far as I can see, a lot can and does happen over a four-year period, so how to stay informed about what's hot and what's not is a continuing challenge.

Well I think certainly, a visit to AUSTimber 2020 is an



**1/ Plenty to do and see... dynamic in-forest demonstrations of clear felling, cut-to-length eucalyptus harvesting and much more will feature at AUSTimber 2020.**

**1/ The crowd favourite... wood chopping at AUSTimber 2020 will be bigger and better with more events and prizemoney.**

essential aspect of this need, and like Duncan's largess, when the moths fly out of his wallet, it's a once in four-year event. Okay, it's certainly a bit about 'big boys' (and 'big girls') toys, with companies such as Komatsu Forests and Tigercat spending big to have their latest machinery on display and operating at Traralgon. But in-forest demonstrations of the latest machinery and equipment developments will also be featured – so plenty to catch up on.

It's a long time between drinks, but better every four years that never – AUSTimber 2020 is certainly a well-deserved industry celebration

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It will be a great time to catch up and swap stories with harvest and haulage contractors and industry support folk from around the country. In excess of 8000 visitors are expected at Traralgon, including a large Kiwi component, so bring along your best sheep jokes.

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plantation establishment techniques and silviculture practices. Also, in-field chipping, mulching and bio-fuel production, truck and trailer demos, with test

drive routes and heaps of equipment, tools and accessories to check out.

As if that isn't enough, planned field trips are likely to be popular and an excellent opportunity to see a diversity of highly specialised operations, such as steep and cable logging, rubber tyre and track logging, silviculture and manufacturing.

Make sure you mark it down in your diary or laptop, and come along and be part of the great AUSTimber 2020 experience next April.

Yes, of course, Timber & Forestry enews will be on the ground as well. So will look forward to catch up with some of you there.

Can't wait.

**Cheryl**



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and learning experience, including field trips and live demonstrations. And, as I understand it, the crowd favourites the Komatsu National Forwarder Contest and the VicForests wood chopping event will be bigger and better this time with more events and prizemoney. So bring your axe.

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# Wood fibre to unlock low emissions future

TREES can play a lead role in New Zealand's transition to a low emissions economy, and this is reflected in a new request for research into innovative ways to use wood fibre, announced by Forestry Minister Shane Jones at the blessing of the new government forestry hub site in Rotorua last week.

Te Uru Rākau (Forestry New Zealand), the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment and the Forestry Ministerial Advisory Group issued a 'request for proposal' – worth \$250,000 to \$300,000 – seeking a commercially-oriented report

on viable opportunities for investment in bio-based products and bio-refinery processing technology.

These investments must use wood and wood fibre and be internationally competitive.

"We know about the ability of trees to absorb carbon and we've invested heavily in rapidly strengthening our forestry estate through initiatives such as the One Billion Trees program and recent changes to the Emissions Trading Scheme," Mr Jones said. "These forests will act as a carbon sink in the short-to-medium term.

"However, they are also vital to increasing wood and fibre supply over the next 20 to 30 years as we position our forestry system, or parts of this system, to



**Shane Jones... forestry cornerstone of future economy.**

manufacture a wide range of products that will help us adapt to climate change and meet our emissions target.

"We know that consumers want alternatives to concrete, steel and plastic. In theory, everything that can be made from oil or non-renewable resources can be made from trees. The big question is one of commercial viability

and how the big ideas can be made into reality."

Many countries have examined options for future reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and defined a bio-economy solution in which forests and forest products play a significant role.

Mr Jones added: "Through this call for research, I'd like to see a report that will identify investible opportunities for the production and manufacturing of high value, wood fibre-based bio-products that will bring innovation and employment to our regions, and increase onshore processing of logs.

"I'm excited to see the opportunities that emerge and will help establish forestry as the cornerstone of our future economy."

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# UK housing crisis: timber industries answer in reducing carbon emissions

A REPORT launched by Britain's All-Party Parliamentary Group for the Timber Industries reveals the importance timber industries could have on UK house building targets, while also helping the country achieve its net zero carbon emissions by 2050.

The report titled 'How the timber industries can help solve the housing crisis', argues that using timber in construction is key to meeting emissions targets, and urges government to implement the recommendations of the Climate Change Committee by increasing the use of timber in construction.

A long-term spending pledge, reformation of the right-to-buy scheme and building regulations that encourage innovation in construction are among the recommendations to the government.

Timber frames are built using offsite construction methods, and are quicker, cheaper, quieter and more environmentally friendly than traditional construction methods.

In order to meet the skills requirement needed to build more homes, the APPG report suggests that government place an increased focus on construction apprentices and invest in developing construction courses.

Martin Whitfield MP, chair of the APPG for the Timber Industries, commented: "This report addresses an important dilemma governments have: increase housebuilding while reducing carbon emissions.

"The timber industry will provide skilled jobs, it can deliver sustainable and affordable homes and it should be at the forefront of addressing the climate emergency we face.

"Housebuilding should be part of an environmental revolution that is firmly integrated into our net-zero emissions targets. Using

**“TIMBER AT FOREFRONT OF ADDRESSING CLIMATE CHANGE**



**Martin Whitfield... report addresses an important dilemma to increase housebuilding while reducing carbon emissions.**

timber will lock carbon within homes for generations and is considerably more environmentally friendly than other core building materials such as concrete."

Roy Wakeman OBE, chair of the Confederation of Timber Industries, added: "We know there is capacity in the industry which can be unlocked with the right policies, regulatory framework, and partnership between the public and private sectors.

"By bringing together experts from across the timber supply chain – all the way from the forest to the finished house – we will be

able to make an even greater contribution."

The Confederation of Timber Industries is an umbrella organisation, representing the UK's timber supply chain from forest to end of life recycling. It represents producers, manufacturers and distributors of timber across all the supply chain.

Timber contributes substantially to the UK construction, manufacturing and service Industries, providing jobs across the skills spectrum and adding value of \$A32.155 billion to the economy.

"Our industries represent the only sustainable supply chain on the planet that embodies and constructs with carbon," Roy Wakeman said.

"Building with carbon and growing our low carbon economy is the future. Concrete and steel defined the first Industrial Revolution. Responsibly-sourced timber will come to define the second,"

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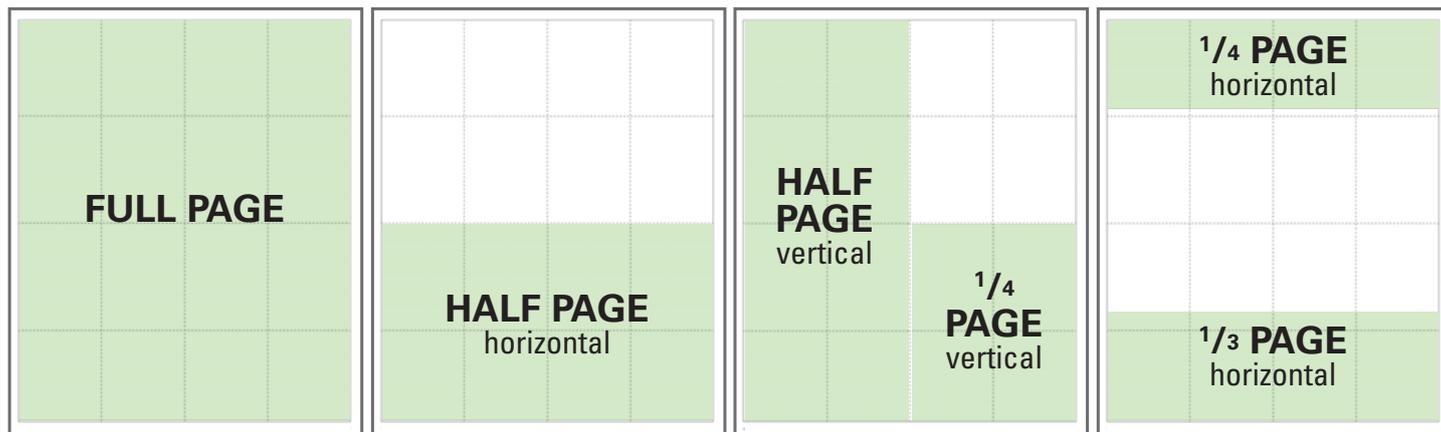
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### PAGE 1 Front cover module: Contract booking

Horizontal • 45mmH x 49.5mmW

### PAGE 2 below story: Contract booking

Horizontal • 73mmH x 190mmW

### PAGE 3 Column strip: Contract booking

Vertical • 254mmH x 44.5mmW

### COMPANY PROFILE full page: \$485

## JOB SEEK AD RATES

### PER EMPLOYMENT AD: \$210

with FREE company logo

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