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Now for 2020 and a new-look online service for our readers and advertisers

THIS is the last edition of Timber&Forestry enews for 2019. With a short Christmas break looming, co-publisher John Halkett said he would like to take this opportunity to thank readers and advertisers for their support during what has been a successful year for the publication.

“Again during 2019 we have been able to continue to increase our distribution and also expand our reach across industry sectors,” John said.

“While our readership is predominantly in Australia and New Zealand, our demographics show we also reach out to at least 45 countries.

John said the advertising support had enabled editorial capacity to expand further.

“So, while editor Jim Bowden remains firmly at the centre of our editorial effort, we have journalists in Auckland, Melbourne and Adelaide, with both myself (in Sydney) and co-publisher Dennis Neilson (in Rotorua) regular contributors.

“We are also fortunate to have other regular columnists



Enews think tank ... reviewing performance and finalising the new Timber&Forestry enews classifieds facility are Julie Bell, DANA, Rotorua, NZ, Adriana Adamska-Bland, Suncoast Media, and John Halkett and Zonya Bird of enews, based in Sydney and on the Sunshine Coast.

and other occasional editorial contributors. And Zonya Bird, our graphics and layout specialist, is a vital and expert cog in our wheel.”

Mr Halkett said plans for 2020 included advancing editorial and distribution relationships with some key industry entities in Australia and in New Zealand.

“However, the really big and exciting news for 2020 is the pending addition of an easy-to-use online classified facility that will allow companies and other entities to advertise job positions, machinery and equipment, and other services,” he said.

“After considerable research and expert input, we will have a new website and an easy ‘self-drive’ classifieds facility from our first edition on January 16, 2020. This will allow industry companies and other entities to place classified ads online at prices and technology that will be much better than overseas alternatives.

“Also, we will be offering a discount for the first couple of months for those early to take

“EASY-DRIVE CLASSIFIED SECTION AND NEW WEBSITE

advantage of this facility.” John said enews was pleased to have established sponsorship support arrangements for key industry events and activities such as AUSTimber 2020, the Green Triangle Timber Industry Awards, the 2020 Timber Queensland conference, the Timber and Building Material Association annual awards and the Women’s Timber Network.

“We see enews as a weekly intelligence briefing and update to support the timber and forestry industry, and to keep participants informed about topical issues,” John said. “Our new online classified capacity should prove a real commercial benefit to the industry.”

John added: “So again, thank you to readers and advertisers for your support during 2019 – it is highly appreciated. We look forward to continuing to collaborate with you to support your business performance in 2020.

“Best wishes for a happy and safe festive season.”

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A major positive for 2020 ... all industry stands as a united force

\$24 billion output and 80,000 jobs give us real leverage

ROSS HAMPTON

THIS year ends with the smoke of bush fires choking Sydney and the southern parts of Queensland.

There are also fires in regional Victoria. We can only hope that the fact that they can't see the top of the Harbour Bridge might cause our city-centric cousins and politicians to pause and consider how important 'managing' our bush landscapes is.

How important our forest agency personnel, sawmill workers and contractors are.

How vital our heavy machinery is to create fire-breaks and roads to allow fires to be contained.

This very difficult summer is deep in our hearts, and our thoughts, support and compassion go out to the thousands in our industry involved in fighting these fires.

My son is currently deployed on the NSW North Coast with our local Rural Fire Service so we know as a family the concern you are feeling.

My hope is that when the fires are under control we might be able to have a more sensible conversation with

“MY FEAR IS THEY MAY NOT LISTEN AND WE MAY NEED A GREATER WAKE-UP CALL



AFFPA's CEO Ross Hampton ... out and about in the field among industry friends.

our city-based communities and city-based politicians about native forestry in Australia.

My fear, however, is they still may not listen and will require an even greater wake-up call. Witness the madness of the political decision by the Victorian State Labor government. A few weeks ago it announced the closure of all native forestry harvesting over the coming decade.

When asked about the reduction in firefighting capacity, the Premier told parliament, 'there will be money for bulldozers!' One wonders who will operate the D9s. And in NSW there are already calls for a 'moratorium' (which would I imagine go on indefinitely) on forestry to give koalas more room to move as they flee from the fires in the, yes, national parks.

These things would be very demoralising if it weren't for one major positive – the unity of the whole industry.

Native forestry, plantations, softwood, hardwood, pulp and paper companies have all come together to support us at this time. The vast majority of our companies in Australia are members of AFFPA and in the last few months all have stood shoulder to shoulder with those facing the pointy end of ridiculous and un-scientific policy and politics.

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This unity is worth remembering when other sectors face other issues in times to come. In our political battles, and the fact that we can walk into a minister's office with effectively a \$24 billion industry and 80,000 jobs behind us, gives us real leverage.

We do end the year with some positive developments which I should mention. Our plantation growth strategy which has been running for six years now is coming to fruition. The Morrison government is continuing to deliver on the 'one billion trees for jobs and growth' plan. Regional forest industry hubs are coming into being in various parts of the country, each industry steering group provided with \$1 million to invest in planning and education to ensure that plantation development



Committed ... the PM in February announced new support for forestry jobs and details of nine regional forestry hubs across Australia.

occurs with widespread community support and with the infrastructure and roading needs for example pre-identified.

Forest industries also continue to have strong bi-partisan support in federal parliament. This is vital as it gives us the greatest chance of successful arguing for positive policies

in both native forestry and our plantation based forest industries. The challenge clearly is to see this national compact replicated around

“STRONG BI-PARTISAN SUPPORT IN FEDERAL PARLIAMENT

the nation at a state level.

The attitude of different state governments and oppositions is really quite inconsistent with their federal counterparts – and even at times with each other.

AFFPA is almost 10 years old; it operates as a strong voice for the full value chain only because of the support of so many around Australia.

Thank you one and all. In 2020 you can be assured that the AFFPA team, in partnership with our fellow industry associations, will be continuing to vigorously and passionately defend your businesses and sectors against bad reflex politics and we will keep pursuing better policy settings which will enable you to grow and prosper wherever you are in Australia.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.





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Bright 2020 housing view

THE number of owner-occupier loans relating to new homes reached a 14-month high during October while investor participation in the market also stretched higher.

Master Builders chief economist Shane Garrett says this week's new set of figures from the ABS indicate that the number of loans to owner-occupiers for new home building rose by 5.5% during the month, with the number of loans for the purchase of new dwellings up by 1.3% compared with September.

"Taken together, this means that the volume of loans relating to new homes has reached its highest level since August of last year," he said.

"There is also solid evidence that confidence has is returning to the investor side of the market with the value

of lending on that side of the market up by 1.4% during October. Having declined for 11 straight months since mid-2018, investor lending has turned around registering increase during four of the past five months."

Mr Garrett said based on recent results around building approvals, house prices and lending, it does seem that people are optimistic about the prospects for the housing market in 2020. "Activity is going to get a further boost in January with the activation of the First Home Loan Deposit Scheme," he said.

Managed properly, the clear improvement in housing market sentiment could help re-ignite confidence among consumers more widely and across the business community.

Inspiring journey, puzzles to solve

Celebrating our 590th edition and its global outreach

JIM BOWDEN

IT has been both an inspiring and puzzling year for us here at Timber&Forestry enews.

Inspiring, in part, by how our infinite timber products and the amazing new engineering technology that puts them together, like never before, power sustainable construction systems and convince architects and designers, globally, that wood is the only real green building alternative.

Puzzling how governments – particularly Labor in Victoria – stubbornly and consistently fail to see the forests for the trees, hell bent on slaughtering carbon-positive sustainably-managed forests on the altar of eco-political ideology.

As we take a look at the past and future year in these pages, T&F enews is now officially the longest-running

“THE TRUST OF OUR READERS IS ESSENTIAL



Festive mood ... Jim Bowden reverts to his portable typewriter to compose letters to friends over Christmas and send them through the post.

digital weekly industry journal in Australasia, established in 2007 and in 2020 celebrating its 600th edition of continuous publication.

Our move to a digital-first newsroom has only increased our voice, reach and influence – globally. Our job is only to hold up the mirror – to tell and show our industry what has happened, week by week. We have never voted a party line; we vote on the individual and the issues.

Open-minded inquiry is at the heart of our mission. In all our work, we believe in continually asking questions,

seeking out different perspectives and searching for better ways of doing things.

And there can be no future without a past. Our current mission is to prepare for the future through our publishing, while also honouring our past. To this end, we have undertaken the important task of carefully preserving the recent history of the industry viewed through the magazine, cataloguing each edition from the first printed copy 43 years ago and all those digitally produced since 2007 – a rich history we refer to often.

I can't imagine a more

ideal community in which to operate a serious-minded industry news sheet. That's why I stay in this business as I enter my 78th year after more than 60 years in the agriculture, mining and forestry media. I enjoy the job, the industry and the people in it – so why 'retire' and throw away that enjoyment?

I also sentimentally remember founding Australian Timberman 44 years ago and earning my first by-line 64 years ago, in the days of hot-metal newspapers, long before the Internet and the dot-com bubble – and even the fax machine.

The trust of our readers is essential. We continue to evolve by remembering that our readers, those that work in every part of this wonderful industry, are ... "all friends here"

Like them, we have set a very clear vision – a 20-20 hindsight vision if you like – to ensure that we win the fight, any fight, against those who

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busy themselves with new and scientifically groundless campaigns against forestry. Forests are a renewable resource and as an industry we lead in sustainable, certified forest management. Full stop.

I still reflect on pro-forestry scientist Dr Patrick Moore, co-founder of Greenpeace, who I interviewed in Brisbane in 1998 when he was invited by Rod McInnes. He said Greenpeace had achieved great things while he was there, but by the 1980s the group had become too radical.

“My decision was made in the 1980s,” he said. “At the time I said very clearly, ‘I’m going to stick with science



Online every week... keeping our readers informed across Australia and globally.

and logic, you can keep your fear-mongering’. We did a good job and it’s a shame it got turned into a racket.”

As AFPA’s CEO Ross Hampton says, in this edition, forest industries continue to have strong bi-partisan support in federal parliament, vital for successfully arguing for positive policies in both native and plantation-based

forestry.

The challenge clearly is to see this national compact is replicated around the nation at a state level. The attitude of different state governments and oppositions is quite inconsistent with their federal counterparts and even at times with each other.

Finally, with less than 14 days left in the decade, I

would like to say a huge thank you to the Timber&Forestry enews team and all our readers and advertisers, both clients current and future. It is always a pleasure putting this together every week and I hope you get a lot out of it.

More to come.

Have a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year!

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APRIL 2020

1-4: AusTimber 2020 – HVP plantation site, Traralgon, Gippsland region, Vic. Australia. Event and dinner ticket sales now live – and limited. Welcome dinner April 2. Guest speaker Dr Karl Kruszelnicki AM, Australian science communicator. Make sure you commemorate the event with some AUSTimber merchandise. Buy your polo shirt, cap or bucket hat while you're purchasing your show tickets. For AFCA members and sponsors please email us for your discount code for both the show and dinner tickets. Tickets for the field trips will

be available shortly, stay tuned. Contact Dionne Olsen on +61 429 202 929 or email austimber2020@afca.asn.au Follow AUSTimber on www.austimber.org.au

7-8: MobileTECH Ag 2020 – Rotorua, NZ. International keynote Dr Mike Briers, CEO, Australian-based Food Agility. "We are on the cusp of the 4th agricultural revolution and unlike those that came before, this digital revolution will bring producers and consumers closer together," says Dr Briers. "The real question, however, is who will be the builders and who will be the bystanders?" Jamie Azzopardi, the Oceania head of IBM's The Weather Company, will also deliver an important keynote. The company is one of the world's largest weather forecasters and has made significant advancements through IBM's Watson Machine learning platform. IBM has just launched a new weather modelling service that uses supercomputing and big data to provide global forecasts down to an area as little as 3 km. The system issues

12 trillion pieces of weather data every day and process forecasts every hour. Russell Craig, national technology officer, Microsoft NZ will return for the 2020 event. While artificial intelligence (AI) can be an overused buzzword, there is no argument that this will be a game-changer for the primary sector. MobileTECH Ag will be a great forum to understand how new technologies powered by data and AI are being adopted by agribusinesses. Cloud-based AI is the driving force behind Microsoft's FarmBeats initiative, which has already seen action within New Zealand's agricultural community. The system captures large amounts of data from feeds throughout the farm and uses AI and machine learning to translate that data into real insights for the growers. Contact Ken Wilson, program manager on +61 4 5226 2337 or email ken.wilson@innovatek.co.nz Visit www.mobiletech.events

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15-16: Timber & Technology.

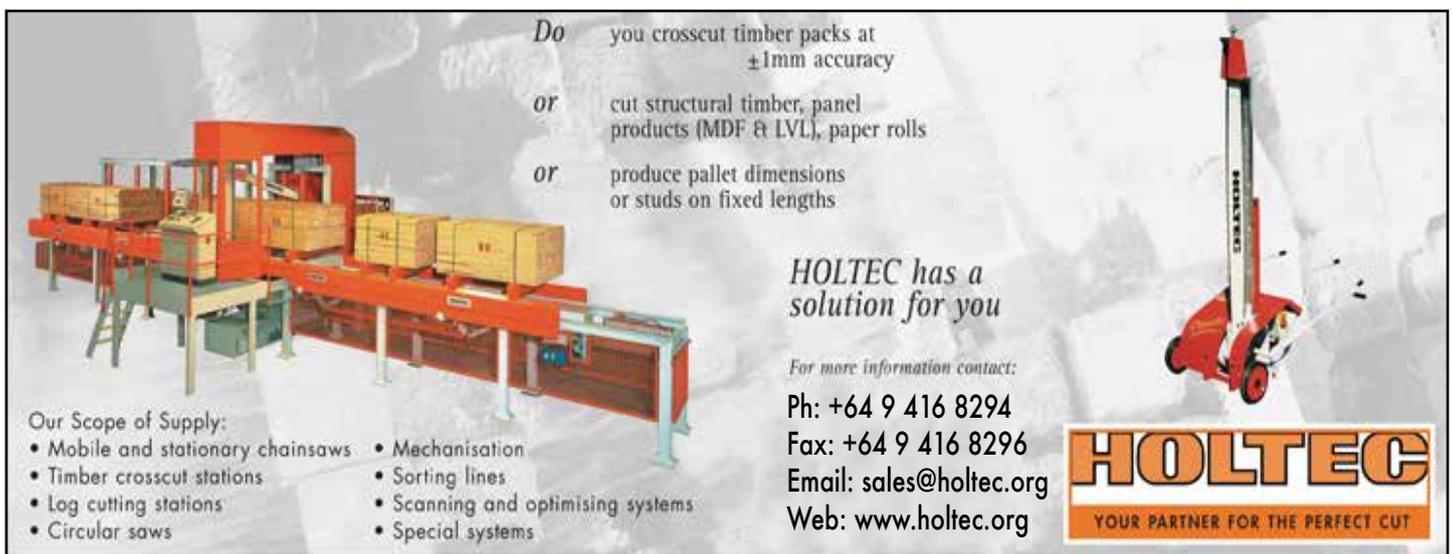
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MARCH 2020

16-17: Asia Pacific Woodchip and Biomass Trade –

Radisson Blu Shanghai New World Hotel, China.

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APRIL 2020

3-5: FORESTlive, Forestry trade fair –

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MAY 2020

19-20: FastMarkets – RISI-DANA 7th annual Forest Investment Conference –

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26-27: Inaugural DANA Russia Forest Industry Sector Conference and field trip –

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JUNE 2020

1-3: International Forest Business Conference and Tour –

Sopot, Poland. A two-day conference on megatrends that shape forest and wood industry sectors. The event will highlight the transformation of forest-related businesses towards a low-carbon bioeconomy,

discuss tensions between sustainability and cost competitiveness, and call attention to new green innovations. Field trip on June 3 to IKEA and Egger mills. The event will welcome institutional investors from across the globe to discuss investment opportunities in timber to diversify their portfolios and achieve healthy returns. Register at www.fba-events.com or contact karolina@forest-analytics.com

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

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/

SEPTEMBER 2020

1-3: DANA New Zealand Forest Industry Status and Outlook Conference and field trip –

Emerald Hotel, Gisborne, New Zealand. For further information see: <https://danaevents.co.nz/2020gisborne/> or contact Julie Bell admin@dana.co.nz

NOVEMBER 2020

1-5: 3rd DANA African Forest Industry Investment Conference and field trip –

Durban, South Africa. Planning under way. Two day optional field trip (November 19-20). Register interest with Julie Bell admin@dana.co.nz

• Please send any events listings to John Halkett via email: johnh@timberandforestrynews.com

Christmas tree at Government House promotes forest value

A CHRISTMAS tree grown by Forestry Corporation of NSW proudly sits in Government House in the Centre of Sydney as a visual reminder of the forestry industry and the value it provides.

In the spirit of Christmas, Forestry Corporation donated the 5 m tall tree – a radiata pine sourced from its Moss Vale softwood plantation – to Government House, where it takes pride of place in the building's iconic foyer.

Forestry Corporation's Moss Vale area supervisor Tom Bagnell said the organisation was happy to help raise awareness of the NSW timber industry.

"This particular tree started its life as one of around seven million seeds sown in our Tumut nursery in 2011,"



From little seeds... the NSW Government House tree started its life as one of seven million seeds sown at Tumut nursery.

Tom said.

"From there it spent the next seven years in our Belanglo state forest pine plantation, before being harvested for this special role."

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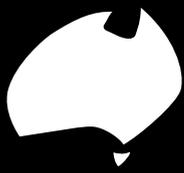
The tree is one of the countless that cover the 2 million ha NSW state forests. "Around half of the estate is managed solely for community enjoyment and environmental outcome and a small percentage of the

remaining forests is harvested each year to help build our homes and supply timber products," Tom said.

The *Pinus radiata* species has been grown in the Moss Vale area for more than a century. It is used in construction, landscaping and pulp and paper products, with the state pine plantations producing enough timber to construct a quarter of houses built in Australia each year."

Guided tours of Government House are conducted regularly. More information is available at www.governor.nsw.gov.au/government-house

On the cover: The Governor of New South Wales Margaret Beazley AO QC, and her husband Dennis Wilson admire a radiata Christmas tree at Government House in Sydney.



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FWPA launches new website and online store for the ultimate brand

NATIONAL industry research and development server Forest and Wood Products Australia has launched a new website and online store for The Ultimate Renewable where the industry and public can access information on the environmental and social advantages of forestry and wood.

The website showcases forestry's sustainable narrative, providing a wide range of information and resources on topics including the greenhouse effect, certification schemes and designing with wood.

The site also features a forum for industry-related news and events, as well as a suite of educational videos.

In addition to education, the new site provides an opportunity for industry members to help promote the brand through purchasing merchandise at cost price through the online store. The store features products ranging from cooler bags and coasters to hats and shirts.

National marketing and communications manager



Celebrating the Sydney launch of The Ultimate Renewable brand ... Matt de Jongh, Department of Agriculture, Eileen Newbury, FWPA national marketing and communications manager, and John Simon, chairman, FWPA

Eileen Newbury said there was excitement for the campaign's evolution, aiming to encourage greater acceptance of the sector.

"The new website is a great achievement, providing more opportunities to champion a cause that will benefit everyone," Ms Newbury said.

"The informational content highlights the environmental benefits of sustainably sourced wood, celebrates those who work with it, and offers advice for best practice in designing and building with wood products.

"We are also really looking

forward to seeing members sporting the apparel and other merchandise available. The products can make ideal Christmas gifts for clients and staff."

For industry, companies can benefit from associating with the brand.

"Co-branding with The Ultimate Renewable means

“OVER 100 COMPANIES HAVE TAKEN UP THIS GREAT OPPORTUNITY”

companies can leverage the environmental messages of the brand and the success of the marketing materials, which are also available to download and use on your company collateral," Ms Newbury said.

"So far more than 100 companies have taken up this great opportunity."

Since its launch in July, The Ultimate Renewable campaign has reached almost a quarter of Australian's population.

While the initial \$1.8 million consumer campaign wrapped up in September, Ms Newbury said the campaign could not have been such a success without the involvement of industry players.

"FWPA has been very grateful to the industry for its ongoing support of the brand. This was a collaborative effort and with sustained collaboration our message will continue to strengthen," she said.

"We encourage you to check out the website and to continue taking ownership of the brand and the positive, environmental messages behind it."



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Reflections – turning back the pages

We have covered a lot of ground over the past 10 years

WELL, another year, another decade is drawing to a close.

This will be the final edition of Timber&Forestry e-news for the year and we have covered a lot of ground over 12 months – and over the past decade.

Without doubt the two mainstream stories of most concern to our readers late this year have been the widespread forest fires in NSW and Queensland and the equally worrying determination by the Victorian Labor government to close native timber harvesting by 2030, after more than a century of renewable growth. (Note our Grim Reaper edition).

Both critical and emotional people issues – the bushfires through loss of property, forest damage and loss of life; the Victorian plot to sacrifice jobs, family communities and good productive timber management purely to appease inner-city green voters.

Turning his back on the regions, Premier Dan Andrews seems smugly confident he has the 2022 election ‘in the bag’, this based on the premise that his promises to Melburnians to ‘built the city’s infrastructure’ – roads, boom gates tunnels and so on – will do it.



Issue 585: The Grim Reaper Edition.

But the fickle finger of fate can point the other way very quickly. Already Melbourne’s huge Metro Tunnel project could be \$300 million over budget and behind schedule, as Andrews fails to hose down fears about cost blowouts in this and other infrastructure projects.

So ... after a random flipping through our pages over the past 12 months, a number of high and low points reveal themselves:

MAY 16

THE Minister for Resources and Northern Australia Senator Matt Canavan has announced a \$209,300 CRCNA research collaboration with Timber Queensland, the Northern Territory Department of Primary Industry and Resources, the Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries and the University of the Sunshine Coast. The 10-month project will work with industry stakeholders

including the Forest Products Commission WA, Plantation Management Partners, Midway, HQPlantations, Simms Group, DTM Timber/Branch 95, Quintis Ltd and Alpha Santanol, to deliver a comprehensive overview of the current challenges and opportunities facing the industry in the Top.End.

MAY 16:

THE government is issuing penalty notices for breaches of illegal logging regulations. The Department of Agriculture and Water Resources has so far audited more than 600 timber businesses, including many furniture importers. Many importers are complying with the regulations, but it’s no surprise that many others have little or no understanding of them.

MAY 23:

THE forest industry can take huge comfort from the resounding Coalition election win last Saturday and rejection of Labor’s confused policy agenda. History tells us that Labor governments, both state and federal, have a long antagonistic attitude towards

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the forestry sector. Again this is evidenced by the current ongoing shilly-shallying about ongoing access to hardwood log supplies in Victoria by the Andrews government.

JUNE 13:

FOREST and Wood Products Australia hosted the third leg of its nation-wide launch of the Ultimate Renewable brand in Brisbane this week, with events in Melbourne, Sydney, Hobart, Perth and Adelaide.

JUNE 20:

DAUGHTER of a log haulier, new Agriculture Minister Bridget McKenzie addressed more than 200 guests at the AFPA members' dinner in Canberra last night: "We are all friends here," she said.

In her first major presentation and largest audience since she was appointed to the Morrison ministry, Senator McKenzie's passionate support of forests was loudly applauded by an assembly of stakeholders from across every sector of the industry.

JULY 4:

THE Victorian Government has ignored the concerns of rural communities in its rush to create more national parks, says the Institute of Foresters of Australia. IFA, which has represented forestry since 1935 and has more than 1100 members



engaged in all branches of forest management and conservation, has called on the state's Environment Minister Lily D'Amboise to direct the Victorian Environmental Assessment Council to follow its legislated charter. This requires VEAC to adhere to the principles of 'ecologically sustainable development'

JULY 18:

TWO peak industry bodies have welcome the federal government's proposed new laws to protect farmers and primary producers, including forest industries, from activists. AFPA and the Australian Forest Contractors Association say the scope of the proposed federal laws should be broadened to include necessary protections for processors of forest products.

AUGUST 1:

A SURPRISE decision by the Australian Building Codes Board to rule timber cladding not acceptable for Class 2 and 3 low-rise buildings under the existing 'deemed-to-satisfy' provisions of the National Construction Code has angered industry groups. In what is considered an unwitting 'knee-jerk' reaction to the Grenfell tower fire in London two years ago, the ABCC edict puts a \$750 million value-add industry sector at risk.

JULY 25:

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activities, but the key is to ensure the right trees are planted at the right scale and in the right places, Senator Jonathan Dunham said in Brisbane on Monday. He was opening the DANA forest innovations conference – his first major address to the industry since his appointment as minister responsible for the sector.

Senator Dunham said a key strategy was needed to enable farm forestry to become a commercial, timber-supplying enterprise.

AUGUST 15:

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

AUGUST 22:

MORE than 700 concerned forest workers and their families rallied in Queensland's 'timber capital' Maryborough on Sunday to protest radical changes planned for vegetation management laws that threaten a shutdown of the native hardwood industry

SEPTEMBER 5:

THE NSW government is considering the viability of a long-term lease of the state's commercial softwood plantation estate. State-owned Forestry Corporation of NSW manages 2,186,893 ha of land,



which is primarily state forests, with small areas of freehold and private land managed through joint investment partnerships. The profitable softwood division has been valued at \$1.9 billion.

SEPTEMBER 26:

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.

OCTOBER 31:

SERIOUS concerns about the future of native forest management in NSW, including fire suppression and community engagement should the government decide to sell off a long-term lease to the state's softwood plantation resource, were expressed at a special 'state-of-the nation' review in Sydney last week.

NOVEMBER 14:

THE Andrews Labor government is pointing a loaded gun at the heart of Victoria's forest industry. Its determination to close native timber harvesting in the state by 2030, after more than a century of renewable growth is a dumb decision condemned by regional communities, contractors, forest scientists, producer groups, politicians, unions and social workers.

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NOVEMBER 14:

FIRE damage to state forests in NSW and Queensland was difficult to determine as Timber&Forestry e-news went online today. Eastern states have more than a million hectares ablaze and it could be months before bushfires are under control. NSW has declared a state of emergency and Emergency Services Minister David Elliott said residents were facing what "could be the most dangerous bushfire week this nation has ever seen."

DECEMBER 5:

SHADOW Minister for Agriculture and Rural and Regional Australia Joel Fitzgibbon has delivered a veiled swipe at the Andrews government over its decision to phase out Victoria's native timber industry. He said a strong relationship between the commonwealth and the states was needed to sustain regional jobs. He warned Australia could not sustain a forest and forest products industry and "all the jobs and wealth it creates" without a native forest industry. Mr Fitzgibbon also called out the "fallacy" of Premier Andrews' claim that the hardwood timber industry in Victoria can transition to plantations by 2030.

DECEMBER 5:

FINDING 20 of Australia's leading architects, engineers, builders and developers in

a Tumbarumba plantation forest in the heart of the Forestry Corporation of NSW's softwood pine plantations is not a common sight. But for the motivated professionals looking to timber as the ultimate building renewable, Tumbarumba and the Victoria-NSW twin cities of Albury and Wodonga play an important role in building and construction of faraway cities. Hosted by the Timber Development Association, leading building professionals embarked on a two-day CLT and mill tour, which involved visiting the XLam production facilities at Wodonga, a pine plantation and Hyne Timber's Tumbarumba Sawmill. The tour

“ARCHITECTS IN HARD HATS MEET ON THE FOREST FLOOR

gave building professionals a rare opportunity to explore CLT 'up close', capturing the complete supply chain – from the forest, through the sawmill and the production facility.

THIS WEEK:

"THESE things would be very demoralising if it weren't for one major positive – the unity of the whole industry. Native forestry, plantations, softwood, hardwood, pulp and paper companies have all come together to support us at this time" – Ross Hampton, CEO, AFPA.



Wealth of developing countries to determine economic opportunities

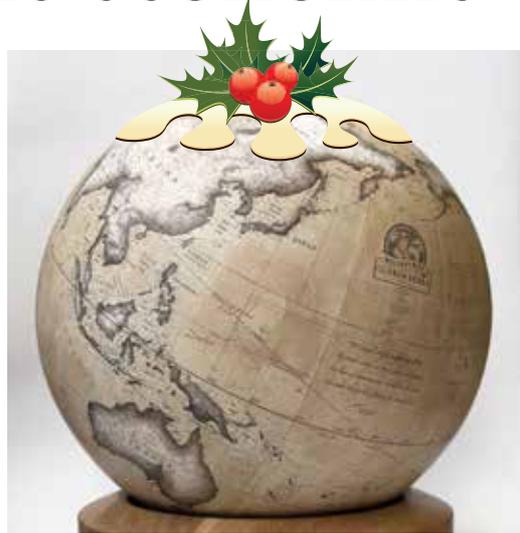
THE International Monetary Fund estimates that, in the next 10 to 15 years, 90% of global economic growth will originate from outside Europe.

The thriving economies of southeast Asia and, increasingly, Africa, are, and will become, ever more important as their newfound prosperity drives demand for goods and services – and timber – from the developed countries that are prepared to interact with their markets.

By 2020, China's middle-class is expected to number 600 million, and by 2050 Africa, on its own, will represent 54% of world population increase. And on top of the vast Asia-Pacific growth it is predicted that there will be 1.1 billion middle-class Africans by 2060.

Consider ... Australia has 134 million ha of forest, a net increase of 3.9 million ha in 2011-2016. Natives makes up 132 million ha (98%) and commercial plantations 1.95 million ha (1.5%).

China has more than 206.9 million ha of forest. (Russia has 885 million ha).



2020 the next decade... what's in the industry's global pudding?

There are now 5.46 million ha of eucalypt plantations in China, with selected cloned seeds used in the Dongmen province project emanating on occasion from *E. urophylla* seed from Alor Island, Indonesia, and selected pollen parents of *E. grandis* from Mareeba in North Queensland.

The annual cut of eucalypt wood in China is now over 64 million cub m a year – and increasing

Such a shift, not just in global demographics, but in the rise of the collective wealth of developing countries, will determine where the golden economic

opportunities of the future will be and where we must be too if we are to provide jobs and prosperity for the future.

If we are to navigate the changes that the next decade will bring we will have to fully accommodate these changes and also recognise the changing pattern of our own trade.

For the astrologically-minded ... some years slip through the chronicles of history with little to no recognition – 2020 isn't going to be one of those years, says WellBeing magazine.

The year 2020 represents

the birth of new directions, symbolised by the meeting of three of the important predictive hands on the planetary cosmic clock – Jupiter, Saturn and Pluto. All three planets will begin new cycles with each other, indicating a year of enormous global change. The last time Jupiter, Saturn and Pluto were all in the governance sign of Capricorn was in 1284, which coincided with the introduction of an important new currency – the Republic of Venice began issuing the ducat, a gold token that became the standard of European coinage for the next 600 years.

Expect increasing pressure to replace the US dollar as the global reserve currency. Signs of a global rebalancing already exist with the BRICS banking alliance – the five major emerging national economies of Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa – and China buying oil in its own currency.

This rebalancing might also play out in the emergence of a new crypto-currency becoming an important investment alternative.

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Understanding wellbeing and can you measure workplace happiness?

HAPPINESS itself is very much a relative term and will mean different things to different people.

Monty Python famously commented on this in its 'We-were-so-poor' skit. This starts in the best of circumstances with the sipping of a fine French wine before progressing through a series of ever diminishing events.

Along the way in savouring a cup of tea one of the parties comments that you were lucky "we never used to have a cup. We used to drink out of a rolled up newspaper". The comeback being "the best we could manage was to suck on a piece of damp cloth".

This leads to the observation that "my old dad used to say to me money doesn't buy happiness. 'E was right I was happier then and I had nothing."

In more recent times consideration of happiness or wellbeing in our workplaces and our communities is increasingly important. A report for the FWPA – 'Forest industry workforce: socio-economic wellbeing and community contributions' by Jacki Schirmer, Mel Mylek, Anders Magnusson at the



WELLBEING MEASURES

Wellbeing measure	Forest industry workers in Green Triangle (n=61)	Wellbeing of Green Triangle RWS respondents (n=342)	Wellbeing of Australian RWS respondents (n=8947)
All measures rated 0-100	Mean Score	Mean Score	Mean Score
Global life satisfaction	74.9	75.1	74.0
Personal Wellbeing Index	74.6	74.9	73.2
Satisfaction with standard of living	79.6	77.3	76.8
Satisfaction with health	70.1	69.7	69.0
Satisfaction with current achievements in life	72.1	72.5	70.0
Satisfaction with personal relationships	78.0	76.7	76.2
Satisfaction with feelings of safety	82.6	82.1	79.8
Satisfaction with feeling part of the community	71.3	73.7	71.3
Satisfaction with future security	68.2	72.3	69.0

Full details Table 1 "Forest industry workforce – socio-economic wellbeing and community contributions" Report

University of Canberra looks at these issues.

The literature tells us that a person's workplace can be a large contributor to personal wellbeing. This is a positive feedback loop. If a workplace contributes positively to a person's wellbeing, they are likely to have greater productivity, lower stress and absenteeism and increased job satisfaction.

Furthermore, a workforce that has high wellbeing is also better able to positively contribute to their community.

The aim of the study was to see how forestry and wood products manufacturing compared to the rest of the

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With JIM HOUGHTON

community. The good news is we are not too different to the broader communities we operate in and in some areas we rate higher.

(A useful summary is contained in the table above).

Of particular note is satisfaction with standard of living which was higher for the forest sector. The report suggests this was linked to generally higher wages and more full-time work compared to the broader community. This was offset by a slightly lower score for

future security.

Another interesting measure of wellbeing can be seen in non-work factors such as feeling welcome, spending time with friends and family, getting involved in the community and volunteering. All of these were on par (some slightly higher some slightly lower) with the broader community.

For instance, survey participants indicating they regularly volunteer was 34% for forest industry workers. This was slightly behind the Green Triangle community at 38% and slightly ahead of the broader community at 31%.

This report provides a good starting point for understanding wellbeing and the interconnection with the communities we serve. This is an emerging area of research and we have a good story to tell.

• *Jim Houghton is statistics and economics manager at Forest and Wood Products Australia.*

SATISFACTION WITH STANDARD OF LIVING WAS HIGHER IN THE FOREST SECTOR

Fire safety: future timber hub's hot topic

THE Future Timber Hub at the University of Queensland held a two-day continuing professional development course on integrated design of timber buildings last week.

The focus was on fire safety (Professor José Torero), durability (Geoff Stringer) and building physics (Samantha Anderson).

Dr Lisa Ottenhaus, from the UQ School of Civil Engineering, coordinated the course alongside Kelly Rischmiller, ARC Future Timber Hub.

"Integrated design is very important for timber structures," Dr Ottenhaus explained. "There are many performance requirements that need to be considered and at first sight may be contradicting; the fire safety engineer needs



Future Timber Hub workshop.. Dr Lisa Ottenhaus, lecturer in structural engineering, UQ School of Civil Engineering, Prof. José Torero, head, Department of Civil, Environmental, Geomatic and Environmental Engineering at the University College London, Geoff Stringer, civil engineer with 40+ years' timber experience, and current PhD Student Dean Ashton, WoodSolutions.

compartmentation and the building physicist needs air tightness but then building services penetrate compartments and air-tight membranes.

"That's why all experts need to communicate with each other right from the start to find an optimal integrated

design solution that meets all performance targets."

This was certainly the theme of the two days on December 9 and 10 and the delegates – structural engineers, fire engineers, architects and other building design professions – were able to learn from leading

experts in terms of:

- Timber and fire: Timber self-extinguishes and that timber buildings can have outstanding fire performance but design for fire requires a high level of competency.
- Timber and durability: Defining service life requirements and understanding deterioration mechanisms are essential for reliably durable structures. One approach applies the 'four D's' of timber wall protection against fungal attack – deflection, drainage and drying of waste and decay resistance of the timber product.
- Timber and building physics: The concept of air tightness combined with mechanical ventilation definitely seemed to be new territory for most attendees.

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Parks fire protection smoke and mirrors?

AS fears escalate that government meddling to close managed forests will threaten fire-fighting capacity, disturbing news arrived this week that 'monumental' fires this season have burnt thousands of hectares of national parks.

Industry, including the IFA, have suspected for some time that government funds allocated to manage national parks may be woefully overstated.

More than 10% of the area covered by NSW national parks has been charred, including 20% of the Blue Mountains world heritage area, state government data obtained by Guardian Australia has revealed.

The amount of bushland destroyed within NSW national parks dwarfs that



Chris Gambian... looking at the total picture.



Mark Graham... fires a global tragedy.

of the entire previous fire season, when 80,000 ha was lost. Ten times that amount has burnt since July.

The damage caused by fire in the Gondwana rainforest world heritage area in the north of the state is a "global tragedy" and an "absolute crisis," a Nature Conservation Council CEO and ecologist says.

Chris Gambian said the loss of 800,000 ha in NSW

national parks, out of a total of 1.9 million ha burnt in the state since July 1, "changes the calculus of nature conservation in the state."

The "monumental" scale of the fires meant conservation of land would now be "more important than ever," he said.

"National parks are the best way to protect species and landscapes, but when national parks have been decimated, you have to look at the total picture and other measures."

“HERITAGE FIRES A REAL CRISIS

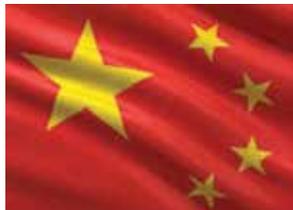
As well as the losses in the Blue Mountains, concern has centred on the Gondwana rainforest world heritage area, a collection of reserves of subtropical rainforest that span 366,500 ha across NSW and Queensland.

Mark Graham, an ecologist with the council who specialises in fire and biodiversity, said the fires there were "a global tragedy."

Twelve of 28 NSW world heritage reserves have been at least partly affected by fire.

Mr Graham said until a week ago Barrington Tops and the New England national park were the two largest blocks of Gondwana that had not been affected by fire. That changed after lightning strikes sparked fires in those areas.

"To be really blunt, it's an absolute crisis," he said.



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A mountain we must climb together

TIM JOHNSTON

IT has now been six weeks since Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews announced a plan to begin phasing out native timber harvesting in state forests from 2024.

This was devastating news for an industry already under immense pressure.

It is a short-sighted decision that, sadly, comes as little surprise following the government's apathy on issues affecting the native timber industry over the last five years. Ultimately, it will hurt the Victorian economy, and more importantly, local communities and families that are reliant on timber and forestry.

The impacts on small businesses, communities and families will be highly destructive.

Now more than ever, it is essential that all sectors of the Victorian timber and forestry industry stand together.

VAFI has been clear, both to government and in the media, that the Andrews government has made this decision on ideological grounds and it does not reflect the reality of a vital and sustainable industry.

Also, the invaluable service the industry gives to fighting forest fires has been put at risk. The crucial role our industry plays in responding to bushfires and containing their impacts should continue to be a source of pride for of us all and should be recognised more broadly.

Workers in our industry have excellent in local knowledge and are highly skilled in many aspects of fire preparedness,



Tim Johnston
... CEO of the
**Victorian
Association
of Forest
Industries.**

management and response. They possess a lifetime of experience in fire behaviour and are often the first personnel to spring into action to protect their communities. It must also be remembered that forest operations maintain the track network that allows all emergency responders rapid access to fire areas.

It is sad, but not unexpected, that we have yet to see any acknowledgment of the substantial contributions of forest workers to firefighting. Nor have we seen any proposals for maintaining

the wealth of knowledge in areas such as: operating machinery in forest conditions, road and track construction, tree falling, fire behaviour and overall local knowledge, to name a few.

We will continue the fight to reverse this decision but we cannot be the sole voice. To be effective we need you to keep talking to your communities and elected representatives about the many benefits of wood as a resource and about the importance of the industry to your communities.

Together can we drive a change in public perception and create pressure on the government.

We have a mountain to climb in the coming years and we can only make that climb by supporting each other.

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Audit... Responsible Wood CEO, Simon Dorries (left) with David Syme, SDAC auditor, and Alan Snow from Alan Snow Consulting.

to Standards Australia the organisation’s ongoing commitment to standards development.

“Standards Australia is the owner of the standards and trademarks, as one of five accredited SDOs we are licensed to develop Australian standards for forest certification through our ongoing SDAC accreditation,” Mr Snow said.

According to CEO Simon Dorries, the Responsible Wood certification scheme’s

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But it is the over-arching governance structure, the commitment to independence in the certification process, that is of utmost importance.

“Governance is a very contentious topic at the moment and the Responsible Wood certification scheme is a credible forest-based certification scheme that is technically robust.”

Mr Dorries said if consumers were looking for a credible forest certification scheme, the Responsible Wood certification scheme ticked all the boxes.

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Midway negotiates new export contract

AUSTRALIA'S largest hardwood and softwood fibre exporter Midway Ltd has negotiated its first wood fibre export contract price with a major Chinese customer since the collapse in pulp prices in mid-2019.

The price for the first half of calendar 2020 has been set at \$US175 a tonne, which is \$7 a tonne lower than the contract price for this year

This lower price is likely to be offset by the benefit from the decline in the AUD/USD exchange rate.

Midway expects this will be the indicative export price for its other major Chinese customers for the next few months. The company also expects a recovery in export volumes for the first six months of calendar 2020, in line with the seasonal pattern of previous years.



Busy in China...
Tony Price, CEO
and managing
director of
Midway Ltd.

The results for the 1H20 result is still forecast to be materially lower than 1H19, but this new contract price negotiated and a recovery in export volumes provides scope for a recovery in earnings in 2H20

This is a positive outcome given the weakness in China pulp prices (refer Bloomsburg price chart), where there were concerns this pulp price weakness would allow the Chinese and Japanese customers to materially

lower contract prices and/or contract volumes

The price announced is only for one customer for a six-month period. A stock re-rating is contingent upon the ability of Midway to secure similar pricing outcomes across other major Chinese and Japanese customers.

Midway is based at Geelong, Vic, with 19 ha of freehold land adjacent to Geelong Port two wood fibre mills (separate plantation and native processing facilities),

three stockpiles including three reclaimers with 200,000 green metric tonnes (GMT) total capacity providing capacity to process and export up to 1.8 million GMT per annum of hardwood.

Midway's logistics head office is based in Bunbury, WA, with operational locations through the south west of Western Australia.

One of the most diverse and dynamic forestry harvesting organisations in Australia, Midway now produces in excess of 650,000 cub m per annum.

Midway Logistics is currently working in conjunction with forestry organisations such as the Albany Plantation Export Co, Ents Forestry and Forest Products Commission WA.



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WA building wins coveted PEFC prize

MORE than 1000 attendees at a gala dinner in Amsterdam this month celebrated the presentation of an acclaimed PEFC world certified timber prize to a Perth-based architect.

Iredale Pedersen Hook and Advanced Timber Concepts Studio won for the Pingelly Recreation and Culture Centre built in the WA Wheatbelt, 158 km from Perth.

“We are delighted; this recognises the use of sustainable timber as a key material for a building which lies at the heart of the Pingelly Shire community,” remarked Patrick Beale a director of Advanced Timber Concepts.

Eleven short-listed teams presented their projects to a jury consisting of Mark Thomson of Eco Effective Solutions in Brisbane, Keith



PEFC certified timber prize presentation... Ben Gunneberg, CEO, PEFC International, Patrick Beale, Advanced Timber Concepts Studio, Adrian Iredale and Finn Pedersen, Iredale Pedersen Hook Architects, and Mark Thomson, Eco Effective Solutions.

Bradley from Feilden Clegg Bradley Studios, Jonathan Coote of Warren & Mahoney, and Hattie Hartman, sustainability editor, Architects Journal in Lonson.

Mark Thomson, a director of Responsible Wood, was impressed by the calibre of entrants: “Once again forest certification was warmly accepted by entrants from many countries.”

PEFC CEO Ben Gunneberg added: “It’s always amazing to see how architects and building designers use certified timber to create remarkable buildings for people to live, work and experience.”

Certified timber was used throughout the building – the flooring, decking, cladding and panelling. The sports hall is a portal frame structure

using a Pinus radiata LVL box construction system, while the cultural room is lined with deep brown recycled jarrah (E. marginate).

The recreation centre is the largest timber building constructed in Western Australia since 1940 and was prefabricated offsite before being transported to Pingelly for assembly.

The prize recognises architects and project teams for their use of certified timber as a main construction material for buildings outstanding in sustainability, innovation, quality or aesthetics.

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Kia GT-Line SUV sport car for the age

THIS is a nice way to drive out of 2019 ... in a Kia Sportage GT-Line, one of a wide band of crossover SUVs that are quickly becoming the most popular body styles in town and country.

But they are seldom off-roaders, many of them two-wheel drives that traverse nothing more rugged than a gravel carpark.

Kia's most 'outdoorsy' vehicle is a word combination of what the Seoul-based manufacturer reckons it's all about – 'sport for the age'.

Since Kia enticed German wunderkind and Audi architect Peter Schreyer eight years ago as its chief design officer, the car has taken on all the fad and fashion of the 'European look'.

The medium SUV segment is now the second largest in the Australian market, second only to the Cerato in outright sales. It offers two petrol engines and one diesel power plant, with the former retaining a six-speed automatic and the latter now with an eight-speed automatic.

The Sportage GT-Line in diesel form at \$49,500



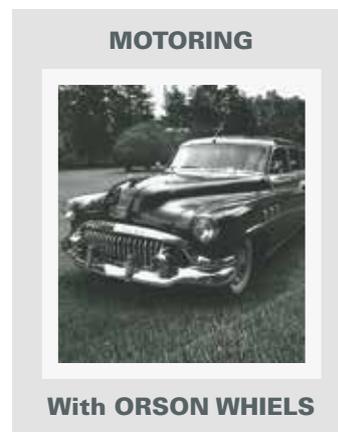
Kia Sportage GT-Line... European style and features aplenty.

(rrp) is at the top of the Sportage range and at the premium end of the mid-sized SUV market, while the petrol drives away at around \$47,490. They are gifted with a long list of premium features and safety equipment.

What's unchanged is the punchy four-cylinder 2-litre turbo diesel with outputs of 136 kW and 400 Nm

Kia claims a combined-cycle fuel consumption figure of 6.4L/100km, untested during our short inner-city runs.

The GT-Line sports pack includes heated and ventilated front seats, a panoramic sunroof, flat-bottom sports steering wheel with shift paddles, a smart powered tailgate, 19-in, wheels, wireless



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Inside Sportage... optional grey two-tone upholstery.

traffic alert, an eight-way powered front passenger seat, an automated park-assist system, and adaptive cruise control.

And the European style continues inside; the cabin is quite premium with smart-looking optional grey two-tone upholstery.

Boot space is 466 litres, up to a maximum of 1455 litres, with the floor concealing a full-sized matching spare wheel and a bit of extra storage space.

The Sportage GT-Line enters a field well-populated with opposition from Toyota's RAV4, which starts at \$29,450 in base petrol front-drive, to the \$50,500 Cruiser diesel.

This Kia has nothing to worry about.

Merry Christmas, drive safely and stay out of trouble.

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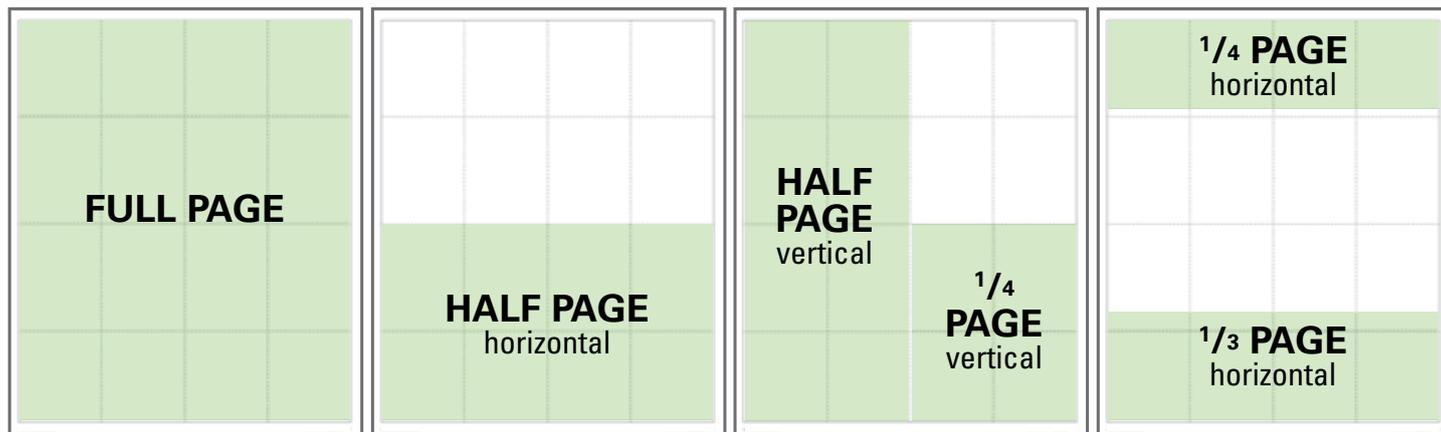
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