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Gottstein anniversary launching pad for the next 50 years of industry education

Trust continues to provide new networking and learning opportunities

JIM BOWDEN

“THIS is not only an anniversary celebration, it’s the launching pad for the next 50 years,” said Gottstein chair Suzette Weeding in a welcome to 90 guests at the educational trust’s special gathering at the National Press Club in Canberra on Tuesday.

“TRUST FUND AS RELEVANT TODAY AS IT WAS HALF A CENTURY AGO

“The role of the Joseph William Gottstein Trust Fund – this unique wholly industry funded trust fund – is as relevant today as when it began half a century ago,” Ms Weeding said.

“The future will see continued funding of fellowships, scholarships and other skill development opportunities.



Past Gottstein Trust fellows... Mick Stephens, CEO, Timber Queensland, Dr Julianne Oreilly-Wapstra, ARC Timber Training Centre for Forest Value, Gavin Matthew, CEO, EWPA, Cameron MacDonald, chief operating officer, HVP Plantations, Evan Dunstone, Dunstone Design Furniture (pictured with a sample of his work), Dr James Hague, Australian Forest Research Company (former trustee), and Jodie Mason, forest research manager, FWPA

[Candidates for the 2021 round of grants were interviewed on Wednesday].

Ms Weeding said since its inception in 1971 the trust had made grants of \$1.3 million to 189 Gottstein recipients – and each could pursue learning opportunities that were of benefit to the Australian industry.

The trust honours the late Bill Gottstein, who died in a tragic accident in PNG in 1971. He joined CSIRO as a research officer in 1946 and for next 25 years pioneered the development of wood seasoning, wood preservation and plywood manufacture. He was a world authority on composite wood materials and inspired and mentored younger researchers.

Gottstein scholarships began in 2010 and 13 have



Helen Murray, Gottstein secretariat and Suzette Weeding, chair, Gottstein Trust welcome Dr Michiel van Lookeren Campagne, director, CSIRO Agriculture and Food, at the 50th anniversary celebrations.

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been provided so far, helping university scholars ranging from undergraduate to PhD level. Another 14 grants have enabled internships at the World Forestry Institute in Portland, Oregon, USA, while 19 grants were received for various types of skills development.

Hundreds of people have attended annual Gottstein courses in either wood science or forest science since they began in the 1990s.

Suzette Weeding said the trust was now reconnecting with the 151 fellowship alumni.

“This is our flagship award,” she said. “Many industry and research leaders are former Gottstein fellows,” Ms Weeding said.

Reflecting, and in light of this information, Ms Weeding said the impact of the trust was positive; it gave people in the industry new networking and learning opportunities.

“All these people have contributed to the evolution of our industry,” she said. “And there’s much more to come.”

“IMPACT OF THE TRUST IS POSITIVE”

Ms Weeding took the opportunity to thank the many regular patron donor companies, a number of them attending the celebration.

“These annual donations ensure the Gottstein Trust can keep giving opportunities to people to learn, to innovate



1/ Denis Cullity, managing director, Wesbeam, cuts the ribbon to officially launch the Gottstein Trust's new brand and website, watched by Gottstein trustees John Simon, Brian Farmer, Suzette Weeding, Carlie Porteous, Cara Pearson, and Dr James Hague (former trustee). Mr Cullity is a third generation family member. His grandfather Thomas was one of three co-founders who signed the original deed appointing the first trustee. One was his father Dennis Cullity senior, now 93, who spoke to his son by phone from Western Australia after the ceremony offering his best wishes for the celebration event.

2/ Andrew Wilson and Laura Westhorp, Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment, and John Simon, Gottstein trustee and immediate past chair.



and to move the industry forward,” she said.

The 50th celebration event was possible through the generosity of four companies – Wesbeam, the event sponsor, and sponsors Forico, Forest One and Hyne Timber.

Ms Weeding ended the official proceedings with the announcement of a new and more innovative Gottstein web site and new branding. She invited Denis Cullity jr, managing director, Wesbeam, a third generation family member at the Neerabup, WA-based laminated veneer lumber (LVL) manufacturer.

Ms Weeding said the Gottstein Trust was in his DNA. His grandfather Thomas was one of three co-founders who signed the original deed appointing the first trustee. One was Dennis Cullity senior, now 93.

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Forest industries will feature in Labor's \$15 billion reconstruction growth plan

FOREST industries will feature in Labor's \$1 billion National Reconstruction Fund created to secure jobs for Australian workers, drive regional economic development, boost sovereign capability and diversify the nation's economy, the federal shadow minister for agriculture Julie Collins confirmed at the AFPA members' dinner on Tuesday.

Representatives from across the forest industries are meeting in Canberra this week, with all states represented.



Shadow Minister responsible for forestry Julie Collins is welcomed to the AFPA members' dinner in Canberra by AFPA CEO Ross Hampton and chair Greg McCormack.

a wide representation of the forest and forest products industry who joined AFPA members after celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Joseph William Gottstein Memorial Trust at the Canberra Press Club.

AFPA chair Greg McCormack welcomed Ms Collins' recognition that sustainable forest industries should play a key role in Australia's climate change mitigation goals and national economic recovery.

"Australia is experiencing major timber supply constraints right now, which only makes it even more important that all politicians have clear, workable plans to enhance sovereign capability by growing our renewable supply of construction timber to service future generations," Mr McCormack said.

"It's been terrific to have Shadow Minister Collins outline her positive views on forest industries, and we look forward to working with her as we move towards the federal election so the Opposition can put its best foot forward on forest industries policy," he said.

Julie Collins was elected as the first female representative for Franklin in 2007. She was a member of Cabinet in the former Labor government, holding responsibility for senior portfolios. She was the Shadow Minister for Ageing and Seniors and Shadow Minister for Women.

Included among the many discussions has been the path forward to the federal election and maximising the benefits for forest industries through the process.

Ms Collins appointment in January, which includes responsibility for forest industries, brings an understanding of the importance of forest industries from her home state of Tasmania.

In her first address to AFPA members on Tuesday Ms Collins said: "We only named seven sectors that we want to invest in the fund and one of them is forestry, agriculture and fisheries."

Attending the dinner was

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National University's Wood Challenge: grants for smarter use of forest resource

THE federal government, through the National Forest Industries Plan, Growing a Better Australia – A Billion Trees for Jobs and Growth and in conjunction with Forest and Wood Products Australia, has launched the 2021 National University Wood Challenge.

The challenge will award grants of up to \$20,000 to each finalist team. The prize-money will be used to fund the building, testing and prototyping of valuable and innovative products created from wood and wood fibre residue.

The challenge is aimed at using forest resources smarter and to enhance community understanding of forestry.

Within the Australian forest industry, there is a high volume of 'lower value' fibre that has great potential to

“JUDGES ARE EXPECTING A WIDE RANGE OF SUBMISSIONS”



The goal of the challenge is to attract teams of university students and academics from a variety of disciplines

be converted into high value products.

The ideas that the development grants will support are expected to be more blue sky and over the horizon in nature than traditional sector funding opportunities that generally require industry input and endorsement to proceed through current NIFPI and FWPA models.

This is a chance for the academic community to provide some insight into next generation processes and products that can be built from our current lower-value materials.

The goal of the challenge is to attract teams of university students and academics from a variety of disciplines, in order to increase the diversity of ideas and products proposed.

Multidisciplinary teams with a mixed skill set are likely to deliver products that are better equipped to respond to market demands.

The judges are expecting a wide range of submissions ... from platform chemicals made from forestry residues to create new polymers to potential additives for adhesive resins and fertilisers

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and soil enhancers. The challenge might even see proposals for enhancing the performance of existing products.

Each team must have at least one member of the university's academic staff and at least one student with a maximum of five team members, from the same university.

The grant funding will support the finalist team's initiative to create a novel and innovative product that will



Grant funding will support the initiative to create a novel and innovative product that will provide value in the global setting.

provide value in the global setting.

Entries will be judged by a panel of highly skilled forestry and business executives. The winning team will be announced in November with an additional \$10,000 in prize-money to further develop their proposed prototype or project.

The challenge entries are open for five weeks starting from June 18 until July 25 with the first round of judging commencing on June 26.

Long-term log supply behind \$4.5m sawmill for Adelaide

A NEW \$4.5 million sawmill in the Adelaide Hills will increase timber supply and create local jobs thanks to a new long-term log supply agreement with ForestrySA.

KSI Sawmills, which currently operates a small mill at Nuriootpa, will build the mill

allowing for expansion offering improved transportation routes central to both local timber plantations and downstream markets.

Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development David Basham said the \$4.5 million mill

would help KSI Sawmills more than double current production to about 60,000 cub m annually and create nearly 30 jobs.

"The new local log processing program will inject more than \$12 million in direct value into South Australia's

economy each year," Mr Basham said.

KSI will predominantly consume lower-grade log from ForestrySA's plantations in the Adelaide Hills. The majority of timber products will be consumed by the local packaging industry.



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1: Australian Forest Products Association Gala Dinner and Symposium – Parliament House, Canberra, ACT. For further information see: www.ausfpa.com.au

10: Tasmanian Timber Awards – Launceston, TAS. Celebration of excellence and best practice within the state's timber industry. Winners announced at a gala dinner at Albert Hall. Contacts: Phone 0439 336 511. Email naomi.will@tffpn.com.au. Visit www.tffpn.com.au

OCTOBER

11-14: IFA/AFG national

conference 'Your Forests, Our Future' – Country Club Tasmania, Launceston, TAS, Australia. Open to forest scientists, forestry professionals and forest growers. Call for abstracts and sponsorship opportunities will be released in coming months. Contact Institute of Foresters of Australia. Visit www.forestry.org.au or phone (03) 9695 8940.

NOVEMBER

10-13: AUSTimber 2021 – Gormandale in eastern Victoria between Yarram and Traralgon. Nov. 10: Field trips. Nov. 11: Field trips (site visits by invitation). Welcome dinner.

Nov. 12: Show day (9 am - 5 pm). Nov. 13: Show day (9 am - 3 pm). Contact Dionne Olsen on +61 429 202 929 or email austimber2020@afca.asn.au

14-19: 2021 Gottstein Trust Understanding Wood Science Course – Albury, NSW. November 14-15 based in Albury with field trips to northern Victoria. November 16-19: Guest lectures and field trip, then relocate by coach to Canberra for three days including a laboratory day and guest lectures at ANU, and a formal course dinner celebrating 50th Anniversary of the trust. Detailed information,

registration and the draft program: <https://gottsteintrust.org/course/wood-science-courses/>

16-17: Frame Australia Timber Offsite Construction – Crown Promenade Melbourne, VIC. New global 'hybrid' format will retain avital face to face element. Choose from a selection of half-day and full-day programs. Virtual delegates can register for just one or more conference sessions.

For further information and registration visit the website www.timberoffsiteconstruction.com

NSW Budget focuses on productivity measures, says HIA

THE 2021-22 NSW Budget draws on the Productivity Commissioner's White Paper, the Intergenerational Report and the review into Infrastructure Contributions in an effort to improve the

state's productivity," says HIA executive director David Bare.

Positive measures for the residential construction sector include support for

trade skills development with \$318.6 million over two-year program; \$366.5 million to deliver new social housing through the Land and Housing Corporation; \$129.4 million for the Aboriginal

Housing Office; and \$139.3 million for round 2 of the Accelerated Infrastructure Fund to assist councils in high growth areas to deliver on greenfield housing targets.

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JUNE

29-1: WoodEX for Africa – Gallagher Convention Centre, Johannesburg, South Africa. Long established as the gateway to Africa's timber trade, WoodEX for Africa 2021 will be the ultimate machinery, tools and supplies gathering in Africa. Held in conjunction with the 2nd Deck & Flooring Expo and co-located with Africa's biggest construction expo, African Construction Expo. For further information see: <https://woodexforafrica.com/>

JULY

2-4: Foire De Libramont 2021 – Libramont Exhibition & Congress, Rue des Aubépines, 50 B-6800 Libramont, Belgium. The Libramont agricultural, forestry and agri-food fair is a huge outdoor exhibition that offers a showcase for the rural world in all its many shapes and forms (machinery, livestock breeding, forestry, the agri-food industry, horticulture, study, and R&D). For further information see: <http://www.libramont-exhibition.com/>

7-11: New Forest Folk Festival – Powells Farm, Salisbury Road, Plaitford, Romsey, UK. For further information see: www.newforestfolkfestival.co.uk

23-26: The International Forest Festival – Feanedock National Forest, Leicestershire, UK. Music, forests, art and ideas. For further information see: <https://timberfestival.org.uk/>

AUGUST

9-12: World Conference on Timber Engineering – Santiago, Chile. Uruguay XXI will host as part of its strategy to promote investments in the forestry and wood sector. This is the first time this event is held in South America and will be hosted by the Chilean capital. The main topics that this conference will cover are sustainable forests for timber production, wood products and connections, wood engineering and architecture, policy, implementation and management, education, promotion and future trends. For further information see: www.uruguayxxi.gub.uy/en/events/article/145/

16-19: 20th Commonwealth Forestry Conference – VIRTUAL EVENT. An informal forum for foresters, and all those with an interest in the forestry sector to exchange knowledge and experience. It is organized by the Standing Committee on Commonwealth Forestry and covers general aspects of forest management and governance and has a focus on the changing priorities of the forestry sector. For further information see: <https://cfc2021.ubc.ca/>

30-31: International Conference on Forest Aesthetics and Site Preparation – Australian Museum Sydney, Australia. World Academy of Science, Engineering and Technology. For further information see: <https://waset.org/forest-aesthetics-and-site-preparation-conference-in-august-2021-in-sydney>

SEPTEMBER

22-24: Natural resources, green technology and sustainable development GREEN2020 – Zagreb, Croatia. Now rescheduled from last year. For further information see: <https://www.sumins.hr/green2020/>

27-1: LIGNA.21 Making more out of wood – Hannover, Germany. For further information see: <https://www.ligna.de/en/>

OCTOBER

17-21: Prowood Ghent – Flanders Expo, Maaltekouter 1, 9051 Ghent, East Flanders, Flanders, Belgium. For further information see: www.tradefairdates.com/Prowood-M9728/Ghent.html

22-24: International Conference on Forest Biodiversity and Sustainability (ICFBS) – Dubrovnik, Croatia. World Academy of Science, Engineering and Technology. For further information see: <https://waset.org/forest-biodiversity-and-sustainability-conference-in-october-2022-in-dubrovnik>

26-29: Woodworking Minsk – Sports Complex, Pobeditelei 20/2 Minsk, Belarus. International exhibition of woodworking and furniture production. For further information see: www.tradefairdates.com/Woodworking-M3361/Minsk.html

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TABMA celebrates 80 years ... with a tribute to 'icons of Australian industry'

TABMA Australia last week celebrated its 80th year serving members with a gala dinner during the inaugural national conference in the NSW Hunter Valley.

The event marked the first significant gathering of timber industry participants in the state since the onset of the Covid pandemic.

The event was also an opportunity to honour 'the icons of industry' and recognise the next generation of leaders coming through the workplace.

Honoured on the centre stage were:

- Norm and Judy Tilling who since 1963 have worked and thrived in the timber industry, building the largest distributor of engineered wood products in Australia, employing more than 200 people across five distribution centres.

Norm and Judy's devotion to each other, the business and the industry receive the admiration of not only TABMA, but the industry.

- The Hyne family, which has operated since 1982 when Richard Matthews Hyne opened the National Sawmill on the banks of the Mary River in Queensland. Today the family continues to honour the legacy and for six generations has been famous for timber. Sixth generation Sam Hyne attended the dinner to accept the recognition on his family's half.



Service to industry... Norm and Judy Tilling receive the accolades.



Presenting the Andrew Bone TABMA Australia Member of the Year award to Danny Gattone of Swadlings are TABMA's Alicia Oelkers, general manager membership, David Little, CEO, and Peter Hutchison, president.

"Hyne is such an iconic name in the industry and it was really important to honour the Hyne family, TABMA's Alicia Oelkers said.

"Not only is Hyne a long-established family business, the company's commitment to community and training is also admirable," she said.

- John Walker who passed away in 2014 at the age of 91. He was managing director of Belmont Timber which he founded in the early 1950 after he relocated from Prague to Australia.

Belmont Timber started assembling hardwood crates and pallets after winning a contract with a glass company. It wasn't long the company turned into a flourishing timber and hardware business and in 1981 John began a timber frame and truss operation which continues to operate under the management of John's son Gary .

TABMA president and long-time friend Peter Hutchison said: "What John achieved in his business life was only part of the impact this remarkable

man has made in all his endeavours."

Speaking on behalf of TABMA apprentices and trainees (group training organisation), CEO David Little said everyone at TABMA was proud to acknowledge this talented new generation as future leaders in

the timber industry.

"Over the years TABMA has successfully supported a huge number of individuals who started their career in the industry through a cadetship, traineeship or apprenticeship," he said.

Timber&Forestry enews next issue will have a report on TABMA's trainee and apprentice of the year along with additional photos from the conference.

• See P 16 for more conference photos

Forest-jobs-first Joyce is back in saddle

CONTROVERSIAL New England MP Barnaby ("forest jobs first – not possums") Joyce was elected National leader in a party room ballot in Canberra on Monday.

Mr Joyce defeated Deputy Prime Minister Michael McCormack in a very close contest after three years of seeking a return to his party's leadership.

The position of Deputy Leader was not contested and David Littleproud Queensland MP for Maranoa will continue in that role, also as Minister for Agriculture.

Pro-forests, Mr Joyce in 2017 pushed for the conservation status of the Leadbeater's possum to be downgraded to open up areas of protected native forests in Victoria and to save 250 jobs at the

Gippsland-based Heyfield sawmill. Government-owned VicForests had offered Australian Sustainable Hardwood a three-year deal which involved reducing supply to the mill to 80,000 cub m of timber in year one, followed by 60,000 cub in the subsequent two years, which was not enough to make the mill sustainable.

Mr Joyce at the time suggested the endangered status of the Leadbeater's possum be reviewed to save the mill.

"I don't mind possums ... but I like people having a job more," Mr Joyce said. "The possum's not so much endangered as the timber worker is."

There have been murmurings in Parliament House that Nationals senator



Barnaby Joyce... returns as Leader of the Nationals.

for Victoria Bridget McKenzie might be returned to the front bench.

Senator McKenzie resigned as agriculture minister and stepped down as deputy leader of the Nationals in May over her handling of a sports grants program after which

then Deputy Prime Minister Michael McCormack stepped in as agriculture minister.

In May, the Federal Court unanimously ruled that regional forest agreements do uphold the commonwealth's required environmental standards. The National Party, through Senator McKenzie's Private Senator's Bill, had sought to clarify this since the ruling of Justice Mortimer in May last year.

The finding came after a full bench of the Federal Court upheld VicForests' appeal, vindicating what Senator McKenzie's bill seeks to achieve: certainty for native forest industries, their future viability, sustainability, and security for the jobs the industry creates in rural and regional communities.



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Impressive results from ‘industry-first’ sawmill recycled timber recovery trials

Over 400,000 cub m of hardwood fibre likely every year across eastern states

IN 2011 Kennedy’s Timbers helped to develop a series of grading standards for recycled structural and architectural timbers in collaboration with industry partners through a FWPA-sponsored project (LINK).

More recently Kennedy’s, based at Narangba, north of Brisbane, has been undertaking an ‘industry-first’ sawmill recovery trial across a range of species and timber sources with some impressive results.

Recycled timber standards were used in the sawmill trial which occurred over an eight-week period under the guidance and supervision of Michael Powell, a consultant timber scientist and an adjunct industry fellow at the Centre for Timber Durability and Design Life at the University of the Sunshine Coast

Mr Powell is a former QDPI timber research scientist and a past Gottstein fellowship recipient.

It is estimated there could be more than 400,000 cub m



Conferring on a range of finished recycled timber products at Kennedy’s Timbers from large end section beams to joinery products are Michael Powell, consulting timber scientist, Zane Robertson, joinery manager, and Michael Kennedy, managing director.

of hardwood fibre available to recycle each year across eastern states. Currently a significant portion of this available wood fibre ends in low-value products such as firewood or mulch.

The sawmilling and research trails conducted by Kennedy’s have provided valuable information on the fibre quality of sawn products recovered from recycled large end-section timbers and have demonstrated good strength and durability properties.

The range of finished products include large end section beams, such as 300 mm x 300 mm, and 250 mm x 250 mm for use as feature posts and load-bearing beams. Other sawn timber can be recovered from a wide range of sizes including 250 mm x 50 mm, 150 mm x 50 mm, 150 mm x 150 mm, 125 mm x 125mm, 100 mm x 100 mm, 1500 mm x 38 mm, 150 mm x 25 mm and 100 mm x 25 mm.

Further development includes work on finger

jointing and lamination of some of these products.

Additional durability trials are under way on recycled timbers sawn from large end section pieces and also into more beneficial applications for the residual sawdust and offcuts such as waste-to-energy.

Founder and managing director Michael Kennedy is also working with leading industry operators in the asphalt industry investigating the option of replacing wood fibre-based manufactured products imported from Germany with locally sourced recycled hardwood fibre.

“Timber recycling plays an important role in enhancing the rich environmental benefits that timber has over many other building products,” Mr Kennedy said.

On the cover: Timber scientist Michael Powell (left) and Kennedy’s Timber founder Michael Kennedy discuss sawmill recovery trials across a range of species and timber sources at Kennedy’s Timbers, Narangba, north of Brisbane.



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1/ Patrick Warrand, managing director, Wespine Industries, Evan Dunstone, Gottstein Fellow, and Ric Sinclair, managing director, Forest and Wood Products Australia and former Gottstein trustee..

2/ Phil Clemments, Softwoods Working Group with Greg McCormack, chair, and Ross Hampton, CEO, AFPA.

3/ Catching up... Suzette Weeding, chair, Gottstein Trust (second from left) with Sarah Paradise, The Crawford Fund (formerly Gottstein secretariat), Judy Pearce and Helen Murray, current members of the Gottstein secretariat, and Jim Bowden former Gottstein secretary.

4/ Mick Stephens, CEO, Timber Queensland, and Nick Steel, CEO Tasmanian Forest Products Association.

5/ Victor Violante, deputy CEO, AFPA, and Yvette Nash, general manager, ForestWorks.

6/ Tim Lester, senior policy manager, AFPA, Simon Dorries, CEO, Responsible Wood, Kerry Fullerton, South-Central Queensland Regional Forestry hub, and Mark Thomson, architect, Eco Effective Solutions and a director of Responsible Wood.



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7/ Bryan Hayes, CEO, Forico, Maddie Shelton, ANU forestry student, and Jenny and Keith Johnston, Sydney, representing the Steve Stevenson Memorial Trust.

8/ Representing HVP Plantations... Stephen Ryan, CEO, Mark Gauthier, general manager, safety, environment and risk, and Rob Hescock, general manager.

9/ AFPA's communications director Joe Prevedello catches up with Sarah Paradise, The Crawford Group.



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Western hemlock a towering conifer that thrives in North America's Pacific Coast

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WESTERN hemlock (*Tsuga heterophylla*) is a towering conifer of the cool moist Pacific Coast of North America that runs through Oregon, Washington and British Columbia – home to black bears and some of the most specular old-growth forests in the world.

Western hemlock is a large evergreen conifer growing to 50–70 m tall, exceptionally to 85 m, and with a trunk diameter of up to 3m. The crown is a very neat broad conic shape in young trees. It is the largest species of hemlock.

The hemlock tree is distinguishable from afar by the dripping leading central shoot with cinnamon coloured and lightly furrowed bark. They prune themselves as they mature. Branches fall away from the lower three-quarters of the trunk to leave huge, straight columns. The tree's short needles are flat and glossy, each with distinctive white bands underneath.

The tree's common name derives from the characteristic mousy smell of crushed leaves, similar to that of the horribly poisonous, but completely unrelated perennial water hemlock best known as the plant that killed Socrates.

The western hemlock has been valued by indigenous West Coast people for its edible inner bark and as a treatment for various ailments. Tender branches with soft, feathery foliage were used as bedding, bark



1/ Western hemlock grows in dense stands that block out a large deal of light, so despite rich soil the only sizeable plants that thrive on the forest floor are ferns.

2/ Western hemlock's short needles are flat and glossy each with distinctive white bands underneath.

tannin for treating leather and as a reddish dye for a cosmetic blusher.

The easily worked timber was favoured for carving into spoons, combs, roasting spits and giant feast dishes.

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or Douglas fir, where they can persist for decades waiting to exploit a gap in the canopy.

Western hemlock is closely associated with temperate rainforests, and most of its range is less than 100 km from the

Pacific Ocean. However, there is an inland population in the Columbia Mountains in southeast British Columbia, northern Idaho and western Montana. It mostly grows at low altitudes, from sea level to 600 m, but up to 1800 m in the interior part of its range in Idaho.

Western hemlock is cultivated as an ornamental tree in gardens along the Pacific Coast, where it's best seen in wetter regions. In relatively dry areas, as at Victoria, British Columbia, it is exacting about soil conditions. It is also cultivated in temperate regions around the world.

Western hemlock is a valuable tree with many commercial uses.

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3/ First coffee stop at conference shared by Michael Gaske, Ozline Timbers Truss and Frame, Brenton Christopher, TABMA board member, and Brad Kelly, Gow Gates.

4/ The NCI conference team of Frank Barbuto, Natalie Hodges and Hayden Protich.

5/ Timber talk between Ron Gattone, Swadlings, and Campbell McInnes, Sweetman Renewable Timbers.



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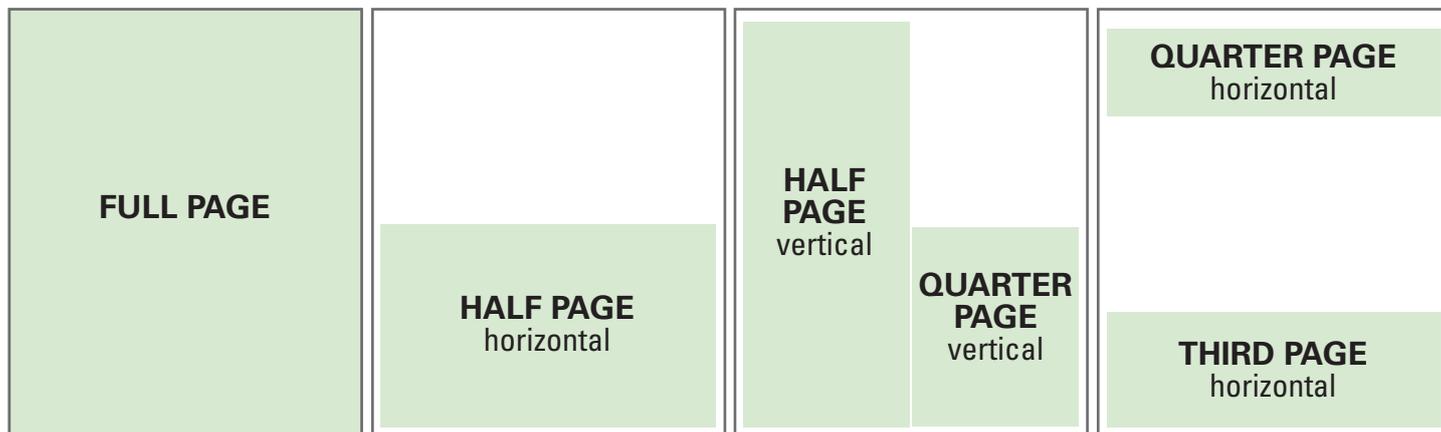
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