

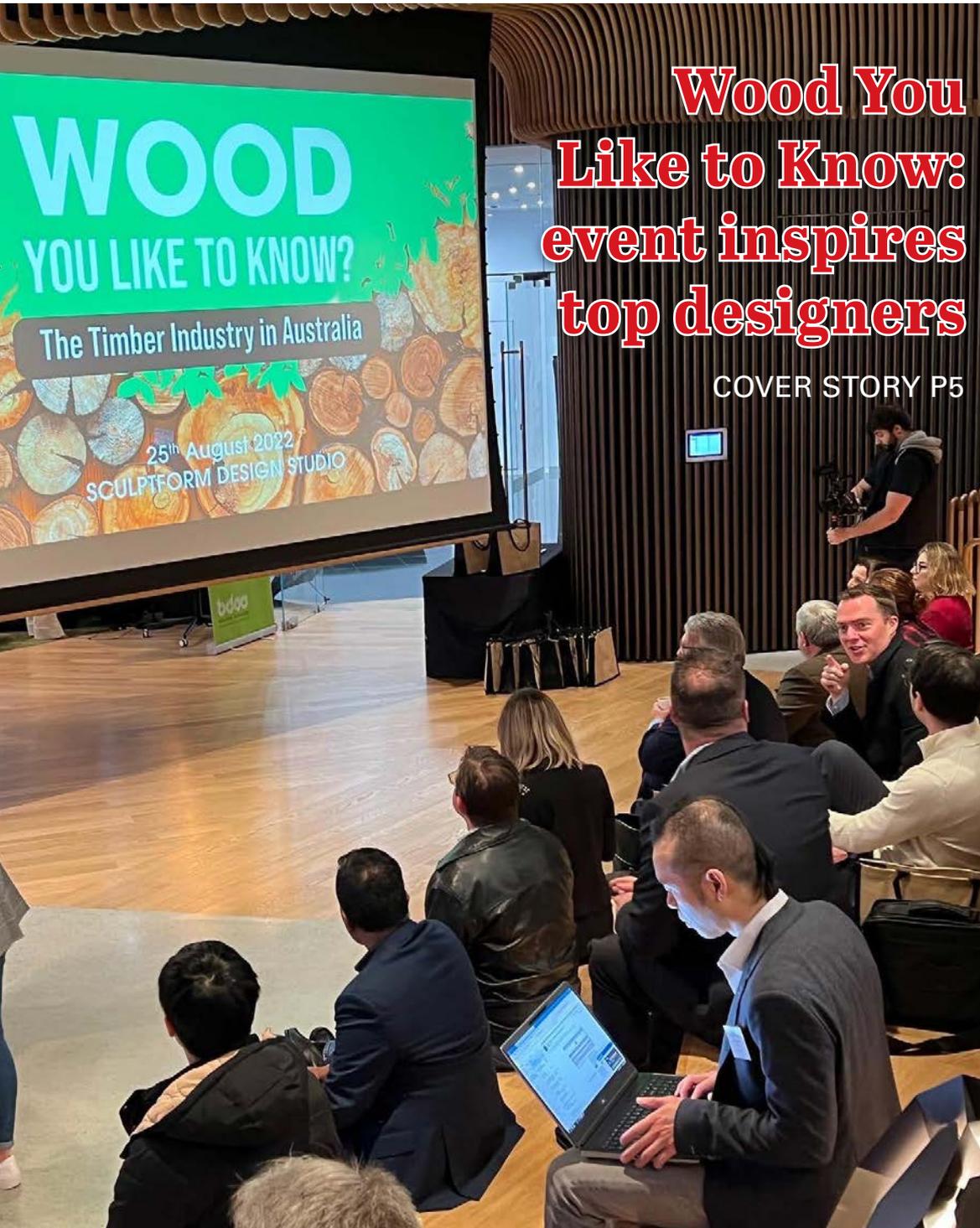
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# Victoria's regional communities 'strangled' by Labor's rocks-in-the-head threat to native forests

## Dwindling log supplies first signs of threatened jobs security in East Gippsland region

THE inevitable job losses and the withering of regional communities is showing its first signs as log supply dwindles thanks to a Victorian government which is using activism as its most potent tool, says Forest and Wood Communities Australian manger Justin Law.

"The Mectec sawmill at Newmerella in East Gippsland was forced to lay off its casual work force and has put permanents on what little annual leave they have left after Covid stripped most of their entitlements," Mr Law said.

"Critical log supply, which would see them continue to employ its workforce, is currently tied up in the courts as remarkably well-funded fringe groups do Victorian Labor's dirty work.

**“PRODUCTION COUPES TIED UP IN INJUNCTIONS**



1/ Justin Law... we could lose everything without compensation.



2/ Carlie Porteous... regional communities are being brought to their knees.

"These unqualified, self-interested anti-forestry activists have somehow been given standing in the Victorian Supreme Court to mount actions purely designed to cripple supply.

"They are given this standing because the Victorian government refuses to close the loophole in the Sustainable Forests (Timber) Act 2004 which allows such groups to become vigilante regulators.

"As a result production

coupes are tied up in injunctions, while a judge sorts through the facts from the fiction, and supply to Victorian hardwood mills is squeezed to a trickle."

The general manager of the Australian Forest Contractors Association Carlie Porteous told enews the East Gippsland, an extremely significant employer, was being brought to its knees by the continued injunctions.

"As an alarming example,

figures for Orbost forest contractors who are currently operating at zero or reduced capacity, some since November 2021, are responsible for 75 contracting employees and more than 110 full time industry jobs," Ms Porteous said.

"The population for the Orbost, Nowa Nowa and Marlo region is 2800 and forestry and sawmilling operations represent 24% of full time jobs."

Ms Porteous said the government "had gone silent" on how it would replace this injection into the regional economy with tourism.

She said the industry was a significant contributor to the economy.

"The government has rocks in its head if it thinks tourism will replace this income to the region," she said.

Meanwhile, the

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# Long-awaited plantation forestry expansion plans updated at regional hubs presentations in Sydney

## Development in NSW Central West and North East recognises growing demand for timber

IN a celebrated 'return to normal' event Forestry Australia's NSW branch held a successful and informative dinner and presentations evening in Sydney last week.

Billed as 'A New Direction for Forestry in NSW', the focus of the evening was on plantation expansion opportunities with a particular emphasis on the Central West and North East NSW Forestry Hubs.

After more than 10 years of complacency about timber supply, with the area of plantations decreasing, attendees heard about an exciting new direction that was emerging to stimulate the development of additional plantations to meet the growing demand for timber, plus the recognition that plantations and timber produced were carbon emissions positive.

Among the speakers, Victor Violante, CEO, Australian Forest Products Association NSW and deputy AFPA CEO, outlined the extensive interaction that has occurred with the new



**Evening's informative speaker line-up... Nick Cameron, manager, North East NSW Forestry Hub, Victor Violante, CEO, Australian Forest Products Association NSW, Ron Wilson, forestry and timber marketing manager, AgriWealth Pty Ltd, who acted as MC, and Craig Taylor, manager, Central West NSW Forestry Hub.**

Labor government, and the government's commitment to \$300 million to support programs to progress a range of initiatives all designed to see plantations expanded.

Mr Violante said the Labor government had endorsed a commitment to expand plantation estate by planting an additional billion trees by 2030.

"Global demand for wood fibre is predicted to increase by four times, and there is an exciting momentum related to the construction of high-

rise timber buildings that will see the global demand for cross laminated timber increase by at least 15% a year," he said.

Mr Violante detailed the advocacy effort behind the now endorsed federal government support of

**“LABOR HAS ENDORSED COMMITMENT TO EXPAND PLANTATIONS**

programs, intended outcomes and plans to make a large commitment to forestry.

Turning to NSW forestry hubs, current investments and programs being managed at regional level, Craig Taylor, manager of the Central West Forestry Hub outlined key areas for attention around

resources – infrastructure, people, careers and skills, community and social licence and the environment.

"We estimate that about a million hectares of already cleared land is available in the hub and we are encouraging those who own land to plant trees on their properties at a minimum woodlot size of 20 ha," Mr Taylor said.

Manager of the North East NSW Forestry Hub Nick

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Cameron gave an illuminating presentation concentrating on the opportunities for new hardwood and softwood plantations.

Mr Cameron detailed a project now nearing completion and publication that had identified 670,000 ha of cleared land suitable for plantation establishment.

“Of course, the North East Hub will remain central to

“ ABOUT 1M HA OF CLEARED LAND IS AVAILABLE FOR PLANTING IN THE CENTRAL WEST



1/ Overdue catch up... Graeme Mitchell, Forestry Australia NSW committee, Paul Mademar, forest consultant, Heath Molden, Fifth Estate, and Nigel Fulber, Forestry Corporation of NSW.



2/ Chatting over pre-dinner drinks... Nick Cameron, manager, North East NSW Forestry Hub, Helen Murray, principal, Kurrumbene Projects, and Stuart Coppock, solicitor, Timber NSW.



Hardwood blackbutt (*Eucalyptus pilularis*) plantation. Photo Ian Frakes

the state’s current native forest-based timber production and strengthening opportunities related to private land native forest production will also be a critical aspect of our work,” he said.



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## Building approvals data disguises turn in housing

BUILDING approvals data for July continued to reflect the magnitude of Australia’s existing pipeline of home building work, rather than the declines in housing demand that are evident in other leading indicators.

HIA economist Tom Devitt says ABS monthly data shows building approvals for new houses in July increased by 1% compared to the previous month. This left approvals 23% lower in the three months to July 2022 compared to the same time last year.

However, despite this decline, house approvals in the three months to July 2022 were 12% higher than the same time in 2019.

“The strong volume of house approvals in recent months reflects the significant

volume of new homes across Australia that had been sold earlier in the year, but not yet approved,” Mr Devitt said.

“The strong volume of approvals in July 2022 hides the impact that rising interest rates are already having on more timely data.

“New home sales across Australia declined by 13.1% in July, following even earlier reports from the industry of a slowing in the number of groups visiting display sites. This could see weaker sales volumes in the second half of 2022.”

Approvals of multi units fell sharply in July, to see approvals in the three months to July 16.8% lower than in the same period in 2021. Despite this decline they remain comparable with

# Wood You Like to Know Melbourne event wins over designers, architects, engineers and builders

## 200 guests, including live stream, enjoyed two-day presentation on wood's sustainability

ADAM Dovile, the new ambassador for FWPA's Wood. The Ultimate Renewable campaign, set the scene for the Weathertex 'Wood You Like to Know' event in Melbourne last week addressing more than 100 specifiers at Sculptform's stunning Design Studio in the heart of the city.

His presentation inspired guests on the first day of the August 24-25 timber extravaganza which featured tours of Melbourne-based Holmesglen Institute, a leader in vocational and higher education and the largest provider of TAFE services in Victoria.

In addition to in-person attendance, the event was live-streamed to more than 100 engaged Building Designers Association of



**Celebrating the success of the Wood You Like to Know event in Melbourne... Adam Dovile, FWPA's The Ultimate Renewable Ambassador (third from left) with the Weathertex team Andrew Smith, Victorian business development manager, Dirk Planken, Victorian business development manager, Paul Michael, executive chairman, Vanda Correia, national marketing manager, Jason O'Hagan, managing director, and John Walker, Victorian business development manager.**

Australia (BDAA) members through the BDAA media channel with support from the CEO Chris Knierim and media and marketing manager Sarah-Jane Kavanagh.

A highlight was a series of BDAA-recognised CPD presentations from Weathertex and Sculptform as well as the Wood Solutions tour of its mid-rise timber construction building.

The second day at the Sculptform's Design Studio, which was also live-streamed, included speakers Jorge Chapa, head of market transformation at GBCA,

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David Baggs, CEO, Global Green Tag, Boris Iskra, FWPA's national codes and standards manager, Tim Woods, managing director, Industry Edge, and David Rowlinson, manager of Planet Ark's Make It Wood program.

The Weathertex event was the perfect alignment with the Ultimate Renewable campaign promoting

timber as “undeniably the most sustainable building material to be specified and used across all building applications and classes”.

Hosted by the Building Designers Association of Australia, a principal partner with Weathertex, Responsible Wood, Wood Solutions, Sculptform, FWPA's Ultimate Renewable initiative and

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**11-16: Gottstein Trust Understanding Wood Science Course – Sunday evening, September 11, 2022, in Albury, NSW, for the field trip component, ending on Friday, September 16, in Canberra.** The course is fully booked and a wait list is operating on a first-in-first-served basis. Delivered in partnership with the ANU. The course program can be downloaded at [www.gottsteintrust.org](http://www.gottsteintrust.org)

**14: AFPA's gala dinner – Great Hall, Parliament House, Canberra, ACT.** Time: 6 pm-10 pm. Dress code business attire. To take advantage of the 15% discount, guests can visit their web sites directly and follow the links to make a reservation. Enquiries 0408 404 764 or email [enquiries@ausfpa.com.au](mailto:enquiries@ausfpa.com.au)

**26-29: Malaysian Timber Council (MTC) Marketing**

**Mission – Sydney and Melbourne.** Executives from MTC will be visiting to liaise with timber supply chain representatives, including hosting meetings and visiting wholesale and manufacturing facilities. Further information to follow. Enquiries to John Halkett on 0417 421 187 or email: [john.halkett@atif.asn.au](mailto:john.halkett@atif.asn.au)

**OCTOBER**

**12: Australian Timber Importers Federation Board meeting – Brisbane, QLD.** For further information contact John Halkett on 0417 421 187 or email: [john.halkett@atif.asn.au](mailto:john.halkett@atif.asn.au)

**20-22: Forestry Australia Symposium – Mantra Hotel, Albury, NSW, and online.** Theme: Leading, Adapting and Reimagining the Future for Forestry. Closing keynote address by corporate speaker James O'Loughlin, one of Australia's most respected, entertaining and experienced corporate speakers. Early bird

registrations close August 10. Take advantage of discounted fees for in person and virtual registration and register early. Contact Forestry Australia on +61 3 7065 4252 or email: [conference@forestry.org.au](mailto:conference@forestry.org.au) Visit [www.forestry.org.au](http://www.forestry.org.au)

**26-28: DANA-Gingko Global Woodchip and Biomass Trade Conference – Marriott Singapore Tang Plaza Hotel, Singapore.** Includes post-conference field trip to inspect chip and wood pellet mills in Vietnam. Field trip places are limited and preference will be given to those registering for the conference. Information on the conference and field trip is on [danaevents.co.nz/2022singapore/](http://danaevents.co.nz/2022singapore/) or contact Mariela Ferrari at [marielaferriari.e@gmail.com](mailto:marielaferriari.e@gmail.com)

**28: TABMA Australia NSW awards gala evening – Le Montage Lilyfield NSW.** Nominations and ticket sales open later this month, so look out for further information.

Contact Alicia Oelkers on 0418 449 031 or free phone 1300 693 483.

**NOVEMBER**

**10: AFCA's Hall of Fame dinner – Gippsland Performing Arts Centre, Tarlton, VIC.** Celebrating industry achievers and new accolades for emerging leaders. Event kicks off inaugural AFCA mentoring program next day (November 11). Visit [www.afca.asn.au](http://www.afca.asn.au).

**18-19: Fast & Forward Forestry Expo – Rotorua, New Zealand.** New Zealand's first event of its kind, Fast & Forward Forestry brings the forestry industry together, showcasing the contribution the sector makes to the New Zealand economy. Visit: [www.fica.org.nz/fast-and-forward-expo](http://www.fica.org.nz/fast-and-forward-expo) or contact the Forest Industry Contractors Association Email: [office@fica.org.au](mailto:office@fica.org.au) or phone (New Zealand only) 0800 342 269.

**Adrian Kloeden steps down as director at HVP Plantations**

AFTER eight years as director and independent chair of Hancock Victorian Plantations (HVP), Adrian Kloeden will be stepping down to focus on other interests.

The HVP board completed an extensive process to appoint a notable successor with Therese Ryan appointed to fill the position.

Ms Ryan brings extensive experience as a senior

business executive and commercial lawyer both in Australia and internationally, including the last 10 years as a company director for a number of listed, state-owned, superannuation and non-profit boards

Ms Ryan will remain chair of Victorian government-owned Gippsland Water and as a director of the Tasmanian government-owned Sustainable Timber Tasmania.



1/ Adrian Kloeden



2/ Therese Ryan

She was a former director of VicForests.

The change will be effective

from September 16.

HVP Plantations estate is situated across areas of southern Victoria, extending from Gippsland in the east to the border with South Australia in the west and large plantations in the north east of the state. The total area of land managed by HVP equates to more than 240,000 ha. About 165,000 ha of this land is pine and eucalypt plantations.

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sustainability and industry practices by hosting events such as these," Weathertex managing director Jason O'Hagan said.

"The 'Wood You Like to Know' event over two days covered ground-breaking information on the outlook of Australia's sustainable timber industry, offering timely viewpoints and compelling presentations."

Among the Sculptform Design Studio guests were representatives of FWPA, the Australasian Furnishing Association, the Victorian Forest Products Association, Master Builder Victoria, VicForests and the Victorian-based Box Hill and Hume City Councils.

In late October, the Building

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1/ Presenter at the 'Wood You Like to Know' event David Baggs, CEO, Global Green Tag and event MC Jason Ross of Responsible Wood..  
2/ Adrian and Siti Hassan from ArchSign..





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**1/ Vanda Correia, national marketing manager, WeatherTex, with Adam Dovile, FWPA's The Ultimate Renewable Ambassador, and presenter David Rowlinson, manager Planet Ark's Make It Wood Campaign.**

**1/ Adam Dovile, FWPA's The Ultimate Renewable Ambassador, and presenter Boris Iskra, manager FWPA national codes and standards Manager.**

**2/ Eileen Newbury, FWPA's head of marketing and communications, Vanda Correia, national marketing manager, WeatherTex, and Chris Knierim, CEO, Building Designer Association of Australia.**



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Designers Association of Australia will be hosting 'The Rebuild Environment – A National Festival of Design, featuring the BDAA National Annual Design Conference and the BDAA National

Design Awards, to be judged by industry figure Jason Ross who was MC at the second day of the Melbourne event.

*On the cover: The 'Wood You Like to Know' event in Melbourne covered ground-breaking information on the outlook of Australia's sustainable timber industry.*

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government's own environmental attack dog, the Office of the Conservation Regulator (OCR), is doing its best to obstruct the salvage of wind-thrown timber in the Wombat state forest.

"This timber would go a long way to alleviating the timber supply shortage situation caused by the court actions, and yet the OCR has thrown its weight at one of the contractors going about performing this

**“TRANSITION AN EMPTY PROMISE FOR REGIONAL FAMILIES**



Forest contractors a significant contributor to the Victorian economy.

environmental service," Justin Law said.

"The OCR is figuratively throwing contractors performing the task up against the cop car and frisking them for some kind of evidence they can use to obstruct the operation. It even went so far as to get a magistrate involved."

Meanwhile, the promise

## Govt funding program 'too early' ahead of WA timber ban

WA Forestry Minister Dave Kelly has unveiled the latest round of funding for companies indirectly affected by the state government's complete shutdown of native logging by the end of 2023.

The scheme, the latest in an \$80 million pledge by the government, means small businesses relying on the timber industry can claim up to \$400,000 to diversify into different operating streams, while up to \$2 million has been committed to attract new industries and \$100,000 in small grants to increase regional livability.

Forest Industries Federation CEO Adele Farina immediately slammed the announcement as "far too early without proper consultation."

The Native Forestry Transition Group, which includes FIFWA, the Regional Chamber of Commerce and Industries WA and the shires of Manjimup, Nannup and Bridgetown-Greenbushes, are calling on Mr Kelly to instead focus on light industrial areas in each of the three local government areas.

Representative Rob Skipsey said a modest investment in

of a 2030 transition for the thousands of regional families who rely on native timber harvesting and production looks as empty as the promise to make up the shortfall in the vitally-needed timber with plantations.

Mills are rapidly running out of wood well before the promised transition packages are made available to them.

"That means they could lose everything without compensation," Mr Law lamented.

light industrial areas, with the full required infrastructure, would leverage private investment in the lower South West and deliver immediate long-term and sustainable jobs.

"Without appropriately-zoned and fully-serviced light industrial land, it will be impossible to attract new businesses to these communities, retain the existing skills and deliver new jobs," he said.

"The government's proposal will not deliver promised new long-term jobs and will not retain the businesses and workers in these regions."

Manjimup Chamber of Commerce and Industry president Bevan Eatts says the government has to come back to the negotiation table and focus on the communities and businesses most affected.

Mr Kelly said he was surprised that the Native Forestry Transition Group had proposed cutting the assistance to affected small businesses and to see them calling for the total funding pool for the community grants component of the program to be significantly reduced.

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# Potsdam study a lesson for green housing target

NSW Treasurer Matt Keen and Homes Minister Anthony Roberts have announced new “green building measures” that will force developers to play a part in driving down the state’s emissions.

The government’s sustainable housing statement planning policy that includes new homes and renovations will force developers to meet a 7-star energy rating from October.

The policy should take a leaf out of a new study by the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research that shows that building new homes from timber could save about 10% of the world’s carbon budget, needed to limit global warming to 2 deg.

Responding to the study, AFCA CEO Ross Hampton says the research clearly demonstrates that increasing

use of timber and fibre is critical to fighting climate change and that more sustainable forests are needed.

The Potsdam study found if 90% the world’s new urban population is housed in new timber mid-rise buildings 106 gigatonnes of CO2 could be saved by 2100.

The study shows more than 100 billion tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions could be saved by 2100 if 90% of the new global urban population is housed in buildings made from wood.

“Australia and the world is turning more and more to



**Potsdam study shows more than 100 billion tonnes of CO2 could be saved by 2100 if 90% of the new global urban population is housed in buildings made from wood.**

timber and fibre products to fight climate change and improve the state of the environment,” Mr Hampton said.

“This is why we must get one billion new production trees planted locally by 2030 to meet Australia’s future needs, to allow a greater take-up in mid and large-scale timber construction,” he said.

In the NSW sustainable housing planning policy, new homes and renovations will have to reach a 7-star rating on the Building Sustainability Index as opposed to the current minimum of 5.5.

Anthony Roberts said the new measures would play a key role in helping NSW reach zero emissions by 2050,

“It’s also why Australia must lead the world on promoting sustainable forest practices, including reducing deforestation, enhancing sustainable native forest management, and growing plantations,” Mr Hampton said.

“This is all required to feed world demand over the next century. The world wants timber and fibre and the trees that produce timber and fibre lock away carbon.”

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# We celebrate our first Aussie Day of Forests with salute to industry's true worth: sustainability, jobs

THE inaugural National Forestry Day this week on August 30 ... was "a national day to celebrate the role of forests in helping fight climate change, create essential, renewable products and underpin many regional communities."

A comment from Ross Hampton, CEO, Australian Forest Products Association, who reminded us the sector is responsible for:

- '\$24 billion of national economic contribution annually'
- 80,000 direct local jobs and another 100,000 indirect jobs.
- Planting more than 70 million new trees every year that absorb carbon, helping fight climate change

• Supplying essential and renewable products, from house-frames and structural timber to furniture and floorboards and paper and cardboard.

Joining the tribute to trees, the NSW Forestry Corporation offered 14.7 million reasons for the celebration – the planting of 14.7 million seedlings across the state "to grow timber that builds



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1/ Celebrating sustainable growth... National Forestry Day.

2/ Ross Hampton... \$24 billion of national economic contribution annually.

3/ Anshul Chaudhary... 28 trees planted every single minute of every day.

the homes, houses and infrastructure of Australia

"That's the equivalent of 28 trees planted every single minute of every day throughout 2022 and a substantial contribution to the state's communities, economy, building industry and carbon sequestration," CEO Anshul Chaudhary said.

"Wood is the ultimate renewable resource, and



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the forestry cycle means organisations such as the Forestry Corporation can keep supplying the community with essential materials for generations to come," he said.

"NSW's 2 million ha of state forest estate and the renewable wood products it supplies actively sequester

and store carbon, the equivalent generated by 56 million cars driving for a whole year."

National Forestry Day also highlights the positive impacts of the state's native forestry industry and the stringent environment it operates in.

"The state's strict environmental regulations mean timber from native forests is among the most sustainable in the world with the forests carefully managed to provide timber while also supporting wildlife populations in

concert with surrounding national parks and other forested land," Mr Chaudhary said.

He emphasised that timber harvesting operations take place in around 0.1% of NSW forested land and all harvested areas are completely regenerated.



# Parliament House forest day celebration champions timber supply chain to fight global trade disruptions

COMBATING climate change and supporting 25,000 jobs while providing renewable wood products to build homes and public infrastructure topped the list of state-based reasons for Queensland's Parliamentary Friends of the Forest and Timber Industry to celebrate National Forestry Day at Parliament House on Tuesday.

Timber Queensland CEO Mick Stephens said it was important to recognise forest products as a functional part of our everyday lives that tackle climate change, help us feel better by connecting with nature and contribute to our rural and regional economies.

"We must also acknowledge the need to get planting for the future as demand for wood products rises," he said.

"This demand is literally growing local manufacturing jobs, particularly in the regions where permanent

local jobs are needed."

Mr Stephens said supporting local timber manufacturing supply chains would protect the construction industry against global trade disruptions.

"Our builders need us. Every five minutes Queensland's softwood plantations grow enough wood to build another timber-framed home, or more than 280 house frames every day," he said.

"Forestry can help reduce land clearing by providing wood product income and other benefits, such as carbon credits, whereby landowners can maintain private forests rather than clearing for other uses."

National Forestry Day also



**1/ Celebrating at Parliament House... Mark Fumer, Minister for Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries, Stacey Schinnerl, Australian Workers Union (Queensland), and Mick Stephens, CEO Timber Queensland.**  
**2/ John MacNamara, Parkside Timber, Mark Fumer, Minister for Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries, and Bruce Saunders, MP Maryborough.**

and harvested wood products are a 'carbon sink' where carbon is stored in soils, trees and products. In 2018, nearly 8 million tonnes of carbon emissions were removed from the atmosphere on forest land with a further 922,000 tonnes stored in harvested products.

The forestry industry also protected koalas by retaining permanent forest and providing habitat through codes of forest practice. These codes apply to private forests under vegetation management laws, and state land through the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service code.

"These benefits are reason enough to celebrate National Forestry Day," Mr Stephens said.

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# Blackberries: Peter has something to 'Crowe' about

ISSUES raised by noted forester Peter Crowe OAM in his article Blackberry Invasion (Timber&Forestry enews) calls for research funding to develop biological control as weed spread worsens.

Blackberry infestation are nothing new. In Victoria, in 1958 there were an estimated 140,000 ha of blackberry-infested lands. By 1975, this was estimated to be some 663,000 ha infested with blackberry (*Rubus fruticosus*) in Victoria.

Early estimates by Landcare Victoria in 1998 suggested that 3 million ha would be affected with potential to invade over 13 million ha, representing 59.5 % of Victoria's land area.

Significant opportunities exist for forest land managers to apply a philosophy of integrated weed management in addressing their noxious

weed issues as part of the management of developing plantations through a combination of grazing animals, conventional biocontrol agents, herbicides, and cultural control

An example of the effectiveness of grazing animals, goats on controlling weeds on forest plantation lands was undertaken by APMF Forests starting in 1980 within the Strzelecki Ranges in Gippsland Victoria. Of APMF's land base of 80,000 ha, some 20,000 ha was potentially infested with blackberries. Using goats to control blackberry was seen as a stand-alone measure or an important step in an integrated control program.

The Strzelecki Ranges was a failed agricultural settlement area. APMF Strzelecki Ranges



**A small part of the massive blackberry infestation at Mount Topper State Forest in NSW.**

land holdings of some 20,000 ha designated for forest plantation development were steep, lightly forest covered (unable to be aerial sprayed), unmanageable, impenetrable, inaccessible to spraying with backpack, and had expanding infestations of blackberries.

The devastating effect of goats on blackberries (*Rubus fruticosus*) has been known for many years. Goat grazing offered APMF a chemical-free option, an effective alternative tool in controlling blackberry and other woody weeds,

allowing access to older plantations for harvesting and could be successfully used in locations that were difficult to access where more traditional chemical or mechanical control techniques were not suitable.

It should be noted there are several important considerations before using goats as a control technique, including the need for good fencing to keep goats contained, shelter, access to water, impact of grazing on non-target native plants, grazing period, and careful monitoring to ensure adequate feed is available.

[Blackberries are a NSW class 4 noxious weed, identified as a weed of significance by the federal government]

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# We've got your back: Australian foresters lift hopes and hearts for their Ukraine colleagues

## Next attack could be from forest fires to add to the widespread fires from military explosions

**JIM BOWDEN**

AUSTRALIAN foresters continue to provide unwavering support for their counterparts in besieged Ukraine, now entering its eighth month of conflict with Russia.

Ukraine's Day of Independence on July 24 only served to bring closer attention to the conflict and its human cost – 5587 civilian deaths since the Russian invasion in August, 362 of them children.

The US Under-Secretary of Defence Colin Kahl estimates the Russians have probably taken 70,000 or 80,000 casualties in less than six months.

Yuriy Bolokhovets, head of the State Forest Resources Agency of Ukraine in Kyiv, in a message to "forestry friends around the globe," said the region was "resuming after active military operations and occupation.

"Gradually, but confidently, we are entering a working rhythm in our forests," he said. "Not everywhere and not everything is calm yet. Shelling continues. But the foresters are working and forestry enterprises have resumed their work as does the whole complex of forestry works."

Bolokhovets said priorities were forest fire prevention activities, economic recovery and tree plantings as part of the Presidential Green Country Program. In the first week of the campaign the State Forest Resources Agency planted 13.2 million trees across



**1** Living in a new reality...

*in the first week of Ukraine's Green Country Program, the State Forest Resources Agency planted 13.2 million trees across 2285 ha in an area where no combat operations are taking place.*

**2/ Yuriy Bolokhovets...** priorities are forest fire prevention, economic recovery and tree plantings.

**3/ Bob Gordon...** supporting Ukraine's foresters, forest scientists and their compatriots in their hour of need.



2285 ha in an area where no combat operations are taking place.

"We live in a new reality," Yuriy Bolokhovets said. "There is no time to panic, we have to adapt to the activities under martial law. What challenges do we face? To do our best to win, to do our job and support the economy of Ukraine."

In a joint letter to Mr Bolokhovets and Yuiwt Marchuck, chair of the Ukraine Society of Foresters, Bob Gordon, president, Forestry Australia, wrote that its members and the general forestry fraternity "wished

to record and demonstrate our support for Ukraine's foresters, forest scientists and their compatriots in their hour of need as part of a world family of like-minded, principled and engaged forestry professionals"

Mr Gordon added: "We stand with you in our commitment to fostering international scientific dialogue and collaboration for the benefit of forests and people worldwide and to support

**“GRADUALLY WE ARE ENTERING A WORKING RHYTHM IN OUR FORESTS**

our member organisations, scientists and forest sectors."

Australian foresters have also established independent contact and linkages with the sector in Ukraine so they can formulate a continuing dialogue and a plan of action.

Initiatives include advice to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Forestry Australia's international support project; identifying specialist Forestry Australia scientists to address Ukraine

forestry needs to date; and the offer of ongoing support and mutual cooperation.

Also, driven by foresters such as Victoria-based Richard McCarthy and Dr Gary Bacon in Brisbane, communication linkages have been established with:

- Liubov Poliakova, responsible for international cooperation, science and public relation in the State Forest Resources Agency of Ukraine.

- Yuriy Marchuk, chair, Ukraine Society of Foresters.

- Liubov Poliakova, State Ukraine Forestry Agency

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– urgent need to restore forest management planning systems and fire protection equipment.

- Ongoing review of the Ukraine forest fire situation, the committee to include Gary Morgan (forest management), Prof Phil West (academic endeavours) and Prof Rodney Keenan, University of Melbourne, (ongoing land care initiatives).

- Rob Youl and Richard Smith (discussions EU/ITTO parties), Richard McCarthy (preparation of briefing paper for the new secretary of the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Jan Adams AO PSM).

With the emphasis on land management and fire protection, Ukraine is no stranger to forest fires. Two years ago this month more than 13,000 ha was burnt between the cities



of Stanytsia-Luhanska and Severodonetsk with 420 homes lost and 2557 firefighters and 264 vehicles deployed.

Ukraine's forest cover of 10.4 million ha is concentrated mainly in the Polissya and Ukrainian Carpathians with growing stock estimated at 2.1 billion cub m. Main species are pine (*Pinus silvestris*), oak (*Quercus robur*), beech (*Fagus sylvatica*), spruce (*Picea abies*) and birch (*Betula pendula*),

There is no doubt that in the conditions of war and after its end the need for further scientific support for forestry activities will grow exponentially.

Meanwhile, in a setback, forest scientists and forest management planning engineers are relocating across various areas. They have no opportunities to pursue the profession and receive a salary and are likely to look for work outside the

profession in safer regions of Ukraine or abroad.

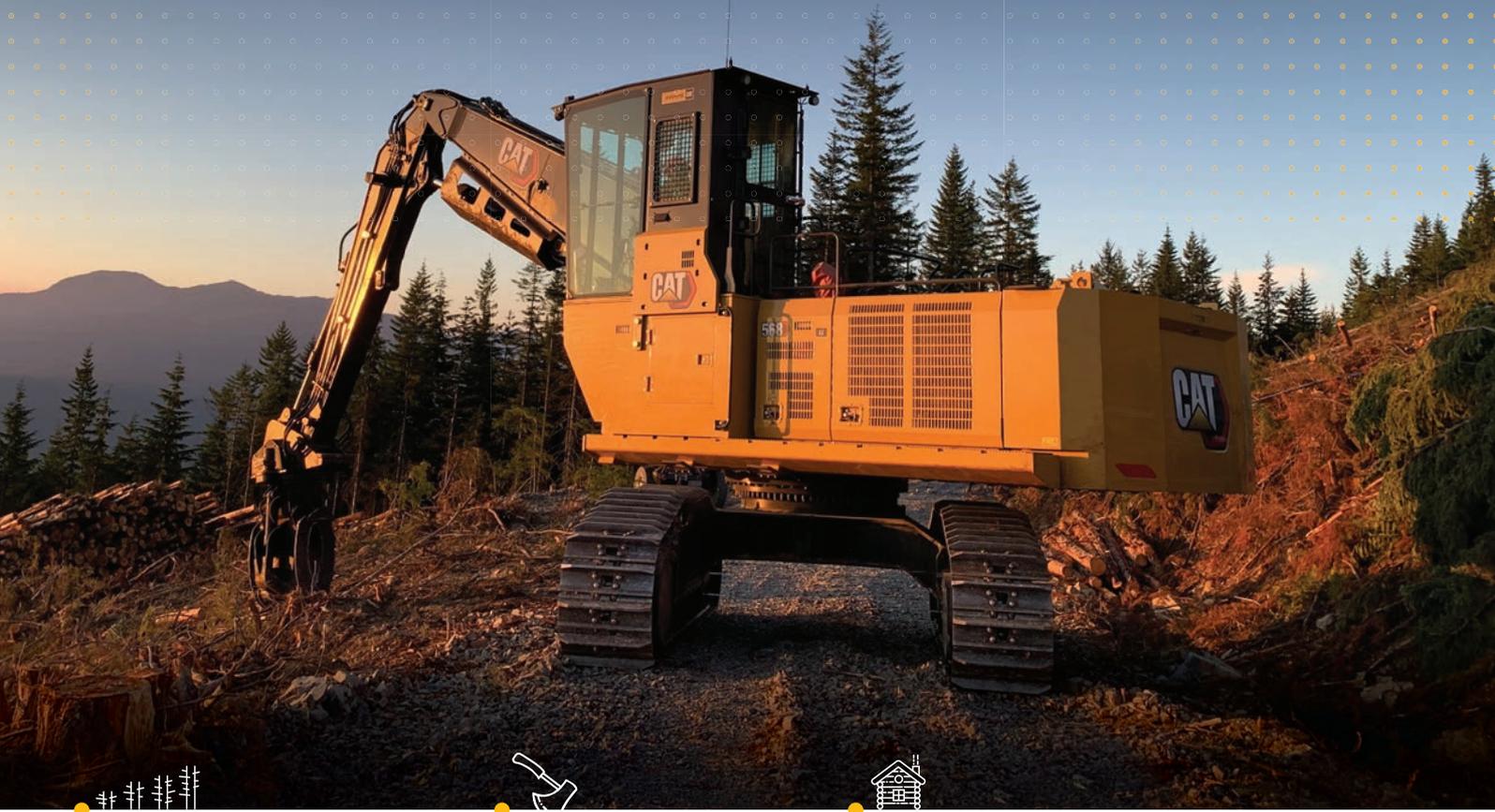
Also, the war in Ukraine has affected many forestry contractors who are unable to hire staff like Åke Backman in Sweden who has only a fraction of his staff. But some of his problems could be solved by hiring women who have fled the war in Ukraine.

“I have seven women from Ukraine who work for me and then I let a few more women with young children live in my houses, which are still empty because of the staff shortage,” said Backman.

In a typical year, he employs 80 seasonal workers for planting and clearing operations. Most of the employees are men from Ukraine, but this year, nothing is the same. The war in Ukraine has caused most of the men to stay in Ukraine to participate in the country's defense.

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# Wage win would see toilet paper roll in 'loo' of strikes

INDUSTRIAL disputes could lead to a shortage of toilet paper in New Zealand.

Australian-based head offices are swept up in two industrial disputes, one of which could lead to a toilet paper shortage.

Health and hygiene giant Essity and Australian packaging and recycling business Visy Industries have been unable to agree terms for new deals with Kiwi workers.

In Kawerau, around 145 mill workers have been locked out and stood down indefinitely by owners Essity.

The mill supplies a majority of New Zealand's toilet paper, and Pulp and Paper Union Kawerau secretary Tane Phillips said the impasse could see Kiwis run short.

"We're the only place that

actually makes it from scratch in New Zealand," he said.

The mill is the major employer in in the Bay of Plenty town and produces roughly 70% of New Zealand's toilet paper.

Supermarkets are monitoring the situation, with Woolworths-owned Countdown working with Essity to manage supply.

While strikes are not uncommon in New Zealand, lockouts are rare.

Workers are seeking wage increases that match inflation, and Essity has offered 3% increases over the next three years and a sign-on bonus.

"They've never come off three percent," Mr Phillips



Time and supply running out.

said of negotiations, "and if we accept we're going backwards."

Essity has also put off a \$A13.35 million upgrade.

In Auckland, Kiwi workers are striking at two Visy-owned manufacturing plants for the first time in 25 years.

Workers are seeking a one-off 10% increase and streamlined overtime arrangement, as their current deal incentivising long hours before overtime

provisions kick in.

"We have kids, and we don't see them, only in the mornings before they leave for school or at weekends," says union delegate Reaz Ali, who has worked six-day weeks with 12-hour shifts.

"We feel we don't have a choice, and it's killing our health as well."

Union leader Jen Natoli said the strikes came after Visy's offer produced an average increase that would be a wage cut in real terms.

Visy Industries is a privately-owned American-Australian company which operates more than 180 facilities worldwide and employs more than 9500 people in Australia and the US with total sales exceeding more than \$5 billion.

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# Rare butterfly sighting in native forests reserve

A BUTTERFLY species thought to be extinct has been sighted in a native forest reserve near Mount Burr, a small town in the south-east of South Australia.

Nature Glenelg Trust senior ecologist Bryan Haywood made the lucky find of a Silver Xenica butterfly during a routine visit to the Overland Track Native Forest Reserve.

"I couldn't believe my luck that day," Bryan said.

"Conditions were perfectly sunny and calm, and the butterflies were behaving as they should – wandering about in the swamp gum grassy woodland and wetland areas."

As part of a project to encourage new populations of the Silver Xenica species, Nature Glenelg Trust translocated females and eggs from the Dartmoor area to the Reserve back in 2018.

"This species is our smallest butterfly in the Satyrine family," says Bryan. "The top of their wings is dark brown with yellow patches, and they

1/ **Silver Xenica... smallest butterfly in the Satyrine family.**  
2/ **Bryan Haywood... encouraging new butterfly populations.**



is a promising sign that the translocation was successful.

OneFortyOne has partnered with Nature Glenelg Trust to support environmental work including threatened species projects such as those around plantations and across the region.

"We wouldn't be able to do this work if it wasn't for the support we've received," Bryan said. "There's always more to do."

have these amazing silver scallop shaped stripes on their underwing that you can see while they are resting." This sighting at Mount Burr

OneFortyOne, certified by Responsible Wood, is responsible for the stewardship of 95,000 ha of forest, including 81,500 ha of plantation forest. The company plants more than five million trees each year.

Bryan said invertebrates weren't officially listed under state parks and

wildlife threatened species legislation in South Australia and the Northern Territory. Nominations have been prepared and forwarded to the Threatened Species Unit in South Australia in the hope that they will be considered and bring invertebrates into the public domain.

"By listing these species it will better ensure their recognition and encourage land managers to identify and protect habitat," said Bryan

"This population is still relatively low and unlikely to remain viable. However, annual monitoring and expansion into a breeding program could bolster numbers.

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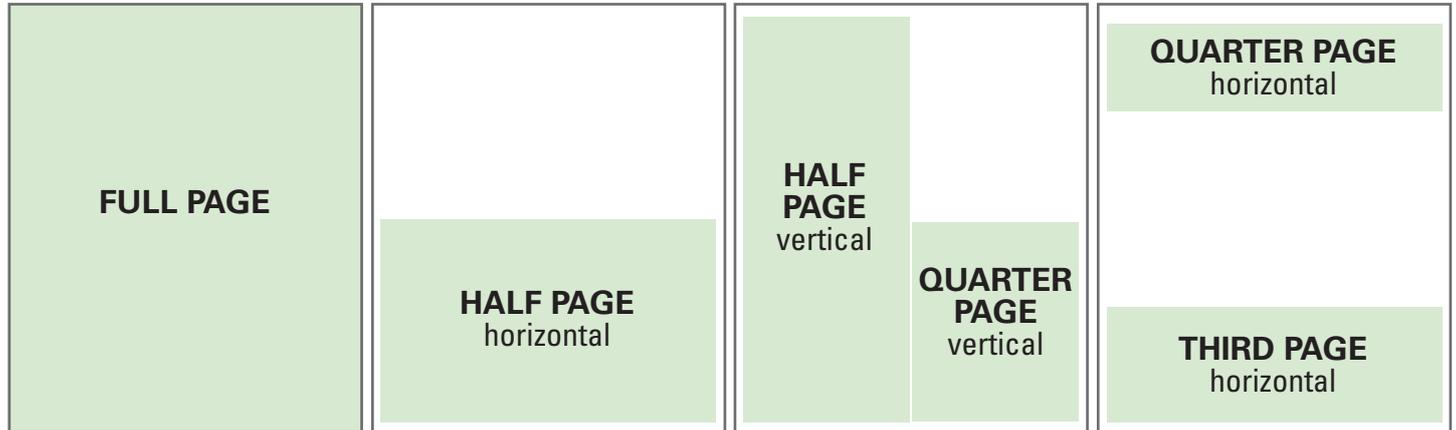
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