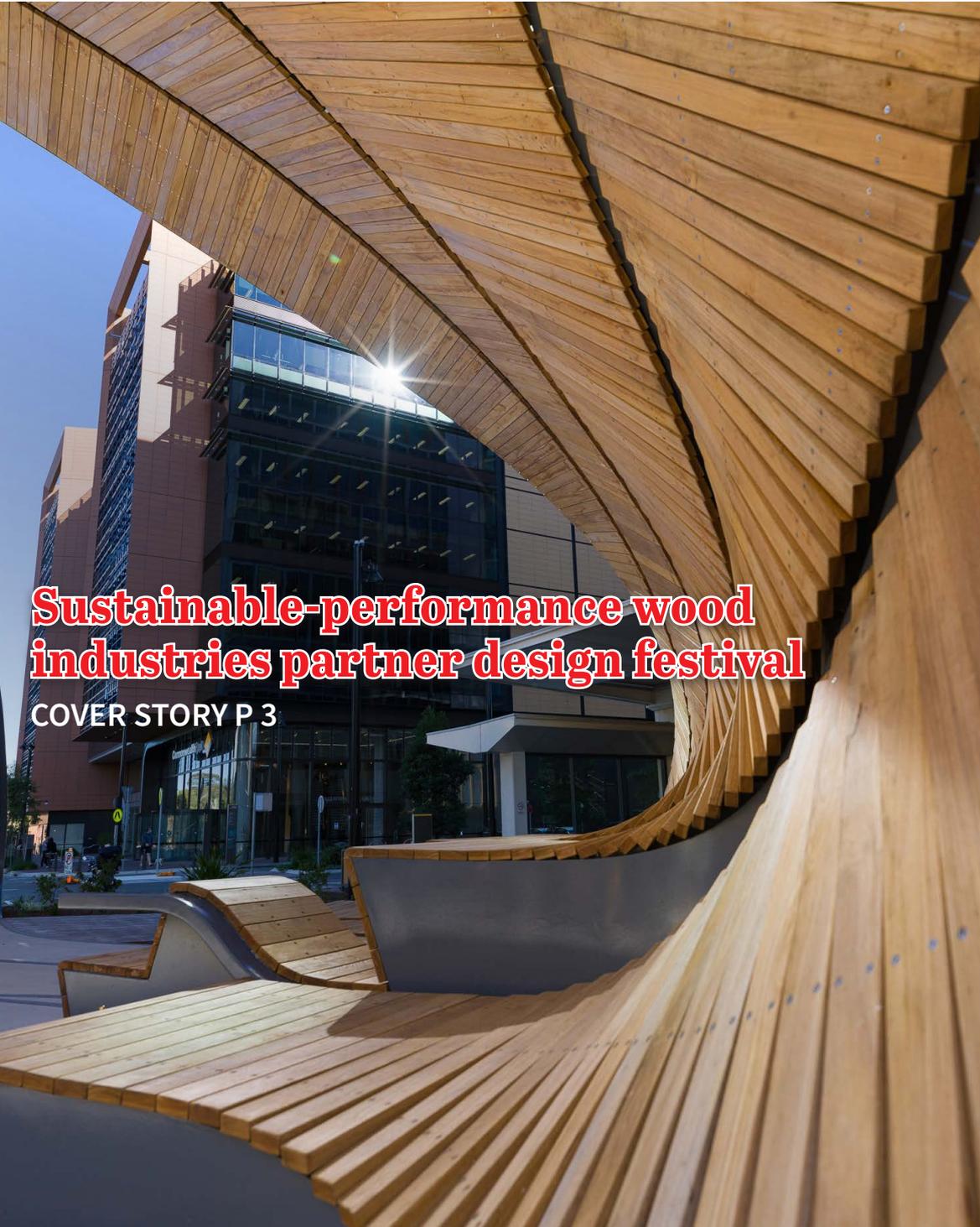


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Labor's debate on state native forest operations a flawed and unfounded argument, says AFCA

'A lot of the proposals are based on of misconceptions, misinformation and unfounded beliefs'

"THE electronic petition debated in the NSW parliament last week demonstrated the flawed and unfounded argument against native forestry as we watch more and more agricultural land being converted to urban development," says Australian Forest Contractors Association general manager Carlie Porteous.

She said the debate was perfectly described by Christopher Gulapitis, MP Clarence: "One of the problems when we talk about native forestry in this country, and in this state in particular, is that a lot of the proposals that have been raised are based on a range of misconceptions, misinformation and unfounded beliefs."

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1/ The NSW Forestry Corporation works with a range of contractors throughout the state to supply wood products under long-term agreements and replants millions of trees each year.

2/ Carlie Porteous... "Voting system is a clear imbalance of power providing inner-city councils with decision-making over regional areas that provide essential commodities."

Spruiking decisions made in Victoria and Western Australia, as if those decisions were based on science and logic, Shelley Hancock, MP South Coast, claimed public native forestry was pushing iconic species such as the koala, swift parrot



and greater glider towards extinction.

"However, she quickly attributes the impact of the Black Summer bushfires as leaving them more vulnerable," Carlie Porteous said.

"Much of the petition's premise was based on the horrendous losses resulting from the bushfires," Ms Porteous said.

"However, focus was brought back to the point at hand when it was noted that each year in NSW timber harvesting operations occur in only 1% of state forests, representing 0.1% percent of forested lands in NSW."

Ms Porteous said the productive conservation of working forests contributed every day to the outcomes that everyone, including the Opposition, is looking to achieve.

"Access for recreation, tourism and agriculture is built and maintained by sustainable forestry operations, in addition to contributing to climate abatement," she said.

Meanwhile, Simon Crawford, Greens' councillor for the inner-city Melbourne suburb of Marigryong,

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Sustainable-performance wood product industries partner in biggest national building design festival

1250 register to better understand the changing role in housing for the built environment

JIM BOWDEN

AUSTRALIA'S most inspiring national building design festival – “and surely the biggest in the southern hemisphere,” say the organisers – will open in Melbourne next week to more than 1250 delegates devoted to the rebuilt environment and the thermal performance industry.

An initiative of the Building Designers Association of Australia, the event from October 27 to November 1 at the Pullman Melbourne on the Park, this year morphs the BDAA annual conference into a lively festival with a trade show, design awards gala dinner, an architectural walking tour, a networking party and social events.

“We are presenting our first face-to-face building design conference in three years,” enthused CEO Chris Knierim.

“The multi-day event offers a two-day conference, 20 CPD points across several masterclasses, and networking opportunities ... and that's only the beginning.”

Australia's sustainable-performing wood products industries are partnering the event with names like Hyne Timber, Weathertex and ITI (Aust) lighting up the festival marquee.

“We all will learn more about current news and developments in sustainable building and energy assessment, current trends in home design, new developments in innovative building supplies, high-tech design advances, new products and developments,



Chris Knierim



Mark Thomson



Tim Woods



David Rawlinson



Paul Harr



Jason Ross

in fact all the forms of modern-day Australian housing, be that renovations and additions or new homes, business and commercial designs,” Mr Knierim said.

Festival delegates will be offered more chances to learn how to perfect residential and business design skills, how to better understand their ever-changing roles in creating housing of all types across Australia, and how they can better serve their particular region as a designer.

In total, the festival will feature more than 15 presenters, five master classes and seven workshops, providing building design professionals with access to a range of experts in building design and built environments.

The formal BDAA annual design conference on Friday and Saturday next week will be emceed by Jason Ross, a marketing, communication and sustainability specialist who was awarded a Gottstein fellowship from the forest and timber industry's educational trust which focused on marketing products in a

circular economy.

Timber features prominently in the building design conference program with presentations by David Rawlinson, Planet Ark Make It Wood campaign manager, Mark Thomson, eco-architect and project manager of Furniture 360 and a director of Responsible Wood, Tim

Woods, managing director, Industry Edge, and Paul Haar, Honorary Principal Fellow, School of Architecture and building, University of Melbourne.

Registrations are still open at bdaadesignfestival2022.com.au and more information is available by contacting hello@bdaaevents.com.au

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On the cover: The rebuilt environment... more than 1400 router-cut pieces of Responsible Wood-certified Australian hardwoods were used in the Interchange Pavilion in Sydney by Studio Chris Fox.
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Forest industry hunkers down as mega storms hit Victoria's roads, deliveries and harvest operations

JIM BOWDEN

THOUSANDS of Victorians have been ordered to evacuate and floods have swallowed at least 50 homes as the mega-drenching of the state continues.

Forest and timber operations? "Well, we're hanging in there," says Paul Madden, OAM, general manager of Arbutnot Sawmills at Koondrook, a tiny town perched, precariously, on the banks of the heavy-flowing Murray, 300 km north of Melbourne.

Predictions are the mighty Murray, dividing the twin towns of Koondrook and Barham in the western Riverina on the NSW side, is likely to peak at 6.12 m, the



highest flood level since 1917.

Speaking for a large section of industry across central and northern Victoria – with major flooding



- 1/ *The mighty Murray rises at Euchuca.*
- 2/ *Paul Madden... hoping for the best, preparing for the worst.*
- 3/ *Deb Kerr... getting in and getting out a problem for contractors.*

of forest flooding extended from areas northwest of Melbourne to the Victoria-NSW border.

She said the Wombat state forest was one of the hardest hit, leading to significant amounts of fallen and hazardous trees and debris.

"High country forests, too, are likely to be closed to any access for some time," she said.

More than 1500 Victorians have already applied for emergency relief payments. Although not currently under a state of disaster, Emergency Management Commissioner Andrew Crisp says the declaration will be considered over coming days.

Reports indicate that more than 200 main arterial roads in Victoria are currently closed due to flood impacts.

Wild weather swept across the country this week in a 2000-km band of thunderstorms stretching from the Northern Territory to South Australia dumping flood rains along the eastern coast, the storms driven by a low-pressure system interacting with moisture in the air.

As saturated catchments cop a further soaking, Victorian authorities warn flooding will continue for months, which is not good news for already flood-affected areas.

in Gippsland – Paul Madden says he is hoping for the best and preparing for the worst.

"The good news for us is we have plenty of logs to last until Christmas, but roads are cut in all directions so supplying product is a big problem – and that goes double for forest contractors who are at a standstill," he said.

The family mill has supplied red gum sawn timber since 1889.

Awaiting confirmed reports from across widely-impacted areas, Deb Kerr, CEO, Victorian Forest Products Association, says heavy falls in the northeast, central Victoria and east Gippsland are impacting on harvesting operations in plantations and in native forests ... "with both getting in and getting out a problem for contractors."

Ms Kerr said the spread

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‘Something needs to give’: timber shortages are impacting on Australian furniture manufacturers

Prices to surge after Covid disruptions, Russia-Ukraine conflict and native forest closures

“A RELIANCE on imported timber, specifically in timber products used in the furniture supply chain, is forecast to grow with ongoing uncertainty surrounding the future of native forestry in Western Australia and Victoria,” says John Halkett, general manager, Australian Timber Importers Federation.

In an exclusive presentation by networker WiFM for the Australian Furniture Association, Mr Halkett anticipates that the cost of timber will rise rapidly in line with the broader cost of building materials.

AFA research has uncovered that timber is the largest material input in finished furniture with Australian furniture manufacturers now using timbers which can be traced to increasingly globalised supply chains.

Available ABS figures show furniture manufacturing in Australia provides about \$2.6 billion of industry value to the local economy. About 5000 manufacturers are currently active, employing more than

4000 people. Most of the items built by the industry come from locally-sourced sawn wood.

Speaking to Jason Ross, AFA’s head of partnerships and marketing, John Halkett gave an overview of forest species used in timber furniture and furnishings; the green and red tape affecting imports, and the challenges for future fibre supply.

According to an April interim report by the Forest and Wood Product Association, Australia’s housing sector will face a critical timber shortage with an ever-increasing reliance on imported timber if Australia falls short of its plan to plant an additional one billion product trees.

Many timbers used in Australian furniture can be traced from far-away locations including Indonesia, Malaysia, Vietnam, the Solomons, PNG



Increasingly, timber importers are using independent third-party certification to demonstrate that timber used for furniture manufacture is grown, harvested and manufactured from sustainably managed forests.

In addition to legality, forest certification plays an important role in meeting the demands and needs of the circular economy.

“Increasingly, timber importers are using independent third-party certification to demonstrate that timber is grown, harvested and manufactured from sustainably managed forests,” Mr Halkett said.

PEFC, parent body of Responsible Wood in Australia, and FSC play an important role in tracing the origin of forest products and are recognised by the Green Building Council of Australia and the sustainable procurement guidelines for federal government projects.

For more information about third-party certification visit the Australian Furniture Association website for an exclusive AFA webinar on ‘certification and sustainable forest management.

The full webinar with John Halkett is available for download from the WiFM website.

and even the Americas and Europe.

“As importers, we have an obligation under Australia’s illegal logging legislation to ensure that imported timber is legal at its origin,” John Halkett said.

“It is important to stress that the responsibilities under the legislation fall on the importer and not the furniture manufacturer or specifier,” he said.

Information related to the illegal logging legislation is included in the AFA Timber Due Diligence Toolkit which can be downloaded from the AFA website.

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Sequestration, storage, substitution: how carbon in HWPs plays a role in fighting climate change

THIS week, in a second instalment, we continue discussing the role that certified forests and their products play in combatting climate change – particularly in terms of carbon storage in timber products.

It is the second of a three-part series put together by Responsible Wood – the 3 S's of Carbon: Sequestration, Storage and Substitution.

Research (conducted in 2012 by Ximenes et al)

“PRODUCTION FORESTS VITAL TOOL IN CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION

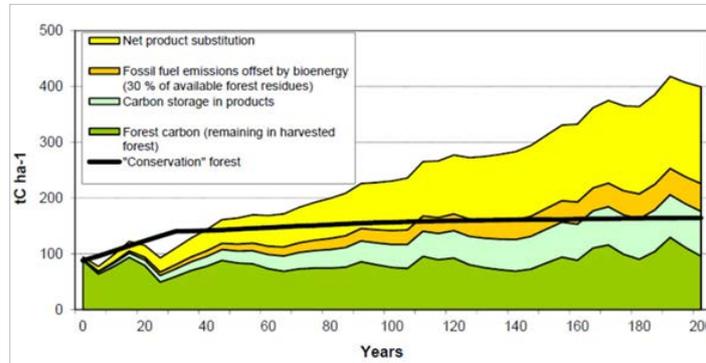


Chart showing carbon storage research published by Ximenes et al in 2012.

has shown that forests managed for timber and fibre production provide the greatest ongoing greenhouse gas benefits, with long-term carbon storage in products and product substitution benefits critical to the outcome.

In a report published by the

NSW Department of Primary Industries in 2021, Dr Fabiano Ximenes concluded that “There is significant evidence from studies in Australia and internationally that the sustainable management of native forests can lead to superior climate outcomes”.

Jonathan Tibbits, marketing and communication manager for Responsible Wood, outlined two important points to remember, supported by this research, when it comes to the story of carbon storage:

“Forests managed for sustainable timber production help maximise carbon storage, even when compared to conservation forest, and when a tree is harvested carbon is effectively stored in the product, even beyond its use in landfill,” Mr Tibbits said.

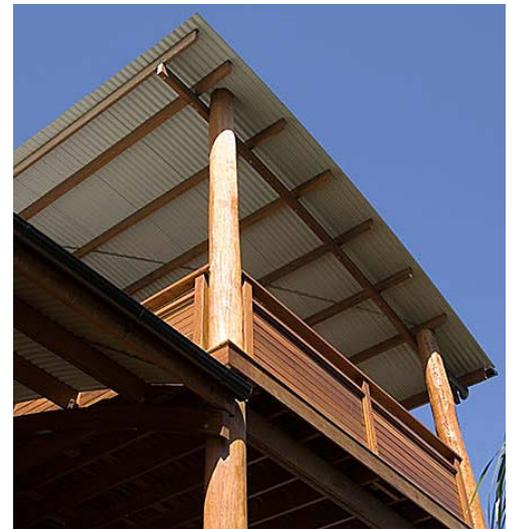
“It has been conclusively demonstrated that in well-managed landfills, harvested

wood products (HWPs) represent a long-term reservoir of carbon.”

Sustainably-managed forests in Australia are certified to AS 4708. This standard prevents conversion and deforestation and ensures forests regenerate and again grow trees, ensuring the sustainable cycle of forestry continues.

Perhaps not obvious, but the report ‘Carbon dynamics in native forests’ highlighted that “the storage of carbon in harvested wood products gradually increases over time, especially for long-lived products such as electricity poles and floorboards”.

Many timber products also undergo a significant



Carbon stored in native Australian timber building poles and decking produced by chain-of-custody certified DTM Timber.

phase of recycling, further extending carbon storage.

“There is continued public support globally for the principle that sustainable management of production forests is an important

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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/ or contact Mariela Ferrari at marielaferri.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.

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 or contact the

Forest Industry Contractors Association Email: office@fica.org.au or phone (New Zealand only) 0800 342 269.

29: AFPA's gala dinner – Hyatt Hotel, Canberra. With the cancellation of the AFPA forest industries gala dinner scheduled for September 14 and the mourning of the passing of the Queen, AFPA will now focus on enlarging the dinner arranged for November 29 at the Hyatt Hotel in Canberra., which will celebrate the decade-long chairmanship of Greg McCormack with political leaders in attendance. Tickets purchased for the gala dinner can either be refunded or transferred to the November dinner. Please advise your preference via events@ausfpa.com.au

DECEMBER

8: 23rd Australian Timber Design Awards – Crown Sydney, Barangaroo, NSW. The awards are distinguished by a proud heritage of innovation and achievement, promoting and encouraging outstanding timber design. It has been a few years since we last celebrated the awards together, so come and join us for the evening to find out the best in timber design for 2022 – and enjoy a three-course meal and drinks while being entertained by The Ultimate Renewable brand ambassador Adam Dovile, resident builder on Channel Seven's Better Homes and Gardens. Visit www.tdansw.asn.au or call 0420 232 253. Tickets at ticketstripe.com/events/1030921

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climate change mitigation tool," says Matt de Jongh, sustainability manager for Responsible Wood.

The United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change recognises that sustainable timber production is an important

climate mitigation tool ... "in the long term, a sustainable forest management strategy aimed at maintaining or increasing forest carbon stocks, while producing an annual sustained yield of timber, fibre or energy from the forest will generate the largest sustained mitigation benefit."

Mr de Jongh said this high-level support represented part of a collective institutional view of the positive role that managing production forests played in mitigating climate change, based on current science-based research.

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tabled a motion at the recent Municipal Association of Victoria conference to end native forestry earlier than the Victorian Labor government's phased 2030 Victorian Forestry Plan.

The MAV provides inner-city councils voting rights 2:1 over their regional counterparts.

"This voting system is a clear imbalance of power providing inner-city councils with decision-making over regional areas that actually provide essential commodities such as produce, meat, fibre and energy," Carlie Porteous said.

"Mr Crawford stated his reasoning for the motion as

“MANY VICTORIANS DON'T SUPPORT END OF NATIVE FORESTRY

'we've declared a climate emergency, so we need as much native forest around the world as possible'. "However, his statements appear contradictory to the recommendations of the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report, which supports the active management of our forests for carbon sequestration and timber supply."

Fires pose one of the highest risks to meeting much-needed carbon sequestration goals. A report by Nature Journal quantified the devastating impact on carbon dioxide emissions from the 2019-2020 bushfires at more than 715 million tonnes into the atmosphere, much of it burning through unmanaged national park areas.

In Victoria during the 2019-20 bushfire season, 34 forest contracting businesses provided over



Christopher Gulaptis... a lot of the proposals raised are based on a range of misconceptions, misinformation and unfounded beliefs.

137 days of critical aid to the Victorian government and threatened communities. This required the skill and experience of 284 full-time employees using 190 pieces of specialised equipment.

Ms Porteous said many Victorians did not support the end of native forestry in Victoria, particularly as demand for products had not diminished and there was no

identified resources to fill the gap besides imports.

"This shortened timeframe is also a concern from a bushfire management perspective," she said.

"Should we assume the councillor and those supporting the motion have a plan to protect Victorians from the next catastrophic bushfire?"

Given that the motion has been passed, the MAV is now obliged to lobby the Victorian government for an early phase-out of the industry.

"I would encourage all councillors considering voting yes meet and speak with the men and women who saved communities during all of the historic and catastrophic fires in Victoria's history and who continue to manage the forest for generations to come," Carlie Porteous added.

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WA ‘game’ on native forests still puzzles industry

DOCUMENTS released under a Freedom of Information request have exposed a lack of evidence-based decision making by the Western Australian government in relation to management of native forests.

Chair of the WA branch of Forestry Australia Brad Barr says revelations that the decision to end native forest timber harvesting was not backed up by scientific evidence gave reason to question the government’s motives.

“It seems that the government tells us to “listen to the science”, except when the science contradicts its own policy objectives,” Mr Barr said.

“Claims by the government that climate change and declining rainfall make future

harvesting of native forests unsustainable have not been backed by evidence. On the contrary, potential impacts of climate change on forest growth have been factored into conservative forest productivity models.”

Forestry Australia notes that the 2014-2023 Forest Management Plan and its various independent reviews – the most recent released in 2019 – have all re-iterated that the potential effects of climate change on the growth rate of jarrah and karri trees have been factored in when projecting future yields.

Future tree growth and timber yield estimates have assumed high climate change severity. And even then, a further 10% was deducted from calculated sustainable yields, to provide an



Brad Barr... “It seems that the government tells us to “listen to the science”, except when the science contradicts its own policy objectives.”

additional safety buffer.

A government spokesperson has quoted the 2019 Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, which found reducing deforestation and forest degradation rates is one of the most effective and robust ways to mitigate climate change.

“Forestry Australia agrees completely, which is why we are puzzled that the sustainable harvest of native forest products is ceasing, while broad-scale clearing of thousands of hectares of jarrah forest for mining is allowed to continue, and even to expand,” Brad Barr said.

The McGowan Labor government made the historic decision last year to ‘protect’ the state’s native forests from 2024, and will invest a record \$350 million to expand WA’s softwood timber plantations to “create and support sustainable jobs”

The Forest Management Plan 2024-33 will preserve at least an additional 400,000 ha of karri, jarrah and wandoo forests. This means nearly 2 million ha of native forests will be locked up.

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Structural softwood shortages and illegal logging compliance on the ATIF board agenda in Brisbane

LAST week's board meeting of the Australian Timber Importers Federation in Brisbane was hosted at the new, impressive Vida Wood Australia warehouse and corporate complex at Hemmant.

On the agenda were matters related to supplies of both softwood and hardwood timber products during 2023.

Board members noted the improvements in logistics, transport and container and shipping costs over the past few months as building and



ATIF board tour of inspection in Brisbane... Darrin Wheeler, Jacinta Colley, John Halkett, Kurt Schrammel, managing director, Vida Wood Australia, Nils Koren, Robert Cairns, Chris Woodhouse and Glyn Davies.

products to high-value manufacturing activities in Australia was likely to be severely impacted by the decisions taken by governments in Victoria and Western Australia to wind back, or entirely close hardwood timber production from native forests.

construction activity and economies around the world have slowed with an easing in supply pressures.

The board also acknowledged the continuing substantial difficulties in terms of future structural

softwood supplies as a consequence of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, and the resultant dislocation of many traditional northern hemisphere supply chains.

It was also recognised that the supply of hardwood

General manager John Halkett said the board also noted the apparent recent more assertive illegal logging compliance actions by the

“ CONCERN OVER SEVERE IMPACT OF FOREST CLOSURES ON HARDWOOD SUPPLY

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Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry that were causing some disquiet in the industry.

“It was resolved to investigate this matter with appropriate officials,” Mr Halkett said.

“Also, the board resolved to continue to work with federal officials on key issues, and to provide a briefing paper to the office of the Minister for Agriculture ahead of a meeting with Minister Murray Watt,” he said.

The board welcomed three new companies as members of ATIF noting that member companies recognised the value that ATIF membership could bring to their business activities.

Board members also joined in a tour of inspection of the new Vida Wood Australia facilities with managing director Kurt Schrammel and



Challenges related to the future supplies of structural softwood timber products under discussion in Brisbane.

national sales director Jacinta Colley, who is also a member of ATIF.

Vida Wood Australia is now well established as a leading Australian wholesaler and is a global supplier of timber products from sustainably-managed Swedish and Canadian forests.

The company has the capacity to supply a wide

range of timber products, including roof trusses, wall frames and finished structural modules.

“The raw material comes from our own sawmills,” Kurt Schrammel said.

“Material choices and design solutions are always made with both quality and the environment as key considerations,” he said.

The board also noted the recent successful Malaysian Timber Council-led trade and marketing mission to Melbourne and Sydney and the substantial involvement of ATIF member companies in site visits and business seminars.

Following the board meeting in Brisbane, Timber Queensland CEO Mick Stephens spoke about topical issues in front of the timber industry in Queensland. He emphasised the importance of compliance with the Australian Building Code for imported structural products. He indicated he was intending to write to ATIF about this matter.

The next board meeting will be in Melbourne after a meeting with Agriculture Minister Murray Watt and will be hosted by Stora Enso Australia at its Derrimut warehouse facility.

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I THINK I may have mentioned before that I am supposed to be retired.

I'm not into fish (unless it comes with a white wine sauce), I don't play bowls, I don't whack a tiny white ball around the countryside and I don't do other things many of my age get fun out of doing.

But I do love woodwork and am reasonably good at making noise and sawdust. However, as there is a limit to the amount of things to make, I still like to look at bits of wood and do woody science stuff.

Earlier this week I was at the Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries field site in Nambour looking at bits of wood when I came up with the topic for this month's rant. The Nambour site, by the way, is the bee's knees when it comes to field sites. I reckon it would give the tropical Innisfail site a run for its money in any international wood protection field trial site competition.

There were five of us doing the assessments – two old(er) war horses, and three

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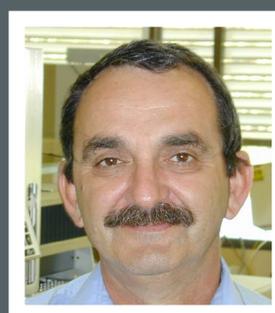
young(er) researchers; two of whom were early in learning the mysteries of assessing bits of wood for termite and decay attack.

One of the researchers has a background in architecture and is doing as pretty good job of learning the dark art of decay and termite assessment.

During lunch, I asked how much experience this person had with wood in their undergraduate professional training and you probably know or can predict the response. I expect engineers get a little more training, but also that they receive way more information about steel and concrete than they do for wood.

Interestingly, while the oldies were rabbeting on about depth of decay penetration and extent of

JACK'S RANT



With JACK NORTON
Secretary, TPA

solid wood cross section, this person observed: "But it looks like c...p' ... so appearance is also a factor when using wood.

Coincidentally, a week or so ago, a young (sounding) engineer rang me and asked about preserved wood. He was working on specifications for a structure and wasn't even aware

of the hazard classification system we use. He did listen, thankfully, and I guess intuitively knew that if you put radiata pine and ironbark in the ground the ironbark will last longer.

In an earlier life I was very involved in the International Research Group

on Wood Protection and I remember being super-impressed with the extent of knowledge, skill and expertise applied to wood protection.

So we have all this horsepower underpinning the field, yet the people using our product have a depressingly poor awareness of how to use it properly and to the best advantage.

I know in the past I have ranted about this disconnect between expertise/knowledge and implementation, but I am still at a loss to adequately address the problem. I don't think we have evolved very far in the world of using wood properly.

I guess we just have to keep fighting the good fight.

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Logmeter: high-precision technology that adds value to forestry processes before logs enter mill

Control, efficiency and the strengthening of sustainability throughout the value chain

LOGMETER is an automatic system that delivers in real-time high-precision volume measurements and estimates biometrics characteristics of wood logs loaded on a truck before entering the mill.

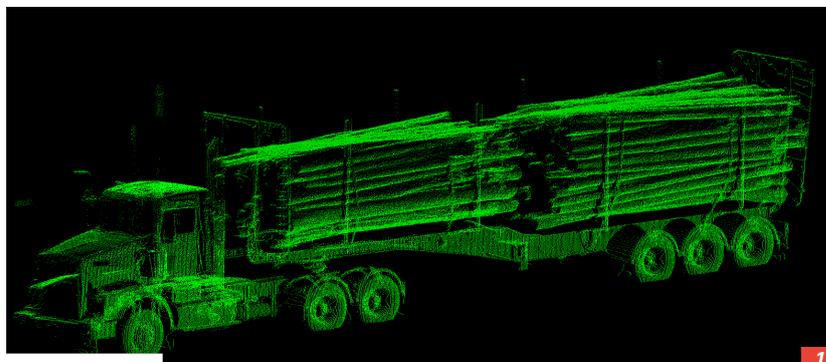
Forestry companies are increasing the application of technological tools in their industrial processes. Control, efficiency, and the strengthening of sustainability throughout their value chain, are some of the challenges that companies address with solutions that make variables visible in operational processes and enable their management.

“Possibilities offered by technological solutions must be used. The art is to focus them on what we want to make visible or to measure to obtain appropriate answers,” explains Carlos Bussinger, CEO at Woodtech, developer of the technology.

Woodtech has been involved in the forestry industry for more than 15 years, developing solutions for main players in Chile, Brazil, Uruguay, Germany, Australia, the USA, and Indonesia.

From this experience, Carlos Bussinger says

“REAL-TIME HIGH-PRECISION VOLUME MEASUREMENTS”



1/ *Logmeter makes relevant variables visible and clears others, like wood humidity, which directly impacts raw material supply payment-related topics.*
 2/ *Carlos Bussinger... clear example of how technology can contribute to sustainability at different stages of the supply chain.*

Logmeter benefits for forest industry

- High precision solid volume measurements.
- Fairtrade with wood suppliers.
- Operational efficiencies.
- Logistical efficiencies.
- Improves production while managing raw material information.
- Enables transition from green metric tonnes to cubic metres.

digitisation is a process that requires experience, knowledge, innovation, and ongoing technological development.

“Not every solution works because each company has its own needs and operates in its own environment, even though they belong to the same sector,” he said.

Logmeter is an automatic volume measurement system of wood loaded in a truck, without the need to unload it and in less than 2 minutes.

“According to actual measurements provided by clients, the correlation between results delivered by Logmeter and the Archimedes method is more than 95%,” Mr Bussinger said.

Among its main benefits,

and maintaining operational continuity, which are critical aspects for business sustainability.”

Logmeter has been present in Forico’s operations in Tasmania since 2018. It has been an important piece of infrastructure to their strategic project, where sustainability plays an important role.

As part of this process, the company identified critical points in its supply chain. They were looking to dry their logs in relation to the product that they sell. In this context, they did the transitioning into cubic metres

from green metric tonnes, by using Logmeter. They had to make some changes to make supply chain transformation possible. Transportation of dry logs made loading more efficient, less trucks transporting the wood logs and therefore less emissions of greenhouse gases.

“Among many other benefits, this is a clear example of how technology can contribute to sustainability at different stages of the supply chain,” Carlos Bussinger said.

Visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kKZJwnKCv6s>

SCAN TO WATCH



Enabler of the transition from green metric tonnes to cubic metres, and reduction of the required number of log truck movements. (Forico, Tasmania)



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Ireland's \$1.9bn global space watch project gives accurate findings on forest carbon credit estimates

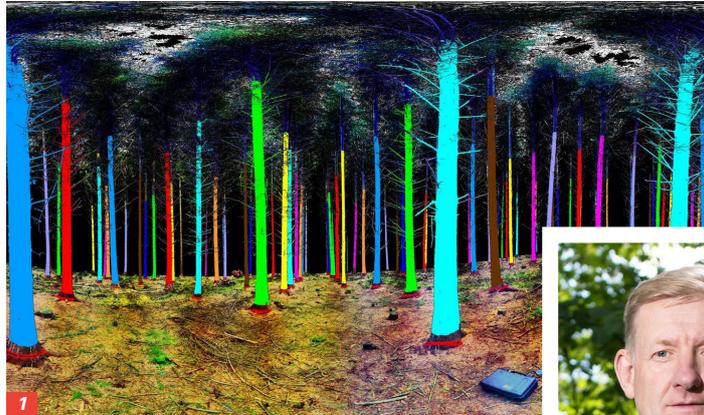
IRISH-based Treemetrics, a global leader in forestry management software, has signed a contract with the European Space Agency valued at \$1.9 billion.

Under the two-year contract, Treemetrics will be utilising satellite imaging, data analytics and its advanced forest measurement technology to provide more accurate forest carbon credit estimates.

The global demand for forest carbon credits is growing larger every year, having nearly quadrupled in 2021, driven by an increasing desire from companies and individuals to reduce their carbon footprint.

Many organisations across the globe are voluntarily committing to this and investors are demanding the utilisation of high-quality carbon projects. The planting of trees and the restoration of forests is an important part of the global fight against climate change and accurate forest measurement is imperative to this.

Treemetrics, which is headquartered in Cork, Ireland, has been providing technology-based solutions to the global forestry industry for the



1/ Treemetrics... examining carbon storage in forests using lasers.
2 Enda Keane... global demand for forest carbon credits is growing larger every year.



past 18 years. The company provides solutions to clients in more than 40 countries by utilising mobile applications, remote sensing, data mining and satellite communications technology and tailors them for maximum benefit for the forestry industry.

Treemetrics CEP Enda Keane said the measurement and management of forests would be a key factor in the global community's efforts to tackle the effects of climate change and to live and operate sustainably.

"It is essential that we accurately measure and harness one of our greatest natural resources, forests,

and this is what Treemetrics has been working on since its foundation," Mr Keane said.

Ireland's Minister of State for Business, Employment and Retail Damien English said the announcement highlighted the importance of the government's continued investment in the European Space Agency which provides companies like Treemetrics with free access to space data in order to develop their innovative technologies.

"Treemetrics are a fantastic example of an innovative Irish company playing its part in helping to reduce greenhouse gases by helping to provide more accurate carbon capture

data for forest owners," Mr English said.

In June, Treemetrics announced that the company's forest management software platform will harness European Space Agency

technology to bring greater transparency to forestry certification.

Treemetrics has spent a number of years developing new technology to replace the traditional forestry methods which have been in place for more

than 100 years. Nowadays Treemetrics provides pioneering solutions to the global forest industry in more than 40 countries.

Among others, Treemetrics has developed an innovative and dynamic management system for natural resources that provides a wide range of tools to analyse, manage and display the available data in sensitive areas, including earth observation and field data. Treemetrics' solution utilises recent technological advances in mobile applications, remote sensing, data mining and satellite communications technology and tailors them for maximum benefit for the forestry industry.



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In the pink again: AKD supports cancer awareness

INTEGRATED forestry and timber processing company AKD for the fourth year in a row is turning pink to support Cancer Awareness Month for the McGrath Breast Care Nurses who provide invaluable support and care to women and men experiencing breast cancer.

“A breast cancer diagnosis changes your life, often in ways you wouldn’t expect,” says AKD.

“A McGrath Breast Care Nurse brings you and your family peace of mind through expert knowledge, personal care and genuine compassion. They can help you create time in your life not defined by breast cancer and they are free.”



AKD employees Abbie Dunstan, Rosa Bennett, Andrew Bath, and Harley Gass based at the Colac’s site. The company even changed its product packaging and strapping for the month with the key messages presented on its pack wrap.

This year AKD has a real focus on spreading awareness of the risks of breast cancer and importance of early intervention. The ‘Check Yourself to Protect Yourself’

is AKD taking a step forward and starting the conversation about the importance of being



cancer diagnosis has inherited a genetic predisposition to the disease from their mother or father.

breast aware.

This year in Australia, 57 people will be diagnosed with breast cancer every day. Early detection of breast cancer gives greater options of effective treatments available. About 5% of breast

“It’s not just your own life at risk.”

Every AKD employee across the country has received a new uniform embroidered with a pink AKD ribbon logo and ‘CHECK yourself to PROTECT yourself’ slogan and can get involved with different events at each site.

The company even changed its product packaging and strapping for the month with the key messages presented on its pack wrap.

CEO, Shane Vicary says AKD is proud to be associated with McGrath Foundation to increase awareness and support the Care Nurses by sharing this powerful message throughout October with our employees, their families and our communities.”

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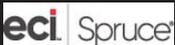

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Australian home owners struggling to clear enormous pipeline of work they accumulated over the last 2 years

AUSTRALIAN home builders are still struggling to complete the enormous pipeline of work they accumulated over the last two years.

The ABS on Wednesday released its building activity data for the June quarter 2022, which provides estimates of the value of building work and number of dwellings commenced, completed, under construction and in the pipeline, across Australia and its states and territories.

“There were only 28,898 detached houses completed in the June Quarter 2022, 6.3 per cent down from the previous quarter,” Housing Industry Association economist Tom Devitt said.

“In contrast, there were 30,926 new detached houses



Housing dilemma... materials constraints have plagued builders over the last two years, and shortages of skilled trades in all states have become more acute.

that commenced construction in the June quarter 2022. While this is down by 0.8% on the previous quarter and 27.9% from the peak a year earlier, it is still 18.7% more than the same quarter in 2019, pre-pandemic,” he said.

With more houses still being commenced than completed, home builders now have 104,228 detached houses under construction, a record pipeline that is 81.2%

larger than what existed pre-pandemic.

“Supply constraints are continuing to hold back completion of these projects,” Mr Devitt said.

“Materials constraints have plagued builders over the last two years, and shortages of skilled trades have only become more acute.

“These supply constraints will keep Australia’s home builders busy this year and

next as they continue to work down this record volume of detached house projects.:

In addition to this, Mr Devitt said, the multi-units market was also continuing to strengthen. Multi-unit commencements declined by 6% in the June quarter to 16,966 but this was still up on the lows of 2020. Improvement had been seen in both high-rise and medium density units.

“With interest rates and the cost of building increasing rapidly, affordability constraints will increasingly push home buyers back towards more affordable, higher density living and with the return of migration, demand for units should continue to strengthen,” Mr Devitt observed.

Russia was largest LVL supplier until it attacked Ukraine in February

AUSTRALIA’S imports of wood products from Russia fell to its lowest monthly level in 28 months, valued at \$185 million fob.

The value of imports was 90% lower than in August 2021. Driven by LVL, Russia’s shipments to Australia were in the midst of a boom before

Putin’s war put paid to that.

Australian wood imports from Russia were valued at \$83.6 million fob year-ended August. This was up 26.5% on the prior year, but is now rapidly falling away on an annual basis.

Much anticipated, the

fall in imports from Russia has accelerated interest in increasing local production. The main target or area of interest is engineered wood products. Russia was the largest supplier of LVL until it decided to attack Ukraine in February.

With major certification

bodies declaring wood from Russia ‘conflict timber’, sales declined rapidly, with major buyers removing Russian supply from their supply chain. There is little prospect of any Russian supply being in the Australian market by year’s end.

(Tim Woods, IndustryEdge)

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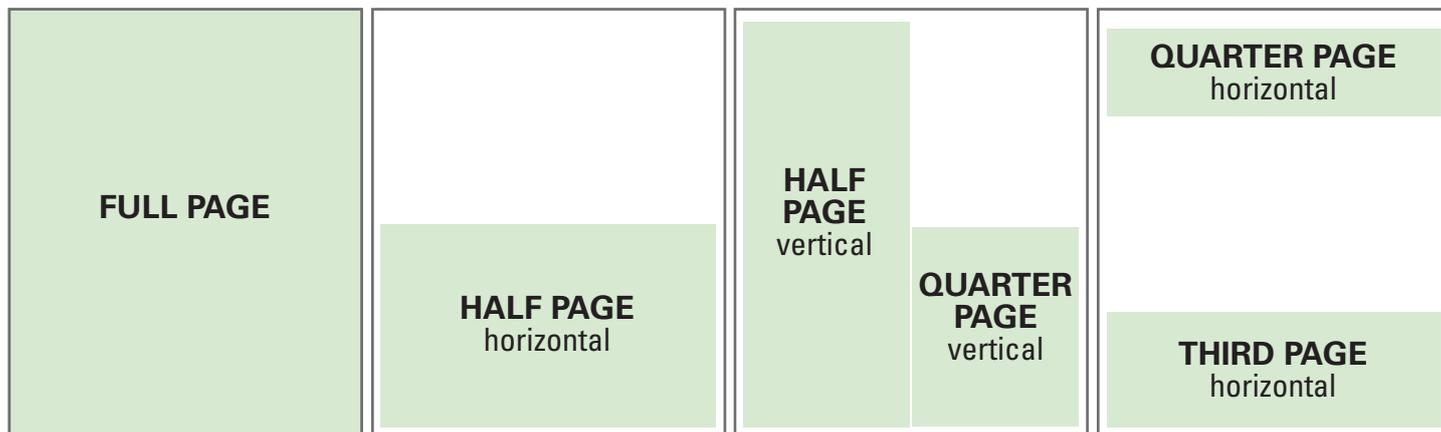
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