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Fraser Coast 'forest family' showcases jobs in region

EARLIER this month, Timber Queensland, Hyne Timber, the Sunchip Group and HQPlantations came together as a 'forestry family' at Jobs Fraser Coast's Jobs and Industry Showcase in Maryborough to promote regional forest and timber industry employment opportunities.

With more than 1200 students through the gate and another 400 members of the public during the afternoon session, it was a unique opportunity for major employers in the region to directly connect with school students, school leavers and job seekers, and



1/ At the jobs and industry showcase in Maryborough... Jared Crooks, Jobs Fraser Coast, Clarissa Brandt, Timber Queensland strategic relations and communications manager, James Hyne, Hyne Timber's stakeholder engagement manager, Sarah Porter Dix, Timber Queensland's communications officer, and Kerry Fullarton, South + Central Hub.

2/ Students enjoy the industry's ForestLearning audio and VR headset experience at the Maryborough jobs showcase.



show a future generation of eligible employees how diverse the forest and timber industry – and the many sectors and jobs within it – can be.

"With a HQP fire truck

and Sunchip logging truck bookending the stalls, drone and sawmill demos by HQP and Hyne, seedlings to take home, and the industry's video and ForestLearning VR headset experiences on

rotation, it was a collaborative and exciting introduction to our industry for patrons," Timber Queensland's communications officer Sarah Porter Dix said.

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OPINION

Screwy: a million houses but wood to build them locked up

WHEN Winston Churchill talked about corkscrew thinkers, he was referring to individuals who possess creative problem-solving, initiative, leadership and emotional intelligence skills

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rings true today.

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Federal Budget heralds new era of forest R&D that brings \$100m national innovation institute

A NEW National Institute for Forest Products Innovation will embark on transformative R&D with \$100 million confirmed for the Launceston headquartered centre in Tuesday's federal Budget.

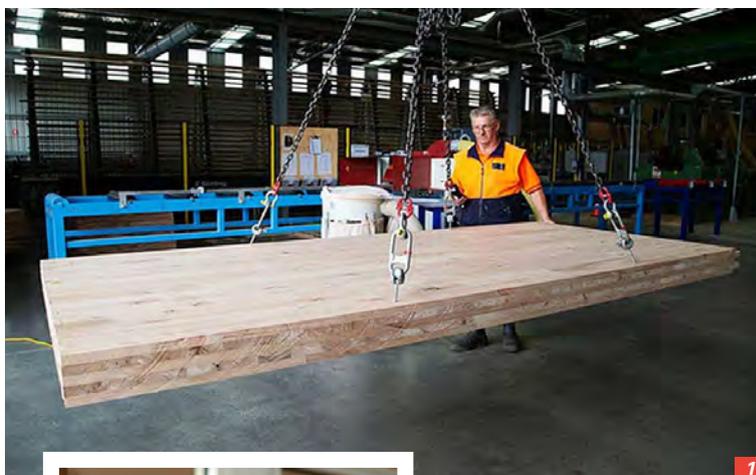
Australian Forest Products Association CEO Ross Hampton said the record-breaking commitment came alongside other initiatives to enhance skills and training and grow the forestry estate to secure future wood fibre supply.

"The NIFPI will turbocharge Australia's innovation capability in emerging technologies such as biomaterials, bio-chemicals and bio-fuels, as well as traditional fields such as forest science and timber processing," Mr Hampton said.

"This investment will position Australia as a world leader in the development of wood-based technologies that will maximise the potential of our sustainable timber and wood fibre and create new advanced manufacturing opportunities."

The Budget delivers on several federal Labor election commitments including \$100 million for the NIFPI, \$8.6 million to extend regional forestry hubs from 2024-25 and to provide extension services, and \$10 million for skills and training to equip the forest industries workforce with competencies, credentials, training and accreditations.

Additionally, the Budget re-commits \$86.2 million for



1/ Wood processing innovation... CLTP Tasmania last year launched the world's first hardwood CLT product, along with a new brand Cusp Building Solutions. Cusp CLT is made from Tasmanian plantation oak (*Eucalyptus nitens*) sourced from Responsible Wood certified sustainable plantations.

2/ Ross Hampton... initiatives in the Budget to enhance skills and training and grow the forestry estate to secure future wood fibre supply.

plantation establishment grants and \$112.9 million for wood processing innovation grants funded in the March Budget.

Forest industries are also expected to benefit from the \$15 billion National

“ \$112.9M FOR WOOD PROCESSING INNOVATION GRANTS

Reconstruction Fund.

"The Treasurer committed to building one million new houses," Mr Hampton said. "But we will only be able to build more houses if we plant one billion new production trees by 2030 to meet future

demand.

"Furthermore, global demand for wood and fibre is forecast to quadruple by 2050, showing initiatives to grow the estate are on the right track."

Mr Hampton said forest industries would play an increasingly important role providing the sustainable and important products of the future, while helping Australia reach its emissions reduction targets, helping the world fight climate change.

"From house-frames to paper and cardboard packaging, Australia's forest industries supply chain is essential. We welcome the government's recognition of the sector."

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New Forests announces first investors in African forestry fund that delivers climate change benefits

Aim to raise \$US500m in capital to grow sub-Saharan region in the next two to three years

GLOBAL investment strategist New Forests, along with investment partners British International Investment, Norfund and Finnfund, has signed subscription agreements for investment in a dedicated African fund, the African Forestry Impact Platform for \$US200 million.

It also announces AFIP's first acquisition, Green Resources, East Africa's largest forest development and wood processing company.

This follows an announcement at COP26 around an intention of these groups to partner to develop investment strategies



David Brandt... creating sustainable landscapes that can balance conservation and production systems.

community and livelihoods.

Forests and landscapes protect wildlife from natural disasters and are critical for essential products and services, including fuel, shelter, and food. However, the UN's assessment found that in Africa, 4 million ha of forests are disappearing each year

New Forests CEO David Brand said Africa had growing economies and rising timber demand but it was also home to some of the world's most biodiverse forests.

New Forests' new Africa platform would expand the plantation forest sector while seeking to also support forest conservation, restoration of degraded land and expansion of community-based forestry programs.

“AFRICA HOME TO SOME OF WORLD'S MOST BIODIVERSE FORESTS

“As an open-ended investment vehicle, AFIP will help to create and perpetuate sustainable landscapes that can balance conservation and production systems,” Mr Brand said.

Jaakko Kangasniemi, CEO of Finnfund, said, “The forestry sector in Africa has enormous growth potential and by partnering with fellow development financiers and New Forests, we believe we can together bring the change needed to unlock that potential.”

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AFIP will continue to raise long-term institutional capital to support the sustainability and development of Africa's growing forestry sector, with the aim of raising \$US500 million for the platform in the next two to three years.

AFIP will invest in a portfolio of plantation forestry operating companies and related assets in sub-Saharan Africa, primarily targeting established assets that can be expected to provide stable and predictable cash flows across a diversified set of markets.

Drawing on New Forests' unique approach to sustainability, AFIP will focus on four key areas of impact – climate change mitigation, biodiversity conservation, gender and diversity and

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Clarisa De Franco, managing director and head of British International Investment, the development finance institution of the UK government, said “BII is proud to be part of this partnership to launch a permanent capital vehicle that will increase funding for nature-based solutions, increase the supply of sustainable wood and restore natural capital while also boosting jobs within rural communities.

“Addressing the climate emergency in Africa must include gender-smart actions, and we are thrilled that the



1/ African Forestry Impact Platform’s first acquisition... Green Resources, east Africa’s largest forest development, nursery and wood-processing company.

2 Paul Ohaga... New Forests’ senior director in Africa leading the business.

fund has committed to invest at least 30% of the value of its portfolio in 2X eligible businesses.

“This will promote inclusive economic opportunities, increase productivity and improve livelihoods across sub-Saharan Africa.”

AFIP has been registered in Singapore as a variable capital company which is an open-ended, permanent capital vehicle. New Forests has had a presence in Nairobi since 2021, and in June that year appointed Paul Ohaga, senior director, Africa, to lead the business.

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– crazily absurd, eccentric, unusual – terms that can be likened to the mindset of Labor politicians in Victoria and Western Australia who, absurdly counterproductive, would close productive native forests, providers of carbon-positive building materials. And this at the click of a finger if they could, just as their Big Brother in Canberra has set an “aspirational” national target of building one million new homes over five years (see P 9).

Closing the forests is closing wood supply, the only

sustainable way to help build those million houses.

The Budget talks about jobs, but people on the lowest incomes face multiple crises including high inflation, 150,000 more people unemployed in 2023, rents up 10% in just one year, trillion-dollar debt as well as multiple disasters.

Community and Public Sector Union national secretary Melissa Donnelly has praised the Budget’s public service announcements – more than 7500 additional public sector jobs. Good for you.

The governments of Dan

Andrews and Mark McGowan will destroy 2000 jobs as they shut down forests and put communities out in the cold without a shred of scientific evidence for their decisions, stupid and heartless decisions, out of character for governments that supposedly built a solid reputation for supporting blue-collar jobs.

Despite the rhetoric about “providing certainty” the decisions don’t give the hardwood sawmilling sector even a fighting chance to adapt and adjust. The only certainty they provide is job losses either straight away, in 2024 or in 2030.

Along with the forest industry its supporters and unions, Timber&Forestry enews will continue to rattle the cages of politicians loudly, aware that the Victorian state election on November 26 is a just a few weeks away.

In Queensland, the native timber advisory panel is still deliberating about the state’s resource, with “work to be done on final policy decisions”

The state election is scheduled for October 26, 2024.

A Saturday too far away.
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Timber Queensland industry tour unlocks many employment pathways for Gympie school leavers

NINETEEN Year 10 and 11 agriculture and woodwork students from Gympie State High School became the second cohort to embark on a Timber Queensland industry education tour – ‘Harvesting, Processing and an Introduction to the Forest and Timber Industry’

Developed in partnership with the Maryborough Industry Training Hub, the tour week provided senior students with first-hand insight into the working environment of three sectors of the forest and timber industry supply chain, and gave an understanding of the vocational educational training requirements, apprenticeships, traineeships and career opportunities available in each area.



Gympie State High School students look over a Sunchip truck at HQ Plantations’ Toolara operations. The Australian-owned group hauls up to 1.5 million tonnes of sustainable plantation forest per annum.

The itinerary, developed in partnership with forest and timber industry employers in the Gympie region, began with a visit to Mary Valley Timbers. During a walking

tour of the hardwood sawmill, students were introduced to the diverse range of hands-on (and off) employment opportunities available at the mill, and discussed the importance of sustainable forest management and private native forestry.

At HQPlantations’ Toolara site, students had the opportunity to field questions to foresters, managers and contractors from HQP, Hyne Timber and Sunchip about employment pathways into both forestry and processing operations.

Out in Toolara forest, they saw newly planted seedlings and the site prep and stewardship involved in their breeding and successful growth, as well as surveillance mapping drones, harvesters and log trucks in action.

After lunch, students toured the Gympie Laminex plant and learned how wood chips and residues can be used in

innovative ways to create the products many of them have used in cabinet-making and furniture class.

Throughout the day, students were ‘fully immersed’ in the industry by way of the ForestLearning VR headset experience which showcases videos about hardwood and softwood plantations and processing, and the young people who have found careers there.

Students also toured the Gympie Woodworks Museum, which wrapped up the day by highlighting the region’s rich timber history.

The tour has already been delivered in Hervey Bay, and will be rolled out to Maryborough students in early 2023 with a view to continuing the program for interested schools and students across the Wide Bay and Fraser Coast regions, where the forest and timber industry employs up to 2000 people directly and indirectly.

A Hervey Bay State High School student who participated in the tour in May has now secured work experience with a local harvest and haulage operator after having her interest piqued by the experience.

“It’s always our pleasure to host such an engaged group of students, and to know that the connections made between schools, students and industry on the tours are real and make an impact,” Timber Queensland’s communications officer Sarah Porter Dix said.

“Given the thoughtful and enthusiastic line of



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OCTOBER

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.

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

18: Rural Press Club of Queensland National Ag Day – Rydges South Bank, Brisbane. 12-2 pm. Guest speaker Murray Watt, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry and Minister for Emergency Management. Tickets online via the link, with discounts available for tickets

purchased as a table of 10. Members \$110 p.p, or \$1050 table of 10 (includes gst). Non-members: \$120 p.p or 1150 table of 10 (includes gst). Dress: business attire. Contact admin@ruralpressclub.com.au

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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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questioning students took with our hosts (and potential employers) I am confident there were some future foresters, drone operators and log truck drivers in our midst," Sarah said.

Timber Queensland

acknowledges Mary Valley Timbers, HQPlantations, Laminex and Private Forestry Service Queensland for hosting the tour group and thanks Sunchip Group, Hyne Timber, DTM Timber,



Sarah Porter Dix... connections made between schools, students and industry on the tours are real and make an impact.

AKD, Responsible Wood, and ForestLearning for their assistance in filming and developing tour resources.

On the cover: Manager Tom Hooper gives Gympie State High School students an overview of Mary Valley Timbers before a closer look at the operations of the hardwood sawmill.



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Media campaign alerts the public on protestors who threaten forestry workers and their families

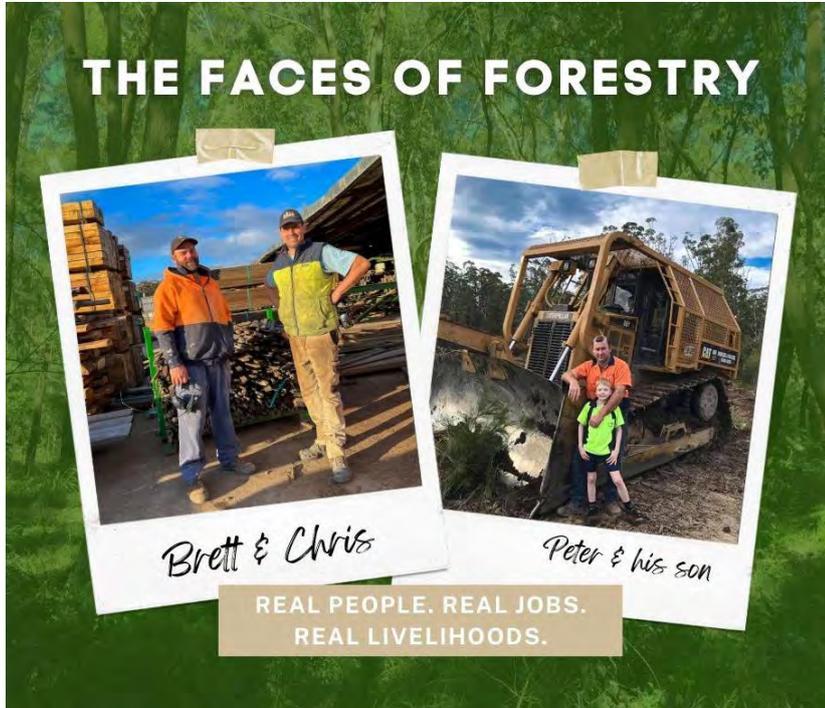
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TIMBER NSW is contributing to a social media campaign ahead of the state election in March next year that is supporting a Private Members Bill tabled in parliament by Mark Banasiak MLC to amend the legislation to give forest work sites the same protection that exists for roads, highways and rail lines.

The campaign is designed to deal with protestors who lock themselves to equipment and machines, block entry to harvesting sites and run in front of haulage trucks in operation.

The harvest, haul and forestry professional workforce in the state has been subjected to threats, taunts, stalking and generally deteriorating work conditions as they face a relentless campaign to vilify them and portray them as vandals and criminals for harvesting in forests.

“While forestry accepts that it is every person’s right to protest peacefully and legally, it is confronting for them when their personal safety is at risk,” said Timber



many arguments and criticisms from predictable groups from the anti-forestry brigade. It keeps us busy monitoring the comments and answering questions but it shows how little the public understands forest practices and that the simple messages of our detractors have become their truths.”

In the campaign, key messages are strap-lined across photos of forest industry families working in the industry and carrying out their honest livelihoods. In the current campaign the key message below the photographs is “Sign the petition – safer conditions for our forest families”

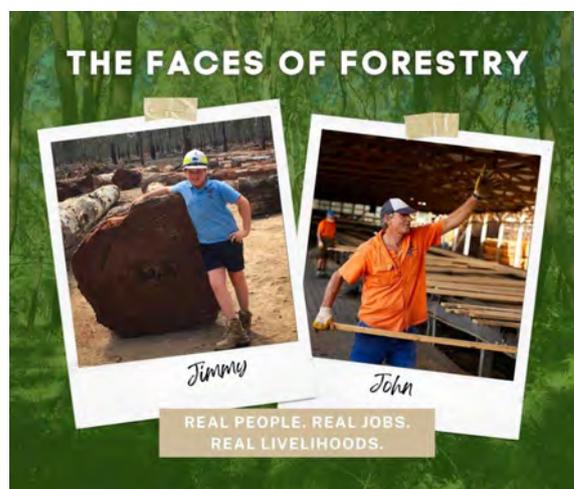


Maree McCaskill... these are the faces of forest families earning a living and serving their communities.

NSW CEO Maree McCaskill.

On the north coast a recently-retired politician has been walking onto work sites to make disparaging social media videos without permission and without safety gear.

“The campaign is simple and designed to be able to morph into other campaigns in the run-up to the state election on March 25 next year,” Ms McCaskill said.



“These are the faces of forest families earning a living and serving their communities by growing, harvesting, hauling and processing timber from our NSW forests, with family connections stretching back more than 100 years,” Ms McCaskill said.

“Everyone deserves the right to work in a safe environment without fear of physical, mental or emotional harm,” she said.

“In addition to relentless floods and wildfires, forestry workers and their families have been threatened at work, followed home or had their families threatened.”

The petition can be signed by clicking on the link: www.facebook.com/TimberNSW/posts/

“CAMPAIGN WILL RUN UP TO THE STATE ELECTION ON MARCH 25

Budget tackles housing supply with a target of one million new homes



Around 196,000 new homes predicted to start in 2022 and 2023.

THE federal Budget commitment to a national aspirational target of one million new homes over five years is the first step in setting a housing benchmark that can be measured, monitored and delivered.

Labor's first budget shows leadership to tackle housing supply and affordability challenges for all Australians," Housing Industry Association managing director Graham Wolfe said.

"Importantly, this target provides a necessary indicator to governments at all levels, that priority action is needed should housing supply fall below 200,000 new homes each year," Mr Wolfe said.

HIA's forecasts show that this situation is playing out right now – with around 196,000 new homes predicted to start in 2022 and 2023, falling to around 185,000 in 2024 and 2025.

"Year-on-year housing supply shortfalls, as we've seen for most of the last two decades, inevitably add pressure to Australia's housing challenges," Mr Wolfe said.

"For every year that

Australia doesn't deliver enough new homes to meet demand across the housing continuum, we will see a negative impact on both housing affordability and rental affordability."

HIA has consistently advocated for the federal government to play a leadership role in achieving stable housing supply, year-on-year, in all forms and for all tenures and welcomes the opportunity to be part of the Housing Accord to identify ways to maintain a stable level of housing supply, putting housing supply front and centre.

"A structural improvement in housing affordability can only be achieved if the supply of housing is sufficient to meet the needs of the whole community," Mr Wolfe said.

The Budget commitment of \$10 billion to create the Housing Australians Future Fund which aims to deliver 30,000 social and affordable rental homes, has the capacity to bridge the housing deficit. The addition of a further

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10,000 affordable homes in the Budget is an important extension of this commitment.

HIA also welcomes the Budget commitment to progress the government’s other key housing initiatives. Housing Australia must be a central agency responsible for delivering integration of the commonwealth’s housing policies to improve the supply of social housing, affordable rental housing and private market housing.

HIA says the National Housing Supply and Affordability Council must steer Housing Australia in the collection and reporting of housing data that shines a light on our progress towards the target of one million new homes.

The Budget also supports a \$10 billion Housing Australia Fund to provide a sustainable funding source to increase



Graham Wolfe... priority action is needed should housing supply fall below 200,000 new homes each year.



Denita Wawn... the 2022 Housing Accord announced in the Budget is a welcome signal.

housing supply and improve service delivery. The fund will help build 20,000 new social housing dwellings, 4000 of which will be allocated to women and children impacted by family and domestic violence and older women at risk of homelessness. It will also help build 10,000 new affordable housing dwellings, including for frontline workers. This is in addition to the new commitments above under the accord.

The federal government will work with states and territories to establish a National Housing and Homelessness Plan, which will establish a national strategy for housing and homelessness and will

“CONSTRUCTION SECTOR CRYING OUT FOR ACTION ON SUPPLY CONSTRAINTS

establish short, medium and long-term goals over the next 10 years and will provide \$15.2 million to establish a National Housing Supply and Affordability Council which will independently advise the government on housing policy, bringing together leaders from the investment community, including superannuation funds, major banks and global asset managers under a newly established forum known as the Treasurer’s Investor Roundtable. This will meet next month and will explore further areas of work to promote investment in housing.

“The 2022 Housing Accord announced in the Budget is a welcome signal to the building and construction industry who have been crying out for action to address housing affordability barriers and supply constraints,” Master Builders Australia CEO Denita Wawn said.

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The final 'S': the vital role certified forests and products are playing in reducing greenhouse gas

The last of a three-part series on the subject of carbon sequestration put together by Responsible Wood, the Australian arm of PEFC, the world's largest forest certification scheme. Read on – Sequestration, Storage and Substitution, the three S's.

THIS week we're talking about the final S – substitution. Specifically, we are focusing on the role that certified forests and products play in reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by the displacing more GHG-intensive products.

"Broadly speaking, you can think about substitution in two ways," says Jonathan Tibbits, marketing and communications manager for Responsible Wood.

"Firstly, substituting high-energy production building materials, like steel and concrete, with timber, and secondly using forest biomass for energy production over non-renewable resources."

Previously highlighted research conducted by Ximenes et al showed that forests managed for timber and fibre production provide the greatest ongoing greenhouse gas benefits. It was noted that product substitution benefits were critical to the outcome.

Mr Tibbits added: "Research has shown that when it comes to product substitution,



Chain of custody... Hyne Timber's customer manager Peter Tregaskis in front of sustainably-certified timber used as a construction material.

when timber products replace non-renewable alternatives, it results in lower net greenhouse gas emissions."

The research has shown the following product substitution impacts: Native sawn wood products is in the order of 2 tonnes C / tonne of hardwood for silvertop ash forests and 1 tonne C / tonne of hardwood for blackbutt forests. For mountain ash forests, the product substitution impact for paper products ranges from 5.5 to 7.7 t C / tonne of C in pulp logs.

The NSW Department of Primary Industries' paper 'Carbon dynamics in native forests – a brief review', presented that substituting fossil fuels for forest residues for renewable bioenergy applications has been "usually ignored in studies which have concluded that managing native forests for conservation leads to superior climate outcomes."

The Ximenes research was the first to include the effects of product substitution and bioenergy offsets for native forestry in Australia,

representing more closely what the atmosphere "sees" in relation to emissions.

"The concerns raised around the sustainability of using forest biomass for bioenergy production are not supported by the established research in this area," says Matt de Jongh, sustainability manager at Responsible Wood.

He continues: "The research has shown that the most important climate change mitigation measure is energy transformation and keeping fossil carbon stored in the ground. The role that sustainably-managed forest play as a key 'substitute' in carbon management cannot be overlooked."

Forests are a major component of the global carbon cycle and the storage of carbon in wood product and have the potential for a reduction in emissions when the wood is used instead of fossil fuels as an energy source or to replace more energy-intensive structural materials (2018 State of the Forests report).



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Leading, adapting and reimagining the future of Australian forestry: another solution developed

THE important role active and adaptive forest management can play in mitigating climate change and resulting flood and fire events was centre stage of Day 2 of Forestry Australia's national symposium, which wrapped up in Albury, NSW, last Friday.

Hailing the success of the symposium, which saw more than 320 delegates share knowledge and ideas about the future of forestry, Forestry Australia president Bob Gordon said sustainable forestry held many solutions for Australia's growing climate woes.

"Forestry Australia is immensely proud to have brought such a diverse and talented group together to reimagine the future of forestry in Australia and discuss how we can tackle the challenges and opportunities ahead of us collaboratively," Mr Gordon said

"The widespread flooding we've seen this year, including this week at the Murray River which runs just down the road from where we are holding the symposium in Albury, is a stark reminder of the impact of climate change on our nation.

"In weather patterns such as this it can be easy to forget that not-so-long ago Australia was in the midst of a bushfire crisis. While it's wet in many places now, we know that if don't take



- 1/ **More than 300 delegates attended in person and on line at the three-day Forestry Australia symposium in Albury last week.**
- 2/ **Fire ecologist Dr Kevin Tolhurst AM from the University of Melbourne launches the bushfire management policy framework at the Forestry Australia symposium alongside Gary Morgan.**

action to address bushfires we will see repeats of the 2019-20 summer, time and time again."

Forestry Australia launched a landmark new body of work at the conference designed to assist Australia in the battle against bushfires and saving lives, land and property.

Prepared by Forestry Australia's forest fire management committee and the Forest Fire Management Group, 'Turning the Goals of the National Bushfire Management Policy Statement into Objectives and Key Performance Indicators' aims to guide improvements in bushfire management and provide consistent reporting nationally on achievements.

"The ultimate outcome is that lives will be saved from



bushfires, the environment will be better protected with enhanced ecosystem biodiversity, conservation and maintenance of soils and water catchments in a healthy state, and Australia shall be able to better address climate change impacts and reduce carbon emissions," Bob Gordon said.

The symposium program kicked off with a panel discussion titled 'The

“ BUSHFIRE BODY LAUNCHED TO SAVE FORESTS AND PROPERTY

Politics and Policy to expand the forestry estate', featuring Jenny Bradley (Clean Energy Regulator), David Jochinke (National Farmers Federation), Cathy McGowan AO (former Federal MP), Ross Hampton (CEO, AFPA) and Dr Kevin Harding (farm forester and former AFG president).

After the launch of the bushfire KPI framework, delegates broke out into concurrent sessions focused on climate change adaption: fire; water; recovery and resilience.

Esteemed author, broadcaster and former host of the ABC's 'The New Inventor', James O'Loughlin, made sure delegates went home with plenty to think about, wrapping up the plenary presentations with a session about the important topic of innovation.

Official symposium proceedings concluded with the 2022 Forestry Australia AGM, before delegates and presenters came together at the symposium dinner to celebrate a successful two days.

Delegates last Saturday participated in a choice of field trips, with groups taking in local examples of innovative and resilient forestry.

• See story landmark national bushfire framework Page 13.

National bushfire framework launched in Albury

A LANDMARK new body of work has been released to assist governments and private organisations to tackle Australia’s growing bushfire problem and save lives, land and property.

‘Turning the Goals of the National Bushfire Management Policy Statement into Objectives and Key Performance Indicators’ aims to guide improvements in bushfire management and provide consistent reporting nationally on achievements.

The work has been prepared by the forest fire management committee of Forestry Australia and the



Australian Farmer of the Year Michael Taylor addresses the Forestry Australia Symposium. The Taylor family operate a superfine Merino property in the New England with much of the diversification from regenerative agriculture with a focus on tree planting and agroforestry and the establishment of pine and native forests. This had led to bio diversity benefits, extra shade and shelter for livestock and revenue. Michael says trees have definitely been one of the big alternative enterprises on the farm.

Policy Statement agreed to in 2014 by premiers and chief ministers of all states and territories, and the Prime Minister, with the inclusion of measurable objectives.

Launching the report at Forestry Australia’s national symposium in Albury, president Bob Gordon said it was vital that all states and territories worked together to tackle the nation’s growing fire challenges in a

co-ordinated and accountable manner.

“ ALL STATES AND TERRITORIES MUST PUSH IN THE SAME DIRECTION ”

Forest Fire Management Group (FFMG).

FFMG reports to the forestry and forest products committee which advises

ministers responsible for forest matters.

The framework complements the National Bushfire Management

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“It’s clear that Australia has a wicked bushfire problem, resulting in an increasingly devastating loss of life, land and property every year we don’t take action to correct it,” Mr Gordon said.

“It’s also clear that bushfires know no boundaries, and in order to rein them in as a nation, we need a strong national approach with all states and territories pulling in the same direction.

“We have developed this framework to promote greater co-ordination, collaboration, and accountability across state and federal governments, and are calling for buy-in at all levels.

“The ultimate outcome is that Australian lives will be saved from bushfires, Australia’s environment will be better protected with enhanced ecosystem biodiversity, conservation and maintenance of soils and

water catchments in a healthy state, and Australia shall be able to better address climate change impacts and reduce carbon emissions.”

The National Bushfire Management Policy Statement provides an agreed view for good fire management practice across Australia’s forests and rangelands. It identifies a set of principles to guide fire management and lists 14 specific goals to deliver on those principles.

Fire ecologist Dr Kevin Tolhurst AM from the University of Melbourne, who led the development of the new framework within Forestry Australia’s forest fire management committee, said the introduction of



Forestry Australia president Bob Gordon speaks with the local media in Albury.

agencies in all states and territories prepared a National Bushfire Management Policy Statement for Forests and Rangelands,” Dr Tolhurst said.

“This policy statement was signed off by all Council of Australian Governments members by early 2012 and published in 2014. As yet, there has been little action on implementing this policy.”

Dr Tolhurst said having measurable outcomes was key for forest land managers because without measurable outcomes, it would be impossible to systematically improve fire management performance and knowledge as required by the process of adaptive management.

“Without measurable outcomes, it will also be difficult to attract the level of funding, resources and public support required to work towards the nationally agreed shared vision for forest fire management.”

measurable outcomes would provide a means to systematically analyse Australia’s fire management progress towards meeting the documented national goals.

“In response to the 2009 Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission and various other inquiries, fire managers from government

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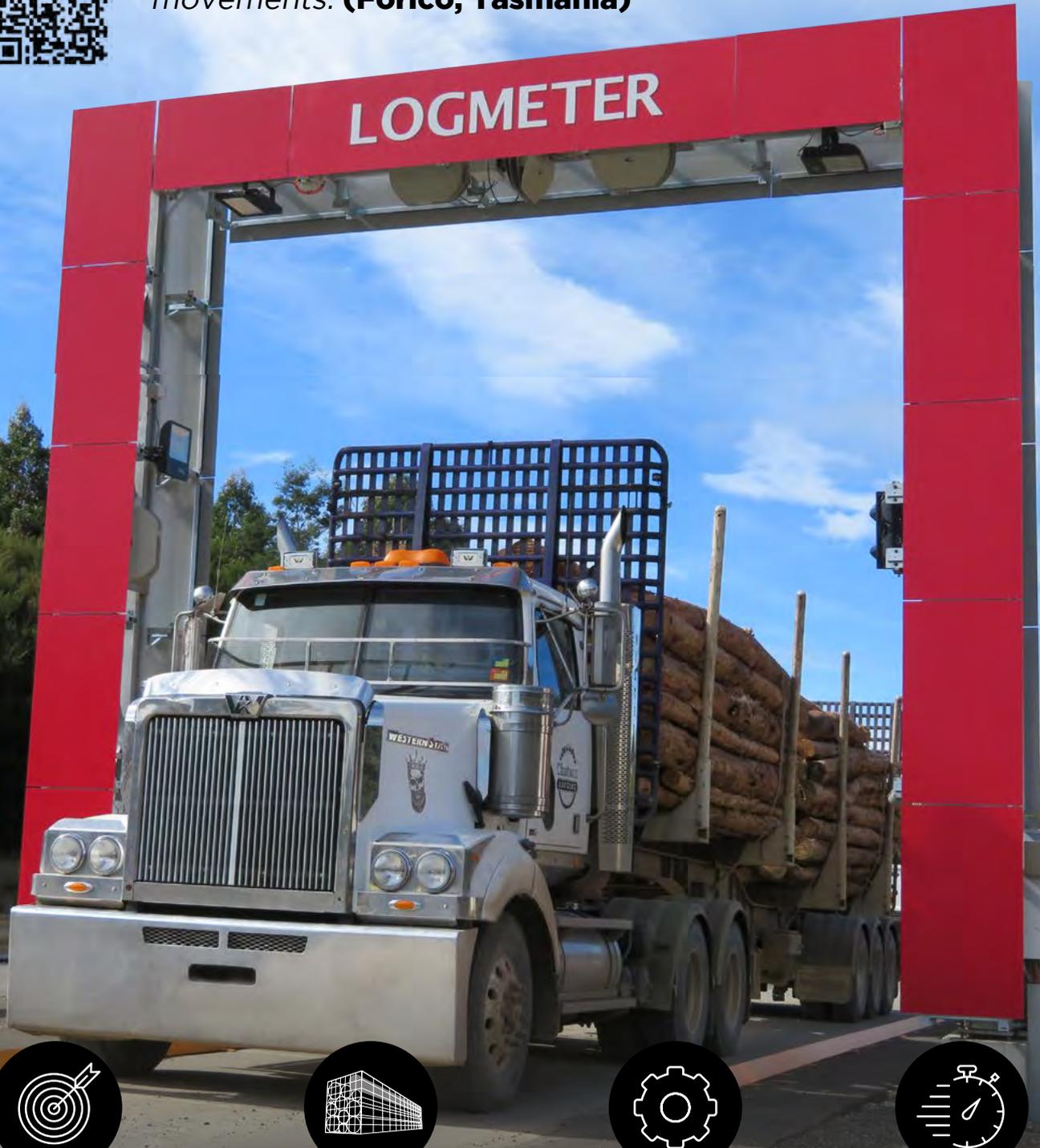
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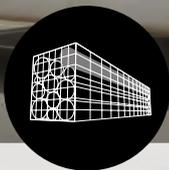
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'Climate-smart farming with forestry' takes centre Stage at COP 27 conference in Egypt in November

AUSTRALIAN farming and forestry are joining forces ahead of November's UN Climate Change Conference (COP 27) in Egypt in November to promote 'climate smart farming with forestry'.

This is seen as a major solution to help Australia meet more ambitious climate targets, contribute to global food security and grow timber for our homes and farms.

The Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt will host the Conference from November 6 to 18 in the Egyptian coastal city of Sharm el-Sheikh – the largest annual gathering on climate action

The National Farmers Federation and the Australian Forest Products Association



will promote the synergies that can be achieved from farming and forestry when they present at COP 27 to an audience of key international politicians, environmental groups and policymakers.

NFF CEO Tony Mahar said COP 27 was a key opportunity to build on effective climate

1/ All roads lead to COP 27 in Egypt in November.

2/ Ross Hampton... trees on farms first thing policy-makers should look to on climate change.

3/ Tony Mahar... agriculture and trees a big part of the solution of carbon reduction targets.

critical issue as the world faced a food security crisis.

"The time is right for a new approach to farm forestry to be a central solution," he said.

AFFPA CEO Ross Hampton



policy for Australia.

"Agriculture is a big part of the solution to meeting carbon reduction targets," Mr Mahar said.

"There are many actions our farmers are already taking, and adding trees – at the right scale and location – to primary farm enterprises can be a climate solution that ticks many boxes.

"When done properly it can help Australia achieve its emissions reduction targets, complement traditional farming enterprises with financial, biodiversity and stock shelter gains, and help solve Australia's timber supply crisis.

Mr Mahar said increased farm productivity also means more food on the table, a

said growing forestry production trees on farms should be the first thing policy makers look to when it came to climate solutions.

"Production trees fight climate change while literally growing a sustainable and vital supply of timber and fibre for Australia," Mr Hampton said.

"And it is truly a 'win, win' for farmers. Not only is there the chance to become carbon neutral as a property by adding an appropriate number of production trees, but there is also the added benefit of a windfall gain of tens or hundreds of thousands of dollars when the timber is ready for harvest and replanting."

Research released last year revealed that adding timber production trees to farms can yield significant productivity and financial benefits for landowners, lifting farm gate profitability.

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Melanie Robertson brings experience in corporate leadership to her role as CEO of FSC Australia-NZ

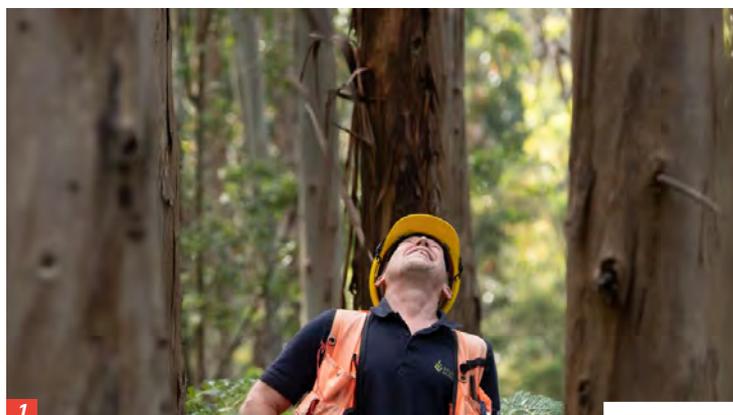
BRINGING extensive corporate leadership across non-profit membership-based organisations, Melanie Robertson has been appointed new CEO of FSC Australia and New Zealand, effective last Friday.

FSC ANZ is a national office of the global not-for-profit NGO, the Forest Stewardship Council. As a leader in sustainable forestry certification, FSC is trusted by NGOs, businesses, and consumers worldwide to ensure the responsible management of the world's forests.

FSC ANZ chair Matthew Crapp said Ms Robertson was chosen after an extensive and highly-competitive selection process.

"We believe Melanie will be a wonderful fit, and the board is excited to appoint her to lead the outstanding team at FSC ANZ," Mr Crapp said.

“ FSC NZ NOW IN SECOND YEAR OF A FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN



1/ Sustainable forestry certification... FSC aims to enhance reach and strengthen its impact across Australia and New Zealand.
2/ Melanie Robertson... track record in building relationships.

"Her track record for building relationships across a wide range of stakeholders in complex organisational environments will be critical in supporting the next stage of our growth," he said.

Ms Robertson has extensive corporate leadership experience across not-for-profit membership-based organisations, government and for-profit organisations in the health and renewable energy sector. She has worked with a wide range of corporate, community and government stakeholders building collaboration across

traditional boundaries.

Her background includes her role as CEO of the Committee for Ballarat, a membership-based organisation that works to help create a better future for the city in the Central Highlands of Victoria.

She joins FSC ANZ from the role of executive director of infrastructure and redevelopment at Grampians Health where she was responsible for the provision of infrastructure across the region, master planning,



asset management, sustainability, operational services and the \$542 million new Ballarat Base Hospital.

FSC ANZ is in the second year of its 5-Year Strategic Plan, focusing on several important initiatives, including the certification of new forests, the rollout of the New Zealand

national standard, the growth of its promotional licenses program, the revisions of the Australian National Forest Stewardship Standard and the National Risk Assessment for

controlled wood.

Ms Robertson takes over the position from interim CEO Patricia Fitzsimons.

FSC ANZ will continue to focus on the implementation of its five-year strategic plan. Together with the new CEO, the organisation aims to enhance the reach and strengthen the impact of FSC across Australia and New Zealand.

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Europe's first urban centre features hybrid timber

EUROPE'S first urban quarter featuring hybrid lumber, the Leopold Quarter in Vienna, will be built on the Danube Canal, an artificial branch of the river, made to help regulate flooding.

The building will offer offices, flats and service apartments in five new energy and carbon-efficient buildings, in a relatively compact area of 22,900 sq m

Due to the building's unique design and material usage, they will emit much less CO₂ during construction and throughout their lifetime.

Wooden high-rise buildings have started to take hold of the construction sector, as the industry tries to decarbonise. Apart from the durability of timber structures, as well as the fire resistance, which is

comparable to that of concrete, they offer the great benefit of not producing additional carbon during construction.

With the new technique of gluing different pieces of wood to form thick load-bearing beams, developers and architects can now start planning their structures in height, as lumber-based skyscrapers spring up across Europe.

On completion, the Leopold will be powered through 100% green-energy – geothermal and a photovoltaic system. Consequently, the complex should have net-zero



The Leopold Quarter in Vienna, Austria.

emissions and according to the developers, should emit around 300 tonnes of CO₂ less annually, compared to alternatives working with district heating. Construction of the quarter is set to start later in 2023 and is scheduled for completion in 2025.

Meanwhile, in Skelleftea, a community located in the far north of Sweden, only 200 km from the Arctic Circle

was a typical town with 33,000 people – until last month when the Sara Culture Centre opened its doors of one of the world's tallest timber buildings, standing 75 m high and towering over the surrounding landscape,

Given that Northern Sweden is home to vast forests and a booming timber industry, it only makes sense to construct buildings out of this easily accessible, organic and cheap material. In fact, until only a recent past, that was mostly the case in Scandinavia, so we are starting to notice a trend of returning to those architectural roots.



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The long and short: Palisade Elite and Yaris Rallye

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Once famous for its spud festival, in another world, another time I was one of two judges of the Boonah Potato Queen – not very a'peeling task with a battery of parents and relatives of the 15 entrants glaring at us to make the right choice.

Over many years as an agricultural writer, I have presented blue ribbons to Cattle Queens, Timber Princesses, Egg Queens, Orange Queens, Dairy Princesses and Miss Pork. I don't want to go back there!

Starting with the short, the Yaris Rallye has no shortcomings. Toyota CEO Akio Toyoda, an avid auto race driver instructed the building of the GR and felt a three-door hatch was suitable for the competition. The first 3000 cars sold out in seven days! Akio came up with a powerful 3 cylinder production engine, producing



1/ Toyota's GR Yaris Rallye.

a 156kW/tonne power-to-weight ratio, rear double wishbone suspension for precise cornering on road and track and 4WD drive with adjustable torque distribution.

The 2022 edition, priced from \$54,500, introduces lightweight components – carbon-fibre polymer roof and aluminium bonnet, doors, and rear hatch – specifically designed for drivers who want to experience a higher level of performance with fuel economy of 7.6L/100 km.

Inside, the Rallye is adorned with synthetic leather-accented sports front seats that feature large bolsters, red stitching and perforated Ultrasuede inserts.

The standard kit includes dual-zone climate air and auto-dimming rear mirror. Infotainment is provided by



2/ Hyundai Palisade Elite 4WD diesel.

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ENTER the long Hyundai AWD Palisade Elite seven[1] seater with the 2.2-litre diesel all-wheel-drive, the Korean car-maker's biggest SUV to date. It's longer and roomier than the popular Hyundai Santa Fe and can seat up to eight people, including three down the back.

The Palisade consists of three spec grades, the eponymous Palisade, Palisade Elite and Palisade Highlander, with each costing about \$8000 more than their Santa Fe counterpart.

Each Palisade variant comes with a choice of V6 petrol with front-wheel drive

or a four-cylinder turbo-diesel with AWD. Retail pricing starts at \$55,000 before on-roads for the entry-level 3.8-litre V6 petrol Palisade, with the AWD 2.2-litre diesel powertrain attracting a \$4000 premium.

The handsome Palisade Elite comes with full mid-spec standard features, including black leather upholstery, a 10.25-in. infotainment screen, Apple CarPlay/Android Auto, satnav, 12-speaker infinity audio system, powered driver's seat adjustment, three-zone air-conditioning, wireless charging pad, keyless entry, push-button start, power-operated tailgate, single-pane sunroof, dual-LED headlights and 20-in. alloy wheels.

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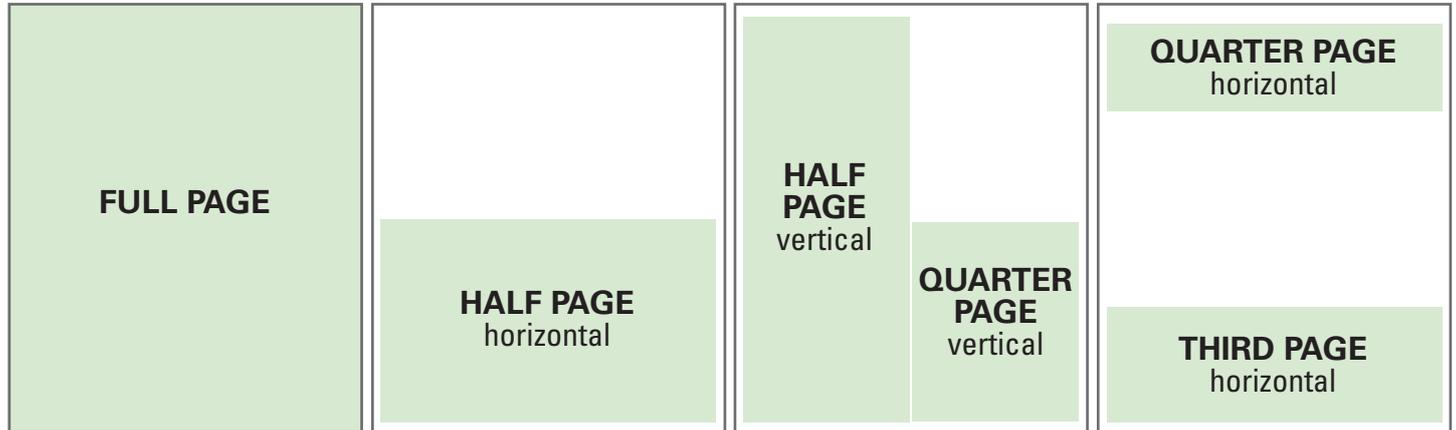
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