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PM attends industry gala dinner

AFTER an unfortunate postponement because of the passing of Queen Elizabeth II and the subsequent period of mourning, the annual forest and timber industry gala dinner was held in Canberra's Hyatt Hotel on Tuesday this week.

It was a welcome celebration for industry leaders from across forestry, sawmilling, timber processing, corporations, government, unions and trade associations. All were pleased to be able to gather for this momentous annual event that was even more significant this year because of the retirement of long serving chairman of the Australian Forest Products Association Greg McCormack together with the announcement by CEO Ross Hampton after ten years in the role of his resignation to take up a prestigious global industry role in the UK.

Dinner attendees were heartened by the announcement that renown agricultural industries economist and celebrated rural woman's leader Diana



1/ Prime Minister Anthony Albanese (centre) with incoming Chair of the Australian Forest Products Association Diana Gibbs (left) and (right) outgoing chair Greg McCormack and soon to be interim CEO Hon Joel Fitzgibbon together with members of the Australian Forest Products Association Board.

2/ Predinner drinks catch-up ... Tony Price, Tasmania; Katie Fowler, Hyne Timber; Craig Taylor, Chair, Forest and Wood products Australia and Rachael Armistead, Hyne Timber.

3/ Two of the timber industry's outstanding leading ladies are Clarissa Brandt, Strategic Relations and Communications Manager, Timber Queensland and, Carlie Porteous, General Manager, Australian Forest Contractors Association.



Gibbs would be the incoming chair of AFPA, the industry's peak national body.

In addition to the valedictory speeches in recognition of Greg McCormack's long and distinguished service to the

industry a highlight of the evening was the attendance of Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, Minister for Agriculture Murray Watt, together with a number of other Federal politicians from both the government

and the opposition.

More images and commentary from the evening, including comments made by the Prime Minister will be included in next week's edition of enews.



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‘We need doers, friends and allies’: successful Forestry Australia field trip to Wombat state forest

SUSTAINABILITY manager at Responsible Wood Matt de Jongh has completed a Forestry Australia field trip to the Wombat state forest at Daylesford, 50 km west of Melbourne.

The trip on November 19 was hosted by DJAARA, the Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation and included presentations on the philosophy and practice of its Galk-galk Dhelkunya (Forest Gardening) Strategy.

The Strategy aims to heal forest Country through the application of traditional knowledge in partnership with other agencies and organisations.

The field trip began and ended in Daylesford and included visits to different areas, including those impacted by the 2021 windstorms.

“Sharing Country and our vision to return Country to health is so important,” Dja Dja Wurrung CEO Rodney Carter said.

DJAARA facilitated a Forests Australia visit with representatives from VicForests and Wombat Care.

“We have the greatest respect for you all and we understand that you love the forests,” Mr Carter told field day participants.

“But Djaara wants to lead and introduce our Galk Galk Dhelkunya to heal Country and ourselves,” he said.

“We can’t do this alone; we need doers, friends and allies. And together from this

moment forward we will ensure there can be a better future for all of us at Country. Djaara have an obligation to Country to do this. We have to, before it’s too late and our next generations could judge us harshly, but we will not let them down, they are our future.”

Matt de Jongh said it was a great experience to be involved in the field day.

“And it was a was a great to hear from Dja Dja Wurrung about Traditional Owner care for country and the importance of caring for Country in a responsible and sustainable way, so that it is there for generations to come.

“It is well known that for about 60,000 years Traditional Owners have actively and adaptively managed Australia’s forests, which have evolved to and adapted to active forest management,” Mr de Jongh said.

DJAARA’s Galk-galk Dehelkunya will be launched on 13 December and available from <https://djadjawurrung.com.au>.



Mark de Jongh...a great experience.

In December last year, Responsible Wood published the latest version of the AS/NZS 4708 standard for Sustainable Forest Management requirements.

[Visit www.responsiblewood.org.au to download the new standard].

Published for the first time as a trans-Tasman standard, the new standard provides common benchmarks for sustainably-managed Australian and New Zealand forests.

The Australia-New Zealand standard (AS / NZS 4708), along with the Australian standard for chain of custody for forest products (AS 4707) are key components of the Responsible Wood certification scheme.

On the cover: Rodney Carter, Dja Dja Wurrung CEO, speaking to attendees in the Wombat State Forest.

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Trans-Tasman forestry minds come together for ANZIF 2023

SOME of the brightest minds in forestry from Australia and New Zealand will come together next October to share knowledge on how to best manage both countries' forests and the wide range of values they offer society.

This month, Forestry Australia and the New Zealand Institute of Forestry launched the joint ANZIF 2023 Conference, which will be held in Coolangatta from 15-19 October 2023.

Close to 400 forest scientists, professionals, and growers are expected to participate in a range of sessions under the theme; Embracing our natural capital: The science, technology, and art of managing forests



Industry enthusiasts from Australia and New Zealand will come together in October 2023

ahead for sustainable forestry.

"Australia and New Zealand are two nations rich with forestry history and knowledge," Mr Treadwell said.

"By bringing together the best and brightest minds to share perspectives and insights on the latest developments in forest science and management, ANZIF 2023 will make sure our corner of the globe can continue its world-leading reputation when it comes to sustainable forestry."

ANZIF Conference Program Committee Chair, Dr Madaline Healey, said the program will feature two and a half days of plenary and concurrent sessions, workshops, networking and field trip opportunities with a wide range of topics and themes.

"Forestry is such a diverse sector, with so many talented individuals from varying fields of expertise making positive contributions to the sector and society," Dr Healey said.

"The program committee has been working hard to make sure ANZIF 2023 has something for everyone with an interest in forestry, and we are inviting experts from all related fields to put forward their topics for consideration when calls for abstracts open in the coming weeks."

The ANZIF 2023 Conference is taking place Sunday 15 – Thursday 19 October, 2023 at the Twin Towns Conference Centre, Coolangatta, Queensland.

for all values.

Conference convener and Forestry Australia vice president, Jim Wilson said ANZIF provided a vital platform for collaboration and learning to continue the

momentum established by previous sector conferences.

"The key objective of conferences such as ANZIF is to ensure that the many social, cultural, environmental and economic benefits forests provide are able to be enjoyed by societies for generations to come," Mr Wilson said.

“THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE WITH AN INTEREST IN FORESTRY”

"ANZIF 2023 will build on the enormous success of Forestry Australia's 2022 Symposium held in Albury, the 2021 National Conference in Tasmania, and the last joint conference held in Christchurch in 2019 to make sure foresters can continue to work together towards a positive future for the sector."

New Zealand Institute of Forestry President James Treadwell said the sharing of knowledge across the Tasman would help both nations prepare for the opportunities and challenges

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Cream of harvesting on show at the inaugural Fast and Forward Forestry Expo

PERSISTENT rain in Rotorua did not dampen the enthusiasm of international Australian/New Zealand machinery equipment companies at the “Inaugural Fast and Forward Forestry Expo” hosted by the New Zealand Forest Industry Contractors Association (FICA) at Rotorua Racecourse on the 18th and 19th of November.



1 & 2/ The Rotorua Mayor Tania Tapsell addressed the Expo dinner, as Jeremy Corbett MC'd the event. A charity auction was held which raised \$40,000.



3/ Heather Robinson, Moline Illinois USA-based General Manager Global Distribution for Waratah Forestry Attachments, speaking with Rotorua-based Jules Larsen, General Manager Distribution and Operations for Waratah Asia Pacific and Africa Operations; in front of a new Waratah 625 felling head - inside the extensive Waratah felling head tent at the expo.
4/ Brett Jones Managing Director, Komatsu Forest Australasia, and Masahiro Sera, Komatsu's Chief Product Manager, Production Division Osaka plant in Japan, front of a PC 300 Komatsu excavator - just one of several Komatsu machines exhibited at the expo.

Russia's war is changing wood pellet market

THE international trade of wood pellets has increased yearly for over ten years thanks to growing demand in Europe and Asia. Although shipments in the first half of 2022 were practically unchanged from the same period in 2021, an anticipated increase in demand in Europe in the second half of the year is likely to make 2022 another record year of close to 30 million tons shipped worldwide.

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VFPA hopeful of future with re-elected Labor government

VICTORIA's forest industries have welcomed the re-elected Labor Government with a mandate to support forestry in tackling climate change and securing Victoria's future timber and fibre needs.

Victorian Forest Products Association (VFPA) CEO Deb Kerr said Victoria's renewable forest industries looked forward to continuing their work with the Labor Government to address the big issues facing the industry.

"We look forward to collaborating with key



Victorian Forest Products CEO Deb Kerr has welcomed the re-elected government.

critical for Victorian homes. With Melbourne set to become Australia's largest capital city, this wood will be increasingly in demand.

"Victoria's native hardwood and plantation industry significantly contributes to carbon sequestration. Every tree planted is a carbon sink and the harvested tree continues to store carbon in the wood for its lifetime. The

forestry industry is the path to achieve the aspirations of Victorian to achieve net zero. Victoria's forestry industry is the ultimate carbon capture and storage – and what's more, trees do this for free.

"We look forward to working with Premier Andrews and his team to realise the full potential of Australia's renewable forest industries," Deb Kerr concluded.

“THE FORESTRY INDUSTRY IS THE PATH TO NET ZERO

Ministers to push the most urgent issues in our sector:

- the role forestry can play to tackle climate change

- achieving self-sufficiency in timber

- easing labour shortages across the sector

- a sensible policy around native forests that delivers positive ecological outcomes and helps with fire management.

The Labor government is investing \$120M to expand Victoria's plantation estate, primarily in Gippsland. Wood sourced from plantations is

Labor wins historic third term

THE Labor Government has been returned to state parliament in Victoria with Dan Andrews winning a historic third term.

The party managed to secure a dominant win which was called early on election night with the Liberals now left leaderless and some say in a state of disarray.

The ALP has secured 51 of the available seats needing 45 to win. Votes for the key seat of Morwell continue to be counted along with six other seats and it's likely to

take a number of weeks until full counting is completed.

At print, the Nationals candidate Martin Cameron is leading the seat of Morwell with the preference count along with a 9% swing to the party.

Just days ahead of the election, there were turbulent scenes from the electorate as hundreds gathered for rallies against the Andrew's Government and the decisions to close native forests (see issue 734).

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Illegal logging in the spotlight with Timberter deal

THE governor of Rio Grande do Norte Ms Fatima Bezerra and Timbeter CEO Anna-Greta Tsahkna signed a cooperation agreement in the framework of COP27 in Sharm El Sheikh with the participation of Estonian Environment Minister Madis Kallas. The main aim of the agreement is to implement Timbeter technology to stop illegal logging and enhance transparent forest management in the Brazilian

state of Rio Grande do Norte.

According to Timbeter's founder and CEO, Ms Anna-Greta Tsahkna, 'the whole world keeps eyes on Brazil, especially on what is happening in the Amazon forests, and that it is clear that Brazil is back at the center of global climate change policymaking'.

"For Timbeter, this is a new, important breakthrough on the way to becoming a



The aim of the agreement is to stop illegal logging and enhance transparent management

global standard for precision forestry. For us, the signing of this cooperation agreement at COP27 has a significant meaning, clearly

demonstrating that Rio Grande do Norte is ready to boldly implement changes in the forest sector.

"Timbeter's technology has been very well received by the private sector in Brazil, and we are very happy to expand cooperation with the public sector, because only in the cooperation of the public and private sectors can big changes be implemented," said Ms Tsahkna.



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Call for overhaul of forest management systems after bushfire report

FORESTRY AUSTRALIA is calling for an overhaul of current forest management systems following a comprehensive report into the 2019-20 Victorian bushfires highlighted the need.

Jointly commissioned by the Victorian and Australian governments as parties to the Regional Forest Agreements (RFA), and conducted by an independent expert panel, the Major Event Review of the 2019-20 bushfires examined the impacts of the devastating bushfires on a wide range of forest uses and a range of forest values.

The review undertook extensive consultation with stakeholders, communities and Traditional Owners, and presented the two governments with 37 recommendations.

Forestry Australia vice president Jim Wilson said

“CURRENT SYSTEMS ARE INEFFECTIVE IN LIMITING BUSHFIRE IMPACTS

the report highlighted the need for a major overhaul of current forest management strategies so appropriate resources could be allocated to provide for the full range of forest uses and values in a balanced and holistic way.

"This report confirms that to avoid future repeats of 2019-20 and protect human life and biodiversity, forest and fire management must be viewed and managed at a landscape scale, with active management over long timeframes, using expert knowledge of forests and their processes," Mr Wilson said.

"In order to achieve this, and overcome Australia's wicked bushfire problem, we need all forest stakeholders to work together to manage our forests in a planned, strategic and considered manner, which unfortunately



Experts are calling for a number of improvements to forestry management to protect forests

the extent and frequency of severe bushfires were not reduced.

"The review found that of the 1.5 million hectares burnt in the 2019-20 bushfires, 1.39 million hectares of this was forested land, about half of which was burnt at high severity," Dr Bartlett said.

is not happening across the board right now.

"Through these strategies, we can conserve forests for a broader range of values, and proactively manage current pressures and increasing threats to our environment from climate change and the interrelated impacts of bushfires and invasive species."

Forestry Australia member Dr Tony Bartlett ASFM (Australian Fire Service Medal), who was part of the review's panel, said the report showed that old-growth and fire-sensitive forests would be lost if

"The state's current forest and fire management strategies are ineffective in limiting bushfire impacts on many important RFA values, including old growth, threatened species, and fire-sensitive communities."

Dr Bartlett said the review identified a number of improvements that could be made to land and fire management practices in Victoria, including expanding active and adaptive management, increasing collaboration with Traditional Owners, and expanding the range of forest industries.



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Global timber trade turbulence caused by the Russian invasion of Ukraine

First in a two-part series examining the timber supply chain impacts from the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

THE Russian invasion of Ukraine has unleashed a humanitarian crisis and added to mounting concerns of a sharp global economic slowdown.

Inflation and debt are surging, and poverty levels are spiking as the shocks from the conflict compound the damage arising from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Countries around the world have imposed sanctions on Russia and Belarus. They have retaliated by banning some trade – including in wood products – with what Moscow calls “unfriendly” countries. These include major timber importers the European Union (EU), the United Kingdom, the United States of America (US) and Japan.

Trade continues with China and India at an increased pace as prices for commodities such as oil and timber from Russia and Belarus to those countries



1/ Russian invasion of Ukraine has unleashed a humanitarian crisis, and added to mounting concerns of a sharp global economic slowdown.

2/ Implications of the Russian invasion of Ukraine on Asia-Pacific forest products trade. Source: Margules Groome.

have been heavily discounted.

Before the invasion of Ukraine Russia was the world’s largest exporter of sawn wood and the fourth-largest exporter of other wood products. While China is the largest recipient of Russian timber, absorbing roughly 40% of the total, Japan and EU-member Finland are also among the major importers. Moreover, a sizable share of imports of wood products into so-called “unfriendly” countries also came from Russia.

In addition, the two major wood certification organisations, the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) and the Programme for

the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) have labelled all timber from Russia and Belarus as “conflict timber”.

This timber can no longer be readily used in products deemed certified, which has impacted any country buying wood from Russia or Belarus to manufacture products for the international market.

Russia is a significant player in world markets for both softwood and hardwood products. In 2020 Russia exported over USD 8 billion in wood products, making it the world’s fourth largest exporter; in 2021 that number rose to USD 12 billion.

Russia is the largest supplier of birch plywood, a product in great demand in global markets.

In recent years annual imports of Russian birch plywood into Europe have been at around 1.5 million cubic metres (m3), with smaller but significant volumes going into the US market either directly from Russia or indirectly as plywood manufactured in China or Vietnam from imported Russian logs.

Trade embargoes by timber-importing countries and the export bans by Russia and Belarus have disrupted supply chains. Overall, these actions are expected to add to the volatility of wood markets in the EU and contribute to a significant wood supply deficit because around 45% of wood imports, by tonnage, into the EU from outside the bloc were formerly derived from Russia and Belarus. Data for the first quarter of 2022 suggest that the two countries' share of EU imports is already falling sharply.

Source: Tropical Forest Update (ITTO) Volume 31, No 2, 2022.

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Footy legend talks safety at Hyne event

FOOTBALL legend and sports presenter, Shane Webcke, was the guest speaker at a recent safety breakfast event hosted by the Hyne Group.

Webcke has a strong connection and commitment to work safety following the death of his father in a workplace incident.

As the Queensland Government's Safety Ambassador, Shane visits Queensland businesses, speaking with workers about the importance of staying safe at work and creating a strong safety culture.

James Hyne said the Hyne Group was proud to host a safety breakfast event with Shane as the speaker.

"Hyne Timber values and integrates safety in all that we do and supports all team members to be part of our

safety culture.

"Shane shared his inspirational story of the impact the workplace death of his father had on him and his family and the importance of staying safe at work," James said.

"He provided a heart-felt perspective on how safety for all team members is something that extends beyond our sites and business."

Hyne Timber temporarily shut down their Glulam plant so all team members could attend the event and extended the invitation to others across the business as well as over 20 local businesses and organisations.



Football player and sports presenter Shane Webcke spoke of workplace safety at a Hyne breakfast

Shane says enough time has passed that he can speak about the tragedy and the impact losing his dad 28 years ago has had on him and his family.

"My motivation for accepting the role as Workplace Health and Safety Queensland's Safety

Ambassador is linked to the fact that I lost my father in a preventable workplace accident," Shane said.

"If I can change the attitude of one person and perhaps prevent something like this from happening to another family – well, then it would have been worthwhile."

"On behalf of all those who attended, I would like to thank Shane and the Queensland Government for their contribution to making all workplaces safer," Mr Hyne said.

The event included a BBQ breakfast and an opportunity to ask Shane questions while reflecting on his talk.

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Is WA's planned pine plantation behind schedule?

THE Western Australia Opposition says the Forestry Minister's planned \$350 million purchase of land for the State's softwood plantation is already behind schedule.

It was revealed in Parliament last week that the Government had purchased land worth \$6.2 million out of the \$350 million 10-year program that is projected to bolster the supply of pine and softwood timber.

"The Forestry Minister has repeatedly stated that it is the government's preference to purchase land rather than enter into share farming agreements, so he is off to a very slow start so far," Shadow Minister for Forestry Steve Martin MLC said.

"When the program was announced, it was intended to provide "at least 33,000 hectares.

"Minister Kelly has been repeatedly questioned about the feasibility of adding that many hectares in the high-rainfall areas of the South West necessary to grow plantation timber. Well, it appears the task is more difficult than he imagined."

"\$6.2 million out of \$350million is not good enough. The available land is only going to get more expensive in coming years and the Minister will not meet the target of at least 33,000 hectares."

The Minister revealed that some share farming agreements had been established and the



The plantation was discussed in parliament with the opposition saying it's behind schedule and facing further delays

"It might be time for the Minister to re-evaluate the amount of land that the fund can add to the softwood plantation."

From the Minister's response, it is also clear that the softwood plantation is being expanded in traditional

farming areas further removed from the pine processing businesses.

"In the very first year of the program land has been acquired in West Arthur, Williams and Boddington. How far east does the Minister have to go to find enough land for the coming years?"

Government was negotiating with Water Corporation to access land, but the total figure added to the plantation is less than 1500 ha.

Agricultural land in the high rainfall zone has risen in value and Minister Kelly's ability to purchase land will diminish over time as that valuable land continues to appreciate.

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Indonesia and Papua New Guinea to New Zealand's rescue?

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AT the climate change Conference of the Parties (COP 21) meeting in Paris in 2015, New Zealand, along with most nations, pledged to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 and then again pledged a harder target at COP 26 in Glasgow.

New Zealand could easily achieve these targets by domestic action – mainly by offsetting gross emissions by planting pine trees on farmland - which would increase land covered in pine trees from only 14% of existing farmland now to around 20%.

However, so obsessed is the New Zealand government to either:

- Effectively ban planting many more new land pine trees in New Zealand, in order to save thousands of (often failing) sheep farms; or to:

- (Nonsensically) encourage the planting of hundreds of thousands of hectares of glacially slow-growing native trees on farmland to (even start) offsetting carbon in about 50 years,

that it has decided to "outsource" overseas most

of the carbon offsets needed to meet its new Paris targets.

New Zealand's target is to halve net greenhouse gas emissions by 2030*

It has decided instead, to go cap-in-hand to Asian countries to outsource two-thirds of its required carbon offsets by various means, including offshore tree planting and Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD) projects.

Climate Change Minister Shaw conceded that this plan "could well end up as a scheme where New Zealand pays poorer countries to plant trees", including in Indonesia and/or Papua New Guinea.

Minister Shaw avoided mentioning the 'bleeding obvious'; that the robustness of any carbon offsetting project in these and many other Asian countries is and will be fraught with very dubious carbon accounting.



Farmers from 50 shades of green rallied against plantation forestry in 2019.

NZ's total emissions reduction budget through to 2030 amounts to 149 million tonnes, with over 100 million tonnes coming from removals, offsets, and avoided emissions overseas.

The estimated cost of this adventure is 13 billion dollars, about the same as which NZ's biggest exporter, dairy earns in overseas funds annually.

How the NZ government will pay for it, with its overstretched post-Covid borrowing is anyone's guess.

More borrowing?

All this is, in the author's opinion, part of the fanciful dream that the world will suddenly reverse its almost continuous annual increases

in greenhouse gas emissions, and halve these emissions in the next decade;

- after global annual emissions have risen from 32.5 million tonnes of CO₂ in 1990, to 50 million tonnes in 2019 (still rising in 2022) – but required to halve by 2030, and to be at "net zero" by 2050.

- after the Egypt COP27 final Agreement (on 'loss and damage' funding) did not even mention any new program/targets to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

- after coal burning for heat and electricity is having a multi-year revival due to the Ukraine conflict

- and with COP28 in Dubai in UAE - a huge oil and gas exporter - promising to be a giant "lobby-fest" for thousands of delegates funded by oil and gas interests.

* Net emissions = Gross emissions less Removals (offset/land use, land-use change and forestry (LULUCF))



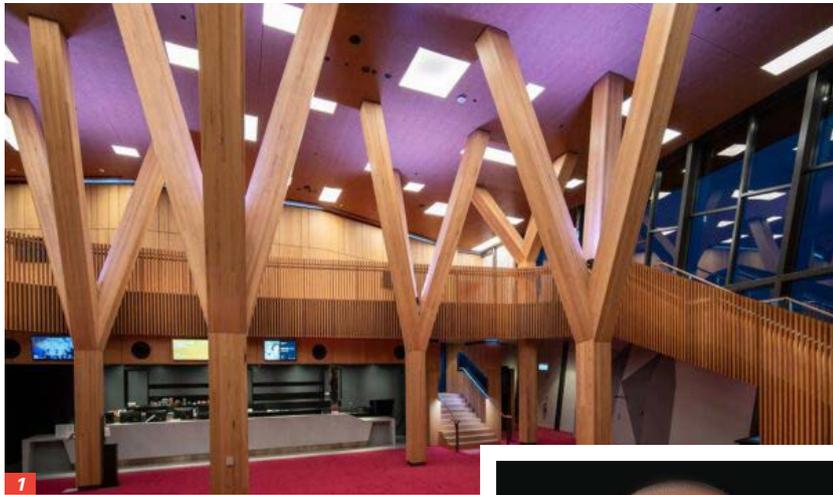
Mass-timber front and centre of landmark Australian build project

AUSTRALIA'S latest environmentally-friendly timber high-rise building is on track for construction, with new investment from the Clean Energy Finance Corporation (CEFC).

The landmark Melbourne project, developed and led by specialist global real estate group Hines, has also attracted finance from the Madigan Active Debt Fund, backed by the Victorian Funds Management Corporation.

The CEFC commitment of up to \$70 million in debt finance for the Melbourne T3 Collingwood development is the first project to be financed through the specialist CEFC Timber Building Program. The CEFC has nominally allocated \$300 million to the Timber Building Program, to help kick-start mass timber construction in Australia, which has the potential to substantially reduce embodied carbon.

The 15-story prime-grade office tower, located at 36 Wellington St Collingwood, will be one of Melbourne's tallest hybrid mass timber



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1/ The T3 Collingwood is the first timber addition to Hines portfolio.
2/ Madigan Capital founder and CEO Michael Wood says the company is investing in methods and materials to reduce carbon.

buildings. It will deliver a dual emissions reduction impact – cutting embodied carbon levels by as much as 40 per cent¹ during the construction phase and, once operational, target market-leading net zero emissions.

CEFC CEO Ian Learmonth said: “We are very pleased to announce T3 Collingwood as our first investment under the innovative CEFC Timber Building Program, which aims to encourage the use of mass timber in the construction sector. Mass timber can play an important role in decarbonising the buildings that make up our cities and this investment showcases how timber can be used to change the way we approach commercial-scale buildings.

“The commercial property sector has been making significant progress to



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reduce operational carbon, and we are pleased to now be accelerating the focus on embodied carbon. Timber has a vital role to play in addressing embodied carbon and represents the next frontier for the property industry. This project encourages owners, developers, architects, engineers and builders to use mass timber as an alternative to conventional construction materials such as concrete and steel for their projects.”

Hines Australia managing director Simon Nasa said: “Mass-timber construction is an important step in driving a sustainable future for the built environment we live and

work in. Not only is timber a completely renewable resource, but timber offices are also biophilic in creating a more natural working environment for tenants and their staff. This results in increased productivity and better mental health outcomes, helping to create the people-friendly live-work-play communities that Hines is known for.”

Madigan Capital founder and CEO Michael Wood commented: “As one of Australia's leading institutional non-bank lenders in the real estate market, we believe we have a responsibility to invest in projects that are working towards using sustainably sourced construction methods and materials to reduce operational and embodied carbon. We were keen to work with the CEFC on this development. The use of leading environmentally sustainable construction techniques strongly aligns with Madigan Capital's investment strategy.”

T3 Collingwood will be the first Australian addition to the Hines T3 global portfolio, a timber, transit, and technology-orientated development methodology which supports the delivery of credible decarbonisation pathways. The T3 construction replaces traditional structural systems such as concrete and steel with prefabricated solid wood systems, to create best-in-class projects in a fast, clean, sustainable, and aesthetically pleasing manner.

“THE PROGRAM ENCOURAGES THE USE OF MASS-TIMBER CONSTRUCTION”

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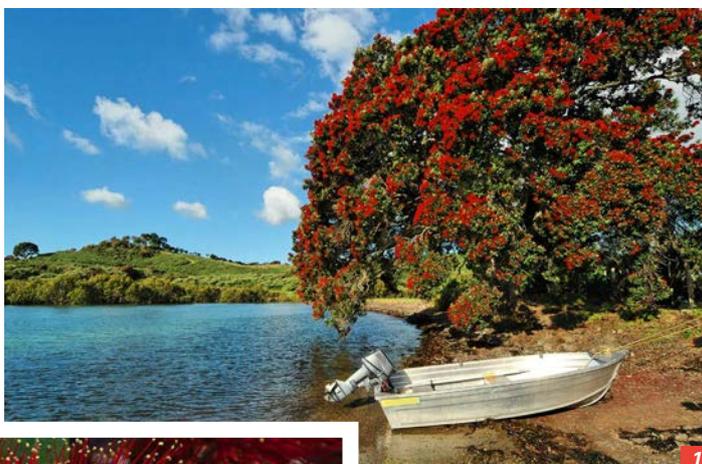
Coastal beauty a New Zealand Christmas celebration

One of twelve *Metrosideros* species endemic to New Zealand and its culture

THE pōhutukawa (*Metrosideros excelsa*), is New Zealand's most colourful flowering tree. Its canopy bursts into a sheet of brilliant crimson red (or occasionally orange, yellow or white) blossom in early summer, which earns it the alternative name of New Zealand Christmas Tree.

Pōhutukawa is a coastal evergreen tree in the myrtle family, Myrtaceae and is found on the Northern half of New Zealand's North Island, in evergreen coastal forest and scrubland on rocky bluffs and beach dunes. Pōhutukawa is reduced to a shrub by exposure on sea cliffs. Stretches of steep coastlines, such as in the Bay of Islands, are famed for the massed flowering of wind-shown pōhutukawa.

As with the *Eucalyptus* and *Callistemon* genera – which are also members of the myrtle family, though not close allies of *Metrosideros* - the pōhutukawa's vivid display comes from its flowers' long mass of stamens, which attract birds and insects as pollinators. Pōhutukawa has glossy, leathery leaves, and



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interesting aerial roots used to build in extra support as they drop from the branches to the ground and take root.

The pōhutukawa is one of twelve *Metrosideros* species endemic to New Zealand. Renowned for its ability to survive even perched on rocky, precarious cliffs, it has found an important place in New Zealand culture for its strength and beauty. The genus consists of about 50 species, mainly scattered

enable pōhutukawa and rata to flourish again in their natural habitat as icons in the hearts and minds of all New Zealanders".

Pōhutukawas are popular in cultivation. Its toughness in extreme coastal conditions has made it a favourite tree for seafront plantings in frost-free temperate regions. There are fine examples in most New Zealand North Island coastal towns.

Vigorous and easy to grow, the tree flourishes well south of its natural range and has naturalised in the Wellington area and in the north of the South Island. It has also naturalised on Norfolk Island.

Pōhutukawa trees have been introduced to other countries with mild-to-warm climates, including south-eastern Australia, where it is naturalising on coastal cliffs near Sydney. In coastal California, it is a popular street and park tree but has caused concerns in San Francisco where its root systems are blamed for destroying sewer lines and sidewalks.

In parts of South Africa, pōhutukawa grow so well that they are regarded as an invasive species. The Spanish city of A Coruña has adopted the pōhutukawa as its floral emblem.

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throughout the Pacific Islands as far east as Hawaii and the Marquesas.

In New Zealand, pōhutukawa trees are under threat from browsing by the introduced Australian brushtail possum. A charitable conservation trust, Project Crimson, is charged with reversing the decline of pōhutukawa and other *Metrosideros* species – its mission statement is "to



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Female apprentices shine at annual awards

WOMEN in trade have shone brightly at the recent SkillTech Apprentice Awards hosted by TAFE Queensland at Howard Smiths Wharves in Brisbane City.

Female apprentices were among the big winners with the awards celebrating and recognising apprentices and employers who are 'achieving greatness in their skills training, made possible by industry sponsors led by Construction Skills Queensland (CSQ)'.

The awards were highly competitive with more than 25,000 apprentices currently training in the sunshine state.

This year, four female apprentices were recognised as leaders in their trade category, taking out the top of the class in Construction,



1/ Ashlee Carter was among the female winners being awarded the Construction Apprentice of the Year.
2/ The event acknowledges apprentices and employers leading the industry.



Painting & Decorating, Plumbing & Gas Fitting, and School-based Apprentice of the Year awards.

“MORE WOMEN IN TRADE IS GREAT FOR QUEENSLAND

TAFE Queensland has partnered with organisations such as the National Association of Women In Construction (NAWIC) to help grow the number of women in trades.

“Across the state, TAFE Queensland has seen more than 60% cent increase in women training in traditional

trade courses since 201,” said SkillsTech general manager John Tucker during the event.

“Our female winners tonight are proof that more women in trades is great for Queensland, these women are not just participating in their industries, they are leading them.”

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The Genesis electric SUV certainly makes the cut

SOUTH Korean-born New Zealand golfer Lydia Ko reclaimed the No.1 spot in the latest Rolex women's world rankings released this month.

And so far this year she has pocketed almost \$6.5 million in winnings, attributed to her massive

drives such as the 317-metre slam from the tee on the 10th hole at the Scottish Open, proudly witnessed by her fiancée Hyundai heir Chung Jun who's a pretty good driver himself. He personally designed the racing-style Genesis GV60, a battery electric sub-compact luxury crossover SUV.

Above \$103,000 for a Hyundai I hear you say. Yes, but this is a Hyundai that's not a Hyundai ... it's a Genesis, assembled in Seoul and the first Genesis product to be developed on Hyundai's electric global modular platform shared by the Hyundai Ioniq 5 and the Kia EV6.

So while Genesis is



1/ Genesis GV60 ... 0-100km/h in 4 seconds and a top speed of 235 km/hour.

2/ Inside the Genesis GV60 ...lots of comfort equipment including Nappa leather seats, leather trim with real stitching for the dashboard, doors and console.



hardly a household name in Australia – and the South Korean manufacturer expects to sell hundreds rather than thousands of GV60s here – you feel this is the start of something big.

There are two GV60 models, the \$103,700 GV60 AWD and the GV60 Performance AWD at \$110,700 (plus on-road costs).

Both GV60s are dual motor all-wheel drives. The Performance AWD justifies its price premium with high-tech upgrades and a gutsier engine.

They include a Boost mode that delivers maximum power and torque for 10 seconds at a time, a mechanical limited slip rear differential, an adaptive suspension system

and 21-in.alloys shod with Michelin Pilot Sport rubber.

Befitting a \$100K-plus car, the comfort equipment list is huge and includes Nappa leather seats, leather trim with real stitching for the dashboard, doors and console, dual-zone climate control with a heat pump to reduce load on the high-voltage battery, an 18-way powered driver's seat with massage function, a 12-way powered front passenger seat and heating and ventilation for both front seats, a power tailgate with hands-free opening and powered reach and rake steering adjustment.

There is also a mountain of digital gear including cameras that act as rear-view mirrors, a fingerprint authentication

system and two 12.3-in. screens sitting together within a single frame on the dashboard for infotainment and instrumentation.

Embedded satellite navigation has augmented reality overlays instructions on live vision supplied by a forward-looking

digital camera.

The Genesis GV60's drivetrain comprises permanent magnet synchronised electric motors mounted on each axle fed by a 77.4kWh Lithium-ion battery pack. Drive to the wheels is via a single speed reduction gear.

The system makes 320kW/605NM without Boost Mode and 360kW/700Nm when the button on the steering wheel is pressed.

The GV60 Performance AWD claims a 0-100km/h in 4 seconds (4.6 seconds without Boost), a top speed of 235km/h, a range of 466km and an average electricity consumption rate of 19.1kWh per hour.

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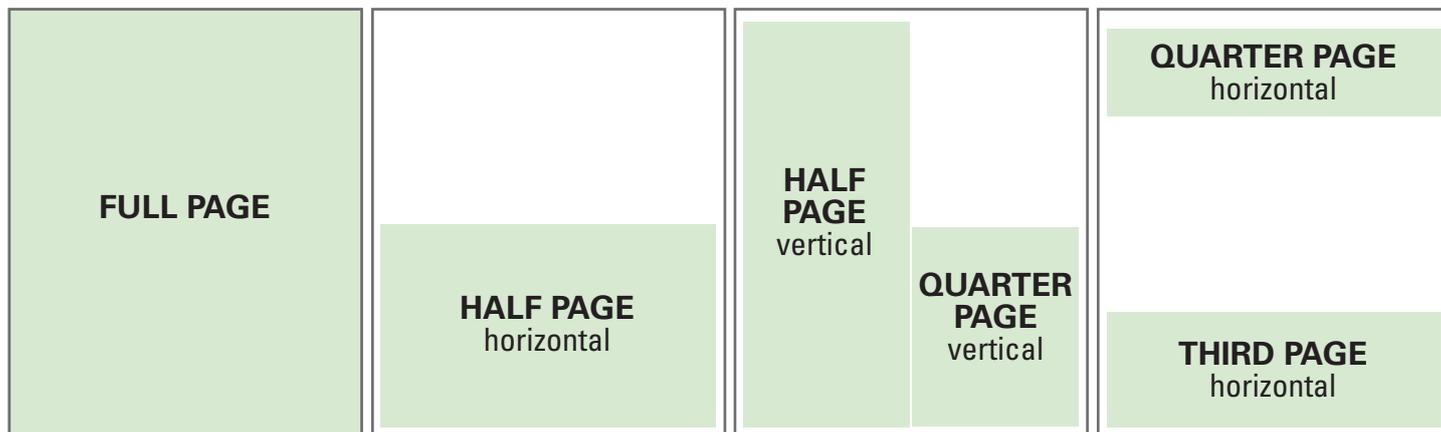
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