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Sustainable harvesting is essential. Wood is a vital part of construction and to keep this incredible resource available not only for today but for the future sustainability is no longer an option but a necessity. Sustainability is about the entire lifecycle not just simply replanting but intricately

taking care of the needs of the forest. This sustainability also helps to maximise carbon capture, as harvested trees retain a high percentage of the carbon they capture, when new trees are planted they then absorb carbon as they grow increasing the overall carbon capture of the forest.

Forestry Corporation is committed to ensuring the forest remains healthy and abundant with trees. Before a single tree is harvested, their team carry out detailed planning to ensure it will regrow into a thriving forest. Their highly specialised team includes ecologists, soil and water specialists, and foresters who complete

environmental surveys and create plans that align with forestry regulations.

Not only are they committed to seeing the forest remain healthy, but Forestry Corporation also looks to maintain balance with the unique features that the communities love such as cultural heritage, clean air, clean water, biodiversity and habitats.

Forestry Corporation has many ongoing current

operations from renewable harvesting, management, and replanting to managing pests and weeds. They are also actively involved in the management of bushfire recovery. They are one of the four firefighting authorities in NSW. Forestry Corporation is responsible for reducing hazards and the suppression of fires as a part of NSW's overall fire management.

"We put a great deal of effort and resources into preparatory and preventative measures to protect communities, neighbouring properties and State forests from bushfires."

As we head into summer, firefighting authorities across the country have been preparing. In NSW, Forestry Corporation is one that local communities and business can rely on to help protect the community this summer!

For more information click here.



1/ **Team working together for sustainable harvesting.** Photo: Forestry Corporation
2/ **Seedlings ready to be planted.** Photo: Forestry Corporation



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Colin Taranto wins the NSW State Award for VET Trainer of the Year

THE National Timber & Hardware Association (NTHA) proudly congratulates Senior Trainer, Colin Taranto on his remarkable achievement in being named the winner of the prestigious NSW State Award for VET Trainer of the Year at the 2023 NSW Training Awards.

Hailing from the Mid North Coast region in Northern NSW, an area surrounded by rich rural farmland and known for its robust timber industry, Colin Taranto's success is a testament to the dedication and talent found within the local community. Colin's achievements not only reflect his personal excellence but also highlight the strength and expertise of the region's workforce.

This outstanding recognition underscores Colin's significant impact on the timber and hardware industry through his dedicated delivery of qualifications in Timber Frame or Truss Manufacturing and Timber Systems Design at both the Certificate III and Certificate IV levels.

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Colin Taranto, NSW Award Winner VET Trainer of the Year

in Frame and Truss and 13 years in Technical Market development/Sales with timber manufacturers and wholesalers, Colin Taranto brings a wealth of practical knowledge and expertise to his role as a trainer. His commitment to excellence and innovation in vocational education and training (VET) is evident through his unwavering dedication to his students and the industry.

Colin Taranto's motivation to become a trainer stems from his desire to give back to an industry that has been an integral part of his life for as long as he can remember.

His mission is to address the significant skills shortage facing the industry by encouraging and developing local talent. Through his practical expertise and real-world experiences, Colin empowers trainees to gain a broader understanding of the industry and the people within it.

"I wanted to give back to an industry that has been a part of my life for as long as I can remember. By encouraging and developing local talent, I aim to address the significant skills shortage our industry is facing. Sharing my practical expertise and experiences

allows trainees to gain a broader understanding of the industry and the people within it," expresses Taranto.

David Little, CEO of NTHA, states, "Colin is a perfect example of everything a VET trainer should be. He is a well-respected industry professional who left the timber workplace to give something back to the industry he loves. His dedication, practical expertise, and passion for nurturing local talent have made a significant impact in many, many young lives. We extend our warmest congratulations to Colin and wish him the best as he competes at the national level."

Colin Taranto's journey now takes him to the national stage, as he represents NSW at the prestigious Australian Training Awards, which showcase the best practices in vocational education and training (VET) nationwide. His accomplishments thus far and his commitment to excellence make him an exemplary candidate for this coveted recognition.

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Minister Sharpe is blunt when it comes to logging. Is timber really a threat to koalas?

THERE are renewed concerns that NSW may be going the route of WA and Victoria in their attempts to end native forest logging, an act that would cause a timber supply shortage.

Ray Hadley recently took to the air on his show on 2GB to discuss the issue, emphasising that logging and deforestation are two very

“TIMBER HAS NO IMPACT ON KOALA DENSITY OR POPULATION”



NSW State Forest... concerns that NSW may attempt to end native forest logging.

different things. “88% of State Forest of NSW are under the Forest Corp management on behalf of the State. They are permanently set aside from any harvesting. That means only 12% is able to be harvested. In any one year, 0.13% is harvested to

supply our people with timber we badly need for building, including furniture, floors, decks, and framework”, reported Mr Hadley.

Ray continued to explain that logging is being scandalously misrepresented as deforestation, however, that is far from the truth.

Australian native forest by-laws require every tree that is harvested must be regenerated, something the scientists behind the logging operations are eager to do.

“Skilled forest scientists put their lives work into this. They love the forest; they would not harm them or their health” explained Mr Hadley.

Mr Hadley then spoke with James Jooste, CEO of the Australia Forest Products Association, who confirmed how far logging is from

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Sustainable pioneer: Off The Rail's dedication to eco-friendly excellence

NESTLED in the Northern Rivers Region, Off The Rails (OTR) in Byron Bay is a shining example of sustainability. Established in 2015 by Julian Simpson, OTR has become the leading retailer of reclaimed railway sleepers and bridge timbers along Australia's East Coast, championing the cause of sustainability through timber re-purposing.

OTR's unwavering commitment to ethical sourcing practices is a testament to its core mission. The company salvages timber from railway lines, industrial buildings, and bridges across Australia, supplying sustainable materials for



The Longwood Property in Possum Creek features reclaimed timber.

construction, renovations, and landscaping.

Through Julian's proactive efforts, OTR has acquired



Julian Simpson, owner of Off The Rails, championing the cause of sustainability through re-purposing timber.

over 30,000 railway sleepers and secured numerous substantial contracts, including acquiring hundreds of bridge timbers. These initiatives have breathed new life into timber resources, providing an eco-friendly alternative and playing a

pivotal role in curbing the logging of native forests.

Julian's dedication to supplying reclaimed timber has significantly transformed Byron Bay's real estate industry, turning it into a hotspot for eco-conscious building materials favoured by A-list designers and homeowners alike. Recently, OTR has earned recognition as a finalist in

two prestigious categories at the Northern Rivers Business Excellence Awards: "Excellence in Sustainability" and "Micro Business."

The nomination in the Sustainability category underscores OTR's commitment to environmentally responsible practices, setting new benchmarks in recycling and reusing materials. They actively contribute to forest

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recovery and wildlife habitat preservation, catalysing sustainable practices within the industry.

Julian was enthusiastic about the nominations and OTR's role in the sustainable materials movement. He stated, "This recognition underscores our dedication to business excellence and sustainable practices, which form the bedrock of our success. I take pride in positively impacting our community and the environment while delivering exceptional products to our valued customers."

However, OTR's commitment to sustainability

extends far beyond business. They have forged a transformative partnership with the Byron Bay Wildlife Sanctuary, contributing over \$15,000 worth of reclaimed timber to enhance the park's rejuvenation. This collaboration represents a momentous step in the Sanctuary's transformation into a premier bio-park, symbolising the profound

impact of conscientious choices in fostering a greener future.

Julian expressed his enthusiasm for the initiative: "We are delighted to contribute to the Byron Bay Wildlife Sanctuary's evolution into a bio-park. Our dedication to repurposing reclaimed timber aligns perfectly with the Sanctuary's mission to safeguard native wildlife."

Amanda Gorvin, the General Manager of the Byron Bay Wildlife Sanctuary, warmly welcomed this collaboration, expressing her gratitude for the donation. This contribution enhances the Sanctuary's visual appeal and supports its mission dedicated to respecting, protecting, and enjoying Australian native wildlife.

The Byron Bay Wildlife Sanctuary, now under the

stewardship of the Byron Bay Wildlife Hospital, is on a transformative journey to become an eco-sanctuary that inspires and engages the community in securing the best outcomes for Australian wildlife. With plans for structural and aesthetic upgrades, habitat enhancements for resident wildlife, and a strong focus on ethical and sustainable offerings, the Sanctuary is evolving into an interactive wildlife park that sets the standard for eco-conscious endeavours.

The Northern Rivers Business Excellence Awards winners will be unveiled on September 16, 2023, marking a significant milestone in OTR's journey, and highlighting the crucial role of micro-businesses in promoting sustainability, excellence, and community engagement.



1/ A pathway of reclaimed timber in Tintenbarn.



2/ The Range Estates has pathways made from railway sleepers.



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11-12: 71st International Softwood Conference – Hilton Vienna Park Hotel Vienna. The conference will offer the opportunity to scrutinise trends in the timber market focusing on facts and figures showing softwood production as well as consumption. Further more info visit <https://isc2023.com/>

15-18: 2023 ANZIF Conference

– Twin Towns Conference Centre, Tweed Heads, NSW. The Conference is an exciting joint event from both Forestry Australia and The New Zealand Institute of Forestry. The theme of the conference, “Embracing Our Natural Capital: The Science, Technology and Art of Managing Forests For All Values”, will facilitate conversation and collaboration – highlighting the need for active and adaptive management of our natural capital using evidence-based and emerging innovation, technology, skills and knowledge to support our forests and secure our future. For full details, visit www.forestryconference.com.au

23-25: Global Woodchip And Biomass Trade Conference And Networking Event –

Singapore. Following on from the inaugural 2022 DANA-Ginkgo event last year, the organisers are once again bringing together international experts to discuss the issues facing the trade. The three-day event includes comprehensive networking opportunities and will be followed by a post-conference field trip. For more details and to book, visit <https://danaevents.co.nz/2023singapore/home>

27: GTTIA Gala Dinner and Awards Night – The Barn, Mt Gambier, SA. Tickets now on sale at www.gttia.com

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9-10: Sustainability summit and awards 2023 – Sydney. The event begins with the summit, with its topics ranging from the Brisbane

2032 Olympics builds to Designing for Resilience and Sustainability Certification and Compliance, held at Allianz Stadium in Sydney and online. Then on Day 2, the prestigious awards will be held at the Sydney Cricket Ground. Tickets start at \$149. Visit www.sustainablebuildingawards.com.au/#s-summit

12-17: Gottstein Understanding Wood Science Course – Canberra. Companies and interested individuals are encouraged to register their place/s soon to ensure they do not miss out on this respected learning opportunity. Full details at <https://gottsteintrust.org/grants-courses/understanding-wood-science-course> or email team@gottsteintrust.org

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deforestation. “Only fourteen out of every ten thousand trees in the state forest are actually harvested ... those trees are naturally regrown and regenerated,” said Mr Jooste.

Central to the debate is the view that logging is affecting wildlife such as the koalas. NSW Environment Minister Penny Sharpe recently commented that we could see koalas in NSW become extinct. However, is that another misrepresentation?

“We know that timber has no impact on koala density or populations in State Forests. There has been some excellent work by some pre-eminent scientists, like Dr Brad Laws, but also through the Natural Resource Commission, that has told

us that selective harvesting under the rule-set we have in NSW has no impact on koala population ... at the end of the day, we want to put science back into the heart of this debate,” said Mr Jooste.



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Jacinta Colley to chair Australian Timber Importers Federation board

At a critical Australian Timber Importers Federation (ATIF) Board meeting held recently at the Stora Enso warehouse facility in Melbourne, several structural and operational issues were addressed including the future composition of the Board and matters connected to the relationship with the Federal Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) in addressing illegal logging due diligence compliance infringement actions.

At the meeting long-serving Chairman Nils Koren announced his retirement from the Board after a lengthy service as Chair. Nils had also represented the timber importing and wholesaling sector on Federal government committees, including the Forest Industry Advisory Council and has been central to the growth and advocacy successes of ATIF over many years.

“INCREASE THE NUMBER OF BOARD MEMBERS TO EIGHT

With unanimous support Jacinta Colley, a senior executive with a Vida-Canfor was elected to the position of Chair. She brings a wealth of experience in the timber industry and is widely respected across the timber industry supply chain. Jacinta has also been closely associated with the growth of the Vida-Canfor business across Australia as the importance of well-credentialed, compliant



1/ Post Board meeting chat Natalie Reynolds, Managing Director and Chief Legal Counsel Hikari Solutions; Wyn Bromiley, Dindas Australia and incoming Chair Jacinta Colley.

2/ Board meeting host Darrin Wheeler, Stora Enso with retiring Chairman Nils Koren.

3/ Catching up over lunch are Glenn Tilling, Tilling Timber; David Meyer, Meyer Timber, and Alan Bones, Woodhouse Timber.

imported structural softwood products are increasingly recognised as critical to Australia's building and construction aspirations.

Given the increasing prominence of the timber

importing sector the ATIF Board agreed to increase the number of board members to eight and will be inviting nominations from identified companies in the timber importing and wholesaling sector soon.

The Board was joined by senior representatives of leading importing companies to participate in a presentation on aspects of DAFF's performance in relation to illegal logging compliance and issuing infringement notices. The Board subsequently resolved to progress this matter with the Board's legal representative. This work will commence immediately. Further advice to ATIF member companies will be provided at an appropriate time.

General manager John Halkett acknowledged that the work of ATIF had escalated in line with the increasing supply dominance of softwood and hardwood imports and associated disruptions to domestic and international supply channels. He noted that the ATIF Board had approved additional resources to assist with administrative and accounting functions.

"We collectively have a debt to the valuable contribution that Nils Koren had provided to the Board and the wider wholesale and importing sector over many years. I know the future of ATIF will be in good hands with Jacinta Colley as Chair. I will be looking forward to working closely with her in the future during what is likely to be an ongoing challenging time for timber supply chain and importers specifically as they seek to replace some traditional supply lines with new sources and to ensure compliance with Australia's building codes and demanding illegal logging due diligence requirements."

Forest Contractors: An unsung bush fire fighting force

THE return of El Nino conditions and a rapid and early start to the fire season are pertinent reminders of the importance of planning, preparation, and personnel when it comes to preventing and combating bush fires. This is particularly true in the challenging terrain typical of forest areas.

Forest contractors are an unsung but critical part of the fire management arrangements. Their knowledge, skill, experience, and contribution deserves recognition, General Manager of the Australian Forest Contractors Association Tim Lester said today.

"During the 2019-20 summer forest contractors



Tim Lester... General Manager of Australian Forest Contractors Association

performed an enormous amount of difficult and dangerous work to fight fires and to keep roads and tracks open so other firefighting crews could get in and out," Tim Lester said.

"This work was often at their own personal cost to save lives, done to protect private property, community assets and important environmental areas.

"They could do it because they were in the right places,

had the right equipment and knew what they were doing, thanks to a sustainable, renewable, and viable production forestry industry.

"Uncontrolled wildfire is incredibly damaging and

one of the major threatening processes that impact on biodiversity. At a landscape scale there is no evidence that managed and sustainable timber harvesting has any influence on the occurrence or severity of fire.

"On the other hand, unmanaged forests have increased risk. It makes no sense to create new conservation areas only to lose all of those plants and animals in a fire.

"AFCA is incredibly concerned about mounting risks in areas where the contracting workforce has disappearing or been significantly reduced. Who will be there when the fires come?" Tim Lester said.

“ UNSUNG BUT CRITICAL PART OF THE FIRE MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS ”

Want to live in a greenhouse?

FRENCH architect, Vincent Callebaut, has conceptualised a potential new way of living where an entire district is car-free and predominantly built from timber.

In the Lake

Geneva region of Switzerland, Vincent Callebaut was inspired by the area's greenhouse heritage. It is his vision to create a fresh district where urban housing meets flowering meadows, fruit trees, and plenty of green space.



A fresh sustainable district conceptualised by Vincent Callebaut.

The heart of the project is to utilise timber from harvested Swiss forests to create a sustainable utopia. The buildings will also be adorned with a burnt timber known as 'Shu Sugi Ban' that resists fire, insects, and fungi.

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The Ultimate Renewable™ campaign launch in Sydney

RESPONSIBLE Wood was proud to attend the launch of the Forest & Wood Products Australia (FWPA) The Ultimate Renewable campaign by the Australian Forest Products Association (AFPA). The prestigious event, hosted at the iconic NSW Parliament House in Sydney, marked a significant milestone in championing the sustainable virtues of wood and was attended by campaign ambassador Adam Dovile.

The Ultimate Renewable™ campaign, championed by the FWPA, seeks to illuminate the myriad benefits of wood while motivating individuals and industries to make choices that serve both humanity and the environment. The core objective is to raise awareness about the sustainability of wood through education and evidence-based information, with the ultimate aim of fostering a safer and healthier world for future generations.

At the heart of this campaign is the notion that sustainable wood originates from forests that are meticulously managed with the future in mind. In Australia, forestry professionals oversee wood products from planting to harvest, an approach that effectively curtails resource depletion and plays a pivotal role in combatting climate change by enhancing carbon dioxide removal and storage within wood products.

The Ultimate Renewable™ platform is dedicated to enriching public understanding of wood sustainability. It provides research-backed information, dispels prevailing



L to R: Tim Lester, General Manager, AFCA, Adam Dovile, The Ultimate Renewable™ campaign ambassador, James Jooste, AFPA NSW CEO, and Matt de Jongh, Responsible Wood.



1/ Adam Dovile sharing the campaign message during a Q&A sessions with James Jooste.
2/ Adam Dovile and Matt de Jongh.



misconceptions, and acts as a conduit that connects individuals with sustainable materials and craftspeople, thereby facilitating responsible choices for personal well-being and planetary health. This initiative further highlights the inherent beauty and adaptability of wood products, empowering consumers to make sustainable choices that align with their values.

The Ultimate Renewable™ campaign operates through three fundamental pillars:

LIVE: This segment

explores innovative ways to integrate wood products into daily life, spanning home decor, fashion, and lifestyle choices. By celebrating the natural beauty and versatility of wood, LIVE endeavours to redefine individuals' perception of wood and accentuate its

“CELEBRATING THE NATURAL BEAUTY AND VERSATILITY OF WOOD”

role as the Ultimate Renewable™ in their lives.

MAKE: MAKE introduces audiences to experts and artisans who specialize in certified sustainable wood. It offers invaluable guidance for DIY wood projects, connecting people with accomplished makers who inspire responsible choices and creativity.

ACT: ACT focuses on knowledge and action. It invites individuals to broaden their comprehension of how wood products align with sustainability principles. By advocating for conscious choices, ACT serves as a pivotal platform for transformative change, fostering growth and learning toward a sustainable future.

Reflecting on the significance of the event, Responsible Wood Sustainability Manager Matt de Jongh, stated, "Responsible Wood is committed to advancing sustainable forestry practices and responsible wood sourcing. This initiative resonates with our core values, and we are thrilled to be part of a movement that promotes environmentally responsible choices."

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Ancient wood still holds up

IN view of the stunning beauty that is Kalambo Falls, Zambia, archaeologists have unearthed a remarkable piece of human ancestry. A team of scientists have discovered a wooden structure dating back 476,000 years!

Ancient wood is rarely discovered by archaeologists due to it disappearing after rot. However, the high-water levels of Kalambo Falls have reserved this wonderful insight into history.

Previously, it was believed

that Stone Age humans were nomadic. However, the wooden structure proves that the inhabitants were building wooden structures earlier than what was known to be possible.

Expert analysis reveals that the logs were intentionally cut and shaped to notch together



The ancient wood was excavated in Kalambo Falls in Zambia.

to form a foundation for a platform or dwelling.

Professor Larry Barham, from University of Liverpool; said: "This find has changed how I think about our early ancestors. Forget the label 'Stone Age,' look at what these people were doing: they made something new, and large, from wood. They used their intelligence, imagination, and skills to create something they'd never seen before, something that had never previously existed."

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Tim Lester, General Manager of the Australian Forest Contractors Association, emphasized the campaign's importance, saying, "The Ultimate Renewable campaign underscores the

critical role that wood plays in building a sustainable future, and it aligns perfectly with our industry's commitment to responsible practices."

James Jooste, CEO of AFPA NSW, expressed his enthusiasm, stating, "We are

excited to launch the Ultimate Renewable campaign and work together to educate and inspire the public about the incredible sustainability of wood."

By supporting initiatives such as the Ultimate Renewable campaign,

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On the cover: Adam Dovile, The Ultimate Renewable™ brand ambassador with young pine trees.

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Be bushfire ready this summer!

IT is nearly summer once again. Australian firefighting authorities have already been preparing the teams of amazing people who fight those fires on the frontlines. However, being prepared for bushfires is everyone's responsibility!

Each state and territory have information available to help your household and business be bushfire ready.

HERE ARE SOME OF THE TIPS:

- Have a discussion with your household and loved ones about fire season, evacuation plans and fire hazards. Remember the fire itself is not the only hazard, some additional hazards include smoke, embers, radiating heat and toxic fumes.
- Make sure staff at your business are clear and up to date on evacuation plans and the potential fire hazards that are present at your business.
- QLD recommends having an emergency evacuation kit with essential supplies easily accessible. For your household this could look like your important documents such as birth certificates and passports and a change of clothes for each person. Western Australia recommends that your emergency kit contains an independent power and water supply. It is important that everyone in the household knows where the emergency evacuation kit is.



Remember to think of ALL who live on your property or business as you make your bushfire plans. Photo: DFES WA



Homes in Canberra destroyed by bushfire reminds all of the importance of bushfire readiness. Photo: CBR ACT

- An emergency evacuation kit for your business should include things like water and a first aid kit. It could also include making sure that your backups are up to date and important documents are kept in easy to collect places with carry bags nearby in case of an emergency evacuation

where you are given time to collect some essentials.

- Identify hazards around your home and business and reduce those as much as possible. For example, NSW advises keeping grass cut low and the space around your home clear. Another area to check is the gutters

on your home and business.

- Western Australia notes that preparing your pets and livestock is an important aspect of being bushfire ready. Pets should be properly microchipped and have name tags and livestock counts should be kept current. Recent photographs can also be helpful in identifying pets and livestock after a bushfire event.

- If you live in a rural area, there are additional things you can do such as installing fire breaks. The Northern Territory includes information about firebreaks on their website.

- Make sure you know what your state's emergency alert system is and check it regularly. This could be a website or app and could include fire danger warning signs along the roads.

- Make sure you have the key information such as local and state bushfire numbers, and websites handy in case of emergency.

- Also check out your state's website as some states have additional resources such as Victoria and Tasmania. Victoria offers fire preparation meetings and workshops for those

who would like more information. Tasmania runs a six-week program that is full of weekly challenges for your family or household to complete to become bushfire ready.

Click on your state to see more information: [ACT](#) | [NSW](#) | [NT](#) | [QLD](#) | [SA](#) | [TAS](#) | [VIC](#) | [WA](#)



Protect your home or business by checking if the space around your buildings is clear. Photo: DFES WA

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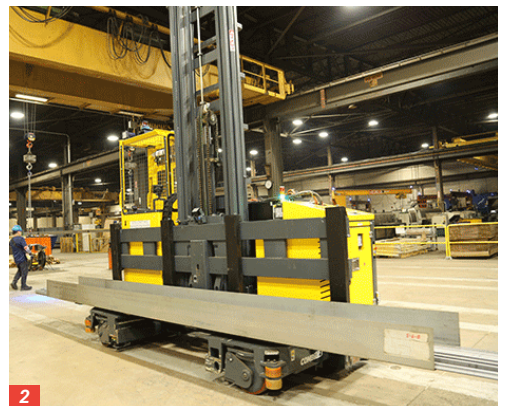
The Combi-LC facilitates the transport of wind turbine components, handling lengths of up to 115m and weights of about 70t. This system streamlines the movement across production stages and to storage sites, even spanning distances of up to 5km.

As the green energy sector continually pushes the boundaries of height and size for components like wind turbine towers and blades, there arises an ever-growing need for novel methods to transport these finished products from the manufacturing facility to the storage yard before dispatch to their intended destinations. Combilift has collaborated with industry giants in this sector to engineer stable and highly efficient lifting solutions for these challenging and exceptionally valuable loads, culminating in the creation of the Combi-LC.

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1/ **Combi-LC transporting a wind turbine blade.** Photo: Combilift



2/ **Combi-AGT transporting steel without a driver.** Photo: Combilift



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mounted clamp toward its narrower tip.

Notably, this root side unit represents the first Combi-LC iteration to feature a cab, a customization made at the request of our customers. This addition proves invaluable, especially when traversing the 5km distance to reach the storage yard. When not engaged in lifting duties, the cab-equipped Combi-LC can travel at an impressive 10km/h, significantly expediting the operator's commute. It's worth mentioning that these units often operate in demanding environments with less-than-ideal ground conditions, making their robust design and adaptability all the more essential.

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THE COMBI-AGT

The Combi-AGT is a 4-wheel electric stand-on sideloader, which

harnesses the very latest smart technology to meet customer demands for driverless sideloader capability with a capacity of 5,000kg/11,000lbs.

This enhanced adaptive safety system enables the size of the obstacle detection fields to increase or decrease as per the steer angle and speed of the truck. The natural feature navigation system is superior to traditional methods of truck navigation based on wire guidance or artificial landmarks such as reflectors. Instead, it uses the naturally occurring features in a warehouse – walls, racking, and columns for example, avoiding the need to add to or change the warehouse infrastructure.

The patent pending load dimension detection system operates by performing a laser scan of the load to check that its length matches the task sent to the machine.

Similarly, when unloading, it checks that the rack in front has sufficient free space to accept the load.

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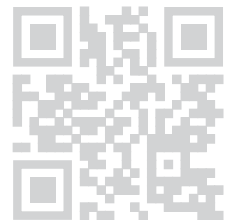
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Prominent Australian businesses embrace sustainable forestry at HVP Plantations

AUSTRALIAN businesses have taken a significant stride in recognising the pivotal role of sustainable forestry, in the lead-up to the annual FSC Forest Week celebration from September 23rd to 29th. This week-long campaign championed sustainable forest management's crucial role in addressing pressing global concerns such as deforestation, biodiversity loss, and climate change. On September 19th, a diverse group of Australian businesses, comprising FSC promotional licence holders and certificate holders, convened for an extraordinary event hosted by HVP Plantations, the first-ever Australian FSC forest management certificate holder.

Amidst the greenery of HVP Plantations' estate, participants fully immersed themselves in the fascinating intricacies of the plantation life cycle. They delved deeply into the driving forces behind HVP's unwavering commitment to FSC certification and forest stewardship and gained profound insights into the environmental and social measures HVP Plantations have adopted to meet FSC's rigorous standards.

HVP has also achieved Responsible Wood forest certification making it the first forest company in Australia to have achieved dual certification. Responsible

Wood is endorsed by the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC).

Melanie Robertson, CEO of FSC Australia and New Zealand, reflected on the event, saying, "This year's FSC Forest Walk brought together diverse members of our FSC community, representing various links in the supply chain, to offer them an authentic firsthand encounter with an FSC-certified forestry operation."

Spanning multiple locations within the expansive western HVP Plantations estate, this year's event brought together representatives from FSC-certified organisations such as Visy, Kimberly Clark, and Timberlink, as well as promotional licence holders including Coles, Officeworks, Hallmark, and more. Collectively, the group explored the intricate realm of FSC forest management practices.

Melanie conveyed her appreciation, saying, "We would like to offer our sincere thanks to Koby Phillips, a Traditional Owner from the Wadawurrung Traditional Owners Aboriginal

Corporation, who delivered a heartfelt Welcome to Country and highlighted the importance of caring for Country. FSC ANZ extends its gratitude to all those who attended and expresses our profound appreciation to HVP Plantations for their steadfast dedication to maintaining FSC's rigorous standards for responsible forest management. We are also thankful to them for orchestrating this exceptional and enlightening event for our stakeholders."

Beyond celebrating FSC Forest Week, this event served as a pivotal moment for Australian businesses within the FSC community. It afforded them the unique opportunity to witness the tangible impact of sustainable forestry practices on the environment, biodiversity, and climate change mitigation. With HVP Plantations leading the way, the event fostered an environment for participants to learn, connect, and

collaborate in their shared mission to champion a more sustainable future.

As FSC Forest Week unfolded from September 23rd to the 29th, the focus remained on raising awareness about the importance of sustainable forestry and encouraging consumers to check for the FSC label on forest fibre products. This year's theme, "Trust the Tree," emphasised the significance of choosing products bearing the FSC label as an assurance of a brand's support for sustainable forestry. Australian and New Zealand brands showcased their FSC-certified products this week, proudly underscoring their commitment to sustainable forest management and the enduring protection of thriving forests for generations to come.

Established in 2001, the Forest Stewardship Council Australia and New Zealand (FSC ANZ) operates as an independent national office of FSC International. FSC is a non-profit organisation that covers more than 150 million



1/ **Melanie Robertson, CEO of FSC Australia and New Zealand, sharing on their commitment sustainable forestry.**



2/ **Tim McBride, Environment and Certification Manager at HVP Plantations, sharing their commitment to FSC practices.**

“COMMITTED TO SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY PRACTICES”

McDonald's builds latest restaurant out of timber

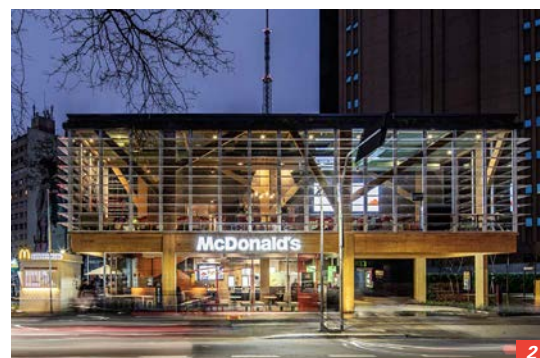
THE latest restaurant in the McDonald's franchise is turning heads with its unique sustainable design. The creative architects from Superlimão Studio have built a McDonald's in São Paulo, Brazil, out of mass timber. Superlimão Studio used cross-laminated timber for the restaurant's biomimetic design that was inspired by the local trees.

The goal behind the new restaurant was to demonstrate to the public that more sustainable construction techniques are available.

"From the beginning of the project we have been steadfast in promoting the



1/ Inside the McDonald's in São Paulo, Brazil. The use of CLT timber was inspired by trees. Photo: Maira Acayaba



2/ The newly-opened restaurant highlights how important timber is in global sustainability. Photo: Maira Acayaba

sustainability story and the impact this theme would have when implemented in a democratic environment like McDonald's", said Maria Fernanda, architect.

Timber is used throughout

the restaurant from floor to ceiling, therefore reducing McDonald's carbon footprint by the timber absorbing the carbon dioxide rather than releasing it into the air. This incredible feat of architecture once again highlights the

importance timber holds in global sustainability. With a popular, global brand such as McDonald's seeing the sustainable value in timber, hopefully more companies will look to timber solutions when considering their builds.

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hectares of certified forests – and provides the world's most credible, sustainable forestry solution, trusted by NGOs, consumers, and businesses to help promote healthy and resilient forests, for all, forever. Equally governed by environmental, social, and economic perspectives, FSC helps forest managers, smallholders, and governments ensure thriving forest ecosystems and safeguard the livelihoods of forest communities. FSC's forestry standards, linked to a strict chain of custody certification, are a proven solution to fight the climate

and biodiversity crises. The FSC logo – found on millions of products worldwide – is the most recognised mark for responsible forestry.

Within Australia and New Zealand, FSC currently certifies 37 forest management organisations, covering a vast expanse of 2,548,664 hectares of both native and plantation forests.



Representatives learning about the social and environmental measures HPV Plantations have taken.

Furthermore, FSC ANZ proudly certifies 411 Australian and New Zealand organisations to its chain of custody standard, with prominent entities like Visy, Kimberly-Clark, Abodo Wood, BioPak, Who Gives a Crap and others among its dedicated certificate holders.

Prominent retailers such as Woolworths Group, Coles Group, ALDI Australia, Step One, Hallmark Australia and New Zealand, Wellington Zoo, Bunnings, Mars Wrigley Australia, Officeworks, Kmart, and many more champion FSC ANZ through their active participation in FSC's promotional licence holder program.

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