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Managing Director's Update - June 2015

Welcome to the June 2015 edition of ForWood.

In this issue there's an invitation to submit nominations for the FWPA Board, news from our promotions and research programs, the development of a new safety resource for industry and the excellent progress on the proposal for change to the Building Code of Australia to allow taller timber framed buildings, and more.

Ric Sinclair, Managing Director



We would be happy for you to share this information with your colleagues via our share buttons.

If you have any comments or suggestions, please feel free to email me at ric.sinclair@fwpa.com.au.

Ric Sinclair
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General

Nominations for FWPA Board positions close soon

Call for Nominations

FWPA is seeking to appoint three non-executive directors to its skills-based Board. Nominations are invited from suitably qualified people.

Applications must be received by close of business on Friday 10th July.

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Forestlearning: broadening and extending resources and activities

The forestlearning program is continuing to grow, based on feedback from teachers and partners including PIEFA (Primary Industries Education Foundation Australia). Developments include; a new industry engagement program, new website and expanded teaching resources.

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[Visit the forest learning website](#)

Research Development & Extension



Rural Research and Development (R&D) for Profit Submissions

A successful submission - A profitable future for Australian agriculture: Biorefineries for higher-value animal feeds, chemicals and fuels, submitted by Sugar Research Australia and supported by FWPA will have results applicable to the residues from our industry.

FWPA also brokered submissions of 10 proposals, under the first round of funding applications, unfortunately none

of these were among the 12 projects selected for funding.

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SWI – Solid Wood Innovation

Funding for the current SWI is scheduled to end in July 2016. FWPA is working with the New Zealand Wood Processors Association and other stakeholders to identify a suitable vehicle to continue similar activities.

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Increasing 'deemed to satisfy' height limits for timber construction - PRA348-1415

Using structural timber for the construction of buildings up to 25 metres in height can have a number of benefits over more traditional building materials such as steel and concrete. These benefits can include direct construction cost savings; improved environmental performance; improved workplace health and safety; and reduced compliance costs for builders.

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New and Completed Projects

FWPA's RD&E program invests in projects in the three areas of a) Market Access and Development, b) Wood Products and c) Sustainability & Resources.

The projects and their resultant outcomes are published on the FWPA website.

Listed below are some recently completed projects and their associated links.

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Building Codes & Standards



Taller timber buildings proposal for Code Change is now open for public consultation

Australia is poised to join similar countries around the world with proposed changes to the National Construction Code Volume 1 to allow timber construction in taller structures – up to 8 storeys for buildings including apartments, hotels and offices. Modelling indicates that this may result in construction cost reductions of 10-15%. The proposal is open for public consultation until Monday 3rd August and if successful will be implemented in May 2016.

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[See Media Release here](#)

Statistics and Economics



Growers Data Series progresses

Expected to launch to participating companies in the next three months, the growers data series will complement the ABARES national statistics and provide the opportunity to use an on-line data portal to collect quarterly information.

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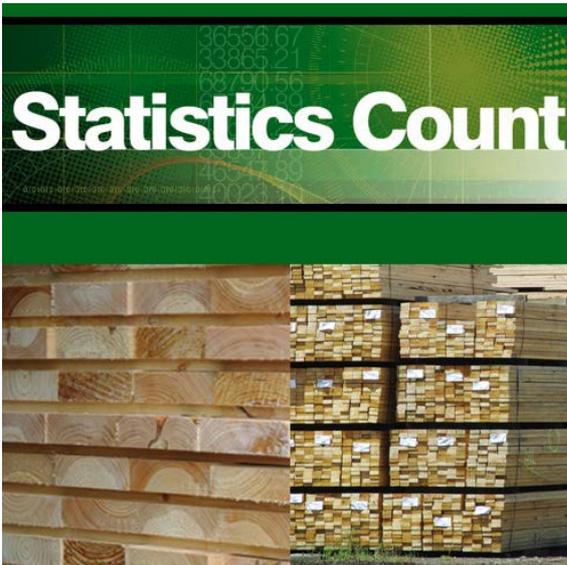
Forest Safety – a new data and communication resource

Complementing the other industry data



sets, a new resource aggregating national safety statistics and offering a bulletin board service to participating companies.

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