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Managing Director's Update April 2016

To better understand the ebbs and flows of the market and make more informed decisions, we have included an interesting and informative article in this issue about [FWPA's Statistics and Economics program and an introduction on how to use the publicly available data](#). I encourage you to read it – and for FWPA members and Associate members to consider subscribing to the Data Dashboard and Statistics Count newsletter to add more depth to your knowledge.



Ric Sinclair, Managing Director

In this issue, you will also find information about development of the WoodSolutions technical field force, a call for trans-Tasman collaboration on durability, and an update on mid-rise timber buildings.

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

Kind regards,

Ric Sinclair
Managing Director

News



New WoodSolutions technical field force workshops set pilot program objectives

Held in Melbourne and Brisbane on March 17th and 18th respectively, the workshops were attended by more than 30 industry representatives. Jennifer Cover, Managing Director of the United States WoodWorks program (www.woodworks.org) introduced the events by outlining the structure and achievements of the US

program. A copy of the presentation was emailed to all participants following the workshop and is available from FWPA upon request.

[Read more](#)



Call for trans-Tasman collaboration on timber durability
At the recent ForestWood conference in Auckland, FWPA's Ric Sinclair suggested that Australia and New Zealand jointly develop a longer term solution for timber design life and durability - with a call for \$12.5 million funding over five years from industry and governments.

[Read more](#)



Communicating the code change to industry
One of the key factors in the successful adoption of the changes to the National Construction Code that make it easier to build timber framed and massive timber projects up to 25m (approximately 8 storeys) will be the industry's awareness and ability to supply appropriate materials.

An insert in a recent issue of the popular Timber and Forestry eNews

explained the change and some of its implications, pages 8 to 11.

[View a copy of the magazine with the insert here](#)

Statistics and Economics



[Feel the pulse of the Australian timber industry with FWPA statistics](#)

FWPA's Statistics and Economics program offers a wealth of information – potentially useful to everyone in the timber industry. Through a single source, the FWPA website, you can access a wide range of information in the public domain.

Currently available data indicates:

- Imports of sawn softwood up 681,331m3 but easing with an increase of 5.3% year on year
- Raw wood exports are surging
- Domestic sawn softwood sales growth is steady, despite product substitution

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[Sign up](#) for a free Statistics Count Newsletter. Statistics Count is a monthly e-newsletter that provides FWPA members and associate members with a quick summary of key data hosted on the data dashboard. It also provides links to key data sets and coverage of articles of relevance from industry commentators.

Promotions



Communicating the code change – attending industry events and new promotional materials

To maximise industry adoption of the recent code change effective May 1st 2016, FWPA, through WoodSolutions and partner organisations, will be attending and sponsoring events, presenting seminars and workshops and distributing promotional material, both in print and digital.

[View a copy TimberUpdate](#)



Presenting to the Australian Institute of Building Surveyors
WoodSolutions is Partnering with the Australian Institute of Building Surveyors (AIBS), to deliver a series of hands-on training workshops, across all states, specifically tailored for their membership. The workshops, presented by Boris Iskra, FWPA's National Codes and Standards Manager and Paul England, Managing Director of EFT Consulting, provide detailed training in relation to both the code

changes and other WoodSolutions educational timber tutorials.

[View WoodSolutions Calendar for Upcoming Events.](#)



Forest and Forest Products Innovation Tour of Oregon
 Lynea Advisory in association with Oregon State University is hosting a forest and forest products tour of Oregon in July 2016. This 7 night tour will focus on innovative techniques and approaches used by a range of forest growers and processors across Oregon. For more information see: <http://www.lynea.com.au/oregon-tour-2016/> or email Lyndall on lyndall@lynea.com.au

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RD&E - News, Project Reports and Updates



Have you checked out an FWPA Webinar recently? Whether viewed online in real time, or accessed as a 'catch-up' whenever it suits you, the webinars are an increasingly popular way of keeping in touch with the latest technology, research results and industry developments. [Upcoming webinars](#) include:
 6 April: Martin Strangard (AFORA) discussing Development of a Scanner Protocol

20 April: Paul Kremer (Monash University) presenting Understanding psychological barriers to widespread acceptance of mass timber construction in Australia
[Read more](#) | [Subscribe to receive news on future webinars](#)



New and Completed Projects
 FWPA's RD&E program invests in projects in the three areas; Market Access and Development; Wood Products and Sustainability & Resources.
 The projects and their resultant outcomes are published on the FWPA website, along with some recently completed projects and their associated links.

[Read more](#)

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Capacity and Education



ForestLearning reaches a growing audience with a new website
 The ForestLearning website has gained positive feedback from participants and teachers alike. Nearly 4,000 downloads of teaching materials have exposed information about forests and forestry to an estimated audience approaching 50,000 students.

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