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Managing Director's Update December 2016

As we are approaching the end of the year, you may ask yourself "do my employees have the timber knowledge they need to maximise sales and productivity?" If the answer is no, we recommend directing them to the new WoodSolutions CAMPUS website. The site offers free on-demand-online training modules covering the properties and uses of wood and wood products. In this issue, you will also find news about the launch of the new National Centre for Timber Durability and Design Life, the WoodSolutions Mid-rise Advisory Program in Victoria and Queensland and more information about our recent FWPA activities.

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

As this is our last newsletter for the year, I would like to take this opportunity of wishing you all a merry christmas and happy and safe New Year.

Kind regards,

Ric Sinclair
Managing Director



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Industry News



Tony Arnel, Green Building Advocate, joins FWPA Board
FWPA are pleased to announce that Tony Arnel, former Chairman of the World Green Building Council, has been elected to the Board at the company's Annual General Meeting (AGM) held in Launceston, Tasmania.

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FWPA activities highlighted at AGM
The Chairman's address at the FWPA Annual General Meeting in Launceston, Tasmania, summarised the activities and achievements of the previous year. John Simon, FWPA's Chairman, noted that 2016 had been a significant year for the company with a list of great achievements.

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FWPA facilitates the new National Centre for Timber Durability and Design Life

Under the leadership of FWPA, industry academia and government institutions have partnered to create the National Centre for Timber Durability and Design Life. Designed to put Australia at the forefront of international best practice... | [Read more](#)



Give your company an edge by hosting a PhD student working on prefabrication
The ARC Training Centre for Advanced Manufacturing of Prefabricated Housing (ARC CAMPH), was facilitated by FWPA and is administered by the University of Melbourne. The Centre is the heart of collaborative, eco-friendly, prefabricated housing research in Australia. | [Read More](#)



Have you joined FWPA's online industry image library? A great opportunity and it's free.
As a member of FWPA's online image library, you have access to more than 10,000 images to add to your communications – and the opportunity to promote your products and services by uploading your own images. | [Read more](#)



Gottstein's Upcoming Forest Science Course: 13 – 17 February
The Gottstein Trust will be running its 3rd Forest Science Course, in partnership with the IFA and the University of Melbourne, located at Creswick. This week long forest science course provides an understanding of Australian forest management, the economics of wood production and other forest services. | [Register](#) | [Read More](#)

Promoting the advantages of wood products



Dangerous Designs competition launched at dangerousdesigns.com.au
Our five high profile judges have been busy judging the first round of excellent entries. The online competition aims to encourage students and working designers to use more wood and wood products and is linked to social media to maximise its reach. [Check out the entries.](#)



New Going Bush episodes promote cross-laminated timber and packaging
Promoted as the story of Australia's forestry industry, Going Bush airs on the 7 network. Two segments have been developed for FWPA to cover the topics of cross laminated timber and packaging/pallets. | [Read more](#)

Aligning products to market needs



WoodSolutions CAMPUS – Training for Timber Industry
The WoodSolutions CAMPUS online education program, launched in mid-August and already has 185 registered users participating. The first modules provide available-on-demand timber education and skills development opportunities to those who work in Australia's timber and wood products supply chain. | [Visit the website](#) | [Read More](#)



WoodSolutions Mid-rise Advisory Program – Launched
The WoodSolutions Mid-rise Advisory program launched in Victoria and Queensland via industry media in mid-October and is providing advice and support to the design and build industry to accelerate the adoption of timber building systems in mid-rise construction (Class 2, 3 & 5).
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Impacting decision making and industry capability

Statistics Aggregation – 3 Data Series Launched
Three data series – Hardwood, Softwood Performance Benchmarking and Softwood Weighted Average Price – have been launched; work is progressing to finalise the launch of the Growers Data Series.

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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.

Resources



Projects Completed and recent Webinars
FWPA has recently completed a range of new projects, and webinars. See more details on these [exciting activities here](#).

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