

FORWOOD

Welcome to the December issue of ForWood.

With the 2014 AGM and publication of the FWPA 2013-2014 Annual Report we look back at an eventful – and successful year.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our three new Board members and thank our outgoing Directors for their valuable contributions to the company.

On an operational level, all our programs continue to grow and our WoodSolutions services continue to expand as awareness and use of the program grows among material specifiers – a rewarding outcome for industry.

I hope you enjoy reading our final issue of ForWood for 2014. We wish you a Merry Christmas and safe New Year.



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Managing Director, FWPA

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Three new directors for FWPA



Three new directors, Mr Jim Henneberry, Mr Brian Farmer and Ms Christine Briggs were elected to the board of Forest and Wood Products Australia Limited (FWPA) at its recent annual general meeting (AGM).

[Read the full meeting report here](#)

[View FWPA's 2014 AGM presentation here](#)

2014 Seminar, 'Engineered Wood Products – from here to the future'



In line with FWPA's practice of aligning its AGM with relevant industry organisations, the meeting was held on Friday 14 November, during the 2014 Seminar, 'Engineered Wood Products – from here to the future', hosted by the Engineered Wood Products Association of Australasia (EWPA) and Forest and Wood Products Australia (FWPA).

[Read more about the Seminar](#)

[View presentations from the Seminar](#)

[Link to survey results](#)

FWPA 2013-2014 Annual Report published

The FWPA 2013-2014 Annual Report highlights the wide range of achievements and activities in which the company engaged during the year.

[Read the highlights here](#)



Industry Promotion

Specifier research shows WoodSolutions awareness climbs



Research shows that awareness of the WoodSolutions program has more than doubled since the program started in 2011. This observation is supported by the increased website traffic. It is interesting to note the strong growth in awareness for WoodSolutions is not matched by any other material organisation.

[Read more](#)

WoodSolutions 1300 number Ask An Expert launched



Now specifiers can access instant professional and technical advice about designing and building with timber, through the Ask An Expert phone service on the WoodSolutions website. The new service is in trial mode and operates for four days a week, the other days being covered by an online email service.

[Read more](#)

Looking for thousands of new customers?

WoodSolutions is here



An ongoing campaign seeking a wide range of wood-related suppliers to list their goods and services on the WoodSolutions website – visited by some 2,500 people, every working day, mainly in the design, engineering and construction sectors. If your business is not listed, then you are risking missing out on potential market opportunities.

[Read more](#)

WoodSolutions Sponsorships, Seminars and Technical Presentations



To grow awareness of the WoodSolutions program among specifiers, FWPA sponsors and supports a targeted selection of events.

One highlight event was the announcement of the 2014 National Australian Timber Design Award winner, held in Sydney on Thursday September 18th.

[Read more](#)

National Curriculum drives new ForestLearning website and materials



In response to the introduction of the National Curriculum across all states, schools, year levels and subjects, www.forestlearning.edu.au has developed a new website. Two year 4 and years 7 and 8 science Units of Inquiry, featuring the life cycle of forestry, have also been developed.

[Read more](#)

Do you need a ForestLearning School Presentation Kit?

Many FWPA members are asked to speak at local schools about the forest

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Research & Development, Project Report Updates

Developing the best strategies for *E. globulus* and *P. radiata* plantations under climate change.



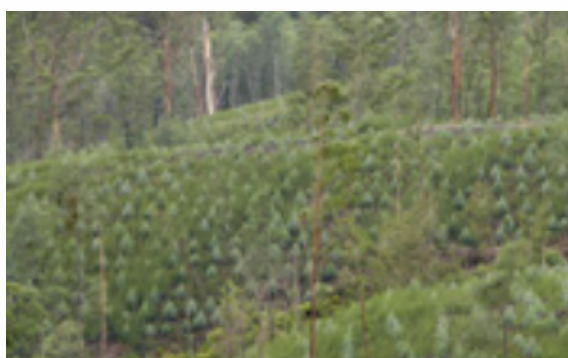
Project No: PNA228-1011

Over the next one and half to three decades changes to Australia's climate are predicted to affect how growers and owners will manage their *Eucalyptus globulus* and *Pinus radiata* plantations. Researchers from CSIRO Land and Water Flagship, with support from FWPA, have modeled predictions of plantation productivity for 2030 and 2050 under a range of likely climate scenarios. As a consequence, the Australian plantation industry now has a greatly improved capacity to quantify and manage both the risk and impact associated with climate change and variability, from the scale of a region down to a site.

[Read more](#)

[Read the report](#)

Predicting the effect of fertiliser on 2nd rotation decline in hardwood plantations



Project No: PNC304-1213

Almost 1 million hectares of hardwood plantations are growing in Australia. Most are cultivated for pulpwood on 10 to 15 year rotations and many are now ready for harvesting and subsequent replanting.

However, while previous experience shows that applying appropriate amounts

of fertiliser can prevent second rotation decline, there is no reliable, cost-effective method to predict how a plantation will respond to fertiliser or when it is best applied.

This research project attempted to model the effects of fertiliser application, based on historical data.

[Read more](#)

[View the webinar](#)

[Read the report.](#)

Australian illegal logging laws to help legitimate forestry worldwide



Project No: PNA252-1112

New penalties have been established for any business importing or processing illegally harvested timber. The Illegal Logging Prohibition Act 2012 and the Illegal Logging Prohibition Amendment Regulation 2013 (Regulation), came into effect on 30th November 2014.

[Read more](#)

Read the guidance and download tools at www.timberduediligence.com.au

[Read the report.](#)

New Projects



Each issue of ForWood lists the latest approved projects. Below are projects that have been approved since July 2014.

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Completed Projects



Each issue of *ForWood* lists the latest completed projects that have been uploaded to our website. Below are projects that have been completed since July 2014.

[Read more](#)

Statistics and Economics Program Coordination

Growers Data Series



To complement the ABARES national forest and wood products statistics work is progressing on establishing a data aggregation service for Australia's forest growers.

[Read more](#)

Visit the FWPA survey site: sts.fwpa.com.au/

Standards Coordination

New Standards Australia Timber Committees... up and running!



Following restructuring of Standards Australia's Timber Committees, initial meetings have been held to start developing new standards as well as modifying those identified as requiring amendment/revision.

To view the projects for each committee see links below

[TM-010 Timber Structures and Framing Committee](#)

[TM-011 Engineered Timber Products Committee](#)

[Read more](#)
