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FWPA MD Update - February 2015

Welcome to the February 2015 edition of the new look ForWood. In response to industry feedback, we will now keep you informed of our programs and activities on a new monthly schedule. We hope you find this a useful platform to get the best FWPA news, event announcements and information.



Our aim is to make the information in ForWood as accessible as possible. We would be happy for you to share this information with your colleagues via our shared buttons.

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

In the meantime, I hope you enjoy this issue and find the articles interesting.

Ric Sinclair

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General



Expression of Interest - Advisory and Reference Groups

Expressions of interest for membership of FWPA's Advisory and Reference Groups are open until close of business 27th February 2015. These groups are an essential part of FWPA's informed decision making to ensure that the activities are aligned closely to industry issues and priorities.

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Industry Promotion



March 21st 2015, World Wood Day – building a nanoHouse at Sydney's Circular Quay

With the theme: WOOD: housing, health, humanity. – Planet Ark and Wood Naturally Better (FWPA's generic marketing consumer brand), are celebrating World Wood Day by building a nanoHouse in front of the Customs House at Sydney's Circular Quay. Prefabricated and designed to minimize waste, the nanoHouse will also be used in seminars to architects, engineers, designers and other material specifiers. It will be onsite from Thursday 19th to Saturday 21st March.

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Capacity and Education



Industry training and education – new materials under development

Industry consultation identified the need for an online, available-on-demand timber education and skills development program. Initially aimed at those who use timber regularly at work in Australia's timber and wood products supply chain.

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New campaign invites schools to engage with forestry

Launching in 2015, this new campaign is aimed at the forestry industry; giving you



the tools and rules to engage with your schools.

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RD&E



New lifecycle assessment tool accounts for bio-impact to remove forestry's LCA disadvantage.

As a result of research, life cycle assessment (LCA) practitioners now have a relevant and accurate way to measure biodiversity impacts. Until now, incorporating forest biodiversity within a life cycle assessment (LCA) has not been feasible due to not having a globally applied method that captures key biodiversity principles.

[Read more](#)

[Read the report PNC301-1213](#)



Statistics and Economics

Hardwood Data Series

The data aggregation program is part of



FWPA's effort to improve the information available to industry. This complements the national Forest and Wood Products Statistics published by ABARES.

The overall strategy is that a more informed market will provide all stakeholders with greater capacity to make better decisions.

This highly valuable commercial information will be published online at the FWPA website soon.

Currently, data from major hardwood saw millers, 9 companies representing just under 50% of monthly timber sales, is being loaded and analysed.

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Standards Coordination

Building code change proposal will bring it in line with international codes and standards and open up new markets



A proposal recently submitted to the Australian Building Codes Board by FWPA could open up the market for timber framed and massive timber buildings up to 25 metres in height (approximately 8 stories). Comprehensively discussed with all stakeholders, the proposal includes fire compliance requirements for Class 2 (apartments), Class 3 (hotels) and Class 5 (office) buildings.

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