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Managing Director's Update September 2015

Welcome to the September 2015 edition of ForWood.

In this issue you'll find news about the 2015 AGM, a tour from one of the world's leading timber-advocate architects and academics, the publication of new Technical Design Guides and Environmental Product Declarations, new research program approvals and more.

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
Managing Director

Ric Sinclair, Managing Director



General

FWPA 2015 AGM

The 2015 AGM will be held in Canberra at the East Hotel on Thursday 12th November from 8.00am to 9.00am, prior to the AFPA chamber meetings taking place at the same venue.

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New Directors recommended

A total of 40 applications were received for the three vacant positions on the Board of FWPA. Of those applications six were shortlisted by the Director Selection Committee and interviewed during August 2015.

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Promotions



Motivating the design industry with a world-renowned international speaker

The originator of the term “The 19th century was the century of iron, the 20th was the century of concrete – the 21st century will be the century of wood.” Professor Alex de Rijke, one of the industry’s thought-leaders will be the after dinner speaker at the Friends of Forestry and Industry Dinner to be held at Parliament House, Canberra on 11 November.

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**Reach your consumer audience with
Planet Ark and Wood. Naturally
Better.™**



FWPA, through Wood. Naturally Better.™ and Planet Ark are participating in the Timber Village, part of the Renovate & Build Sydney Home Show. It's an excellent way to reach an audience of home builders and renovators.

[Event website](#) | [Enquire about exhibiting](#)
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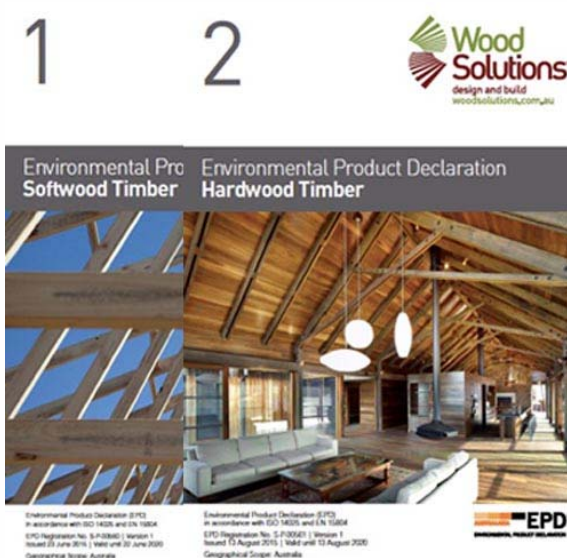
Industry Campaign



Thermal research results in three new WoodSolutions Design Guides – and record webinar attendance

Nearly 150 people attended an online webinar presentation that discussed the results of the thermal properties of timber in residential construction systems that has been developed into three new WoodSolutions Design Guides. Now available as free downloads.

[View the webinar](#) | [Download the Guides](#)
[Read more](#)



Softwood and Hardwood Environmental Product Declarations (EPD) launched

An environmental product declaration (EPD) is a standardised and verified way of quantifying the environmental impacts of a product based on a consistent set of rules that have been developed through an extensive stakeholder consultation process.

[Download the EPDs from the WoodSolutions website](#)
[Read more](#)

FWPA is bringing forest and wood product information to classrooms around Australia

A new industry to school campaign will be

We provide educators with quality teaching resources relevant to the Australian Curriculum and with a focus on Australian forests and sustainable timber products.

SEARCH FOR A TEACHING RESOURCE BY:



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SUBJECT



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CODE

These educational resources provide insights into how Australian forests play a vital role in the provision of forest and wood products and environmental services for society. From how Australian forests deliver timber to produce renewable goods that many of us use on a daily basis, provide habitats for biodiversity and recreational spaces, and provide employment opportunities through active management operations that help sustain rural communities. To how forests help protect water quality through stabilising soils, and help combat global carbon emissions and air pollution through the storage of carbon in trees and wood products.

These resources have been developed by experienced educators inline with the Australian Curriculum and current pedagogical practices and supported by the members of the Australian Forest Education Alliance.

launching soon. We'll let you know further details soon on how you can help spread the word.

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RD&E - News, Project Reports and Updates

Call for Project Funding 2015

FWPA Call for Project Funding Proposals September 2015

Commissioning and managing research and development on behalf of industry is one of the key roles of FWPA, providing a return on investment that far outweighs the initial resources committed. With this call for project funding proposals, FWPA seeks to identify the most appropriate projects for industry support.

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INVESTMENT PLAN RESEARCH NEEDS AND PRIORITIES FOR AUSTRALIAN LOG EXPORTS AND WOODCHIP EXPORTS SEPTEMBER 2015

AUTHORS: JODIE MASON AND BLAIR FREEMAN



Board approval of export R&D investment plan to benefit export levy payers

Following discussions with industry stakeholders in mid 2014, FWPA initiated the development of an industry discussion paper to identify potential R&D priorities for the export log and woodchip sector.

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**ARC Industrial Transformation
Training Centre in Forest Value at
University of Tasmania approved**
The establishment of an ARC Training



Centre provides industry with the opportunity to develop and retain new research resources.

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Australand, Australand Holdings Pty Ltd



Reduced environmental impacts - Life Cycle Assessment of a 5 Storey Residential Building in Parkville - PRA344-1415

A recent study compared the life cycle environmental impacts of two multilevel residential buildings built in Australia, one of timber and one of concrete.

[Read the report](#)

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New and Completed Projects

FWPA's RD&E program invests in projects in the three areas of Market Access and Development, Wood Products and Sustainability & Resources. The projects and their resultant outcomes are published on the FWPA website.

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Standards Coordination

Nailplated timber roof trusses New Standard published

The new Standard has now been published. The development of AS 1720.5 was coordinated by FWPA and



jointly funded and developed by Pryda, MiTek, Multinail, Frame & Truss Manufacturers Association with support from Standards Australia.

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National Construction Code (NCC) Proposal for Change updates

FWPA submitted three Proposals for Change (PFC) for consideration by the Australian Building Codes Board (ABCB). Each was successful in being incorporated into the draft version of the NCC Volumes 1 and 2. The public consultation period has now ended and comments are being addressed.

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Statistics and Economics



Sawn Softwood Sales Stability Surprises Some

After a year of sustained growth, strength and commentary about booming residential dwelling approvals, sales of sawn softwood have barely moved for the year ended May 2015, compared with 2014. At 2.656 million m3, to the end of May, recorded sales were just 0.5% higher than the 2.643 million m3 recorded for the year ended May 2014.

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Valuable industry information - Keep up to date

FWPA's data aggregation program provides contributing companies with a confidential secure on line portal to provide data and access aggregated data. The site is hosted by an independent accounting firm.

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