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Managing Director's Update - April 2015

Welcome. Our newsletter delivers to you the best of FWPA news, event announcements and information.

Of interest is the newly released Planet Ark Research Report on WOOD: Housing Health Humanity. The report clearly demonstrates that the presence of wood has positive physiological and psychological benefits that mimic the effect of spending time outside in nature.



We are returning to TV next week with Grand Designs Australia presenter, Peter Maddison and there is an invitation to submit to an industry discussion paper and more.

Our aim is to keep you updated on our programs and activities. Please feel free to share this information with your colleagues via our shared buttons. I would welcome any feedback and hope you enjoy this issue.

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General

**Industry Issues Paper launched –
submissions invited close date
June 5, 2015**



You're invited to present a submission to a new Forest Industry Advisory Council (FIAC) issues paper covering the future of Australia's forestry sector. This is an excellent opportunity for industry to assess and better understand the challenges and future opportunities for forest products.

[Read more](#)

[See the issues paper and guidelines](#)

Industry Promotion



FWPA returns to TV next week with a 4 week campaign

Across Australia, on Sunday April 12th award-winning architect Peter Maddison, host of Grand Designs Australia, enters the living rooms of hundreds of thousands of people, talking about the environmental advantages of wood for Planet Ark and FWPA.

[Read more](#)



New Planet Ark Research Report: WOOD: Housing Health Humanity

Exposure to wooden furniture and fittings has significant and measurable health and wellbeing benefits, outlined in a new report launched by Planet Ark's Make it Wood campaign with support from FWPA's Wood. Naturally Better program.

[Read more](#)

Download a copy of the report from Planet Ark's Make it Wood website [here](#)



BUILDING WITH

**ENGINEERED WOOD
CONSTRUCTION SYSTEMS**

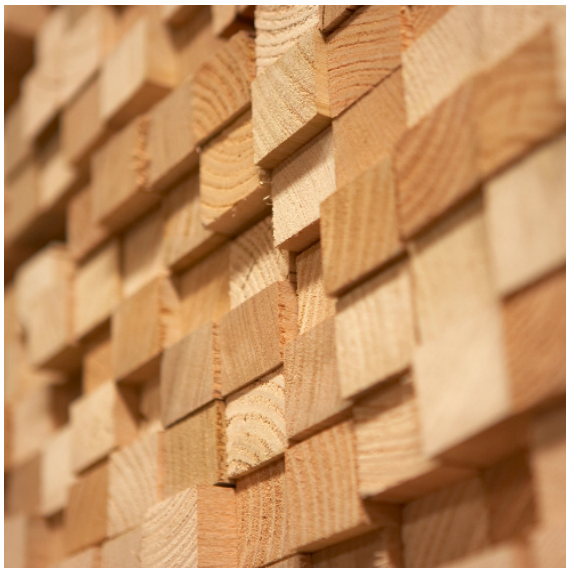
Frame Australia conference: Building with engineered wood construction systems - June 1 Melbourne

FWPA's WoodSolutions Program is the Principal Supporter of the Frame Australia Melbourne conference '*Building with engineered wood construction systems*' where leading designers and builders will discuss the benefits of timber in construction.

[Read more](#)

[Visit the event website](#)

Research Development & Extension



Completed projects

FWPA's RD&E program invests in projects in the three areas of a) Market Access and Development, b) Wood Products and c) Sustainability & Resources.

The projects and their resultant outcomes are published on the FWPA website. Listed below are some recently completed projects and their associated links.

[Read more](#)

Statistics and Economics

**New ABARES agreement to
provide enhanced data resources**



A new agreement with ABARES will provide users of FWPA's data dashboard and ABARES with a greater range of timely, accurate and relevant information, while also informing Government on policy decisions.

[Read more](#)

[Go to the Data Dashboard](#)

[Register to the Statistics Count Newsletter](#)



Senior Growers Meeting - 24 February, 2015

Following the circulation of a discussion paper to determine whether there was an opportunity to establish a growers' data series to improve the timeliness and accuracy of the information available on forest activities, a senior growers' meeting was convened and a series of action points were developed.

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Capacity and Education



Do you need a ForestLearning School Presentation Kit?

Are you asked to speak at local schools? As part of the ForestLearning program FWPA have created a FREE school kit that includes a presentation, classroom activities, videos and posters.

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Feedback and Contributions

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