



FORWOOD

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Welcome to FWPA's latest ForWood newsletter. In this edition, we unveil a new program to develop our future industry leaders in regional areas. We also welcome new team member Jodie Mason, outline the benefits of our relaunched world-leading WoodSolutions website and much more. I encourage you to share ForWood with colleagues and, if there's anything you'd like to discuss, feel free to give me a call.

Calling future industry leaders – new professional development opportunity

Mid-level managers will have a new opportunity to develop their leadership skills next year, when FWPA launches a new regional leadership training pilot program designed to help create future industry leaders in collaboration with the Australian Rural Leadership Foundation.

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New industry engagement model takes off

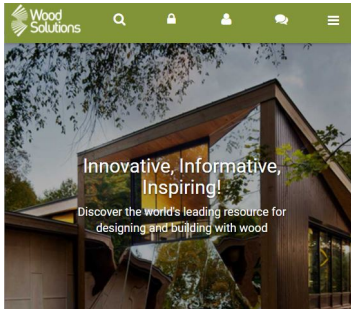
Members and other stakeholders have embraced FWPA's recently established Interest Groups industry engagement structure, with over 480 people becoming involved and 33 groups formed to date, exploring topics as diverse as bioenergy, bushfire tools and building standards (and many more that don't start with 'b').

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Leading forester Jodie Mason joins the team

FWPA is delighted to announce the appointment of Jodie Mason to the position of Forest Research Manager. Jodie is a leader in forestry with more than twenty years' professional experience in the native forest and plantation management sectors across Australia.

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New and improved WoodSolutions website launches

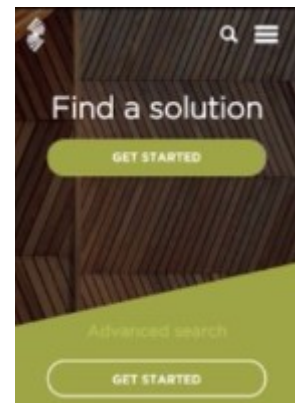
FWPA's world-leading WoodSolutions website has just climbed to another level, with a new and improved version launched in September. Suppliers of timber and timber products can now submit case studies to show off their products and services, while architects and building designers have a one-stop shop to identify and source products. But wait, there's more...

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There's an app for that! Helping building specifiers select timber products

The team behind FWPA's WoodSolutions website has created a free app to help professionals in the design and build industry choose the most appropriate timber species and products for structural, exterior and interior applications – making the decision process easier and faster.

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Sign up for a free WoodSolutions account. As a registered WoodSolutions member you'll be able to download design guides and other files, be informed of relevant WoodSolutions events in your area and receive the free WoodSolutions newsletter.



2017 Dangerous Designs winners crowned

Judges of the Dangerous Designs online wood design competition were faced with entries including a DIY timber trike with room to store shopping, an updated chook shed design (no more bending!), sculptural wind chimes and more...

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Wood processors invest \$900m in industry

future – despite growing log supply shortfall

Australian saw millers and wood manufacturers have invested an estimated \$900 million over the last five years in efficiency and productivity initiatives, on the back of strong demand for timber fuelled by the booming housing market.

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15 per cent of household joinery comes from imported flat-packs, study

Foreign flat-pack imports make up approximately 15 per cent of the total household joinery fitted in Australia each year, according to a new study commissioned by FWPA to illuminate what was previously a statistical black hole.

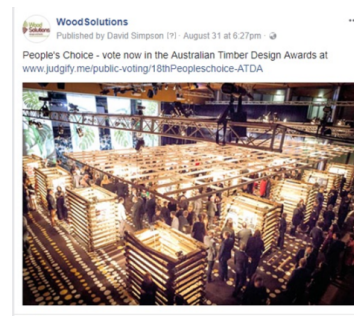
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WoodSolutions' social media on the rise

WoodSolutions' social media engagement increased across all platforms during the first quarter of 2017 – promoting the benefits of timber and highlighting the resources available online.

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AGM 2017 update

FWPA's ninth Annual General Meeting was held in Melbourne on 5 October 2017, with a focus on the election of members to the Board of Directors, as well as on mandatory financial statements and reports.

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