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Dear <<First Name>>,
Welcome to the latest edition of *ForWood*. It's been a busy couple of months, with plenty of activity to report. As we approach what is predicted to be an extremely hot and dry summer for most of Australia, it is timely to remind you of our national advertising campaign and other resources related to building with timber in bushfire prone areas. FWPA has also been involved in the production of informative podcasts in both the *WoodChat* and *Timber Talksseries*. We hope you enjoy this edition.

Welcome to new and re-elected board members

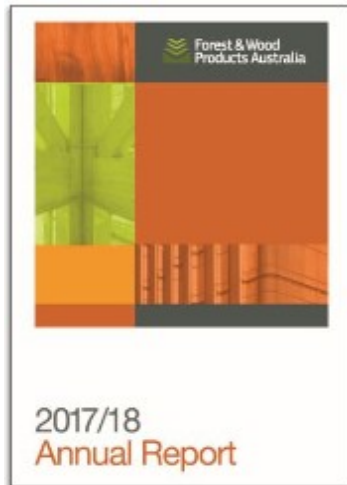
FWPA is pleased to announce the election of two new directors to its board, as well as the re-election of two sitting directors.

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The year that was

Our latest annual report details the various ways in which FWPA is working to secure and strengthen the future of the industry, in both the short and long term.

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FWPA talks timber on the Melbourne Central upgrade

FWPA's Mid-rise Advisory Program team has been advising on the 12-level timber addition to the GPT Group's Melbourne Central retail building upgrade

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Listen in #1. *WoodChat* Episode 4 launched: Gondwana Genomics revolutionising seedling selection

The *WoodChat* podcast series continues to highlight Australia's forestry innovations. In Episode 4, hosts Sam and Victoria talk to Robert Southerton, managing director at Gondwana Genomics, about the genetic DNA testing system the company developed.

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Listen in #2. WoodSolutions' latest *Timber Talks* episode: 'Recent Advancements in the UK'

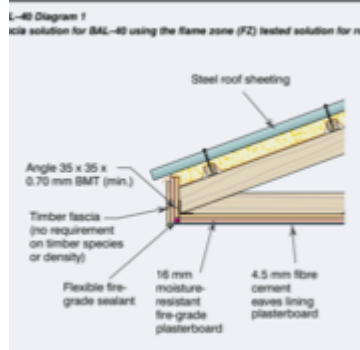
In this two-part topic, Nick Milestone (chairman of the UK Timber Research and Development Association and associate director of the William Hare Group) and Philipp Zumbrunnen (director at Eurban London) discuss the mid-rise timber development market in the UK, and why we're on the cusp of a construction revolution.

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Despite rising bushfire threat — build safely with wood

FWPA expects to reach about 2.5 million people with its current campaign, which targets



consumers in Bushfire-Prone Areas (BPAs) to improve their product knowledge and understanding of building safely with wood.

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New research: increased positive perceptions of wood's benefits support further code changes

The most recent biennial WoodSolutions tracking research has shown that positive perceptions of wood have increased.

Almost two-thirds of respondents thought changes to the National Construction Code (NCC) should be extended — and 90% of specifiers were aware of WoodSolutions.

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Teaching the teachers

FWPA's ForestLearning team recently visited Western Australia and Victoria for a tour that included professional learning workshops for teachers, biology sessions for students, conference field tours and trade displays at state teacher association conferences.

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New-generation timber products and systems workshop

Australian universities have come together with FWPA to explore 'Next Generation Timber Products and Systems'.

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Timber bollards in demand as security awareness rises

FWPA has just issued our 47th Technical Design Guide — [Timber Bollards: for protection and](#)



[traffic control](#) — which is freely available on the WoodSolutions website.

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FWPA grower members aim to increase investment in RD&E

FWPA Forest Research Manager Jodie Mason has been working for the last few months with a group of FWPA members, through the Grower Research Advisory Committee (GRAC). The group is collaboratively funding a suite of forest research investment plans to inform and promote investment in forest research, development and extension.

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