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Time to scrap water rule: it's damaging industry, costing jobs and stunting investment in Top End

THE Forestry Industry Association of Northern Territory is calling on major political parties to scrap the water rule in the Carbon Farming Initiative during this election campaign.

The water rule prevents forestry plantations that receive over 600 mm of annual rainfall from selling carbon credits under the Emissions Reduction Fund.

"The water rule is unfairly stunting the growth of the forestry industry in north Australia," FIANT president Frank Miller said.

"Scrapping the rule is critical to driving investment into new forestry plantations and operations in the Northern Territory."

Mr Miller said the rule was originally intended to stimulate forestry plantations in dry regions. However, it never achieved this aim and had now created an unequal playing field throughout Australia.

All of the Territory's forestry plantations received more than 600 mm of rainfall and therefore were ineligible to

access and sell carbon credits from their operations.

"The rule places NT plantations at a significant economic disadvantage to southern plantations which are allowed to produce an additional income from carbon credits," Mr Miller said.

"Furthermore, it disadvantages indigenous forestry enterprises as it prevents them from generating an additional income through carbon credits prior to harvest."

The rule also has an impact on mixed farming enterprises that seek to offset their carbon emissions from cattle or cropping operations. The operations cannot access an additional revenue stream nor can they market their products as carbon neutral.

Mr Miller said that since the water rule was implemented,



Frank Miller... legislative courage on this issue pivotal to helping Australia achieve its one billion trees target.

the NT industry had struggled to attract new investment.

"Investors have ignored the Territory in favour of plantations in jurisdictions where the water rule does not apply and economic returns are higher," he said.

"If political candidates are serious about creating jobs and helping Australia achieve its carbon offset targets, it is essential they commit to scrapping the water rule."

He said legislative courage

on this issue would be pivotal to helping Australia achieve its one billion trees planted by 2030 target.

During the last federal election the Australian Labor Party announced it would remove the water rule. The industry hopes that both the Liberal and Labor parties commit to scrapping the rule during the election campaign.

"Removing the rule will attract much-needed investment into the Northern Territory and generate new jobs in regional areas," Mr Miller added.

"The rule is damaging the industry and costing jobs. It has to go."

FIANT represents all major forestry enterprises in the Northern Territory, which produces around \$115 million worth of timber products annually, employs around 170 people directly, and manages 42,000 ha of plantations and large areas of native forests. Frank has more than 20 years' forestry experience and worked for growers in Tasmania prior to moving to Darwin in 2011.



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Sustainability the name of the game, says young architect as he champions Gottstein Trust benefits

Nub of Harry's work was lifting recovery rates of timber across the building product supply chain

THE purpose of the Gottstein Trust is to foster opportunity and knowledge. Undoubtedly, it delivered in spades for 2019 Gottstein fellowship recipient Harry Mills.

"The experience of the Gottstein fellowship was incredible and has been immensely helpful for me," he said.

"I encourage anyone with an idea to develop a proposal and apply," the young Queenslandersaid from his new workplace at the University of Cambridge in the UK.

An architectural designer and researcher with a passion for environmental and climatic responsible design, Harry undertook an international study with his Gottstein fellowship in conjunction with his PhD research at the Future Timber Hub, Folded Structures Lab, and the School of Civil Engineering at the University of Queensland.

His meetings with leading professionals were diverse, ranging from foresters, millers and manufacturers, architects, engineers, builders, artisans, educators, researchers and policymakers.

Harry's focus was on the building product supply chain of plantation softwood species *Pinus caribaea* and *P. elliottii*, or slash pine, which grows throughout southeast



Harry Mills... resource-conscious design strategies for using timber in construction.

Queensland and the Fraser Coast region.

As a result of the tour, he could identify "several pathways for underutilised timber uptake and resource-conscious design strategies for using timber in construction."

He described the fellowship as "an international lens to inform part of a larger project looking at product design and usage opportunities for underutilised and marginalised timber for building products in Australia."

The nub of his work is lifting recovery rates of timber across the building product supply chain.

Harry was awarded

"I ENCOURAGE ANYONE WITH AN IDEA TO DEVELOP A PROPOSAL AND APPLY"

the fellowship in 2018 to investigate the state-of-the-art timber supply chains through North America, Scandinavia, Europe and the UK. His study tour was directly relevant to the Australian domestic timber industry, which is exactly what the Gottstein Trust wants to encourage and support.

Each year, the trustees make available funding for individuals to pursue ideas that develop their own skills and capabilities and benefit the Australian industry.

Harry has encouraged people to back themselves in and apply for any of the three categories of Gottstein Trust

grants open for applications. The skill development grants category is open to anyone at any level in the industry. The amount of funding is up to the individual to request according to the cost of the skill development activity they have in mind. Also available is the category of scholarships to help students at TAFE or tertiary level to pursue their studies and/or research.

Finally, the well-known Gottstein fellowship category is once again available in 2022. For this, applicants submit a project idea of their own creation which will

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usually require an international or substantial domestic study tour and will show the potential benefit for the Australian industry which continues to support the trust.

In a Q&A with the Australian Institute of Architects in August last year, Harry summed up why his topic packed a punch:

“Globally, building activities are responsible for around 40% of greenhouse gas emissions, and materials and

“ I REGULARLY DRAW ON THE EXPERIENCE OF MY FELLOWSHIP



Gottstein fellow Harry Mills (wearing hat centre) with fellow summer students at the front of Wakeford Hall at the Architectural Association’s satellite campus Hooke Park in Dorset, southwest England.

construction account for 11% of that. Herein lies enormous opportunities to incorporate more renewable building products to reduce embodied carbon in construction.

“Present sustainability initiatives only go some way to improving traditional building methods and systems. Opportunities exist for designers to put into action resource-

conscious design by thinking regeneratively to have a far greater impact on projects and their communities.”

Harry says the opportunities he had to engage, participate and learn were unique.

“I regularly draw on the experience of my fellowship.”

The 2022 application round is the chance to apply for what may well be a career-changing opportunity.

Encouraging others to grasp the opportunity to develop a project idea to submit to the Gottstein Trust for funding consideration, Harry said, “the overall process of applying is straightforward, and the Gottstein team are super helpful and supportive.”

Full details and online applications for the three categories of Gottstein Trust grant awards are found at <https://gottsteintrust.org/grants-courses>

Applications close on Friday, June 3.

Online interviews with the Gottstein trustees, chaired by Suzette Weeding, will be held in July. The successful applicants will be announced soon after.

Interested candidates can call Helen Murray to discuss the opportunities on 0419 991 424, or email team@gottsteintrust.org

War in Ukraine to tighten lumber markets in Europe

ONE immediate impact of the war in Ukraine and the sanctions by Western countries has been a dramatic reduction in exports of forest products from Russia, Belarus, and Ukraine.

The total exports from these three countries were valued collectively at \$US17 billion in 2021. In addition to the sanctions, the Russian forest industry will struggle to source parts, equipment, and finance, which will force even non-sanctioning countries, such as China, to adapt to changes in trade flows.

A new Focus Report investigates the short-term and potential long-term implications of the war and its impact on worldwide shipments of lumber, panels, wood pellets, logs, wood chips, pulp, and paper

products.

Softwood lumber accounted for almost half of the export value for Belarus, Russia and Ukraine in 2021.

The disruption in trade has significantly impacted global markets since the three countries accounted for nearly 25% of worldwide lumber trade last year. The halt in lumber shipments to Europe and some countries in Asia has had the most significant impact.

Still, trade with non-sanctioning countries is also likely to change as Russian and Belarusian companies struggle to make financial transactions and secure credit, and their forest products are designated "conflict timber." In addition,

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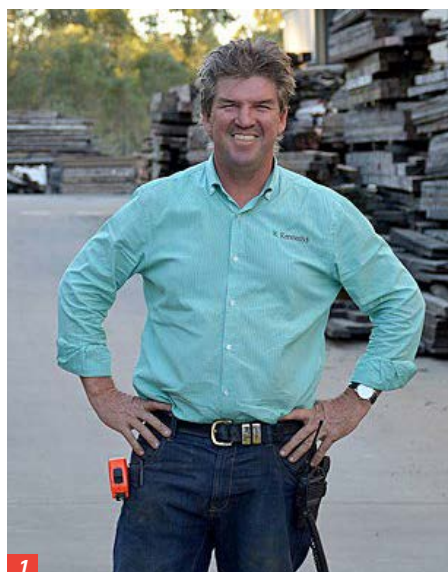
Timber Queensland growth scholarship program taps into passion for working with forest industry

TIMBER Queensland has launched its annual 'Growth Scholarships' program for 2022–2023.

The new program is aimed at early and mid-career professionals and skilled workers to foster their passion for working in the Queensland forest and timber industry.

Timber Queensland strategic relations manager Clarissa Brandt said the program offered various funding tiers of awards to applicants from any segment or level of the forest and timber industry supply chain, or currently undertaking related studies.

"The growth scholarship will provide financial assistance for a learning project which can include informal and formal experiences and innovation learnings, such as assistance with on-the-job training, short courses, study tours, formal qualifications, attendance at conferences and events, short term work placements or secondments to gain experience," Mrs Brand said.



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1/ **Michael Kennedy, founding partner in scholarship program... working with timber "it's in the blood".**
2/ **Clarissa Brandt... supporting a lifelong interest in learning will expand horizons and enhance our industry.**

Foundation partner, Kennedy's Timber is supporting the \$10,000 Kennedy's Timber Award, while Diamond and Ruby partners include the \$5000 HQPlantations Award, \$5000 AKD Award and \$2500 DTM Timber Award. .

"Timber Queensland and the scholarship partners are committed to growing the careers of the many bright and dedicated people working in our industry," Mrs Brandt said.

"We believe that

supporting a lifelong interest in learning will expand horizons and enhance our industry."

Mrs Brandt said the scholarship program was designed for anyone and everyone: applications from plant production workers to office-based sales people would be welcomed and considered equitably.

As founding partner of the program Michael Kennedy, CEO, Kennedy's Timber, said he was pleased to support individual ambition which

would enhance the future of Queensland's forest and timber industry.

"More than 70 years ago my grandfather began his apprenticeship as a cabinet maker," Mr Kennedy recalled.

"After three generations of working with timber, you could say it's in our blood. The Kennedy's Timber Award will nurture another generation of workers and professionals to continue the growth of our industry," he said.

To apply, applicants must submit details of their proposed learning project, explaining how the project will enhance their career development and how the forest and timber industry will benefit from them undertaking the learning project.

Applications for the program open on May 1 and close on June 30. Successful candidates will be announced on July 31.

Visit www.timberqueensland.com.au/News/Growth-Scholarships.aspx



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IUFRO and its 15,000 scientists support Ukraine

WE are deeply shocked and horrified by the ongoing Russian military assault on the independent sovereign democratic nation of Ukraine, the grave humanitarian crisis that it is creating, and the disastrous impacts it will have on the scientific community.

We stand with the international community in condemning this invasion, and with our forest science colleagues in Ukraine and elsewhere, including in Russia, who have courageously raised their voices against this war and its associated violation of human rights.

The International Union of Forest Research Organisations (IUFRO) is a global, non-profit, non-governmental and non-discriminatory network that unites member organisations in more than 120 countries representing over 15,000 scientists. Throughout our 130-year history we have provided a vital platform for international science collaboration in line with the principle of free and responsible practice of science.

While remaining true to our



1/ Dr John Parotta
2/ Alexander Buck

fundamentally non-political identity, we cannot overlook the blatant disregard of international rule of law on display by the government of the Russian Federation and its disastrous impacts on the forest science community in Ukraine. For this reason, IUFRO has already cancelled the annual board meeting and regional conference that were to be held this September in Russia. Moreover, we are suspending our formal contacts with Russian state institutions.

The current situation challenges but does not alter IUFRO's unshakable commitment to fostering international scientific dialogue and collaboration for the benefit of forests and people worldwide, and to supporting our member organisations and scientists, especially those affected by conflicts and war anywhere in

the world.

We are determined to support IUFRO member organisations and scientists in Ukraine along with other academic and research institutions worldwide that are offering opportunities for Ukrainian students and scientists at this critical time.

DR JOHN PAROTTA, IUFRO president.

ALEXANDER BUCK, IUFRO executive director.

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I AM m now collating the various responses together with proposed links provided by our contacts across Forestry Australia, ITTO, IUFRO, the Ukraine Embassy and global industry bodies.

From the Ukraine embassy response, I will undertake the initial contact to the Association of Forestry of Ukraine and the State Forest Resources Agency of Ukraine

to advise them that we are developing this project of support/technical and mutual cooperation from one forestry sector to another.

This collation, together with a suggested outline proposed by Dr Gary Bacon (gary-bacon@bigpond.com), will provide the basis on which various bodies can then proceed to brief their respective bodies etc., formally structure/endorse the project of assistance and hence allow the project to become fully functional.

DICK McCARTHY, McCarthy & Associates (forestry) Pty. Ltd, Northcote Vic. Email: richardmccarthy@bigpond.com

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WE read sad reports here in Australia of the current war in Ukraine and understand IUFRO has had contact with the foresters and forest science community within Ukraine to ascertain if any assistance can be offered. I can think of no better unaligned Independent Institution that can be effective in goodwill transfer than IUFRO.

DR GARY BACON, chair IUFRO First World Congress in southern hemisphere, Brisbane 2005.

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10-12: DesignBUILD Reimagined 2022 – Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre, Melbourne VIC.

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designbuild@divcom.net.au

21: Queensland Timber Industry Awards – Rydges Southbank, Brisbane. Contact Alicia Oelkers 0418 449 031. www.tabma.com.au

JUNE

10: Third time lucky! GTTIA Awards – Mount Gambier, SA. The GTTIA committee confirms the awards gala event will be held on June 10 at The Barn, Mount Gambier SA. Tickets on sale April 25 and for purchase online. Email: info@gttia.com

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10-15: 65th The Society of Wood Science and Technology annual meeting – Salt/Peppers Mantra complex, Kingscliffe, NSW. SWST activities include publishing wood and fibre science and accrediting undergraduate wood science programs in North American, South America, Asia and Europe. This will be the first time SWST meets in our part of the world and more than 160 abstracts have been submitted from 25 countries. The meeting will bring together scientists from around the globe to

address topics including basic timber properties, mass timber construction, plantation resources, timber certification and timber processing. Registration is now open at www.swst.org.

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11-16: Gottstein Trust Understanding Wood Science Course – Sunday evening, September 11, 2022, in Albury, NSW, for the field trip component, ending on Friday, September 16, in Canberra.

The course is fully booked and a wait list is operating on a first-in-first-served basis. Delivered in partnership with the ANU. The course program can be downloaded at www.gottsteintrust.org

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Russian sawmills, which in the past have shipped lumber to customers in Europe, cannot quickly shift to other markets in the short term. For example, sending lumber by ship or rail from sawmills in north-western Russia to China meets logistical challenges, and the MENA region, which is a lower-grade wood market,

is currently not in a robust expansion mode.

Belarus, Russia, and Ukraine exported 8.5 million cub m of softwood lumber to Europe in 2021, almost 10% of the continent's total demand. European sawmills could, short-term, redirect overseas shipments to the European market if financially expedient to mitigate the lost supply from the three countries.

Longer-term, some lumber-



Cold comfort... Ukraine war means non-sanctioning countries, such as China, must adapt to changes in trade flows.

markets (China, the US, Japan, and the MENA region) are diverse in product demand, price acceptance, exchange rate volatility, political stability, and consumption outlook.

These varied market conditions could result in European

exporters limiting their overseas exposure to fewer markets that fit their product mix and risk tolerance.

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producing companies may consider investing in new production capacity, although log supply in many regions of Europe is becoming tighter. In addition, the major overseas



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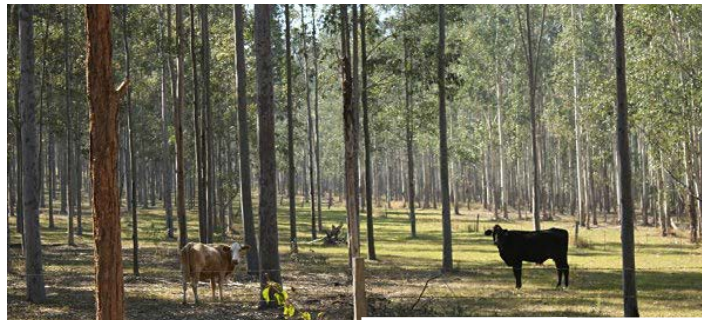
New codes a pathway for renewable farm forestry

RENEWABLE farm forestry is a critical part of Australia's regional economies, generating \$482 million annually, which is why the NSW government is providing the industry with long-term sustainability by introducing new Farm Forestry Codes of Practice.

"These new codes provide a consistent and sustainable approach to how farmers manage their farms and forests," says the NSW Minister for Forestry Dugald Saunders.

"Hardwood timber logs from private estates play a crucial role in our construction, transport, manufacturing and farming sectors, and are visible all around us every day, so it's critical we continue to give the industry certainty and longevity," he said.

"I am delighted that



1/ **Consistent and sustainable approach to farm forestry.**
 2/ **Dugald Saunders... giving the industry certainty and longevity.**
 2/ **Maree McCaskill... approach has been scientific and rigorous.**



"Minister Saunders within three months of taking office has managed to gain sign-off with the Minister for the Environment and have the codes operate from May 2 this year," CEO Maree McCaskill said.

"This will provide some certainty for private native forestry while ensuring improved protections are in place for fauna and flora," she said.

"After years of waiting, the industry can now move forward and we appreciate how efficiently Minister Saunders dealt with this matter.

"The changed responsibility for the codes to local land services has meant that the approach has been scientific and rigorous but practical with detailed consultation and inclusion."

from next week the state's landholders have more clarity around sustainable harvesting as well as updated planning and reporting mechanisms and more engagement from local land services."

Mr Saunders said environmental protections

would also be clearer for landholders, while ensuring long-term production sustainability in the state's farm forests.

Timber NSW has welcomed the new codes which have taken more than seven years to materialise.

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Photo: Early Morning in the Bago Forest - Robyn MacRae

PM pledge welcome but opportunity for growth in forest sector missing



'Water rule' restricts farm forestry opportunities for the agricultural sector.

THE Australian Forest Contractors Association has welcomed the support from Prime Minister Scott Morrison and Assistant Minister for Forestry Jonno Duniam for the 73,000 direct forestry and timber industry jobs within Australia.

The April 14 commitment of a \$219.5 million package to support innovation and R&D is seen as a considerable contribution to the industry.

"We regard this as positive affirmation that this industry can deliver on housing and infrastructure, while also assisting the government in meeting its emissions reduction targets" said AFCA general manager Carlie Porteous.

"However, a true opportunity for further growth has been missed by the Coalition, Ms Porteous said.

"In the forestry hub areas of north Queensland, south and central Queensland, southeast NSW, central west NSW and the Northern Territory the 'water rule' continues to strangle greenfields investment or productive farm forestry opportunities for the

agricultural sector.

"This rule is effectively denying farmers and landowners in these regions from seeking carbon sequestration opportunities from the forestry sector."

The 'water rule' restricts new plantation investments from accessing carbon credits through the Emissions Reduction Fund if they are established in an area of more than 600 mm annual rainfall.

"Like any other crops, plantations need rain for sufficient growth rates and mortality, planting outside of these areas is just not economically viable," Ms Porteous said.

"These hub regions receive significant annual rainfall totals, so water interception concerns just don't stack up."

Ms Porteous said the establishment of new plantings throughout these hub regions would generate immediate employment opportunities for AFCA members through civil and silviculture works. Ongoing and long-term employment

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benefits would also be realised in harvest, haul and processing.

“Innovation funding from the Coalition announcement will only be effective if Australia has the forest resources to support the local industry and the economy more broadly,” Ms Porteous said.

“AFCA encourages the Coalition to remove this significant barrier to investment ahead of polling day.”

The Coalition also re-iterated its support for the native forestry sector and the key role it has in productive supply into the future. The PM stated that “under the Liberals and Nationals, the government would never support



Carlie Porteous... an opportunity for further growth in the forest sector has been missed.

shutdowns of native forestry and would work with state government to create permanent timber production areas.”

Carlie Porteous said this was welcome news to AFCA members currently facing uncertainty in several states.

On the cover: Joel Turner, regional manager-Green Triangle for PF Olsen Australia, is identifying strategies to stop wastage by utilising water from the drainage network for plantations growth. The region is only one of six out of 11 regional hubs to have the water rule lifted. Photo Green Triangle Forest Industries Hub

UK-Singapore venture to introduce LVL in India for low-carbon housing

A UK-Singapore joint venture is set to introduce engineered timber, or laminated veneer lumber for housing projects in India and other south Asian countries in an ambitious bid to substitute wood for conventional building materials like steel and concrete and help scale up low-carbon construction.

A team of designers and engineers working with locally-sourced timber will be

located in Chennai (pop. 7.2 million) in the coming months, says Kevin Hill, managing director of timber design and construction company Venturer Pty Ltd, a partnership with Singapore’s Woh Hup Construction Group.

The Chennai engineered timber prefabrication hub in India was in the formation process, said Mr Hill, who is a founder of Singapore-based Double Helix Tracking

Technologies scientific methods to secure timber supply chains and promote the legal trade in timber.

India, with high target sets to reduce CO2 emission at COP26, is now allowing use of timber, previously banned, as elements of structure for public buildings and habitat projects.

“One can envisage India will steadily adopt more prescriptive approaches that

empower local engineers to expand theoretical understanding,” Mr Hill said.

“The world is finally accepting that timber construction can be the single most important way to cut emissions for the built environment ... wood is no longer an idle wish.”

He suggests scaling up low-carbon construction through the use of engineered timber.



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Ukraine atrocity brings our timber manufacturing weakness sharply into focus as supply gap widens

It's a pretty sure bet that trade with Russia will be off the agenda for the foreseeable future

TRAGICALLY, it seems, we are very slow learners.

It became crystal clear across the country during the Covid pandemic that an almost absolute reliance on international suppliers of critical products was a major weakness for Australia's security and domestic demand.

Along with most, I would think, as the usual supply chains started to unravel, I was surprised to learn that even basic products such as surgical face masks, but also critical pharmaceuticals, were manufactured elsewhere, mostly in China.

So, lots of talk about affirmative action to manufacture critical products here at home, rather than be at the mercy of sometimes uncertain and unstable international suppliers and supply chains.

"Manufacture critical product needs here in Australia". That was the cry from politicians and communities across the country. Did we listen to the loud and clear message – no, not a bit!

Enter the atrocity in Ukraine committed by the Russian Federation and headed by their lunatic president Vladimir Putin. Quite rightly the western world has imposed a



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1/ A very substantial volume, particularly of more sophisticated engineered wood products, are imported from Russia.

2/ Ukraine atrocities condemned... time to put down the Russian bear.



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range of sanctions on Russia that include restrictions on financial instruments, individuals and exports.

Some countries have also banned the import of specific products like vodka and diamonds in the US. Also, there are clear signs that some countries and businesses linked to transport and logistics supply chains are tightening the screws further on the Russian economy. Trade restrictions are being imposed in the hope that such actions will contribute to the prospect that Russia will come to its senses and stop the shameful invasion of their sovereign neighbour.

This trend of increasing trade restrictions has real significance for Australia's building and construction industries. Along with others, I'm guessing, I was surprised to learn that a very substantial

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volume, particularly of more sophisticated engineered wood products, are imported from Russia. So, heaps of LVL-type products, but also plywood and softwood framing.

Restricting or stopping these imports entirely will have a major effect on building activity here. I have been told that it is more than likely that in a few months when products already in

the pipe line run out, we are going to see grave shortages of a range of Russian-supplied timber products.

So again, if we are going to maintain anything like the present level of building activity, and if

we are listening, the clear message for Australia is to start to manufacture these products here ... fast! To do so will reduce our reliance on imports in what seems to be an uncertain world with current disrupted supply chains.

I think it's a pretty sure bet that trade with Russia will be off the agenda for the foreseeable future.

Many of the timber products we are talking about are not particularly sophisticated to manufacture. So clearly, we need to look more critically at our domestic manufacturing capability, given that future supplies from the northern hemisphere are likely to face increasing uncertainty in the future.

Catch you again next month.

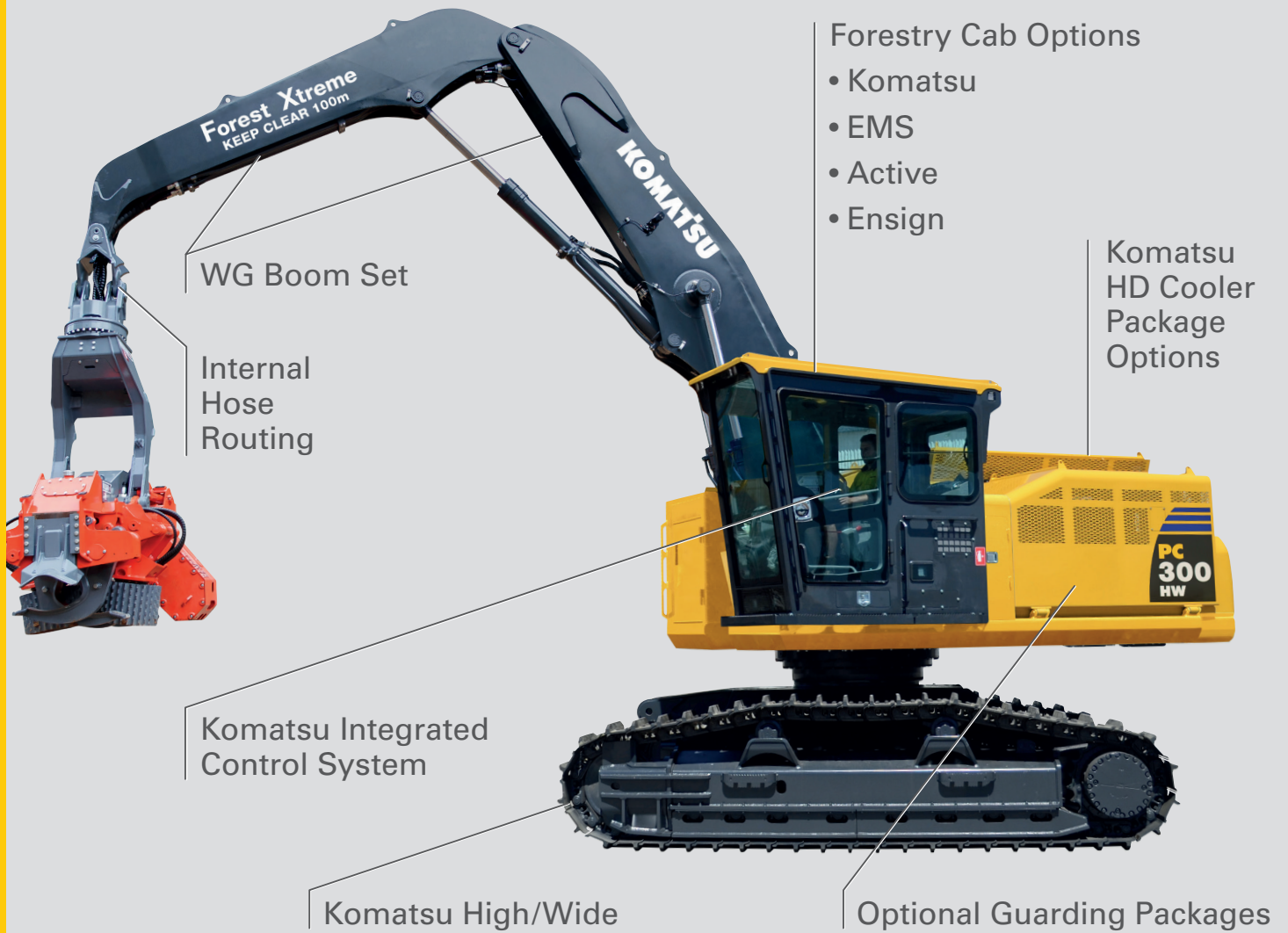
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Stora Enso quits Russian sawmills and distribution

INTERNATIONAL pulp, paper and forest products manufacturer Stora Enso has entered into an agreement to divest its two sawmills in Russia. The company's Nebolchi and Impilahti sawmills will be divested to local management. In addition, the divestment includes Stora Enso's Russian forest operation which through its harvesting supplies wood to the sawmills.

The Helsinki, Finland-based company says that due to the uncertainties in the Russian market, local ownership and operation can provide a more sustainable long-term solution for these business operations and the employees working there.

The transaction will have no material impact on Stora

Enso's annual sales and operational commitments. Due to decreased business prospects, an impairment loss of €70 million has been recorded in the first quarter result. The additional loss on the transaction under IFRS (International Financial Reporting Standards) will be about €60 million, consisting mainly of currency translation adjustments to be recorded at the closing date.

The sawmill sites are located in Novgorod and



Stora Enso has entered into an agreement to divest its sawmilling operations in Russia.

for around 370,000 ha.

The company will stop all production and sales in Russia until further notice. The Group is in a process to find a sustainable solution for the future of its three packaging plants in Russia.

Karelia employing about 330 people and have a total annual capacity of 350,000 cub m of sawn timber, including 55,000 cub m of processed timber and 65,000 tonnes of pellets.

Stora Enso's Russian forest operations employs about 170 people and manages long-term harvesting rights

Stora Enso's Australian wood products division operates from five distribution centres located in Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide, Sydney and Perth. Products are mostly structural timber for wall and truss manufacturing, supplied from the company's units in Europe.

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Forestry and farming grow a new future for young lives in indigenous-led program on Darling Downs

Working together with the soil and caring for the farm animals and trees that benefit from it

JIM BOWDEN

BAPTIST pastor Alan Black, who established the Bethel Christian home for children on the Western Downs of Queensland in 1952, would be proud to see how the Dhiiyaan Aboriginal Centre has carried on his legacy.

Based at Dalby, 210 km from Brisbane, the Dhiiyaan centre has been the custodian of the 16-ha property for eight years developing an indigenous-led initiative that is teaching young people practical skills in forestry and farming.

“It’s about a connection with country, giving young people a sense of purpose and self-worth,” says Vicki Williams, finance administrator of the Brisbane-based Dhiiyaan Aboriginal Corporation.

“This is also a space where new friendships can be developed and health and trauma issues can be healed, encouraged by young groups working together with the soil and caring for the farm animals that benefit from it. And trees are a very important part of this.”

A big productive notch in Queensland’s Brigalow Belt – a wide band of acacia-populated grassland that runs between the tropical rainforest of the coast and the semi-arid interior of the state – the Dhiiyaan property has areas of mature mulga and red gums giving shade for cattle and horses ... “and don’t forget the free-range chickens”

But the property’s tree



1/ Highlighting the great work under way at Dhiiyaan... Simon Dorries presents seeds for propagation in the centre’s tree-planting program.

2/ Dhiiyaan’s Vicki Williams and husband Billy (in foreground) plant a Bunya pine at the Dalby property watched by an enthusiastic group from the local community.



program got a boost in March with 200,000 Chinchilla white gum seeds (*Eucalyptus argophloia*) gifted by Responsible Wood-certified HQPlantations, one of Australia’s largest plantation growers.

The seeds were presented to the Dhiiyaan centre at Dalby by Simon Dorries, CEO of Responsible Wood, further expanding its spread of sustainable forest accreditation in Queensland.

“The donation by HQPlantations will further highlight the great work under way at Dhiiyaan and it was a privilege to support the aims and objectives of the organisation,” Mr Dorries said.

Vicki Williams said the seeds were welcome in a region that experienced harsh

weather extremes.

“We’re hoping for 10,000 trees in 10 years,” she said. “A tough target I know but we’re going for it.”

Dhiiyaan will propagate the seeds in its own greenhouse for either a January or autumn planting next year, depending on the season and taking advice from foresters and a local nursery.

The property with heavy clay soils has been blessed with record rains and the

farm dam “the size of two Olympic swimming pools” is overflowing.

By adapting Yeoman’s plough and biodynamic farming methods, the property hopes to get some good healthy bacteria back into the soil.

“The Dhiiyaan community has ebbed and flowed through 17 years and the hard-earned lessons

have created a culture of hospitality, integrity and humility among members,” Vicki Williams said.

“We have had the privilege of being the custodians of our property for eight years, and this has had an incredible influence on all of us and how we live,” she said.

“A particular focus for our community has become an initiative we call True Fella, a name taken from a song by the Warumpi Band.

“For us it represents an opportunity to work and walk with young people who can benefit from a community and property that have the same passions that we have. This also includes conducting camps



A helping hand... 200,000 Chinchilla white gum seeds were gifted to the Dhiiyaan Aboriginal Centre by HQ Plantations.

Nominations open for 2022 Richard Stanton Award

RESPONSIBLE Wood is calling for nominations in this year's coveted Richard Stanton Memorial Award for Excellence in Forest Management or Chain of Custody.

This is the seventh year of the award which pays tribute to a man who devoted his life to sustainable forest management in Australia and internationally.

The award is open to individuals who have contributed significantly to either forest management or chain-of-custody certification under the Responsible Wood certification program. The award nominees will be those who have contributed to sustainable forest management under AS / NZS 4708 or chain of custody under AS 4707.

The award is open to, but not restricted to, forest owners and managers; chain-of-custody certificate holders; staff of certification bodies; forest scientists and researchers; and designers of products manufactured from sustainable timber. The award also carries a \$2000 bursary prize.

Applicants will have demonstrated excellence in a significant and valuable contribution to sustainability innovation, improvement or excellence in forest management or chain of custody certification; a strong commitment to the



First Richard Stanton Award winner in 2015... Dr Marie Yee, Sustainable Timber Tasmania's senior conservation planner is using a landscape approach to biodiversity management in Tasmania's temperate native forests.

Responsible Wood certification scheme and sustainable forest management; and innovation and improvement in the promotion and marketing of Responsible Wood certified products.

The successful applicant will be chosen by the Responsible Wood marketing committee and announced later this year.

Nominations close at 5 pm (AEST) on Friday, September 2, and can be forwarded to Responsible Wood, PO Box 786, New Farm, Qld 4005, or email sdorries@responsiblewood.org.au

The first Stanton Award was presented in 2015 to Dr Marie Yee, senior conservation planner, Sustainable Timber Tasmania, who helped develop a system of forest management planning which provides a high level of certainty that biodiversity is being managed effectively within the forest at a landscape scale.

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to 'Creator, Country and Community', a 'whole-of-life' support for families.

"Young people are given the opportunity to visit on weekends and at other times Dhiyaan is a meeting place for a loving and safe community."

The Darling Downs was inhabited by the indigenous

tribes of the Jagera, Giabal and Jarowair people for at least 40,000 years before European settlement. Estimations place the indigenous population pre-settlement from 1500 to 2500 people. This was originally known as the 'upland area' and indigenous people used a technique in hunting food where they would burn the grasslands with the new, green sprouts attracting



animals. This earned them the name 'Gooneburra', or 'the ones who hunt with fire', by coastal tribes.

The sister Dhiyaan Aboriginal Centre at Moree, 630 km north of Sydney, holds one of the state's largest collections of Aboriginal family records.

The Dhiyaan provides a wonderful space for community to enjoy and learn about Aboriginal culture. With more than 100,000 artefacts and documents in its collection, including genealogies, a database of Aboriginal ex-service people, books, local photographs and burial records, the centre is able to assist with family, local and Gamilaroi history inquiries.

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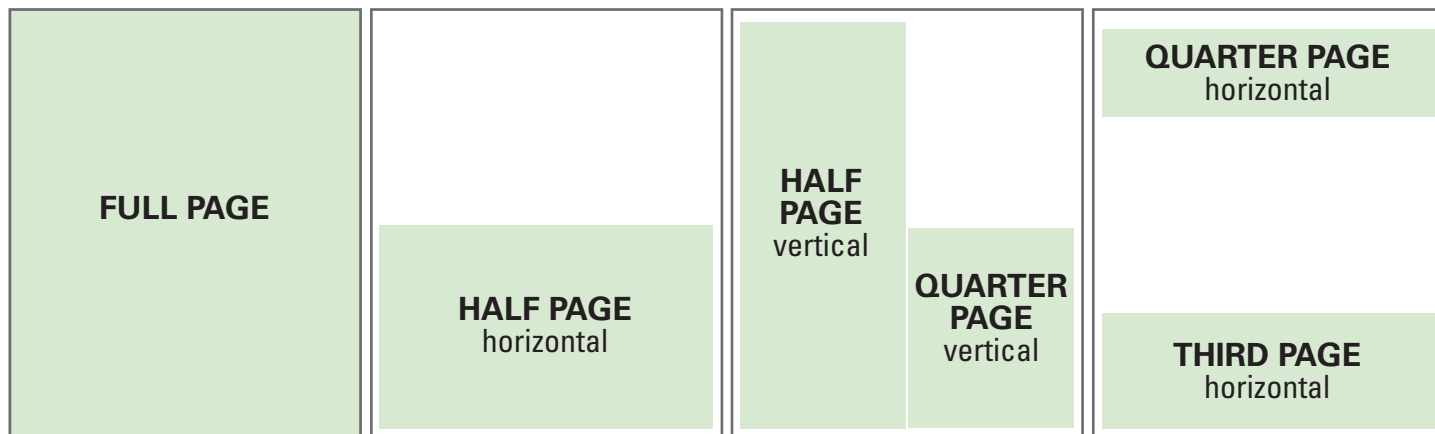
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