

NEWSLETTER ISSUE 24

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Arbre Membership

With the Arbre Hub up and running with our community engagement and training programs working well among the industry and their communities, we thought it would be time to re-visit our industry participants and try to build our membership base to be more representative to the whole of our industry.

An interesting statistic prompted by the latest report commissioned by Forest and Wood Products Australia and compiled by Professor Jackie Schirmer indicates that to date our whole industry in Tasmania spends 0.02% of Gross Regional Product on running the Arbre Hub and its activities.

With this in mind, our Board have asked that we run a program to enhance our membership to better build on our work within the communities and to be able to reflect that all of industry is behind better outcomes for community knowledge on careers and jobs, educational outcomes for employer expectations and a reflection on how Forestry will play a prominent role in the states development over coming years.

So please support Denise's work in strengthening our member base along with any suggestions on what we can do better as we strive to represent your needs.



Work Exposure Opportunity - Sorell

In September Arbre paid a visit to the South East Trade Training Centre at Sorell to talk to the Grade 10 students about Forestry career paths and demonstrate the simulators.

Plenty of interest was generated in the Forest Industry and 6 EOI's were completed by the students there and then applying for the Cadet Forester Program!

South East Trade Training Centre at Sorell

Member Profile

Mechanised Logging Pty Ltd is a very proud member of the Arbre Hub. Despite this time of high-technology and innovation, 'people' remain the greatest asset in fostering a vibrant forest industry. Drawing people to our sector, recruitment and training along with cross-skilling must be a priority for our entire forest industries.

Over the past 25 years, Mechanised Logging Pty Ltd has provided customised mechanical harvesting systems to the plantation softwood and hardwood sectors in Northern Tasmania and the past 4 years in the Green Triangle region. The company values its role within the industry and employs 33 skilled people.



Mechanised Logging Pty Ltd has a clear mission – to harvest plantation timber, customise it to meet the needs of the target market while being accountable for maintaining a safe and sustainable economic enterprise.

Jillian Aylett Brown

Website: www.mechlog.com.au

Sub 2kg Drone Training Course

If you are looking to take advantage of the new Sub 2kg regulations but not sure where to start and don't want to break your new drone? Then this is the course for you!

The Sub 2kg skills course is broken into two parts:

- The first is a series of 3 online modules that explain the basics about what makes up a small Remotely Piloted Aircraft System, assessing risk/planning and unpacking the legislation and explaining it in plain terms.
- The second is half a day (4 hours) of practical hands on training where we take you through safe aircraft operation, how to get that shot and how to manage when things go wrong.

This course is suitable for the beginner and does not require any prior experience and can be used as a pathway to full Remote Pilot License (RePL) certification (flight time counted towards RePL and cost of skills course discounted off for RePL licence if booked within 12 months of skills course completion).

Courses will be run on December 3rd, 4th & 5th in Ridgley, Tas or Bridgenorth, Tas and enrolments are being accepted now. For further details contact hub@arbre.net.au.



2018 Cadet Forester Appointments

By now most businesses involved in Forestry would have realised the need to attract and recruit new workers. The need to fulfil current vacancies and also the natural attrition of the aging workforce has never been more apparent. In 2017 Arbre realised this need, and by engaging Tasmania's Forest Managers' in a detailed consultation process this led to the development of the Cadet Forester Program.

The program will be offered annually with the support of industry champions who offer the positions.

In 2018 four positions have been offered, one in the South, one in the North and two in the North-West. Promotion for these positions started in March and continued through to September. During this time we reached out to over 35 schools throughout the state, promoting the industry and in particular the Cadet Forester positions.

Another part of Arbre's role in the program is to sit as an independent advisor on the interview panel. We are now in the recruitment phase with interviews commencing 10th October in Burnie. At this stage we are very happy to report that two Australian School Based Apprenticeship positions have been offered and accepted in the North-West. Having the opportunity to meet and get to know these candidates has left us with no doubts about the future of our industry workforce. We are attracting some very confident and mature candidates who will ultimately become the next operational foresters and maybe even future management. The high level of candidates was very encouraging and made the final decision very difficult!

Welcome

Welcome to Timber Training Creswick who have joined Arbre as an Industry Supplier Member.

Rob and the team have been working with Arbre for the past 2 years bringing a wide variety of training courses to our members.

We look forward to a continued and successful future together.



WEO - Scottsdale & Kings Meadows High Schools

On Tuesday 23rd October the Hub was filled with 19 Grade 10 students from Scottsdale High School & Kings Meadows High School who all had a keen interest in the Forest Industry!



Kings Meadows at Arbre

At Arbre they were shown the career paths in Forestry, worked with the simulators and climbed all over a skidder and forwarder, before heading into UTAS Architecture and Design to have a tour of the workshop and a demonstration of the laser cutter and router and then students assembled their prototypes.

We had some very positive feedback from Emma Dobson from Kings Meadows High School:

“I just wanted to let you know that one of my students went along to the Forestry/SOAD WEO on Tuesday and when he got back, he was just on an absolute high. He said it was the best day he had in years. He said he always thought he wanted to be a builder because that’s what his Dad does and that’s what everyone tells him he should pursue, but he has decided that he doesn’t want to be a builder, he wants to work in forestry! He loved learning about the different career paths and loved the simulators. He is keen to jump on board with any other opportunities that are offered. He just said that he never realised that a career in forestry was an option! It’s just as the saying goes – You don’t know what you don’t know!

This is a big deal for him because he is probably one of our most disengaged students in Year 9 and he doesn’t really get excited about anything! He has spent the remainder of the week telling anyone who would listen about how great the Forestry Industry is and how nice you all were to him on Tuesday.

So I really just wanted to pass this on because you honestly made his day and I have never seen a student so excited after a WEO!”



Scottsdale at UTAS

Build your own
dreams or someone
else will hire you to
build theirs
Farrah Gray

Safe and Skilled

Safe and skilled is a new program launched by Australian Forest Products Association (AFPA) and Australian Forest Contractors Association (AFCA) to raise the awareness of and enhance the safety of employees in Australia's Forest Industries.

The charter commits that members of AFPA and AFCA ensure that their forest workers hold a statement of attainment in approved and nationally recognised units of competency, relevant for forest operations.

These changes are coming your way and you need to understand them so for more information go to www.ausfpa.com.au

Fire Weather Evaluation & Bushfire Awareness Training

There are 2 Fire Weather Courses being held at the end of November:

29th November 2018 - 8.30am to 4.30pm Burnie

30th November 2018 - 8.30am to 4.30pm Launceston

If you would like to attend please register on hub@arbre.net.au

Members Only!

Do you have a position vacant to advertise?

Send details through to hub@arbre.net.au and we will put it on our Website under our Job Shop!

Arbre Facebook Page



Are you following us on Facebook?

If not look our page up - Arbre Forest Industries Training and Careers Hub - and like and follow us to see what is happening in the training world!

If you have any interesting articles for our next Newsletter please send them through!