

AUSTimber 2012 profile

IAN TYLER, SITE MANAGER

THE NEW forest site for AUSTimber 2012 is developing well under the stewardship of Ian Tyler, who returns as site manager for this significant forestry event.

The new site is 15kms from Mount Gambier city, surrounded by radiata pine and blue gum forests due for harvesting. The site was selected because it is the ideal situation, with proximity to pine and blue gum plantations, the airport and the city itself. This unique site, as well as having unlimited parking and easy access, will allow both static exhibitions and live demonstrations on the one site showcasing the latest forest industry equipment.

A local landowner has been very generous, allowing AUSTimber 2012 to be staged on five hectares of his property. Forestry SA and Elders Forestry have both also been generous; Forestry SA for the pine harvest sites and Elders Forestry for the bluegum harvest sites.

Ian has been working with the local landowner on earthworks to provide flatter sites for the larger exhibitor marquees. This initial work was followed by a seeding of rye grass and clover to provide a dust-free environment for the exhibition and allowing the landowner to use the crop after the event. The next stage of activities will include fencing to separate the parking from the exhibition area and a task list that continues to grow. The highest point of the paddock has been selected for the central administration point, including the meet and greet and the hot spot for internet, telecommunications and meeting rooms.

Ian has had a career in civil engineering with Local Government and when he is not working on AUSTimber 2012 he spends his time keeping track of his business investments, developing the five acre property he lives on with his wife Annie and plans travel adventures.

“To be involved in AUSTimber 2008 was a great privilege and a challenge that really had us working hard. The new site will give added benefits to all exhibitors and visitors, as it will be on the one location and not far from town. I’m looking forward to again working with David Quill, Libby Ditcham and the whole team, together making AUSTimber 2012 bigger and better”.

Along with the site developments AUSTimber 2012 has started securing sponsorships. At time of printing the following sponsorships have been committed:

- Gold sponsors - ForestrySA and City of Mount Gambier.
- Silver sponsors - District Council of Grant and South East Log Haulers’ Association, Mibus Brothers and Portland Pine Products.



■ Ian Tyler (AUSTimber site manager) David Foster (world champion axeman) and Libby Ditcham (AUSTimber administration manager).



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