

Upcoming timber events

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AUSTRALASIA 2011

December 1-2

ForestTECH 2011: Tools & Technologies to Improve Forest Planning & Operations
Albury, NSW, Australia.
www.foresttechevents.com

December 5-6

ForestTECH 2011: Tools & Technologies to Improve Forest Planning & Operations
Rotorua, New Zealand.
www.foresttechevents.com

December 2

Timber Queensland Directors

December 3

Walcha Timber Expo

December 6

TMA Timber Industry Golf Day,
Kingston Heath

December 8

Timber Queensland Directors

2012

March 7-8

Future Forestry Finance: Investment, Growth & Strategic Outlook
Auckland, New Zealand.
www.forestryfinanceevents.com

March 13-14

Future Forestry Finance: Investment, Growth & Strategic Outlook
Sydney, Australia.
www.forestryfinanceevents.com

March 21

ForestWood 2012, Wellington, New Zealand. www.forestwood.org.nz

March 29-31

AUSTimber, Mount Gambier, South Australia.
<http://www.austimber2012.com.au/>

April 26-29

42nd HooHoo JIV Convention, Bunbury, Western Australia. Enquiries to admin@timbercheck.com.au

July

AWISA – The Exhibition

July (last week)

ATTA workshop will be hosted by the Great Southern Institute of Technology at Albany, WA

INTERNATIONAL 2012

February 23-25

74th Annual Oregon Logging Conference - Oregon, USA.
www.oregonloggingconference.com/

March 27-29

3rd International Russian Wood and Timber Conference - Moscow, Russia. <http://www.adamsmithconferences.com/en/wood-processing-timber-logging-russia>

May 9

Global Wood Products: Industry & Market Conference - Vancouver, Canada.
info@woodmarkets.com

May 29-31

World Bioenergy y 2012. The 3rd World Conference on Pellets will be arranged as an integrated part of World Bioenergy 2012, Jönköping, Sweden.
www.worldbioenergy.com

September 20-22

Demo International - Saint-Raymond, Quebec.
<http://www.demointernational.com>

AUSTIMBER

AUSTimber site preparations 'excellent'

AHWHI recently completed mulching and stump grinding for the "Forestry Plantations Queensland Forest Walk" at the AUSTimber 2012 site.

The 1.5km walk will take visitors through ForestrySA pine plantations and Elders Forestry blue gum plantations, passing up to 30 static sites, 7 active pine harvesting areas, 4 cut-to-length blue gum sites and 4 tree-length blue gum harvesting sites.

The excellent preparation using a Fecon FTX 148L with an

AHWHI mulching attachment was undertaken by AHWHI Australia.

Trucks in action in real forest settings

AUSTimber 2012 next March will be providing the trucking industry with its first opportunity in at least 20 years to take their customers on demo drives in real forest settings.

Truck exhibitors will be able to take their customers on a test drive around a variety of different circuits and test drive

loaded with either chip or with logs. The trailers can be supplied by AUSTimber 2012 or trailers from manufacturers of their own choice. This way exhibitors can demonstrate different truck and trailer combinations

Two live demonstration options will be available:

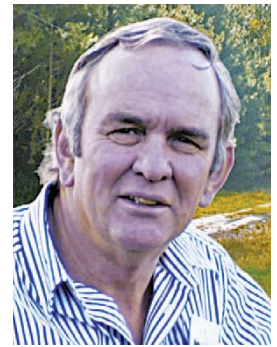
- a closed forest loop of 6km providing exhibitors the opportunity to showcase conventional units, as well as high productivity transport systems, such as road trains and quad/quad "B" Doubles;
- a 17km open road demonstration course, with combination undulating, winding gravel and bitumen roads allowing you to display performance under varying conditions

"In-field chip or saw-log can now be loaded directly onto trailers, towed by prime movers, giving the logging industry and the general public a first-hand opportunity to view these, and other trucks in action in a real forest setting," said David Quill, general manager, AUSTimber 2012

Live exhibitions of forest harvesting at AUSTimber 2012 will feature in-field chipping operations in Elders' Forestry blue gum plantations, along with log harvesting of ForestrySA's pine plantations.

Preparing foundations

Local South East students enrolled in the Doorways-2-



■ David Quill.

Construction program were at the AUSTimber 2012 site early in November to prepare the foundations of the site office they are constructing for the major event.

AUSTimber 2012 organisers are not only excited about the progress of the site office by the students but that organisers have sold all the in-forest pine sites, all the in-field chipping sites and all but two cut-to length blue gum sites and a substantial amount of other sites.

"We are the only combined softwood/hardwood plantation expo held in the forest in the world and the Southern Hemisphere's largest forestry and timber expo. This means we do have a forest that can be used to meet all demands. We've had a fantastic response so far with the number of sites sold and we have the capability of adding more sites if there is more demand from exhibitors," said Quill.

"AUSTimber 2012 is on track to be an even bigger event than 2008 that bought 8,000 people from overseas and Australia to the Green Triangle region and Mount Gambier."



Foresters announce new President

DAVID WETTENHALL, of Albany in WA, is the new president of the Institute of Foresters of Australia (IFA).

He was appointed unanimously by the IFA Board of Directors. Executive Officer of the institute, Cassandra Spencer said that David's appointment created valuable opportunities to build enduring benefits for Australia's foresters.

"The Institute of Foresters represents members in all aspects of forestry in Australia. While continuing to support and advocating for common sense approaches to Australian production forests, this is also a pivotal time for the institute to reinforce its position in non-production forested landscape management discussions. This is a new future for forestry and one that the IFA wants to embrace," she said.

"A key issue for the IFA is to promote to the public the value of forest assets and the need for

professional forest management. Forests have enormous and complex values in 'green futures' such as biomass energy, low energy construction materials, carbon sequestration and storage as well as ongoing values in the conservation of biodiversity, water and timber production while supporting and protecting communities in and around forests," David said.

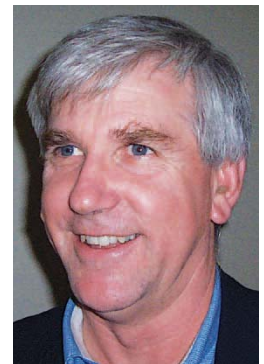
David graduated in forestry from the Australian National University in 1975 and he has recently completed a Masters of Forest Ecosystem Science at the University of Melbourne. He has been an active member of the IFA throughout his career. He has also been a strong advocate for private and farm forestry.

David takes over from Dr Peter Volker who has recently completed his sixth year's service as Institute President. The IFA Board of Directors and the new President are committed to continuing the progress of Dr

Volker who has worked tirelessly to increase the profile of the IFA in the public and political arena and to foster credibility in the voice of IFA members.

"Peter provided inspirational leadership for the IFA through difficult times for the profession and the forest dependent industries and communities. We thank Peter for his enormous contribution to the profession and science based management of forests in Australia," said David.

David's early career included employment in the Tasmanian woodchip industry and then growing poplars for match splints in Victoria and New South Wales. From 1985 to 1997 he was employed by an integrated softwood pulp/plywood and sawmill in North East Victoria. In the latter period of this term he led the development of a hardwood plantation program and was Environment Manager for the mill site. In 1997 he took up a position with Integrated Tree Cropping in



■ David Wattenhall.

Albany, WA as General Manager – Operations.

David established 'Plantall Forestry Consultants' in 1999 which provides freelance forestry services to forestry enterprises in WA.