



# MEDIA RELEASE

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## ForestrySA Photography Competition – AUSTimber People’s Choice Award prizes announced

Prizes of \$250 each will be awarded to the primary and secondary school winners of the ForestrySA School Photography Competition People’s Choice Awards, thanks to AUSTimber 2012.

Primary and secondary students across the Limestone Coast are being urged to take out their digital cameras and get snapping as part of the inaugural competition.

The event is being planned to coincide with International Year of Forests in 2011 and two of ForestrySA’s major community sponsorship events – announcement of the Transformations: ForestrySA Wood Sculpture Competition winners at the Riddoch Art Gallery on 23 March 2012 and the AUSTimber 2012 expo in Mount Gambier from 29 to 31 March 2012.

ForestrySA is seeking photographs displaying all facets of the forest industry, including tree cultivation and tending, forest operations, timber processing and products in service.

All students who enter will be placed in the running to win some great cash prizes, courtesy of ForestrySA and AUSTimber 2012.

**Entries close 5pm Friday 28 October 2011.**

Award winners will be decided by a panel of judges and announced at ForestrySA Head Office Mount Gambier on 11 November 2011.

Winners and a selection of finalist entries will be exhibited at the Mount Gambier Riddoch Art Gallery from 17 March to 1 April 2012, where a public ballot will decide the AUSTimber People’s Choice Award winner.

People’s Choice award winners will be announced on the final day of the AUSTimber 2012 expo on Saturday 31 March 2012. For more information about AUSTimber 2012, visit [www.austimber2012.com.au](http://www.austimber2012.com.au).

ForestrySA Chief Executive Mr Islay Robertson said the competition would give students an insight into the forestry industry and he was looking forward to viewing their creative entries.

“I encourage all interested students to take their cameras out into our forest estate, which is not just the site of commercial forest operations but a popular place to visit for more than a quarter of a million people annually,” Mr Robertson said.

AUSTimber General Manager Mr David Quill said he was delighted to be able to provide a generous cash prize for the people’s Choice Award winners, saying the competition would provide a great opportunity for students to learn more about the forestry industry.

“It is also an opportunity for them to showcase their photography skills to an international and national audience at AUSTimber 2012,” Mr Quill said.

### **GREAT PRIZES:**

**Primary School:** 1st prize - \$400 for the winning school, \$100 for the student  
2nd prize - \$200 for the school, \$50 for the student

**Secondary School:** 1st prize - \$400 for the winning school, \$100 for the student  
2nd prize - \$200 for the school, \$50 for the student

**AUSTimber People’s Choice Awards:** \$250 each awarded to the best overall primary and secondary student entries, as voted by the public.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**28 October 2011:** Entries close 5pm.

**11 November 2011:** Category winners announced at ForestrySA Head Office (time TBA).

**17 March – 1 April 2012:** Winning entries and selection of finalists exhibited at Riddoch Art Gallery.

**31 March 2012:** AUSTimber People’s Choice Award winner announced at AUSTimber expo (time TBA).

### **HOW TO ENTER:**

Photographs must be saved in digital jpg format, at least 2mb in size and entered by the school on behalf of students.

Simply, fill out an entry form (available from [www.forestrysa.com.au](http://www.forestrysa.com.au)) and email along with your photograph to [thomas.laura@forestrysa.com.au](mailto:thomas.laura@forestrysa.com.au). Alternatively, save your photograph on a clearly labelled disk and send to ForestrySA School Photography Competition, ForestrySA, PO Box 162, Mount Gambier, 5290.

Entries must be received by ForestrySA before 5pm Friday 28 October 2011 to be eligible for prizes.

**MORE INFORMATION:**

Call ForestrySA Coordinator Communications Laura Thomas on 8724 2747, email [thomas.laura@forestrysa.com.au](mailto:thomas.laura@forestrysa.com.au) or visit [www.forestrysa.com.au](http://www.forestrysa.com.au) to view full conditions of entry.

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