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Students' feet on footings

Local South East students enrolled in the Doorways 2 Construction program will be in the forest at the AUSTimber 2012 site on Friday 4th November to prepare the foundations of the site office they are constructing for this 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.

David Quill, General Manager AUSTimber 2012 said ' we are the only combined softwood/hardwood expo held in the forest in the world and 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. 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."

Media contacts:

The students, teacher, David Quill will be on site from 10am Friday 4th October for interviews, photo shoots.

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About Doorways 2 Construction program

- The Doorways 2 Construction (D2C) Trade Training Course, locally known as "BUILDING TRADES", has been operating on the Grant High School campus for the past 12 years catering for students in all Limestone Coast Schools. The course has recently expanded with training sites now located in Kingston Community School, Millicent High School / Independent Learning Centre and Naracoorte High School with near future plans for Bordertown High School.
- D2C works with teachers and students to better engage students at school and assist them to enter the building and construction pathway at Certificate I and II level.
- Industry Pathways Programmes (of which D2C is a component) help address future trade strategies in the South East and better cater for all students at schools with engagement and experience in industry before they leave school for the work place.

About the site office build

- AUSTimber 2012 approached the centres to assist with the construction and on-site delivery of transportable housing modules that will go towards providing accommodation for AUSTimber 2012 participants for meeting rooms, computer suites and general administration.
- Students under trade supervision will construct panels of framing/single side sheet lining/cladding to be pre-fitted with electrical and data conduits and ready for transport and erection on site in a modular framework to be bolted together, showcasing the rudimentary nature of structural framework.
- The modular structure will be produced at all three campuses and relocated to the forest region north of Mount Gambier to be assembled and completed for the AUSTimber 2012 event (March 2012).
- The students will be involved in the project and will gain invaluable experience with a variety of donated products, showcasing the diversity of wood product in the region and enabling the viewing public an insight in to the partnerships that exist between industry and the school sectors in the region

About AUSTimber 2012 www.austimber2012.com.au

- AUSTimber 2012 is the **world's only** combined softwood and hardwood plantation expo and the **biggest** forestry and timber expo in the Southern Hemisphere.
- AUSTimber 2012 will showcase the latest in technology, machinery, products and services for the forest and timber industry.
- AUSTimber 2012 will be conducted in a single location in the forest, only 15kms North of the city of Mount Gambier, the centre of the largest plantation forest area in Australia. The Expo will be held over two days 30th and 31st March 2012 delivering a dynamic environment to experience the latest in precision forestry technology with live demonstrations of machinery in action in the forest, indoor and outdoor displays.
- The AUSTimber ForestWorks Conference will be held on Thursday 29th March 2012 in Mount Gambier city with the theme 'Precision Forestry in action'. The conference will provide an opportunity to hear from experts – Australian and international – on all issues facing the future of forestry from seed to end markets, the whole supply chain.
- Organisers are expecting 10,000 national and international visitors to the region for AUSTimber 2012.

