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Hello and welcome to another edition of “The Log”, the Australian Forest Contractors Association Ltd’s own internal electronic Newsletter for all of our Members and Corporate Partner Sponsors.

Firstly this week, we have some news of a Conference being held in Sydney in March 2012 which looks at investment and loan risk strategies in the forestry and wood products industry across Australia.

If you have any interest in this area of our industry, “Future Forestry Finance 2012” might be of interest to you. This years Conference follows on from a successfully ran similar event in 2010 which was also conducted by our friends at the New Zealand based

Forest Industry Engineering Association. I have a copy of the flier for the 13-14 March 2012 event, so if you would like more information, please contact me and I will copy and forward it to you.

AusTimber2012 draws forever closer, and event Manager David Quill has let us know that all of the live action forestry sites have been sold, so things are looking good from a harvesting demonstration perspective with lots to see and do. The same can be said from the haulage side of things with no less than 5 trucking manufacturers already preparing to demonstrate their latest vehicles.

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So, if you want to see the latest in Harvest and Haulage, AusTimber2012 in Mt Gambier is the place to be. 29-31 March 2012.

David Quill has also had a lot of inquiries from individuals and organisations wishing to donate goods and services for the monster charity auction which traditionally takes place at the AusTimber Dinner. He has asked that any items which are being supplied be sent to the organisers at P.O. Box 702 Mt Gambier S A 5290.



And so now, all we need is YOU!! Bookings for all sections of this fantastic event are still open. If you haven't reserved your spot for you and your employees, PLEASE don't miss out. The organisers would love to hear from you, so go to the website www.austimber2012.com.au, and make your reservations fast.



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Forestworks is the body responsible for making sure that industry training courses are appropriate and that the qualifications contain the right skills. To make sure this happens, they have advisory committees in a number of States across the country, AFCA is a member of a number of these Committees.

We are now looking for a member in South Australia to represent the Harvest and Haulage interests on a newly formed committee in that State. If you are interested in taking on this role for us, please contact me.

Adan Taylor (GMT Logging) looks after this role for us in Queensland, and we appreciate the work he does in having input up there.

Just a reminder for members in New South Wales that the Tumut based Forest Industry Council (FIC) is seeking applications from anyone in the region who can show that they can improve their skills or add value to the local forestry industry with the help of this year's FIC scholarship values at \$2,000.00



Applications close on 17 February 2012 and more details can be found at the scholarship link at www.forestindustrycouncil.com.au,

If you have a son or daughter who is considering tertiary training in forestry, this could be a great help. Or maybe even if you would like to improve your own qualifications to be better placed for the future then it could be for you. Check it out.



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Speaking of training, opportunities are now available for you to take advantage of acquiring subsidised training places through the new National Workforce Development Fund. This initiative is part of the Federal Government's commitment to building Australia's future workforce. It has been designed to support training and workforce development in areas of both current and future skill needs. Small businesses, (that's us!) can receive up to 67% of your training costs reimbursed.

For more information, contact Forestworks, freecall 1800 177 001, or have a look at www.forestworks.com.au,



Well, that's all for this week. Thanks for taking the time to read this edition of "The Log". We hope you all have a safe and profitable week and we look forward to bringing you some more news from our industry again next week. Hurry up and come back Theresa!!

Regards to all

David Drane

