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“The Log”

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

At the heart of every successful business are the core skills that enable workers to confidently carry out their roles safely, productively and sustainably. These skills are commonly known as ‘foundation skills’ and include language, literacy, numeracy, communication and employability skills. The recent [No More Excuses](#) report published by the 11 Industry Skills Councils, including ForestWorks, found that almost half of working-age Australians have difficulty with reading skills and more than half have trouble with numeracy. To combat this skill shortage, the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) has announced a two-year project to support the implementation of the new Foundation Skills Training Package. ForestWorks will support this training package by developing specific learning resources for our industry. Using innovative, user-friendly formats like podcasts and CD-ROMs, ForestWorks’ learning resources will enable workers to learn as they work.

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JOHN DEERE

Nothing Runs Like A Deere

AFCA will work with ForestWorks to make sure the material is available to all Contractors. Please contact me for further information.

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Forest and Wood Products have issued a Media Release on “Delivering factual information on Australian forests to national schools”. Here are parts of the release.

Forest and Wood Products Australia (FWPA) has launched Forestlearning.edu.au, a portal for forests and wood products teaching and learning resources for primary and secondary school teachers. This new website aims to provide easy access for forests and wood products educational information that is linked to the Australian curriculum and is part of FWPA's education investment plan.



ForestLearning.edu.au provides activities, resources and ideas for teachers to integrate forest education into their programs across a range of key learning areas within the Australian school curriculum and state and territory syllabi.

www.forestlearning.edu.au replaces the old online education resources for forestry.

This new site includes:

- A searchable database of over 100 currently downloadable resources
- Information on key learning themes and topics including:
 - What is a forest?
 - What role does forestry play in the landscape?
 - Why is wood a renewable and sustainable resource?
 - How do forests and wood products store carbon?
 - How do we use, process and manufacture wood products?
 - What is the future?
- Information on organising school visits or professional development for teachers
- Latest news and events
- Glossary of terms and useful contacts and links to forestry organisations and their websites

Teachers and educators of years 3 to 12 in Australian schools are the primary audience for the website.

AFCA members who have any input into their local schools should recommend this website www.forestlearning.edu.au to the teachers, principals or educators.



And finally, in the next few weeks, all of our members and corporate partners will receive your annual invoices for the renewals of your membership affiliation and sponsorships of AFCA.



We hope that over the past twelve months we have provided enough incentives for you to renew your association with us again. AFCA is a member driven organization, and we rely on your financial support through your affiliation to enable us to continue our work for you.

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.

Regards to all
David Drane

