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Hello and welcome to another weekly 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, our friends at Phillipsons Financial Services in Sale Victoria have a number of Contractors as clients as well as being AFCA’s financial service provider. One of these Contractors has a Harvesting and Haulage contract for sale. There are 4 years left of an original 5 year contract. The work is located in the Central Highlands area of

Victoria, just north east of Melbourne.

The Harvesting and the Haulage can be separated. If you would like more information, please phone Barry Quinn at Phillipsons, Ph 03 5144 4566.

AFCA is pleased to announce that we have just gained membership of Australian Forestry Standards. (AFS).

Membership of organisations such as AFS are valuable for us all, as among other benefits, it gives us an opportunity to voice our concerns at the table if we become aware that the big players in the field are not playing the game as far as their social responsibilities under Certification are concerned.

It also provides us with an opportunity to be part of the decision making processes as far as forestry certification is concerned. We look forward to playing our part as a member of AFS.

Our membership of FSC is also being processed and we look forward to also having further input into that organisation.

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We are pleased to now bring you the following news from the organisers of AUSTimber 2012.

“The organisers of AUSTimber have been criticised both following the last AUSTimber event, and also in planning for AUSTimber 2012, with statements being made about Mount Gambier being inappropriate due to inadequate air services and insufficient accommodation. Negotiations with Rex Airlines over the last two years came to fruition today, with the news that they are providing significant support for our event. Rex have scheduled an extra 48 flights into Mount Gambier for the week of AUSTimber, both from the east via Melbourne and from the west via Adelaide”

To help you plan to attend AUSTimber 2012. We are pleased to print the following Flight Schedule supplied by Rex Airlines.

REX SCHEDULE FOR AUSTIMBER 2012 – Effective 26 March – 01 April 2012

Melbourne To Mt Gambier

Flight Departure & Arrival Times, & Days of Operation

ZL3761 7.00am 7.40am weds.thurs.fri.sat. MELMGB
ZL3763 8.35am 9.15am mon.tues.weds.thurs.fri.sat.sun MELMGB
ZL3765 11.15am 11.55am sun MELMGB
ZL3767 1.20pm 2.00pm tues.weds.thurs.fri.sat. MELMGB
ZL3771 3.35pm 4.15pm mon.tues.weds.thurs.fri.sun. MELMGB
ZL3777 4.50pm 5.30pm weds.thurs MELMGB
ZL3783 6.45pm 7.25pm mon.tues.weds.thurs.fri.sat.sun. MELMGB

Mount Gambier to Melbourne

Flight Departure & Arrival Times & Days of Operation

ZL3752 6.30am 8.05am mon.tues.weds.thurs.fri.sat.sun MGBMEL
ZL3762 8.00am 9.40am weds.thurs.fri.sat MGBMEL
ZL3764 9.35am 11.15am mon.tues.weds.thurs.fri.sat.sun. MGBMEL
ZL3766 12.15pm 1.55pm sun. MGBMEL
ZL3768 2.20pm 4.00pm tues.weds.thurs.fri.sat. MGBMEL
ZL3772 4.35pm 6.15pm mon.tues.weds.thurs.fri.sun. MGBMEL
ZL3778 5.50pm 7.30pm weds.thurs. MGBMEL

Adelaide to Mt Gambier

Flight Departure & Arrival Times & Days of Operation

ZL4613 6.55am 8.05am mon.weds.thurs. ADLMGB
ZL4617 8.45am 9.55am mon.tues.weds.thurs.fri.sat.sun. ADLMGB
ZL4623 11.15am 12.25pm tues.weds.thurs.fri.sat.sun ADLMGB
ZL4631 3.40pm 4.50pm mon.tues.weds.thurs.fri.sun ADLMGB
ZL4633 5.15pm 6.25pm tues.weds.thurs.fri. ADLMGB
ZL4643 6.45pm 7.55pm mon.tues.weds.thurs.fri.sat.sun ADLMGB

Mt Gambier to Adelaide

Flight Departure & Arrival Times & Days of Operation

ZL4612 7.00am 8.10am mon.tues.weds.thurs.fri. MGBADL
ZL4614 8.25am 9.35am mon.weds.thurs. MGBADL
ZL4618 10.15am 11.25am mon.tues.weds.thurs.fri.sat.sun.
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ZL4624 12.45pm 1.55pm tues.weds.thurs.fri.sat.sun. MGBADL
ZL4632 5.10pm 6.20pm mon.tues.weds.thurs.fri.sun. MGBADL
ZL4634 6.50pm 8.00pm tues.weds.thurs.fri. MGBADL
ZL4644 8.15pm 9.25pm fri. MGBADL



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With regards to accommodation:

“The AUSTimber Guest Services Co-ordinator Karyn Roberts has done a wonderful job in enlisting the services of RoomsHere.com. This website can be accessed through a link on the AUSTimber 2012 website, and gives



all the accommodation options available in Mount Gambier and the district. Anyone who comes from a rural area will know that there is a limited number of rooms available in the best motels in town. In addition, a significant number of motels have already been booked.

Don't give up! By searching through Roomshare.com you can get contact details for the many other options available in Mount Gambier and the district. There are over 5,000 beds available in the region. If you have difficulty, please do not hesitate to contact Karyn, and she will be more than willing to help you. Karyn's contact details are on the website"

So as you can see, everything is being done to make sure AUSTimber 2012 is a success. All it needs now is your support. We hope to see you there.

We have also received the following information from Lisa Marty, CEO of the Victorian Association of Forest Industries (VAFI). It may be helpful to you when working with the wood in your area.

A number of hardwood sawmills in Victoria are currently managing the presence of Sapstain (also known as Bluestain) in the wood that comes to them.



We have attached two brochures to this edition of "The Log", which are designed to provide you with information on identifying and managing Sapstain and also on its affect in eucalypt timbers:

- **Sapstain and its prevention**
This brochure provides information about identifying, preventing and controlling Sapstain in the forest and at the mill.
- **Sapstain in eucalypt timbers**
This brochure provides information for sawmills and their customers about using wood with Sapstain

These brochures are also available on the VAFI website, www.vafi.org.au, They were prepared by Dr Joely Taylor (www.wellwrit.com.au) and produced with the support of the Department of Primary Industries and VicForests and the input affected companies.

VAFI would welcome your feedback, so please do not hesitate to contact Lisa directly should you wish to discuss the brochures. Lisa's contact details are: **T: 03 9611 9003 M: 0414 803 796** www.vafi.org.au
Thanks to Lisa and VAFI for providing this information.



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And finally, a word about the recent Forestworks Industry Conference and Dinner with the Politicians.



Each year the people at Forestworks work extremely hard to put an industry Conference together that is worthwhile and valuable to those who attend. This year was no different, with the presentations by the industry people being valuable and interesting. There was also an excellent presentation by Senator Nick Xenophon.
What a different politician he is!!! Pity that there are not a lot more like him.

Unfortunately, the presentations by the other “Pollies” left a lot to be desired. Just the usual party line and spin. We have had enough of that and really don’t need to hear it any more.

But the lowlight of the entire event was provided by Senator Chris Evans, the Minister responsible for training etc. He didn’t even know Forestworks name and persisted in calling them “Forestryworks”. Fancy not even knowing what the Industry Skills Council that you fund is called.



An absolute disgrace and an insult to all the hard working people at Forestworks.

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

