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AFCA Annual General Meeting and Board nominations

Notice of AFCA Annual General Meeting

Held via zoom

Date: Thursday 26th November

Time: 4pm (AEDT)

RSVP: No later than 24 November to office@afca.asn.au. Zoom link will be emailed prior to meeting.

AFCA is calling for Director nominations to the Board

To nominate download a **form** and return completed to office@afca.asn.au no later than 5pm Monday, November 23rd.

All nominations will be considered at the AGM

Generally, there are 6 - 8 Board meetings held annually with a mixture of phone conference and face-to-face meetings within forestry regions. Board members are not required to travel to all face-to-face meetings as we have technology to support conferencing.

There is no remuneration associated with AFCA Board Director positions and they are voluntary.



The countdown is on...it's a year to the show!

With a year to go to the **AUSTimber** show the team is busy planning as exhibitor enquiries ramp up again as we all adjust to our new COVID normal.

Our **supporters, partners** and **exhibitors** are committed to another great show with a packed program featuring all the best of the forest industry.

PROGRAM DATES

- 10 Nov (WED) Field Trips
- 11 Nov (THU) Field Trips
- 11 Nov (THU) Site visits by invite
- 11 Nov (THU) Welcome Dinner
- 12 Nov (FRI) Show day (9:00 am - 5:00 pm)
- 13 Nov (SAT) Show day (9:00 am - 3:00 pm)

Secure your tickets **here**.

For more information on AUSTimber see **here**.

Log Haulage Code - Update July 2020

The updated Log Haulage Code (LHC), July 2020 can be found **here**. The LHC was approved at the Growers Chamber at a meeting held in December 2019.

This updated July 2020 version has been amended following review and feedback from the NHVR. The amendments agreed to are summarised as:

- Inclusion of 'Executive Officer' as it relates to their due diligence obligations under section 26D of the Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL), their safety duty, and how this translates into forestry log haulage practices
- To provide greater clarity around the role of drivers' under HVNL, specifically given a driver is not a party in the CoR and would not be prosecuted for an

HVNL offence.

- General amendments and re-design to improve the useability and function of the document including the addition of a glossary, list of figures, and list of tables

Next Steps

The LHC, July 2020 has been re-submitted to the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator for further review and is still under consideration for registration.

Please use the **LHC July 2020** for reference and it supersedes all previous versions.

Further updates will be provided following a response from the NHVR.

Bushfire Royal Commission report released

The Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements has publicly released its findings and recommendations. A full copy of the report can be downloaded **here**.

The Australian Forest Products Association (AFPA) welcomed the report however has highlighted that it has missed an opportunity to highlight mechanical fuel reduction as part of a national fire mitigation strategy. View AFPA's **media release**.

The Insitute of Foresters Australia (IFA) stated, 'The Bushfire Royal Commission's final report is totally underwhelming and fails to address the current imbalance between fire prevention and fire response says the Institute of Foresters (IFA/AFG), the professional association representing some 1,000 forest scientists, researchers and professional forest managers in Australia.' To read their full media release please click **here**.

See news coverage of the report release **here**.





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