

Forestry Australia Tas. Branch

Annual General Meeting

AGENDA

12:00 - 2:00pm, 14 November 2024 at Gunners Arms Tavern, 23 Lawrence Street, Launceston.

1. Present:

2. Apologies:

3. Chair's Report 2023/24

4. Nomination of committee members 2024/25

Existing committee members are deemed to have renominated unless they advised otherwise, a list of committee members is located at Appendix 2.

5. Nomination / Election of office bearers 2024/25

Chair

6. Any other business

7. Presentations

Dr Dean Williams, Interim Director of Australian Forest and Wood Innovations (AFWI)

Topic:

“AFWI”

Australian Forest and Wood Innovations (AFWI) is being established to support transformational innovation across the national forestry and forest product value chain, with \$100 million in cash contributed by the Federal Government, and close engagement with these industries, we are already seeing opportunities to deliver change come to life. This presentation provides an overview of AFWI structure, how it functions and an update on its activities, since it was officially launched in March 2024.

Bio:

As Interim Director of Australian Forest and Wood Innovations (AFWI), Dean is currently leading the establishment of this national research institute, based at UTas Launceston.

Prior to joining UTas in 2023, Dean was employed for 20 years by Sustainable Timber Tasmania/Forestry Tasmania in various research roles including seven years as Forest Management Services Manager, where he was leading the organisation's diverse research program and delivering award winning innovation.

Dean has a bachelor's degree with Honours, a PhD in forestry and an MBA, all from UTas. Dean has a passion for applied collaborative research to deliver positive change, all along the forestry and forest products value chain.

Tracey Taylor, General Manager, The Tasmanian Forestry Hub

Topic:

"Supporting Industry Growth: The Tasmania Forestry Hub's Collaborative Approach"

The discussion will focus on the role of the Tasmania Forestry Hub in supporting industry growth through strategic collaboration and stakeholder engagement. It will outline the Hub's key priorities in developing workforce capacity, harnessing carbon opportunities, and driving innovation to help shape a resilient and sustainable future for the Tasmanian forestry sector.

Bio:

Tracey Taylor is the General Manager of the Tasmania Forestry Hub and an experienced project manager with a background in agriculture, forestry, and vocational education. She works collaboratively with industry stakeholders to support growth, shape strategic priorities, and provide practical policy advice. Tracey focuses on clear communication and engagement to address industry challenges and foster sustainable development."

The meeting will close by approximately 2:00pm.

The Forestry Australia Tasmanian Branch thanks the National office for their support in helping with the logistics and promotion the AGM.

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Appendix 1:

Chairs report 2023/24

The 2023 Annual General Meeting saw members from the branch come together for an informal gathering in Launceston where the formal proceedings were concluded with an evening of pizza and drinks. The evening was well attended by members from across the state who enjoyed the opportunity to connect and reflect on the year. A similar event was also held in Hobart in-conjunction with the TFFPN.

After many years of service to Forestry Australia and previously AFG, Lawrence Archer resigned from the Tasmanian branch. On behalf of the Tasmanian branch, we would again like to acknowledge the enormous work which Lawrence has contributed to, particularly for small private growers around the state.

The past 12 months have consisted of both informal and formal opportunities for the members of Tasmania to engage. In July 2023, a field day and networking dinner was hosted in the North West of the state. This event was well attended with over 30 people attending the field component and over 20 attending the evening session.

In April the Forest Pest Management (FPM) Research Consortium in partnership with the Forestry Australia Tasmania Branch held a field day in the North West of the state. The day covered the current research projects being managed by partnering forestry companies. The five field visits covered an array of pest, weed and disease management topics, including drone spraying, mammal browsing, forest health etc.

Further, contributions to Tasmanian specific matters such as the Private Forests Tasmania (PFT) levy rate have also been achieved. The committee in various capacities has also contributed their expertise to the National office. The branch looks forward to continuing their momentum and work towards achieving meaningful events which deliver on what members within Tasmania want.

Molly Marshall,

Committee Chair, Tas Branch, Forestry Australia

Appendix 2:

Executive members of the committee 2023/24

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