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Welcome

This *Members' Bulletin* is intended to keep you up-to-date with current ATIF activities. This edition covers the successful timber industry seminar *Building stronger value chains*, actions related to illegal logging legislation and the awarding of the ATIF Lifetime Outstanding Contribution Award to Bob Frost.

2013 Annual General Meeting

The 2013 ATIF AGM was held in Sydney on 10 October. It was preceded by a Board meeting. The composition of the Board remains unchanged, that is Nils Koren, Gunnarsens (Chairman); Robert Cairns, Tasman KB; Lou Boffo, Le Messurier Timber; John Simon, Simmonds Lumber; Glenn Tilling, Tilling Timber; David Meyer, Meyer Timber; Michael Swan, Swan Le Messurier, and Gerry Gardiner, Asian Pacific Timber Marketing.

Industry seminar, *Building stronger value chains*

The timber industry seminar *Building stronger value chains* hosted by ATIF in collaboration with Forest and Wood Products Australia and the Timber and Building Materials Association was considered to be an outstanding success with 120 attendees. Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture was a last minute addition to the speaking list that also included: Hon Katrina Hodgkinson MP, NSW Minister for Primary Industries and Minister for Small Business; John Gillam, Managing Director, Bunnings Group; Professor Sue Holliday, National Housing Supply Council, and Professor of Planning Practice, University of NSW, and Professor Andy Buchanan, Department of Civil and Natural Resources Engineering, University of Canterbury, Christchurch.

Senator Colbeck has responsibility for the forestry portfolio and the seminar was his first official event in that capacity.

Illegal logging legislation

Following the change of Government and the appointment of Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture, the Chairman has written to him and ATIF has prepared a submission for him on the *Illegal Logging Prohibition*



Amendment Regulation 2013 that was introduced into both houses of the Federal Parliament before the Parliament was prorogued ahead of the 14 September elections. The ATIF chairman and general manager meet with Senator Colbeck on 31 October to outline ATIF's remaining concerns about the Regulation and seek his and the Government's views and discuss planned action in relation to the Regulation.

Award to Bob Frost

Bob Frost was presented with the inaugural ATIF Lifetime Outstanding Contribution Award at the timber industry dinner on 11 October.



Bob being presented with his award by Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture and Nils Koren, Chairman of ATIF

Bob started in the timber industry working for Allen Taylor at Winda Woppa on the NSW North Coast. By his early 20's Bob was managing two sawmills and then moved to Sydney and worked in sales for Taylors. Bob was the managing director of Addington Timber Company of New Zealand until the mid 1980's when he, together with Ken Bell, formed KB Timber Marketing. Bob acquired the company, then Tasman KB, in 2001 and it has operated as a family-owned business ever since. Bob has been a pioneer of many of the products that continue to be imported from New Zealand, including finger-jointed fascia, laminated posts, rougher headed treated pine and decking.

Bob has always been an enthusiastic and energetic supporter of the timber industry. He has served on just about every timber industry body over the more than 60 years of service to the timber industry.

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