

MEMBERS' BULLETIN

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Welcome

This *Members' Bulletin* is intended to keep you up-to-date with current ATIF activities. This edition features the 2017 *Insights and Outlook Conference* to be held in Melbourne on Thursday, 5 October. Early bird registrations and sponsorship opportunities are outlined. Also below is a quick report on the familiarisation 'tour' for officials from Plant Import Operations of the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources, and mention of the updating of the ATIF website.

Plant Import Operations familiarisation inspection

ATIF was pleased to organise and host a familiarisation 'tour' for officials from Plant Import Operations of the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources as part of the current review of timber import conditions. The tour took place recently in Melbourne and visited Tilling Timber, Bayswood Timber Wholesalers and Meyer Timber.

Participants were able to inspect the operations of some of Victoria's leading timber product importers and wholesalers at close quarters, and also to receive briefings on product trends.

ATIF supports the actions of the Federal Government in reviewing plant import conditions and is working with staff from Plant Import Operations to help ensure that timber product import conditions meet strict quarantine conditions, but at the same time utilise current technology and are efficient and cost effective.

The review is not about diminishing quarantine requirements that will continue to be based on careful risk assessment, but it does recognise that there have been substantial changes in timber treatment options, risk evaluation and products.

ATIF thanks staff from Tilling Timber, Bayswood Timber Wholesalers and Meyer Timber who assisted with the visit.

ATIF website update

The ATIF website have been updated to include details of new members, back copies of *Members' Bulletins* and the new ATIF brochure that is available via the Home Page.



2017 Insights and Outlook Conference

As previously advised, the 2017 *Insights and Outlook* Conference will be held in Melbourne on Thursday, 5 October. This collaborative conference is a joint venture between DANA, Forest and Wood Products Australia (FWPA) and ATIF. The strong, interesting international and domestic speaker line up has now been finalised.

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2nd FWPA / DANA Insights & Outlook Conference

In Association with ATIF

FEATURED SESSIONS:

- Global Trends
- Innovations Changing the Market
- Construction Market
- Wood Panels Market

Discount available for FWPA members

Early Bird Registrations finish Friday 25 August 2017

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The conference will be the highlight event for the Australian timber, forest and related industries in 2017, and will build on the successful *Insights and Outlook* Conference held in Melbourne in September 2016.

The conference will focus on market trends and changes, new technologies and products that are, and will continue to grow the size of the timber industry with its related benefits for company commercial performance and employment in building and construction industries. It has been designed to attract individuals from the wholesale sector, timber merchants, resellers, retailers, manufacturers, builders, technical experts, supply chain professionals and trade associations.

Early bird registrations close on 25 August. ATIF members are entitled to the FWPA discount rate. You are encouraged to register promptly if you are planning to attend the conference.

Also ATIF urges interested companies and organisations to get in contact with conference organisers to discuss the best sponsorship package to meet specific needs. You can contact John Halkett on 0417 421 187 or email: john.halkett@bigpond.com or Eric Siegers on 0419 889 528 or email erics@timber.asn.au

For detailed information about the conferences visit the conference website www.danaevents.co.nz/2017melbourne.

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