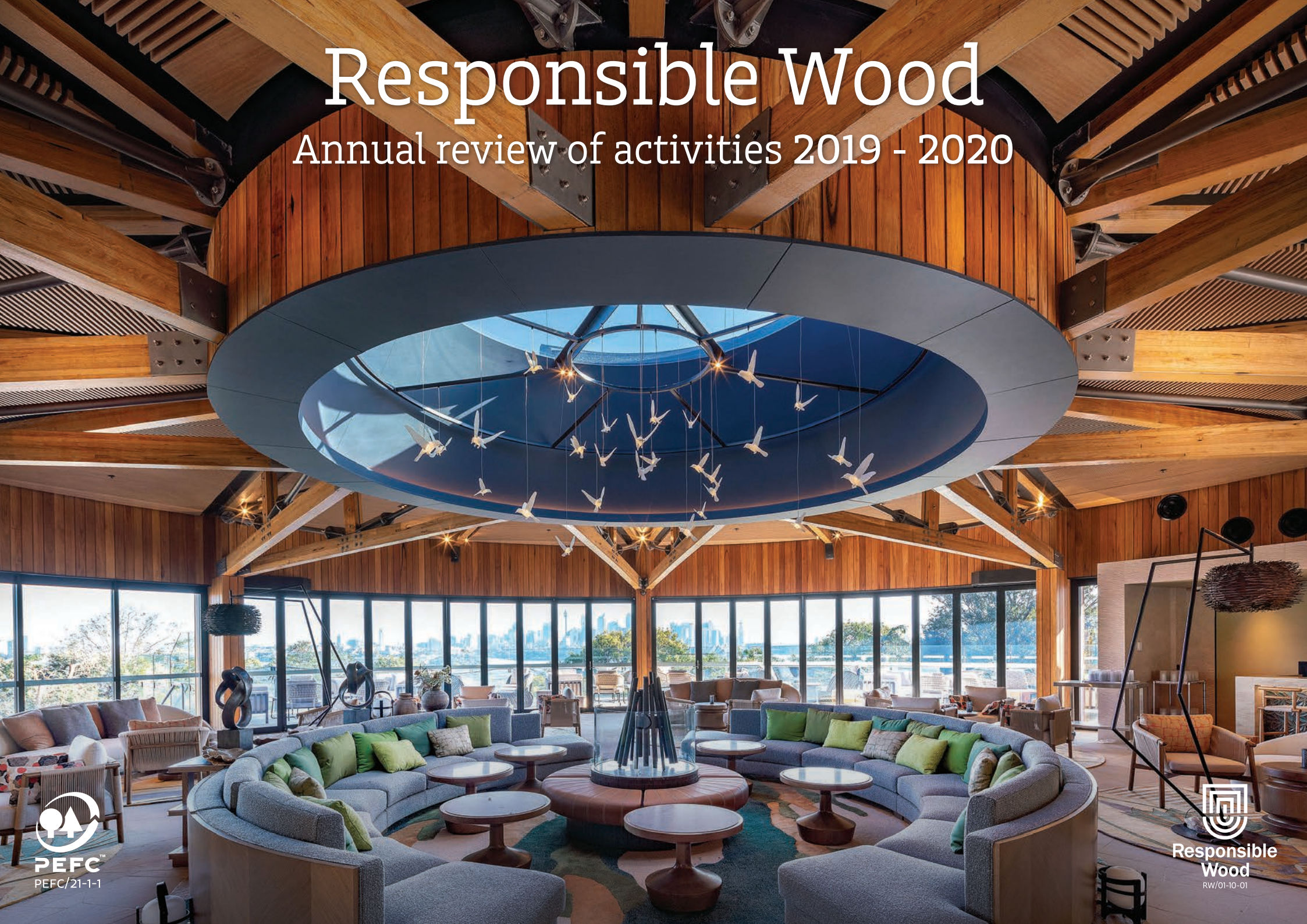


Responsible Wood

Annual review of activities 2019 - 2020



Chairman's Report

On behalf of the Directors, I am pleased to present the 2019-2020 Responsible Wood Annual Report. Despite the challenges of Covid-19, Responsible Wood has continued to consolidate its positioning in the market, continuing to deliver and improve services and benefits to its members and those participating in the certification program.

We observed with some horror and great concern the impact of the summer bushfires on a number of our members and certificate holders, followed soon after by the impacts of Covid-19 restrictions. We were able to provide flexibility around audit schedules to ease the burden and respond to travel restrictions and are pleased to note that certifications across the board have remained in place.

The Board has maintained a strong focus on governance and the achievement of strategic outcomes, with more attention being placed on the identification and management of risk, stakeholders and the development of better metrics which address the outcomes and impact of our activities in the market. The latter remains a work in progress.

Our intended continued focus on further consolidation of an active marketing and communications program was somewhat impacted by both the bushfires and Covid. However, we have been able to continue an active program based on video meetings, conferences and media programs. The development of our Community Grants Program, ready for release in the new financial year, has been a significant development which we hope will assist in strengthening community links with certified forests and forest owners, but also play some small part in post disaster recovery.

As foreshadowed last year, we have sought to promote and showcase the sustainability of our certified forests and excellence in the practices of their managers throughout the supply chain. This has become a more significant component of communications, and we expect that the Community Grants Program will provide a range of additional showcase opportunities.

We identified the need to continue to promote PEFC, particularly within our export markets and have developed a more distinctive 'PEFC Australia' strategy for those markets, including the launch of a PEFC Australia website, and collaboration with national PEFC entities in Asia..

We maintain a strong involvement in PEFC, both in the revision of standards and in broader multi-national programs as detailed further in the report.

Thanks to the continuing support of our members and certificate holders, Responsible Wood remains in a strong financial position. Revenues were maintained through the year, while Covid restrictions on travel and meetings resulted in expense reduction.

The revision of the Responsible Wood Scheme standards has been a significant focus for the year. The drafting of a revised joint Australian-NZ forest management standard, as a joint initiative with New Zealand, has all but been completed and release for public comment is imminent. Professor Gordon Duff has provided sterling independent leadership as chair of the joint multi-stakeholder standards review group. A revised PEFC Chain of Custody standard was approved at the PEFC General Assembly in November 2019, paving the way for a revision of the RW CoC standard in the coming year.

Our partnership with the New Zealand Forest Certification Association has continued to strengthen, with the signing of a new agreement which sees Responsible Wood take on a more comprehensive management of the NZ PEFC Scheme. We remain in close

contact with the NZ Forest Certification Association, with joint Board meetings from time to time.

Stuart West of WA Forest Products Commission joined the Board as a director this year. I wish to acknowledge the contribution of retiring director Nathan Trushell and thank him for his dedication and input.

Finally, I wish to thank all Responsible Wood staff, particularly Simon Dorries who continues to put in sterling efforts and my fellow Directors for their dedication and professionalism in the governance of Responsible Wood in the interests of all our members, certificate holders and stakeholders. The achievements of Responsible Wood this year are a compliment to them all.

We thank all of our members, certificate holders and supporters who have contributed enthusiastically and continued to support us during this challenging year.



– DR HANS DRIELSMASMA
AM, Chair
October 2020

Responsible Wood (The Australian Forestry Standard Trading as Responsible Wood) is a not-for-profit public company that promotes the sustainable management of Australia's forests and traceability of wood products through its management of the Responsible Wood Certification Scheme (RWCS).

Responsible Wood is a Standards Development Organisation accredited by the Standards Development and Accreditation Committee of Standards Australia (SDAC) to develop and maintain Australian Standards® within its scope of accreditation.

Responsible Wood is the Australian member of the Program for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) and the RWCS is one of 47 national forest certification schemes endorsed by the PEFC.

Each year, Responsible Wood publishes an Annual Review of Activities to inform its members, stakeholders and the general public of progress in administering the RWCS.

This review covers the period 2019-2020 and was presented to members at the 2020 Annual General Meeting of Responsible Wood.

Penguin Parade Visitor Centre.
Responsible Wood certified timbers were sourced with chain-of-custody from Ryan & McNulty, AG Brown Sawmill and Mary Valley Timbers.
Architect: TERROIR Pty Ltd.
Structural Engineer: Stantec (previously Wood and Grieve).
Photographers: Peter Bennetts.



Mon Repos Turtle Centre.
Responsible Wood certified ariaply (in Ebony and Natural Hoop) and a glue-laminated timber structure sourced with chain-of-custody from Austral Plywoods and Hyne Timber.
Architect: Kirk Studio.
Structural Engineer: Arup.
Building Fabricator: Hyne Timber.
Photographers: Scott Burrows Photographer.



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On the board

Dr Hans Drielsma AM
Stuart West
Katie Fowden
Patrizia Torelli

Willie Van Niekerk
Craig Smith
Mark Thomson
Judy Alexander

Chief Executive Officer
Simon Dorries

The Mon Repos Turtle Centre in Queensland, featuring a glue laminated timber structure sourced with chain-of-custody through Hyné Timber. Image courtesy of Glen David Wilson

Responsible Wood Certification Scheme

The Responsible Wood Certification Scheme sets out the specifications and procedures that ensure the highest standards of management, transparency and accountability in Australia's forest sector.

Two Australian Standards sit at the heart of the Responsible Wood Certification Scheme – the Australian Standard® for Sustainable Forest Management (AS 4708) and the Australian Standard® for Chain of Custody of Forest Products (AS 4707).

Australian Standard® AS 4708 provides reassurance to consumers of wood and paper products that the forests from which those products originated are independently audited and verified as well managed.

Obtaining certification demonstrates that management practices meet requirements for best practice in sustainable forest management, including:

- Biodiversity of forest ecosystems is maintained or enhanced
- The range of ecosystem services that forests provide is sustained

- they provide food, fibre, biomass and wood
- they are a key part of the water cycle, act as sinks capturing and storing carbon, and prevent soil erosion
- they provide habitats and shelter for people and wildlife; and
- they offer spiritual and recreational benefits

- Chemicals are substituted by natural alternatives or their use is minimised
- Workers' rights and welfare are protected
- Local employment is encouraged
- Indigenous peoples' rights are respected
- Communities have an opportunity to provide input into the process

Chain of custody certification against Australian Standard® AS 4707 ensures requirements for tracking certified material from the forest to the final product are met and that the wood contained in the product or product line originates from certified forests and controlled sources.

Internationally, the Responsible Wood Forest Certification Scheme is endorsed by PEFC, the world's largest sustainable forest certification scheme, which sets high standards for forest certification and sustainable forest management in line with society's ever evolving understanding and expectations.

The Standards are reviewed every five years to ensure they represent best management practice and reflect community expectations.



Review of Activities 2019 - 2020

The Australian forestry and forest products sector have been impacted by the 2019-2020 Australian bushfire season and the Covid-19 global pandemic. Accordingly, our thoughts are with those Responsible Wood members, certificate holders, certifying bodies and stakeholders impacted.

In addition to routine activities, Responsible

Wood has developed a dedicated Small Grants Program – an initiative aimed at supporting local communities connected to Responsible Wood certified forests throughout Australia.

The Responsible Wood Small Grants Program

Responsible Wood continues to grow from strength to strength with an increasing number of members and scheme holders using the Responsible Wood brand. Demand for Responsible Wood and PEFC forest certification remains strong as Responsible Wood reaches out to specifiers and consumers of forest-based products. From December 31, 2019 all scheme holders have now fully transitioned to the new Responsible Wood logo providing further promotion of our brand.



We thank all of our members and stakeholders for their support, feedback and input in this extensive process.



Responsible Wood Marketing and Communications Officer, Jason Ross, accompanied 20 of Australia's leading building professionals on a field trip in the Forestry Corporation of NSW softwood pine plantations

Reviewing Our Standards

Over the past year, Australian Standards AS4707 Chain of Custody of Forest Products and AS4708 Sustainable Forest Management were kept current by Responsible Wood welcoming any requests for minor revisions, amendments or updates.

Responsible Wood has continued the revision of AS 4708 Sustainable Forest Management in accordance with its requirements to review the Standard on a five-yearly basis. The review ensures the Standard incorporates the latest knowledge, best practices and evolving stakeholder expectations.

The revision is being undertaken as a joint Australian and New Zealand Standard suitable for delivering Sustainable Forest

Management in Australia and New Zealand (AS / NZS 4708: 20XX – Sustainable Forest Management principles). The review process has progressed with draft for public comment to be released in the new financial year.

In addition, Responsible Wood has turned its attention to the revision of AS4707 Chain of Custody of Forest Products in accordance with its commitment to review the Standard for currency on a five yearly basis.

This is a fundamental requirement of Responsible Wood's accreditation as a Standards Development Organisation (SDO) by the Standards Development and Accreditation Committee (SDAC) and the ongoing endorsement of the RWCS by the international Program for Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC).

In addition to operating and maintaining

The Responsible Wood Small Grants Program



The Responsible Wood Small Grants program support local communities to better connect with and understand the values and benefits that are provided from sustainably managed forests. The Responsible Wood Small Grant program is seeking applications for community projects, activities or events that help physically connect communities to Responsible Wood certified forests. Projects supported could include: mountain bike track construction, wildlife habitat improvement, trail signage, art work creation and installation, improved picnic facilities, indigenous forest management workshops. Applications close on the 15th November, 2020.



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the RWCS, Responsible Wood continued to operate as the PEFC National Governing Body for Australia and provides administrative services for the New Zealand programme on behalf of the New Zealand Forest Certification Association (NZFCA).

Certification

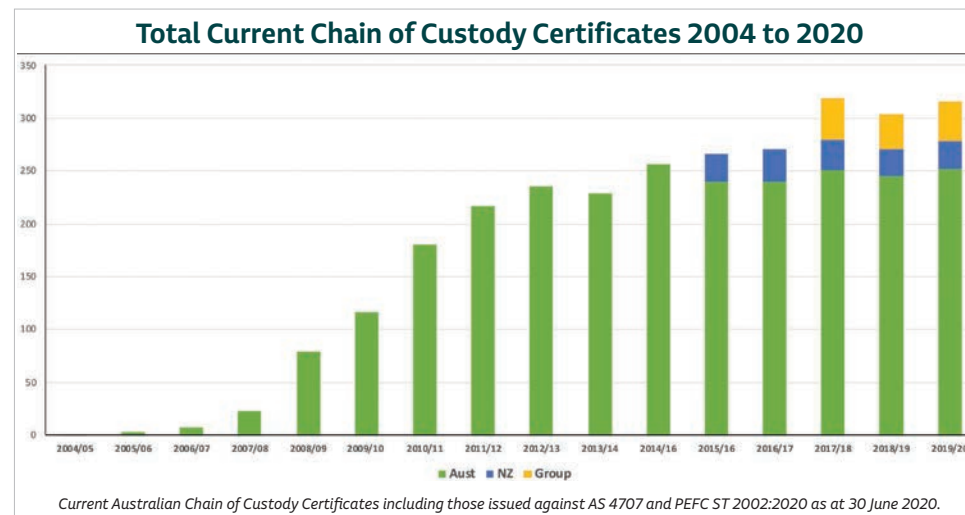
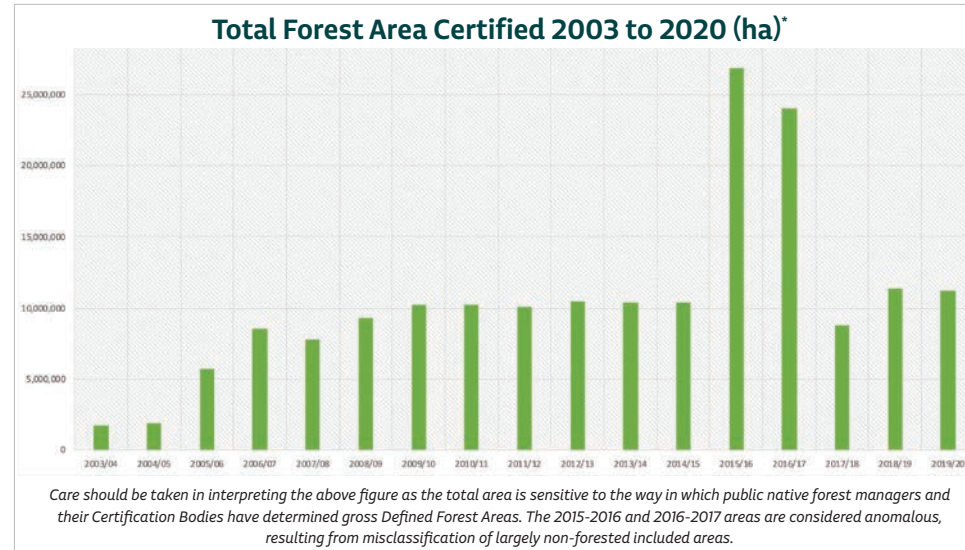
Forest management certification

The total area of certified forest in Australia (the sum of the individual Defined Forest Areas (DFAs) remained constant at about 11.25 million hectares. The total number of forest management certificates is 29, unchanged from 2018-2019.

The majority of Australia's commercial production forests (plantations and native forests) continued to be certified against the Australian Forestry Standard (AS 4708 Sustainable Forest Management – economic, social, environmental and cultural criteria and requirements) in 2019-2020.

Australian Standard AS 4708 underpins the Responsible Wood Certification System.

RFF (formerly Reliance Forest Fibre Group Scheme) and the Forest Smart Group



Certification Scheme administered by PF Olsen (Aus) Pty Ltd are currently registered for Group Certification under the Responsible Wood Certification Scheme.

Group Certification is where small independent forest managers form a co-operative or group for the collective certification of the forests which they manage. Group Certification defrays the certification and management costs over a larger number of participants, making forest certification more cost effective and accessible to small forest growers.

Chain of Custody certification

Responsible Wood recognises chain of custody certificates issued against the Australian Standard® (AS 4707 Chain of custody for forest products) and the PEFC Standard (PEFC ST 2002:2020 Chain of Custody of Forest and Tree Based products - Requirements).

The total number of chain of custody certificate sites administered by Responsible Wood has increased from 304 to 316 as at 30 June 2020. This total includes both Chain of Custody certificates issued for New Zealand and Group Chain of Custody in Australia.



Responsible Wood Marketing and Communications Officer, Jason Ross, visiting Responsible Wood Chain of Custody certificate holder XLAM Australia with a group of architects and engineers



Responsible Wood CEO, Simon Dorries and Dr Joe Gattas at the presentation of the inaugural Responsible Wood Civil Engineering Prize for excellence in timber design



Featuring PEFC certified timbers throughout, this New Zealand master piece was one of the most talked about at the 2019 World Architectural Festival

BJ Ball PEFC certified Paper Supply Manager Kelly McLean and Business Development – Corporate Manager Rachel Foye with Jason Ross at the BJ Ball Paper headquarters in Auckland, New Zealand



Group Chain of Custody Certification has grown strongly with 38 individual companies now participating in Group Chain of Custody, under two individual certificates.

Accredited certification bodies

Five certification bodies are now accredited by JAS-ANZ to issue Forest Management certificates in Australia or New Zealand to AS 4708 or NZ AS 4708. In addition, 12 certification bodies are accredited to provide Chain of Custody in Australia against the PEFC chain of custody standard or AS 4707. In New Zealand, three certification bodies have been notified to issue Forest Management Certificates to NZ AS 4708 and eight to provide PEFC Chain of Custody Certification. Responsible Wood has continued to provide the mandatory training to certification bodies to ensure they meet the training provisions and competencies required by JAS-ANZ and other accreditation bodies. In addition, Responsible Wood Ltd has also been providing specific training to certification bodies required to extend their JAS-ANZ Scope of Accreditation to provide certification in New Zealand.

Responsible Wood has continued engagement with certification bodies by facilitating workshops. The 2019-2020 workshop was delivered in August 2019 in Sydney and was attended by over 10 staff representing most certification bodies operating in Australia and New Zealand. In addition to Certification Bodies, the workshops were attended by Responsible Wood staff and JAS-ANZ. The workshops provide a forum where certification and accreditation requirements (including new provisions) are discussed, changes and updates to Standards are reviewed, the

activities of Responsible Wood and PEFC are communicated and feedback on the operation of the certification scheme is provided. Attendance at these workshops is recognised by JAS-ANZ as contributing to the mandatory training required by the relevant scheme rules.

PEFC in New Zealand

Responsible Wood has continued to administer the PEFC scheme in New Zealand on behalf of the New Zealand Forest Certification Association (NZFCA). NZFCA is the PEFC Governing Body for New Zealand. There are now five Forest Management certificates in New Zealand with 620,000 ha of PEFC certified forests. The number

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of Chain of Custody certificates remain relatively unchanged. Under the agreement with NZFCA, Responsible Wood maintains all registrations and notifications, takes enquires and applications from New Zealand, liaises with certification bodies and ensures that the Scheme Rules administered by JAS-ANZ are applied in New Zealand, as they are in Australia.

Richard Stanton Award for Excellence

In 2015, AFS Ltd established the Richard Stanton Award for Excellence as an on-going memorial to the late AFS National Secretary Richard Stanton. The Richard Stanton Award is given to an individual demonstrating excellence and is open to individuals that have made a significant contribution to, or can demonstrate:

- Innovation, improvement or excellence in Forest Management or Chain of Custody Certification
- A strong commitment to the Responsible Wood Certification Scheme and sustainable forest Management
- Innovation and improvement in the promotion and marketing of Responsible Wood Certified Products

The winner of the 2019 Richard Stanton Award for Excellence was Nick Clarke and Thirukumaran Jallendran, formerly sustainability managers for the Sydney Metro Northwest project.

Awarded for the first time to joint-winners the prize recognises the significant contribution of both men in achieving what is the largest complex infrastructure project successfully achieving Program for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) and Responsible Wood (RW) project certification. Accordingly, the project has had a lasting legacy resulting in a number of scheme holders committing too and maintaining Responsible Wood certification.

SCS Global Services conducted the certification assessments under the PEFC/RW standards and nominated both men for the coveted prize.

The dual award winners worked tirelessly with suppliers far and wide to deliver Responsible Wood and PEFC project certification across seven of eight Sydney Metro stations and four commuter car parks accommodating 4000 car spaces.

The Metro North West Line opened in May



Eileen Newbury (Forest and Wood Products Australia), Victor Violante (Australian Forest Products Association) and Responsible Wood Board Member Willie van Niekerk touring Responsible Wood certificate holder Borg Manufacturing particle board facility in Mount Gambier with Stephanie Beck of Borg Manufacturing

2019 from Tallawong to Chatswood. Metro rail is being extended from Chatswood under Sydney Harbour through new underground city stations and beyond to the south west. In 2024, Sydney will have 31 new metro

stations and a 66 km standalone metro railway system.

Standards & Accreditation

SDAC

Responsible Wood remains one of only five Australian entities accredited as a Standards Development Organisation (SDO) by the Standards Development and Accreditation Committee (SDAC). SDAC sits under the Board of Standards Australia. Responsible Wood was subject to our yearly surveillance audit by an SDAC appointed auditor in December 2019. The result was excellent with no non-conforming practices against standard development requirements identified. As a result of the audit, SDAC accreditation of Responsible Wood as an SDO to develop Australian Standards® for forest



Meet Billie Jo Brown, the Tumbarumba Production and Stewardship Supervisor and featured extensively in the Black Summer series. Image supplied by Forestry Corporation of NSW



Responsible Wood gets its tick of approval from Standards Australia

management and Australian Standards® that support the Australian Forest Certification Scheme was maintained.

PEFC

The Responsible Wood Certification Scheme (RWCS) is endorsed by the Program for Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC), an international non-profit, non-governmental organisation dedicated to promoting Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) through independent third-party certification. PEFC is recognised in 53 countries through National Governing Bodies and has 47 endorsed national certification systems and approximately 325 million hectares of certified forests. PEFC is the world's largest forest certification system covering approximately 20,000 individual sites and representing over 750,000 individual forest owners. PEFC certifies approximately three quarters of all certified forests globally.

PEFC is an umbrella organisation. It works

by endorsing national forest certification systems developed through multi-stakeholder processes and tailored to local priorities and conditions. To ensure consistency across all PEFC-endorsed standards, all national systems wishing to be PEFC recognized undergo rigorous independent assessment to ensure their compliance with PEFC's Sustainability Benchmark.

PEFC criteria, regulations and guidelines also include provisions for standards development and implementation, and define requirements for stakeholder engagement in standard setting and scheme development; regional and group certification, certification and accreditation procedures, Chain of Custody, Logo Use, and complaints and appeals mechanism.

Responsible Wood has remained active within the PEFC organisation and was represented on the following Standards Committee: PEFC Working Group: Group Certification and Requirements for Certification Bodies

Responsible Wood is an active member of both the Customer Engagement Group (CEG) and the Asia Promotions Initiative (APAC Hub) – an initiative currently chaired by the Responsible Wood Chief Executive Officer. The CEG is responsible for advising PEFC on marketing, industry and consumer engagement strategies. One key recommendation from the CEG was the PEFC sponsorship and support for the Sustainable Timber Award at the World Architectural Festival (WAF). This prestigious award recognises the best architectural designs utilising sustainably sourced timber products. Responsible Wood Director, Mr Mark



Australian industry delegation to Japan with Ross Hampton, CEO, AFPA, Senator Jonathan Duniam, Malcolm McComb, chair, Pentarch Group and director, Allied Natural Wood Exports, Simon Dorries, CEO, Responsible Wood, and Doug Massey, general manager, Plantation Export Group.



Responsible Wood's Jason Ross (left) on location with Mary Valley Timbers Wayne Morris, Tom Hooper (right) and Jason File (away from camera)

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Thomson has been appointed to the judging panel for the Sustainable Timber Award and will be again presenting the award as part of WAF Virtual in November 2020.

Responsible Wood Director Katie Fowden was appointed to the newly-formed, PEFC Marketing, Communications and Advocacy Working Group, representing Australia and New Zealand. This group is tasked to further develop consistent, global, strategic and tactical approaches to deliver the overall PEFC strategy, vision and mission.

Responsible Wood is also represented on the PEFC Finance Working Group, which is seeking to establish a more equitable and sustainable basis for membership fees.

Standards Review – Australian Standards

The two Australian Standards® which underpin the Australian Forestry Standard Certification Scheme were kept current and up to date during the period:

AS 4708-2013 Sustainable Forest Management and,

AS 4707-2014 Chain of Custody for Forest Products

There were no amendments to AS 4708 and AS 4707.

The responsibility for maintaining these Standards sits with two standing committees, the AS 4708 and AS 4707 Standards Reference Committees (SRC). In 2019, Responsible Wood initiated the development of an historic trans-Tasman AS / NZS standard for Sustainable Forest Management. Representatives for these committees are provided by nominating organisations representing economic, social and environmental interests. Members represent a broad and diverse range of stakeholders include forest owners, manufacturers, environmental and social interests, trade unions, academics, certification bodies and the supply chain.

AS / NZS 4708 underpins the endorsement of the PEFC sustainable forest management certification scheme operating in New Zealand.

The review process is being undertaken in accordance with both Standards Australia and Standards NZ procedures. Responsible Wood is accredited as a Standards Development Organisation (SDO) and is accredited to develop Australian and New Zealand Standards in accordance with the standards development procedures.

Standards Review – PEFC Standards

In 2016 PEFC commenced a major review of their complete suite of Standards. This includes the PEFC Standards for:

- Standard Setting (ST 1001)
- Group Forest Management Certification (ST 1002)
- Procedures for Forest Management Certification (ST 1004, new)
- PEFC Sustainable Forest Management (ST 1003)
- PEFC Trademark Rules (ST 2001)
- Chain of Custody of Forest and Tree Based Products (ST 2002)
- Procedures for PEFC Chain of Custody Certification (ST 2003)
- Endorsement of National Systems (GD 1007)
- Requirements for Accreditation Bodies (new)

The revised PEFC Standards for Chain of Custody of Forest and Tree Based Products and Trademark Rules were approved and endorsed by the PEFC General Assembly in November 2019.

The following Standards are to be reviewed ahead of the PEFC General Assembly in November 2020:

- Procedures for PEFC Chain of Custody Certification (ST 2003)

Marketing & Communications

Responsible Wood's marketing and communications activity has continued at a strong pace despite the impact of the 2019-2020 Australian bushfire season and Covid-19 pandemic. The Covid-19 pandemic in particular has fundamentally changed the way in which Responsible Wood connects with audiences, making Australian and overseas travel impossible.

Nonetheless Responsible Wood continues to be a major content generator for media and communications within the Australian forest products sector. (See table).

Responsible Wood media spread for the 2019/2020 Financial Year

News	42
Events	12
Case Studies (construction and forest focused)	12
Press Releases	14
Technical	3
Bulletins	4



Meet Kath French, the Forestry Corporation of NSW Grafton Nursery Manager, featured as part of the Black Summer series. Image supplied by Forestry Corporation of NSW.

Supporting PEFC activities, Responsible Wood has produced new websites for PEFC Australia (www.pefcaustralia.org.au) and PEFC New Zealand (www.pefcnewzealand.org.nz). The new websites mirror the new PEFC International website (released in May 2019) and provide an important resource for members and certificate holders using the PEFC branding.

Responsible Wood has been a proactive participant in PEFC's 'Humans of the Forests' campaign, raising awareness of Responsible Wood / PEFC forest certification and



'The once in a generation' Portsea Surf Life Saving Club, featured in the Victorian edition of Master Builders magazine

demonstrating the importance of responsible forest management in Australian and New Zealand certified forests. Highlights include:

- Behold Ghost Mushrooms Lane, the not-so-hidden treasure in the forests
- Sustainable Forest Management and the Eastern Brown Kiwi
- Eagle Eye – the quest to save the wedge-tailed eagle
- Riparian corridors, biodiversity and the case for sustainable forest management
- An extensive four-part series looking at the Black Summer in New South Wales

By the numbers Responsible Wood has been growing its advertising footprint - both in traditional and emerging media platforms.



Responsible Wood's Jason Ross presents David Dubios of Dubios Building Design and Interior Architecture with the 2019 Australian Certified Timber Award for Mount Mulligan Lodge

The by-product of increased advertising traffic, Responsible Wood has experienced heightened inquiry from consumers of forest products and potential chain of custody certificate holders.

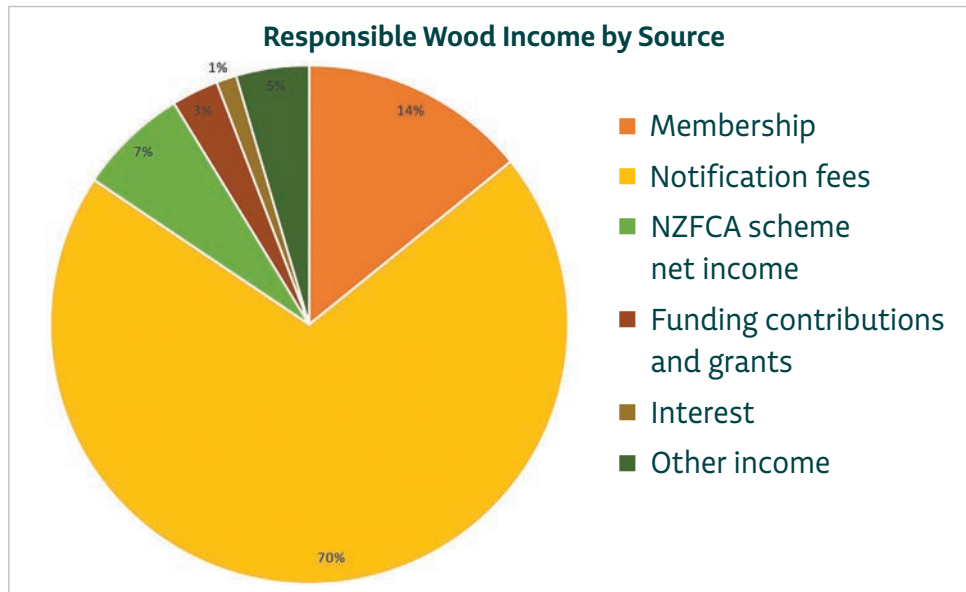
Responsible Wood partnered with Master Builders Magazine to feature three double-page spreads in the Victorian, New South Wales and Queensland magazines:

- Life-saving rebuild for iconic surf club (Victoria)
- Sydney Metro sets benchmark with project certification (New South Wales)
- A treasure in the sand tunes (Queensland)



Ben Gunneberg, CEO of PEFC International, with Patrick Beale, of Advanced Timber Concepts Studio at the UWA, Adrian Iredale and Finn Pedersen, both from iredale pedersen hook architects, and Mark Thomsoh, WAF Judge and Responsible Wood Director

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PEFC International Chairman Peter Latham OBE and PEFC International Ben Gunneberg recognise Responsible Wood Chair Dr Hans Drielsma AM at the PEFC General Assembly in Wurzburg Germany



Meet Kathy Lyons, Senior Manager responsible for stewardship of coastal hardwoods and featured extensively in the Black Summer series. Image supplied by Forestry Corporation of NSW

The articles feature a variety of Responsible Wood 'Chain of Custody' certificate holders involved, to varying degrees, in the delivery of three of Australia's most noteworthy building projects.

Responsible Wood continues to be an active participant in an extensive outreach program. In place of face to face contact, Responsible Wood has used video conferencing to broaden its reach, both in Australia and New Zealand.

Supporting Responsible Wood's long term sponsorship of the Australian Timber Design Awards, Certified Timber, and Responsible Wood (representing PEFC New Zealand) sponsored the inaugural NZ Wood Resene Timber Design Award, Innovation category.

In addition, an Australian entry was successful in winning the coveted World



The Western Australian Pingelly Recreation and Culture Centre, winner of the PEFC WAF prize for Sustainable Timber

Architectural Festival (WAF), Best Use of Certified Timber category sponsored by PEFC International and judged by Responsible Wood Director Mark Thomson in Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

For 2020-2021, Responsible Wood has developed a new key performance indicators driving marketing performance across the solid wood, paper and packaging sectors. Performance indicators include brand visibility, market interaction, endorsement and recognition and demand for certification.

Finance & Administration

Membership

Responsible Wood is a not-for-profit public company limited by guarantee. Membership of Responsible Wood is open to all



The PEFC Family as one – Responsible Wood represented Australian interests at the 2019 PEFC General Assembly in Wurzburg, Germany

organisations and individuals who support the Objects of the company as set out in the Constitution. As at 30 June 2020 Responsible Wood had 35 members, unchanged from 2018-2019.

Governance

The Directors Report and Audited Financial Reports for 2019-2020 were prepared and provided to Members prior to the 2020 AGM, in accordance with the Corporations Act requirements.

In accordance with the Responsible Wood Constitution, three Directors are required to retire at each AGM. The Directors retiring in 2019 were Dr Hans Drielsma, Nathan Trushell and Judy Alexander.

Following his resignation, Nathan Trushell was replaced by Stuart West as a new Director nominated by Forest Grower Members. Judy Alexander was re-nominated and was reappointed unopposed to represent Community / Social / Environmental Members. Dr Hans Drielsma was reappointed to the Board as an Independent Director and was re-elected by the Board as Chair.

Dr Hans Drielsma, Craig Smith, Katie Fowden, Stuart West, Mark Thomson, Patrizia Torelli,

Willie Van Niekerk and Judy Alexander continued to serve through 2019-2020 as Directors appointed by the Members while Dr Hans Drielsma continued to serve as Chair.

Finance

The audited accounts show the financial outcome for Responsible Wood for 2019-2020 was a surplus of \$207,656 (2018-2019 - \$261,051) increasing Net Assets (Total Equity) to \$1,512,586 (2018-2019 - \$1,304,930). Net Current Assets improved from \$1,300,502 at 30 June 2019 to \$1,501,461 at 30 June 2020. Cash increased by \$82,121 over the year to \$1,224,086 at 30 June 2020.

Responsible Wood is a not-for-profit company. The Board has sought to maintain a reserve to ensure that the company can operate effectively and manage any future changes in financial circumstances in an

orderly manner. This is especially relevant due to the unknown and uncertain impacts on the Australian economy and Responsible Wood is fortunate to enter these uncertain times with strong resources. The Board intends to continue investing funds in the development and promotion of the Responsible Wood scheme, the Responsible Wood brand and market development in support of sustainable forest management.

Responsible Wood will seek to increase the value added to the members and certificate holders whose support of sustainable forest management drives their engagement with the scheme.

2019-2020 saw a change in the agreement with New Zealand for administering the PEFC Scheme on behalf of the NZFCA. The overall result financially was similar to the

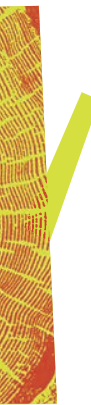
previous year in our books whilst reducing the necessary admin for both organisations.

Management & Staff

- Simon Dorries, *Chief Executive Officer*
- Jason Ross, *Marketing & Communications Officer*
- Sue Crerar, *Accounts & Registrations*
- Tracey Schoemaker, *Administration*

On-going contract services were provided by:

- Alan Snow of Alan Snow Consulting (*standards development & SDO accreditation advice*)
- Dr Gordon Duff, *Chair AS / NZS 4708 Standards Reference Committee*
- Simon Dorries, *Secretary AS / NZS 4708 Standards Reference Committee*



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Entrant: **Wildlife Retreat at Taronga**. Architect: **Cox Architecture**. Engineer: **TTW - Taylor Thomson Whitting**. Photographers: **Mike Chorley Photography / Ethan Rohloff**.

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