

Responsible Wood

Annual review of activities 2020 - 2021



Chairman's Report

On behalf of the Directors, I am pleased to present the 2020/21 Responsible Wood Annual Report. We have completed a very busy and productive year, despite early concerns about the impact of Covid on our business. As we all now know the past year has been one of buoyancy for the forest sector and this has translated into continuing support and demand for certification services.

A major focus over the last year has been the revision of our two Standards for Sustainable Forest Management and Chain-of-Custody. Drafts were exhibited for public comment and final revisions were completed by year end, with only formal approval procedures remaining. The revision of the SFM standard, jointly with New Zealand was a particularly significant body of work and great credit goes to the bi-national multi-stakeholder working group, ably chaired by Dr Gordan Duff for completing this revision.

Our productive partnership with the New Zealand Forest Certification Association

has continued with this finalisation of the joint AS/NZ forest management standard while management and promotion of the NZ scheme has been actively pursued, despite Covid travel restrictions. We remain in close contact with the NZ Forest Certification Association, with joint Board meetings from time to time.

We rolled out our Community Grants Program, which was a great success with six community organisations working in partnership with certified forests funded across four States. We will continue with this program which contributes to our goal of enhancing community engagement and understanding of forest certification.

Furthering our commitment to the promotion of PEFC in our export markets, we partnered with our Australian certificate holders, PEFC International and PEFC Japan in the recruitment of a full-time marketing resource to support Australian Responsible Wood/PEFC certified suppliers in the Japanese market.

Your Board has commenced a process of strategic review and renewal, including an audit of our marketing and brand programs, and risk procedures. We updated our risk management policy and register to

better reflect a revised international risk management standard.

We are concerned to note the continued pressures to remove wood production as a future option from Australia's certified native forests, at a time when preserving such options becomes more important to meet the challenges of our future world. We will increase our focus on building relationships and engagement with our members, certificate holders and wider stakeholders to develop stronger understanding and commitment to SFM, to our SFM standards and the RW trust mark. We plan to increase resourcing in our SFM capability to widen our engagement with relevant stakeholders including in the spaces of climate change, indigenous forestry and smaller forest growers.

Responsible Wood remains in a strong financial position. Despite a conservative budget based on concerns about Covid impact on our members and certificate holders, revenues were maintained through the year, while continued Covid restrictions on travel and meetings, and deferral of some new initiatives, resulted in an above budget surplus. This has positioned us well for progressing the new strategic initiatives for

which planning commenced during the year.

Mark Gauthier was elected to the Board by forest grower members and Dr Tony Bartlett was appointed as an independent director during the year. I wish to acknowledge the contribution of retiring director Willie van Niekerk and thank him for his dedication and input.

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.

Finally, we thank all our members, certificate holders, working group members and supporters who have contributed enthusiastically and continued to support us and our mission for sustainable forest management.

– DR HANS DRIELSMA
AM, Chair
October 2021



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).

We are 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.

We are the Australian member of the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC). The RWCS is one of 49 national forest certification schemes endorsed by the PEFC.

Each year, we publish our Annual Review of Activities to inform members, stakeholders and the public of its progress in administering the RWCS.

This review covers the period 2020–21 and was presented to members at the 2021 Annual General Meeting of Responsible Wood.

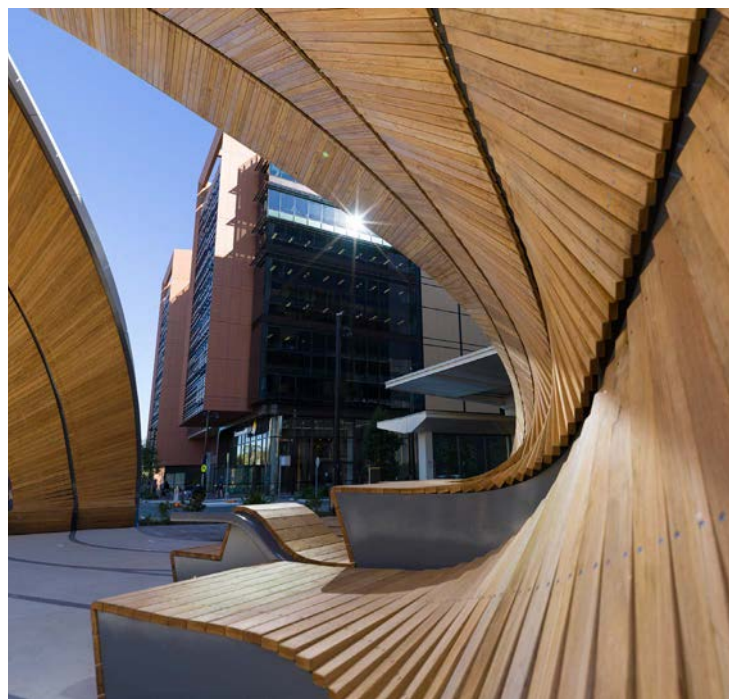
Royd Clan House .

From the remnants of an old property and monolithic boulders, the home utilises Responsible Wood-certified Hyne Timber Glulam and Responsible Wood-certified XLAM Cross Laminated Timber (CLT).

Architect: Level Architektur (Level-ak).

Engineer: Vistek Structural Engineers.

Photographer: Nadine Samaha.



Fitzpatrick+Partners Studio.

The leading architectural practice is turning heads with Responsible Wood-certified Neville Smith Forest Products Tasmanian oak. These prefinished 'Woodsmith' engineered boards were installed throughout the 700 sq m studio space. Architect: Fitzpatrick+Partners. Engineer: Hames Fit. Photographer: Mark Syke.



The Interchange Pavilion.

Inspired by South Eveleigh's rail history, 1400 router-cut pieces of Australian hardwood were supplied by Responsible Wood-certified Boral Timber and placed with precision along twisting aluminium rafters.

Architect: Studio Chris Fox.

Engineer: Bollinger + Gohmann.

Photographer: Josh Raymond.



The Nunawading Community Hub.

Built on the traditional land of the Wolworing, the spectacular facility features a Warren Truss structure supplied by Responsible Wood-certified Vicbeam using GL18 Vic Ash Hardwood beams.

Architect: FGMT Studio. Engineer: Vistek Structural Engineers. Builder: Ireland Brown Constructions. Photographer: John Gollings.

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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

Dr Tony Bartlett
Mark Gauthier
Chief Executive Officer
Simon Dorries

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 because they:

- provide food, fibre, biomass and wood
- are a key part of the water cycle, act as sinks capturing and storing carbon, and prevent soil erosion
- provide habitats and shelter for people and wildlife; and
- 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 2020 - 2021

In addition to routine activities, we launched the Responsible Wood Community Grants Program for 2020–21, an initiative aimed at supporting local communities connected to Responsible Wood certified forests throughout Australia.

Community Grants were awarded for collaborative community-based projects, activities or events that connect local communities to Responsible Wood certified forests.



The Nature Glenelg Trust, one of the recipients of the 2020–21 Responsible Wood Community Grants Program: With the support of OneFortyOne Plantations, the community created a walking trail linked to Boandik culture.

Six community groups were awarded grants (totalling more than \$45,000). Grants were provided to communities in South Australia, Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland.

We would like to extend gratitude to Ms Megan Graham, Project Manager for the Responsible Wood Community Grants Program.

Following the success of the 2020 program, the Responsible Wood Community Grants Program has been renewed for 2021–22.

The Responsible Wood Small Grants Program

- 1. Community Group** Ballarat Region Treegrowers, **Project** 21st century drop slab hut project, **Region** Ballarat, Victoria.
- 2. Community Group** Gravity Enduro SA, **Project** Intermediate mountain bike (MTB) trail at Bennetts forest reserve, **Region** Athelstone, South Australia.
- 3. Community Group** Birdlife Australia, **Project** Field days for bird count survey, **Region** To be confirmed.
- 4. Community Group** Nature Glenelg Trust, **Project** Connecting to Country through Boandik Cultural and Biodiversity Education in the Limestone Coast project, **Region** Mt Burr swamp, South Australia.



Responsible Wood Marketing and Communications Officer Jason Ross (fourth from left) was invited to participate in the Drop Slab Hut ribbon cutting in Ballarat, Vic. The Ballarat Region Treegrowers was one of the recipients of the 2020–21 Responsible Wood Community Grants Program.

5. Community Group Butchulla Indigenous Industries Group, **Project** Mabi Project – Cultural burning and coastal rejuvenation, **Region** Poona, Queensland.

6. Community Group Cycle Tumbarumba, **Project** Trailhead facilities for Mason's Hill Mountain Bike Trailhead, **Region** Tumbarumba, New South Wales.

We are, in partnership with PEFC International and Australian sponsors, providing a full-time marketing resource to support Australian Responsible Wood/PEFC certified suppliers in the Japanese market.

Tokyo-based Japan Marketing Manager, Ms Makiko Horio, is reaching out to a wide range of PEFC brand users in Japan to promote PEFC certified forest fibre to a wide range

of businesses. In addition, Ms Horio is also exploring new ways of communicating information, research and certification systems to the wider Japanese industry.



In May 2021, Monique Blason, Manager of Community Services, Forestry SA Forestry, and Katie Holdrook, Gravity Enduro SA Coordinator were among more than 40 riders and delegates at the starting line for the launch of the Bennett's Trail in the Adelaide Hills.

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We unveiled an updated website at the Responsible Wood 2021 AGM in October. The new website improves user experience for members, certificate holders and consumers of Responsible Wood certified products.

Our scheme continues to grow from strength to strength with an increasing number of members and scheme holders using the Responsible Wood brand in the marketplace. Despite global uncertainty, demand for Responsible Wood and PEFC forest certification remains steady as we continue to reach out to specifiers and consumers of forest-based products.

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

Reviewing Our Standards

Following a comprehensive review, the revised AS 4707 Chain of Custody of Forest and Tree Based Products was approved for publication in September 2021. The review ensures the Standard incorporates the latest knowledge, best practices and evolving stakeholder expectations, as well as ensuring

consistency with current PEFC requirements.

The five-yearly revision of AS 4708 Sustainable Forest Management continued for the period and is nearing completion. The revised Standard incorporates the latest knowledge, best practices, and evolving stakeholder expectations. The review is being undertaken in conjunction with Standards New Zealand with the expectation that the new Standard will be a joint Australian/New Zealand Standard suitable for delivering Sustainable Forest Management in Australia and New Zealand (AS/NZS 4708: 20XX – Sustainable Forest Management principles).

We received approximately 400 pieces of public consultation following the release of the public comment draft AS/NZS 4708 Sustainable Forest Management principles standard in August 2020. The revised Standard is to be balloted by the Standards Reference Body, with the final publication of the AS/NZS 4708 Sustainable Forest Management principles standard expected during the 2021–22 financial year.

This is a fundamental requirement of our accreditation as a Standards Development Organisation (SDO) by the Standards Development and Accreditation Committee



In March 2021, the "Timber Hub" in Brisbane became the second project to achieve Responsible Wood project certification. Partners and donors included Responsible Wood members and certificate holders Ian Haines of DTM Timber, Colin Ehrke of Boral Timber, Carly Tatnell of DTM Timber, Paul Rowbotham of Boral Timber, Mick Stephens of Timber Queensland, Ross Laiken of Parkside Timbers, Rob Mansell, XLam and Stuart Matthews of Austral Plywoods.

(SDAC) and the ongoing endorsement of the RWCS by PEFC International.

In addition to operating and maintaining the RWCS, we continue to operate as the PEFC National Governing Body for Australia and provides administrative services for the New Zealand program 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 (DFA), has increased to 16.28 ha with new areas of sandalwood production in Western Australia brought into the scheme. This represents a 45% increase in DFAs over the 2019–20 period. The total number of forest management certificates is 29, unchanged from 2019–20.



Responsible Wood's Jason Ross presents Cox Rayner Architecture director Nick Tyrrell with the Australian Certified Timber Award for the Wildlife Retreat at Taronga.

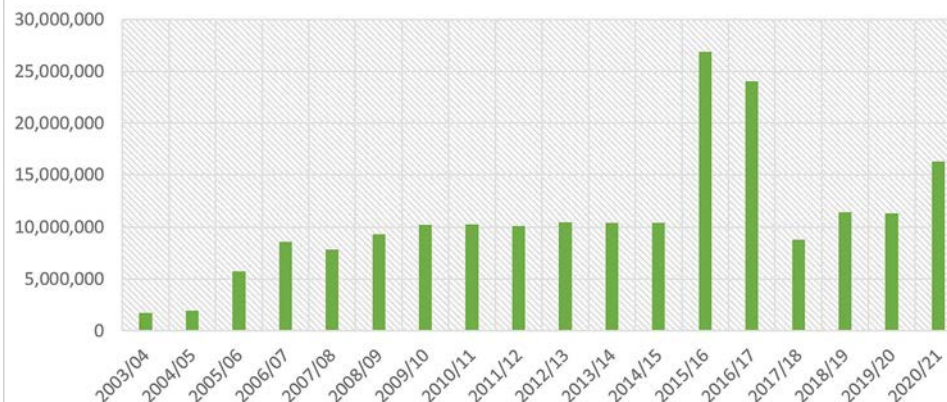
The majority of Australia's commercial production forests (i.e., plantations and native forests) continued to be certified against the Australian Forestry Standard (AS 4708 Sustainable Forest Management).

RFF (formerly Reliance Forest Fibre Group Scheme) and the Forest Smart Group Certification Scheme administered by PF Olsen Australia 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 in 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

Total Forest Area Certified 2003 to 2021 (ha)*



Care should be taken in interpreting the above figure as the total area is sensitive to the way in which public native forest managers and their Certification Bodies have determined gross Defined Forest Areas. The 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 areas are considered anomalous, resulting from misclassification of largely non-forested included areas.

Total Current Chain of Custody Certificates 2004 to 2021



Current Australian Chain of Custody Certificates including those issued against AS 4707 and PEFC ST 2002:2020 as at 30 June 2021.

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.

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, fifteen 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.

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We 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, we have also provided specific training to certification bodies required to extend their JAS-ANZ Scope of Accreditation to provide certification in New Zealand.

We have continued engagement with certification bodies by facilitating workshops. The 2020-21 workshop was delivered remotely in August 2020 and was attended by 24 staff representing most certification bodies operating in Australia and New Zealand. Delivered remotely for the first time, the workshop had a significantly larger turnout than previous years. In addition to certification bodies, the workshops were attended by our 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

We have 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



Meeting both in-person and remotely, members of the AS 4707 standard reference committee included Clarissa Brandt of Timber Queensland, representing the Women in Forestry Network, Peter Zed, Omega Consulting, chair, Simon Dorries, CEO of Responsible Wood, and David Rawlinson, independent environmental expert.

Management certificates in New Zealand with 636,256 ha of PEFC certified forests. The number of Chain of Custody certificates remains relatively unchanged. Under the agreement with NZFCA, we maintain all

registrations and notifications, take enquires and applications from New Zealand, liaise with certification bodies, and ensure 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 ongoing 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 who have made a significant contribution to, or can demonstrate:

1. Innovation, improvement or excellence in Forest Management or Chain of Custody Certification.
2. A strong commitment to the Responsible Wood Certification Scheme and sustainable forest Management.



The 2020 Richard Stanton Award winner, Simon Cook Sustainability Manager for Forico, who has worked to drive sustainable forest management in Tasmania



Responsible Wood's Simon Dorries with Kate Clapson of HQPlantations. In September 2020, Responsible Wood's Simon Dorries and Jason Ross were invited to tour HQPlantations 85,000 ha Tuan-Toolara pine plantation on Queensland's Fraser Coast.



3. Innovation and improvement in the promotion and marketing of Responsible Wood Certified Products.

The winner of the 2020 Richard Stanton Award for Excellence was Mr Simon Cook, Sustainability Manager for Responsible Wood certified Forest Grower, Forico.

Mr Cook leads a five-member Sustainability Team, and in this role has worked tirelessly to initiate and drive sustainable forest management activities in areas of biodiversity, carbon, and cultural values, leaving a lasting legacy both inside the forest and outside.

The nomination was made by Ms Ann La Sala, a member of Mr Cook's sustainability team, and was supported and endorsed by Forico.

Mr Cook's involvement with Tasmanian Devil Facial Tumour Disease is especially

noteworthy. The program not only assists in understanding how cancer affects Tasmanian Devils, but also has potential implications for cancer treatment in humans and is attracting global attention.

Working with CSIRO and other industry partners, Mr Cook has been instrumental in developing a framework and methodology for assessing and gathering data related to Natural Capital. This developing area will have significant implications for forest sustainability globally as foresters seek to develop a common language and understanding in this emerging area.

And finally, working on developing a Reconciliation Action Plan in conjunction with Reconciliation Tasmania, Mr Cook is working with stakeholders to improve relationships with the Tasmanian Aboriginal Community through sharing knowledge of



The 2021 recipients of the Responsible Wood Civil Engineering for Excellence in Timber Design included, from left, Duncan Hossey and William Webster (UQ School of Civil Engineering) and Simin Louei and Dylan Francis (UQ School of Architecture). The prize provides an opportunity for us to connect with the next generation of leaders in civil engineering and architectural design - a generation increasingly concerned with the wellbeing of global forests.

land management techniques, protecting cultural sites, improving access to natural forests, and increasing potential employment opportunities.

All of these areas embody important elements of the Responsible Wood standard.

We were delighted to receive a large number of high quality nominations.

Accordingly, for the first time, three finalists were recognised by our judging panel. Finalists included Mr Richard Kirk of Kirk Architects for his commitment to the use of certified timber on the acclaimed Mon Repos Turtle Centre; the QDAF Salisbury Research Facility for their pioneering work



In place of face-to-face meetings, we have participated in a variety of webinars educating specifiers on Sustainable Forest Management, Chain of Custody and the Responsible Wood certification scheme. Meet Wayne the Watchman, a promotional poster used in the Tasmanian Timber Webinar Series.

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Introducing the Wildlife Retreat at Taronga, winner of the 2020 Australian Timber Design – Australian Certified Timber category sponsored by Responsible Wood

in developing new product solutions using certified timber; and Mr Tony Stonjek of AKS Forest Management Services for his commitment to the implementation of certification standards.

Standards & Accreditation

SDAC

Responsible Wood is 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. Accordingly, we were subject to our yearly surveillance audit by an SDAC appointed auditor in December 2020. The result was excellent with no non-conforming practices identified. As a result of the audit, SDAC accreditation of Responsible Wood as an SDO to develop Australian Standards® for forest management and Australian Standards® that support the Australian Forest Certification Scheme, was maintained.

PEFC

The Responsible Wood Certification Scheme (RWCS) is endorsed by the Programme 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 55 countries through National Governing Bodies and has 49 endorsed national certification systems and approximately 330 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 recognised undergo rigorous independent assessment to ensure their



Meet Tom Robinson, a 22-year-old sailor and boat builder who will row 14,900km from Santiago, Chile to Brisbane, Australia. The boat's hull has been shaped from Responsible Wood-certified AAA marine plywood peeled from Queensland hoop pine donated by Austral Plywoods.

compliance with the PEFC 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



Meet Meghan Graham,
the Responsible Wood
Community Grants Project
Manager.

- logo use
- the complaints and appeals mechanism.

We remain active within the PEFC organisation and were represented on three Standards Committees:

- Working Group One: Sustainable Forest Management
- Working Group Two: Group Certification and Requirements for Certification Bodies
- Working Group Three: Standards Setting Requirements.

We are an active member of the Customer Engagement Group (CEG), the Construction Products Task Force and the Asia-Pacific Asia Promotions Initiative (APAC Hub) — an

initiative that we chair. 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, Ms Katie Fowden, was appointed to the 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.

Standards Review – PEFC Standards

PEFC maintains a suite of Standards and Guides. Standards and guides currently under review include:

- Requirements for Certification Bodies providing Chain of Custody Certification, PEFC (ST 2003) – Guidance Materials
- Chain of Custody of Forest and Tree Based Products (ST 2002)

Marketing & Communications

Our marketing and communications activity has continued at a strong pace despite the COVID-19 pandemic. Returning marketing spend to pre-pandemic levels, we have increased investment in digital marketing and communications; redeploying spend that would normally be allocated to Australian and overseas travel.

In addition, we continue to be a major content generator of media and communications within the Australian forest products industry.

Responsible Wood media spread for the 2019/2020 Financial Year

News	72
Events	17
Case Studies (construction and forest focused)	18
Press Releases	11
Technical	5
Bulletins	3
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In June 2021, we commissioned Fresh PR and Marketing to undertake a brand audit of the Responsible Wood brand. The scope of the brand audit evaluated our brand's position in the marketplace, our strengths and weaknesses, and how we can strengthen our position. The scope of the audit was extensive and the findings highly valuable. The recommendations of the final report will be integrated into our Marketing Plan.

In November 2020, we commissioned Primal Agency to refresh our website. The new website now aligns with the PEFC website and utilises modern technology to drive traffic to www.responsiblewood.org.au. Since June 2021, we have received more than 80 items of overwhelmingly positive feedback. The launch date will coincide with the October 2021 AGM.

We have met with a number of the 2020–21 Community Grant recipients in person where Covid-19 travel restrictions allow or online. Highlights include:

- Slab hut launch: economic advantages to grow local for forest communities
- Exploring Boandik Creation stories at Mt Burr Swamp

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- The Bennett's Trails: A story of resilience, collaboration and blisters.


The numbers indicate that we have continued to grow our advertising footprint — diversifying from traditional media to digital media platforms. The by-product of increased advertising traffic is that we have experienced heightened inquiry from consumers of forest products and Chain of Custody certificate holders.

We have renewed our long-term sponsorship of the Australian Timber Design Awards, Certified Timber, and remain a strong supporter of the World Architectural Festival (WAF), Best Use of Certified Timber category sponsored by PEFC International.

Finance & Administration

Membership

We are a not-for-profit public company



Beautiful. Natural. Sustainable. Australian.

The new FABPREFAB head office with CLT supplied by Responsible Wood-certified XLam.

XLam CLT: natural, healthy choice for pre-fab firm's workplace environment

MODULAR building company Fabprefab has decked out its NSW central coast warehouse with XLam's Responsible Wood-certified Cross Laminated Timber (CLT) product to form the structural material of the floor, walls, and roof — all while using it to provide a mezzanine level for the building.

Fabprefab's building product choice reflects the value of XLam CLT application and the increased demand for high quality sustainable structural solutions.

Locally grown and manufactured, the timber meets the Australian standard for Sustainable Forest Management, is pre-pregnated for fire resistance, and is available for Responsible Wood certification.

XLam Australia technical sales engineer for NSW Dean Ball explains the advantages of certification: "XLam Australia has implemented Responsible Wood chain-of-custody certification to support responsible and sustainable forest management in Australia. This includes ensuring that all XLam Australia manufacturing sites are chain-of-custody certified, meaning that all certified products from these sites can be traced from responsible tree plantation through to distribution."

Fabprefab's choice of materials and their use in their production business are reflected in their commitment to using XLam CLT as the structural material for their new office space. "To create a comfortable and sustainable office space for the future, we wanted to ensure that our production business was reflected in our production building, meaning that we could use the material chosen."

XLam CLT is a very sustainable product that creates a healthy workplace environment. The space in which CLT can be assembled provides increased efficiency of production, ensuring we meet client demand in an improved timeframe compared to conventional construction methods.

XLam's Utilising XLam CLT, how best was the office construction and how?

Fabprefab: We are able to CLT panels in ground level for CLT installation along with associated on-site work. The panels will be installed on-site. The full and complete CLT building will be a very strong build, which was completed within two weeks.

XLam: What is the benefit from the new healthy environment saying they enjoy the space, the look, and the feel of the CLT?

XLam: What other advantages has the use of XLam CLT provided?

Fabprefab: Our clients are able to experience a 'true' in-situ space. A lot of things of them — very natural, extremely sustainable, CLT offers some important and have been used to make the office function, including additional storage space for the building.

XLam and Fabprefab would like to thank all certified products from these sites can be traced from responsible Australian tree plantation through to distribution.

XLam Australia manufacturing sites are Responsible Wood certified, meaning that all certified products from these sites can be traced from responsible Australian tree plantation through to distribution.

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'Beautiful, Natural, Sustainable, Australian' the FABPREFAB head office featured in the New South Wales edition of Master Builders magazine.



Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the 2020 PEFC General Assembly was postponed. In November 2020, Responsible Wood participated remotely in the PEFC Members Week via Zoom.

limited by guarantee. Membership of Responsible Wood is open to all organisations and individuals who support the Objectives of the company as set out in the Constitution. As of 30 June 2021, we have 35 members, unchanged from 2019–20.

Governance

The Directors Report and Audited Financial Reports for 2020–21 was prepared and provided to our Members prior to the 2021 AGM, in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001 requirements.

In accordance with the Responsible Wood Constitution, three Directors are required to retire at each AGM. The Directors retiring in 2019 were Mr Willie Van Niekerk, Ms Katie Fowden and Mr Craig Smith.

Following his resignation, Mr Willie Niekerk was replaced by Mr Mark Gauthier as the Director nominated by Forest Grower

Members. Ms Katie Fowden was re-nominated and was reappointed in a ballot by Primary Processors Members. Mr Craig Smith was reappointed unopposed to the Board, nominated by Employee Representative Organisations.

Dr Hans Drielsma, Mr Craig Smith, Ms Katie Fowden, Mr Stuart West, Mr Mark Thomson, Ms Patrizia Torelli, Mr Mark Gauthier and Dr Tony Bartlett continued to serve through 2020–21 as Directors appointed by the Members, while Dr Hans Drielsma continued to serve as Chair.

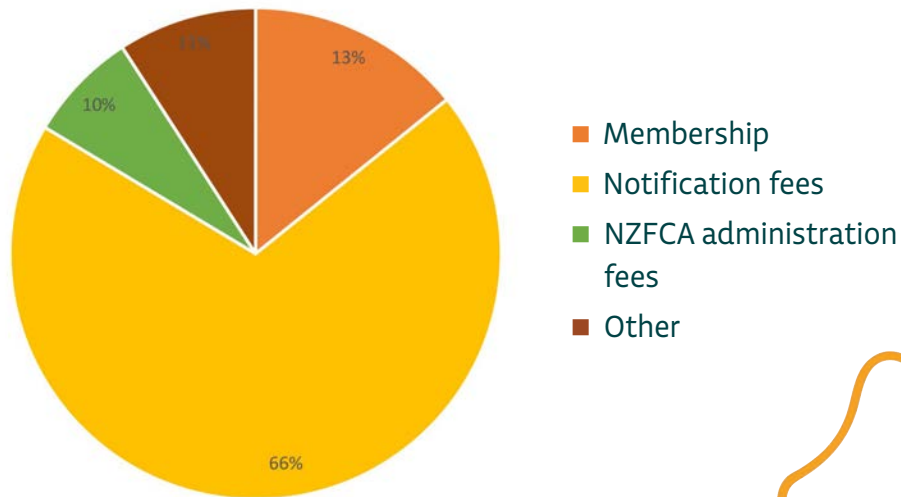
Finance

The audited accounts show the financial outcome for Responsible Wood for 2020–21 was a surplus of \$252,128 (2019–20 — \$207,656) increasing Net Assets (Total Equity) to \$1,764,714 (2019–20 — \$1,512,586). Net Current Assets improved from \$1,501,461 as of

The Mon Repos Turtle Centre in Queensland featuring a glue laminated timber structure was one of two Australian projects shortlisted for the 2021 World Architecture Festival – Best Use of Certified Timber in Lisbon, Portugal.



Responsible Wood Income by Source



30 June 2020 to \$ 1,756,187 on 30 June 2021. Cash increased by \$229,399 over the year to \$1,453,485 as at 30 June 2021.

We are 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 we are 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. We will seek to increase the value added to our members and certificate holders whose support of sustainable forest

In May 2021, Responsible Wood celebrated the first-ever 'Australian Made Week.' Responsible Wood is a proud campaign associate of the Australian Made, Australian Grown campaign.



management drives their engagement with the scheme.

In addition, income was received from New Zealand for administering the PEFC Scheme on behalf of the NZFCA. Other income

such as notification fees, subscription fees paid by members and interest increased proportionately.

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 and SDO accreditation advice*
- Peter Zed, *Chair AS 4707 Standards Reference Committee*
- Simon Dorries, *Chair AS 4708 Standards Reference Committee*
- Megan Graham, *Project Manager — Responsible Wood Community Grants Program*

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