Welcome

This edition of TREELine is an up-dated directory of service providers to the private forestry sector. The directory lists forest practices officers who prepare and certify plans, and other individuals and companies that provide related services.

Please see the back page for information about the popular farm forestry dinners - Somerset 10 August and Launceston 11 August.

Mr Tom Fisk will commence as Chief Executive Officer in mid June - more on him in the Winter issue.

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Often the forest industry focuses on harvesting, politics the environment, or on large-scale projects. This edition of TREELine focuses on the service providers to the industry who provide expert advice and assistance to landowners who wish to manage their forests and plantations on a sustainable basis.

As we all know, the right person providing the right advice saves both time and money.

Appropriate silvicultural management, for example, produces higher quality products and higher prices in the market.

Proper selection of tree species and their location in the landscape results in economic and environmental benefits.

A major change over the past decade has been the increase in the number of private service providers and consultants and the range of services they provide. This increased business activity shows that forest owners, and more broadly farmers and landowners, increasingly see the economic and environmental benefits of better managing their native forests and plantation forests.

A quick look at many parts of Tasmania, and particularly the Midlands, shows that trees don’t just grow anywhere. Knowledge and experience matched with appropriate skills and technologies is necessary to successfully grow trees.

On-going innovations in harvesting techniques and milling operations mean that well-managed smaller woodlots will be more viable than in the past. Thus the total area of the private forest estate has potential to increase, with a corresponding increase in the volume of wood harvested.
The right people for the job

Forestry is a complex undertaking with a wide range of skills needed. Tasmania is fortunate in having a number of forestry consultants whose combined skills are able to deal with all aspects of forestry.

Private Forests Tasmania maintains a directory of people and organisations that provide a wide range of specialised services. Engaging a specialist is often the most effective means of progressing a project.

Forest Practices Officer (FPO)

There are a number of consultants that can be engaged to prepare and certify Forest Practices Plans (FPPs).

When engaging an FPO to prepare and/or certify a plan it is important to describe the type of plan required. There are a number of specialised Forest Practices Plans and only some FPOs are authorised to prepare such plans or, as consultants, only prepare some types of plans.

Types of Forest Practices Plans

- Roads – often a separate FPP is prepared to gain access to the forest. It is desirable to build roads into forest in dry conditions and avoid using the road for sufficient time to allow it to settle.
- Quarries – special plans are required if a quarry is to be dug or used to provide gravel for forestry operations.
- Native forest harvesting and reforestation – these plans are often very complex with a number of environmental issues needing to be examined. It is desirable that a plan for harvesting native forest includes the provisions for reforestation.
- Plantation establishment and harvesting – usually separate plans for establishment and harvesting are prepared.
  
  As plantations mature and are harvested, FPPs for plantation harvesting and re-establishment are more common. Operationally linking harvesting and establishment plans is preferable. How a plantation is harvested can affect how a plantation is re-established.
- Clearing for agriculture – with the introduction of new land-clearing regulation, preparing and certifying these types of plans can be complex. Consultants preparing FPPs usually charge by the hour. Delays in preparing such plans, as advice is required from Government agencies, can considerably increase costs to the landowner.
- Clearing for dams – a streamlined procedure for clearing of forest for construction of dams has been developed.
  
  There are accredited FPOs who can certify plans for dam developments.
- Clearing for subdivisions – clearing for subdivisions is treated in the same way as for other forestry operations but can become complicated as local government development approval processes also need to be followed.
- Tree fern harvesting – there are special conditions associated with tree fern harvesting.

It is also important to remember that a major component of the cost to have a consultant FPO prepare a plan is the cost of travel.

Many of these service providers provide a number of other services such as marketing of products, inventory, project management, timber assessment, harvesting supervision, certificates of compliance, soil testing and a range of other services.

See separate listing for details.
Firms or organisations with Consulting Forest Practices Officers

The FPOs listed are available to prepare and certify plans for large forestry companies, sawmillers, land owners and the State grower, Forestry Tasmania.

In some cases an individual or firm may almost exclusively be working for one particular forestry company for a period of time.

**Forest Contracting Services (Tas) Pty Ltd**

is a Hobart-based company which is a specialist labour hire company. A large number of skilled forestry consultants work through this firm including a number of FPOs. Operates state-wide.

Skills available through this firm include:

- Archaeologist
- Biologist
- Botanist
- Ecologist
- Forest practices audits
- Geologist
- Geomorphic inventory and field assessments
- GPS mapping
- Hydrologist
- Ornithologist
- Road construction supervision
- Speleologist
- Water sampling and catchment monitoring
- Zoologist.

Contact: Paul Swifte – 6264 8990 or 0401 992 950

**SFM Products**

SFM Forest Products harvests and sells forest resource for private landowners statewide.

SFM offers landowners the opportunity to maximize returns from their forest resource by ensuring appropriate segregation and treatment for the merchantable forest products. SFM simplifies the harvesting process for the landowner by completing all required forestry assessments, documentation and roading via their friendly and professional in house staff.

SFM also offers services which include preparation of Forest Practice Plans, forest management and estate planning via its numerous FPOs.

Contact: Dan Ryan – 0400 670 386
Brett Stevenson – 0407 000 242
Office – 6223 3536

**TAS Land & Forest**

is a Tasmanian company Devonport based and operates state-wide. Contact: Joe Hawkes – 0438 248 855

**Woodstock Forest Service**

is a Tasmanian company based in the Launceston area, operating primarily in the north east of the State.

Contact: Rob McLelland – 6395 1234

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Road construction and culvert placement in north-west Tasmania
Consultant FPOs

The following FPOs operate primarily as single person Operations and may provide other services if asked. Where possible the types of services provided are listed.

**Chris Barry** – 6266 3969 or 0418 138 925
Based in Franklin but operates state-wide preparing most types of plans. Also provides advice on land management and related issues.

**Ian Blades** – 6376 1280
Based in St Helens but operates state-wide preparing all types of plans. Also involved in marketing, timber valuation and road location.

**Scott Livingston** – 0438 951 021
Trades as Livingston Natural Resources Services. Based in the Launceston area and operates in the northern part of the State. Prepares most types of plans; except road, quarry, sub-division and tree ferns. Operates primarily on private land. Provides a range of other services – vegetation management planning, 3-D landscape modelling for Forest Practices Plans and development applications, and GPS and GIS mapping.

**Neil McCarthy** – 0439 951 502
Prepares certificates of compliance for completed logging operations. Trainer assessor for Forest Industries Training Board.

**Tony O’Malley** – 0417 353 042
Based in Triabunna and operates in the southern part of the State. Prepares all types of plans except tree fern plans. Also provides other services including assessment of values for forest practices plans.

**Tony Stonjek** – 0419 573 205 or 6340 2064
Trades as Forestry Consultancy Services. Based in the Launceston area and operates state-wide. Prepares all types of plans. Also provides other services, such as timber valuation.

Specialised services

There are a number of individuals and firms that provide a range of other services.

Various government departments and agencies, including the Forest Practices Authority, occasionally undertake consultancies and other project-based studies. Agencies need to be approached individually to determine availability.

**AK Consulants**
Launceston-based and operates state-wide.
- Farm business management
- Preliminary environment assessment
- Feasibility studies
- Farm mapping
Contact: David Armstrong – 6334 1033

**BR Walker Forestry Consultant**
Hobart-based but operates state-wide.
- Forest estate modelling
- Landscape modelling
- Valuation
- Management planning
- Forest information systems
- Project management
- Business development
Contact: Bernard Walker – 0417 163 961

**Brueckner-Leech Forestry Consultants**
Launceston-based and operates internationally.
- Special timber industry development
- Whole farm property planning
- Plantation forestry/trees on farms advice
- Apiary industry
- Policy advice, forest practices issues
- African aid
Contact: Mark Leech – mleech@iinet.net.au
Specialised services

Bushways Environmental Services Tasmania

Launceston-based area and operates in northern Tasmania.

- Undertakes flora and fauna surveys/assessments/mapping
- Vegetation management plans
- Revegetation advice and planning
- Plant identification
- Riparian management

Contacts: Helen Morgan – 6395 4429
Anna Povey – 6334 6633

Environmental Consulting Options Tasmania (EcoTas)

Hobart-based but operates state-wide.

- Undertakes flora and fauna surveys/assessments
- Scientific writing and editing
- Plant identification

Contact: Mark Wapstra – 6251 3212
or 0407 008 685

eio pty ltd

Launceston-based and operates state-wide.

- Salinity management training
- Market information for agriculture
- Group extension and facilitation

Contact: Malcolm Cowan – 6334 1070

Forest Contracting Services (Tas) Pty Ltd

Hobart-based but has staff state-wide.

This company has specialists available in many areas including:

- Geomorphology
- Roading
- Forest assessment
- Silvicultural advice
- Flora and fauna assessment.

Contact: Paul Swifte – 6264 8990 or 0401 992 950

Forest Practices Authority

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The forest practices system regulates forestry in Tasmania on both public land (mainly State forest) and private land. The Forest Practices Authority is an independent statutory body that administers the forest practices system.

Contact: 6233 7966

GHD Pty Ltd

An international firm with offices in Hobart, Launceston and Burnie. This company provides a wide range of services including a full range of environmental services.

Contact: 6210 0600

IndustryEdge

Hobart-based but operates state-wide.

- Specialised market intelligence provider for the pulp and paper industry
- Market prices
- Forest project appraisal

Contact: Robert Eastment – 6231 5677
or 0400 770 771.

LMRS Pty Ltd

Hobart-based but operates state-wide.

- Land and vegetation management
- Quality and environmental management systems
- Rehabilitation/revegetation design and implementation
- Contaminated site remediation

Contact: Tim Duckett – 6231 5474
Specialised services (continued)

North Barker Ecosystem Services
Hobart-based but operates state-wide.
- Undertakes flora and fauna surveys/assessments
- Vegetation mapping
- Dam assessment
- Impact assessments
- GPS/GIS mapping
Contact: Andrew North/Phil Barker – 6231 9788

Schwabenforest Pty Ltd
Launceston-based and operates state-wide.
- Alternative forest management
- Holistic forest management
- On-site milling
- Removal of problem trees
Contact: Frank Strie – 0417 312 927

SEMF Pty Ltd
Tasmanian company based in Hobart with offices in Launceston and interstate. SEMF provides a wide range of services including:
- Environmental approvals
- Environmental audits
- Environmental management plans
- Environmental management systems
- Environmental monitoring and reporting
- Flora and fauna surveys
- Forest Practices Plans
- GIS Mapping.
Contact: Dr John McCambridge – 6231 1211

Serve-Ag Pty Ltd
Devonport-based but with staff state-wide Serve-Ag provides a wide range of services to agriculture and forestry including:
- Soil surveys
- Mapping
- Farm planning
- Analytical services – plant sap, soil nitrogen, water monitoring.
Contact: 6498 6800

Sinclair Knight Merz Pty Ltd
An international firm with offices in Hobart and Launceston. This company provides a wide range of services including provision of satellite images and a full range of environmental services.
Contact: 6221 3745

Soil Professionals Pty Ltd
Launceston-based and operates state-wide.
- Land resource assessment including soil mapping at detailed and reconnaissance scales
- Selection of suitable sites for forest plantations (hardwoods, softwoods) and perennial horticultural crops (vineyards, orchards), and recommendation of appropriate management practices for sustainable use
- Assessment of land degradation hazards (soil erodibility, landslide hazard) associated with operations in native forests and plantations, and research on impacts of forest practices on soil disturbance and site productivity
- Extension/communication through talks, seminars, training courses, field days and publications (technical reports, feature articles, soil maps, scientific papers, books/manuals)
- Consulting on international and interstate soils/forestry projects
Contact: Mike Laffan – 6394 3368
Specialised services (continued)

**SFM Forest Products**
Tasmanian-owned operating statewide.

**Harvesting**
- Harvests Native Forest and Plantation resource
- Quality local contractors
- Long term harvesting and revegetation alternatives
- Maximizing sustainability and economic efficiency
- Certified Log Grading Officers
- Numerous outlet options including export opportunities
- Optimal segregation of product ensures maximized returns to the landowner

**Assessment, Planning and Management**
- Production of Forest Practices Plans and Private Timber Reserves
- Forest Estate Planning and Management advice
- Flora and Fauna surveys and threatened species habitat assessment for FPPs
- Vegetation Surveying
- Wedge-tailed and White-bellied Sea Eagle nest surveys
- Environmental Management Plans

Contact: Dan Ryan – 0400 670 386
Brett Stevenson – 0407 000 242
Office – 03 6223 3536

**Tasflora**
Hobart-based, operates mainly in southern Tasmania.
- Botanical surveys
- Weed management plans
- Hand weeding, spot spraying and slashing
- Tree planting and erosion matting placement
- Specialises in removal of listed weeds
- Willow poisoning
Contact: Andrew Woolford – 0438 391 121

**Tasmanian Herbarium**
Hobart-based, operates state-wide.
- Undertakes flora survey to identify species and communities
- Preparation of flora species lists
- Plant identification
- Weed taxonomist
Contact: Alex Buchanan – 6226 1729

**Tasmanian Land and Water Professionals Pty Ltd**
Hobart-based, operates mainly in Southern Tasmania.
- Specialises in weed management associated with natural resource management and agriculture

Contact: Elizabeth Schrammeyer – 6234 2939

**Tastree Pty Ltd**
Launceston-based and operates primarily in north-east of the state.
- Fire risk management
- Fire planning – waterholes and access, fire breaks etc
- Control burning – prescribed burns
- Fuel reduction in thinned forest – using excavator and two stage burning
- Road construction and culvert installation
- Inter row slashing for plantation

Contact: Peter Ryan – 0407 442 844
Specialised services (continued)

Technical Forest Services

Launceston-based and operates in northern Tasmania.

- Quality audits: land preparation; planting Pinus radiata and Eucalyptus species; fertilising; pruning and Pruned Stand Certification; release thinning; and commercial and non-commercial thinning.

- Assessment: for browsing surveys; bark browsing; Age 3; survival and weed; pest and disease; pre-prune; non-commercial thinning; pre-thinning; log residue; uneven-age treatment pre-logging; regeneration surveys (seedling and multi-aged); stocking and volume; and establishment and growth.

- Environmental management surveys

- Boundary surveys and reserve marking

- Controlled burning, fire standby and fire fighting

- Special values and FPP’s

- GPS equipment hire

- GPS surveys

- GIS processing

- Crew supervision

- Water sampling

- Data capture

Contact: Clive Woolridge – 0407 331 023

Terrapix

Hobart-based but operates state-wide.

- Mapping for salinity (EMS mapping)

- GPS/GIS survey and mapping

- Asset management

- NDVI surveys

Contact: Neil Meadows – 0407 832 479

Woodstock Forest Service

Launceston-based and operates in northern Tasmania.

- Boundary location

- Streamside reserve assessment

- Logging coupe layout

- Regeneration surveys

- GPS/GIS mapping

- Insect monitoring

- Silvicultural assessment

- Browsing assessment - game shooting and 1080

Contact: Rob McLelland – 6395 1234

Nursery-grown Banksia marginata (Silver banksia) ready for planting
Nurseries

**Forestry Tasmania Nursery**
15960 Midlands Highway Perth
- Tasmanian eucalypts and acacias
- Miscellaneous Tasmanian natives
- Radiata pine
All grown to order or buy on spec.
Contact: Peter Moore – 6391 6325

**Habitat Plants**
240 Jones Rd Liffey 7302
www.habitatplants.com.au
Tasmanian native plants for:
- shelter/windbreaks
- revegetation
- wetlands/riparian
- wildlife habitat
- landscape/garden
Contact: Sally and Herbert – Staubmann 6397 3400

**Hills Transplants Pty Ltd**
51 Don Heads Rd DON 7310
_Eucalyptus nitens_ seedlings grown to order
6424 8796 or 6424 8593

**Lanoma Nursery**
Westerway
Contact: Todd Rayner– 6288 1124?

**Oldina Nursery**
472 Smarts Rd Oldina 7325
Tasmanian:
- timber species
- all rainforest species
- revegetation plants
Contact: Jim McLeod – 6438 1266

**Pulchella Nursery**
5598 Tasman Highway Buckland 7190
Specialises in Tasmanian native plants:
- east coast revegetation
- forest tubes to advanced plants
Contact : Les Payne - 6257 5189

**Red Breast Plants**
242 Robin Hill Rd Flowerdale 7325
www.redbreast.com.au
Grow large quantities of plants on order for forestry purposes
Contact: Max Roberts – 6442 4833

**Taz Wild Plants**
‘Bonneys Plains’ Conara
www.tazwild.com
- Tasmanian native plants - will grow to order
- Tasmanian native plant seeds
- harvest native grass seed
- plant trees
- direct-seeding
- consultancy
Contact: Biz and Lindsay Nicholson – 6384 2165

**Woodlea Nursery**
49 Whish-Wilson Rd Scottsdale
- contract growing
- forestry revegetation
- windbreaks
- grape vines
Contact: Tony Waite – 6352 7262
Seed supplies

**Tasmanian Seed Centre**
15960 Midlands Highway Perth
Tasmanian native seeds – small packets to a few kilos.
Peter Moore 6391 6300 or 0418 343 277

**Wildseed Tasmania**
Tasmanian Native Seed Suppliers and Wholesale Plant Nursery
- Largest range of Tasmanian Native Seeds
- Packets to Bulk Supplies
- Specialise in provenance collections
- Seeds and tubestock available for Landcare, revegetation works, wetlands, windbreaks and more…
- Contract growing, planting and consultation services
- State-wide service.
Contact: Helenka or Andrew – Ph/Fax 6265 2651
www.wildseedtasmania.com.au

Other suppliers

Weed mats, fertiliser tablets, tree guards etc

**Horticultural Supplies**
45 Crooked Billet Drive Brighton 7030. Ph 6263 4688.

**Waratah Agencies**
76 Bathurst St Launceston 7250. Ph 6331 3682.

Training providers

Tasmanian Forest Industries Training Board

**FORESTWORKS**
ForestWorks Tasmania, in addition to a wide range of Skills Enhancement and Training (SET) project activities, oversees the operation of the Tasmanian forest industry operator licence system, administers an industry database, supports registered assessors, and manages forest industry standards and accreditation committees.

The principle activities are based around the SET Project which was originally a Department of Education, Science and Training (DEST) funded project originating as part of the Tasmanian Community Forest Agreement following the 2004 Federal election.

ForestWorks Tasmania also administers the Tasmanian Forest Operators Assessment and Licensing Scheme on behalf of the Tasmanian Forest Industries Training Board (TFITB).

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fax 6331 1679
http: www.forestworks.com.au

Seed pods of Acacia dealbata (Silver wattle)
Events for your Diary

Annual FARM FORESTRY DINNERS for private forest owners & industry.

29th North West Annual Farm Forestry Seminar/Dinner
6:30pm, Monday, 10 August, 2009
Seabrook Hotel, Somerset

Speakers:
Roger Underwood (WA):
‘Fire in Plantations and Native Forests’.
Ross Henderson, (private forest owner):
‘Case Study - First Rotation Harvesting’.
Melanie Dare:
‘Community Engagement and Forestry’.
Tom Fisk, CEO Private Forests Tasmania.

Presentation:
‘Stihl-AFG Tree Farmer of the Year 2009’.

Enquiries:
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ANNUAL AUSTRALIAN FOREST GROWERS FARM FORESTRY DINNER
6:30pm, Tuesday, 11 August, 2009
Tramsheds, Invermay (Launceston)

Theme – Fire in Private Forests

Speakers:
Roger Underwood (WA):
‘Fire in Native Forests’.
David Geddes (SA):
‘Fire in Plantations’.
Tom Fisk, CEO, Private Forests Tasmania.

Presentation:
‘Stihl-AFG Tree Farmer of the Year 2009’.

Enquiries:
Ph: 6336 5305 or arthur.lyons@privateforests.tas.gov.au

Roger Underwood and David Geddes are nationally recognised for their knowledge of forest fire and regularly work in Tasmania.

Australian Forest Growers AGM
5:30pm, Tuesday, 11 August, 2009
Tramsheds, Invermay (Launceston)

Dinner invitations will be sent to persons who receive TREELine two weeks before the dinner. RSVP’s are essential.