

Women in Forests and Timber Network

Dear Women in Forests and Timber,

We are pleased to announce an exciting new initiative to support networking for women in forests and timber.

The 'Establishing a Women in Forests and Timber Network' project aims to support the development of a network to improve recognition of women in forests and timber, encourage networking and engagement and support access to skills and professional development opportunities.

We encourage you to forward this information to other interested women in the industry. They can simply register their interest in being a part of the Women in Forests and Timber Network, by contacting Jessica Reid, info@wftn.org.au

The Women in Forests and Timber Network (WFTN) initiative includes:

- providing a contact point and website for this initiative, a network and related opportunities;
- undertaking a scoping study to explore needs and options in establishing a network;
- delivering a series of workshops across Australia to consult on options for a network and to support leadership, networking and development.

This project is supported by funding from the Australian Government, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry under Australia's Farming Future and specifically as part of its program to build leadership and representative capacity of women in primary industries. It is guided by a Steering Committee of women from a range of sectors and locations in forests and timber, such as representatives from the CFMEU Forest and Forest Products Division, Frame and Truss Manufacturers Australia, FIFWA, VAFI and Timber Communities Australia.

The project is managed by the Victorian Association of Forest Industries, with the network formed hosted by Forestworks on behalf of the whole industry.

How to participate

If you are interested in participating in and helping shape a network for women in forests and timber or are interested in hearing about the development opportunities and events, please register your interest by emailing Jessica Reid at info@wftn.org.au.

A national workshop on women in forests and timber

The women in forests and timber network initiative will be holding its first and national workshop on 13 September, 12:30pm - 5:00pm, Hyatt Hotel, Canberra.

This workshop will provide an opportunity for women (and interested men) in the forest and timber industries who are interested in developing a network for women, to engage, network, learn and guide the development of the network.

In addition, the workshop will include high-level speakers on leadership and networking and will canvas options for development of the network.

The workshop will be held the day before the 2011 Industry Development Conference - Productivity & Competitiveness, hosted by ForestWorks on 14 September.

To register your attendance at the national workshop, please go to:
<http://www.forestworks.com.au/events/9110.html#Registration>

Please note that workshops are also scheduled for Tasmania (October 2011), Victoria (November 2011), Queensland (February 2012), New South Wales (March 2012) and South Australia (March 2012).

For more information on the project, the national event or coming workshops, please email Jessica Reid at info@wftn.org.au.