

Environment Tasmania

eBulletin

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Welcome to the latest ebulletin.

Next General Meeting

The next General Meeting will be **Saturday 7th August**.

It is important that you or a nominated proxy from your organisation attends this meeting, as it is an opportunity to participate in decision-making. **If you want an agenda item raised please get in touch before the Thursday 22nd of July.**

Those of you who were at the last general meeting in Golconda would remember that as well as being informative it was lots of fun and a great opportunity for everyone to get together.

Welcome to our new Member Liaison Officer

We'd like to Welcome Emma Anglesey to the ET team! Emma grew up in Liffey and Launceston and has experience working with Sustainability Victoria, Environment Victoria and most recently the Bass Greens.

Emma is in the process of contacting member groups and is keen to get to know everyone. Feel free to give her a call or email - members@et.org.au or 0419 364 450

FSC and pre-assessment for Gunns

Norske Skogg and Gunns are both seeking FSC (Forest Stewardship Certification) for their operations. A first step is Pre-Assessment, which is essentially to find out about the range of concerns that stakeholders have and the possible significant changes they might need to make to operations before getting with certification.

These two certifications represents a significant opportunity to really force major improvements to how plantations are managed, and located in Tasmania. Both Russell and Emma are committed to pushing member concerns strongly through this process, but input directly from you into the process as well will make a difference.

This is a first opportunity to meet with assessors and stress areas of concern and areas we want the companies to lift their games or completely change practices so that it is clear to the companies before they get into the proper assessment process what's expected.

Public meetings by the assessors are as follows:

Hobart, Tasmania, MONDAY, JULY 12

Location: MERCURE HOBART, 156 Bathurst Street Hobart TAS 7000

Open House: 430 to 600 pm, Public Meeting: 700 to 900 pm

Launceston, Tasmania, TUESDAY, JULY 13

Location: MERCURE LAUNCESTON, 3 Earl Street, Launceston, TAS, 7250

Open House: 430 to 600, Public Meeting: 700 to 900

Contact SmartWood Assessor Graham Lea direct on:

Mobile: 0429 720 013 Email: leag@agriquality.com

Or Russell (0488 707 017) or Emma (0419 364 450) at Environment Tasmania.

Forest Update

TASSIE FORESTS REFERENCE GROUP

We would like to encourage E.T member groups to participate in the Tasmanian Forests Reference Group to find out what is happening and have input into decisions that need to be made along the way.

For the next few weeks, meetings will be held EVERY THURSDAY from 5-6pm. The dial-in number for the weekly meetings is 1800 857 029, PIN = 28252083#. For those close to Hobart, face-to-face is available at The Wilderness Society, 130 Davey St, Hobart.

Other meetings are likely to be scheduled in the next week. Times will depend on the outcome of possible further industry discussions.

Coastal policy

Coastal campaigner, Thomas Moore, volunteered to draft a submission for Environment Tasmania on the Coastal Policy draft. This is now on the Environment Tasmania website at: <http://www.et.org.au/campaign/submissions-resources>

Office Update

Office manager, Craig Allen, is back on deck!

We still do not have the office landline in action (calls are diverted to Craig's mobile)

For more information, please contact

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