



Queensland Timber Workers SUPPORT FOUNDATION LTD

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Queensland timber workers unite to fund their industry's growth

Forest and timber workers have a vehicle to join forces, drive the industry forward and secure their future following the launch of the Queensland Timber Workers Support Foundation (QTWSF) this week.

The non-for-profit Foundation, whose aim is to energise and grow Queensland's forest and timber industry, was formed by members of Queensland forest and timber industry who realise the potential of the industry but recognise the funding limitations prohibiting it's growth.

Inaugural QTWSF Chairperson and Queensland State Manager TABMA, Alicia Oelkers said Queensland's timber industry needs the support of its 20,000 workers to truly grow and prosper.

"Our industry has significant potential to prosper but it doesn't have the reputation and resources to do so, it needs assistance to grow," said Ms Oelkers.

"Anything the QTWSF supports will have the mission of securing a robust future for our industry," she said.

"We aim to undertake the type of activities that businesses operating in our industry would do if they had the funds; from marketing Queensland's timber industry and establishing training scholarships that up skill our workforce, to funding workers on educational tours and supporting local community events in timber region."

Ms Oelkers said that anyone who derives their income from Queensland's Forest and Timber industry is welcome to join the Foundation and donate funds to support, grow and secure the future of the Industry.

"Workers are invited invest in their own future and support their Industry by making an annual \$20 donation - \$10 in January and \$10 in July - to the QTWSF," she said.

"In return QTWSF activities will help secure jobs, provide better opportunities and establish a sustainable for our Industry."

QTWSF's is a not-for-profit company and will be administered by peak industry body Timber Queensland until the organisation is fully operational. QTWSF operates as a separate entity to Timber Queensland with its own Board of Directors and financial operations.

QTWSF's Board of Directors comprises the originator of the QTWSF concept Ross Lakin, Operations Manager, Parkside Timber Division; Sean Gribble National Operations Manager, Agora Timbers; James Hyne, Resource Manager, Hyne and Alicia Oelkers, Queensland State Manager, TABMA (Chair).

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