

## The Who of Who in Attendance

### Government

NRW Forest Products, QLD  
Chris Oppermann  
Justin Shiels  
Matthew 'Princess' Barry  
Ron Mitchell

### DTRI, QLD

Alenta Kabamba  
Susan Jensen  
South West TAFE, VIC  
Graeme Hallyburton

### Forestry Management

PF Olsen Australia, NSW  
Phil Lacy

### Sawmills

Howard Sawmill, QLD  
Paul Deakin  
McCormack Demby Timber, VIC  
Gary Demby  
KSI Sawmills, VIC  
Victor Kyriakou  
Jackie Kyriakou

### Manufacturers

Brisbane Crates & Pallets, QLD  
Damon Blackwell  
Brisbane Building Supply Co., QLD  
Brett Weick  
Forrest Timber Products, VIC  
Peter Adams  
Cypress Supplies, QLD  
John Jeffrey  
Ray Collins

### Wholesalers

Thora Wholesale Timbers, QLD  
Danielle Towerton  
Justin Aaron  
Ford Timbers, QLD  
Allan Ford  
Evan Ford  
Simmonds Lumber  
Jacinta Colley  
James Tulloch  
Boral Timber, NSW  
Gordon Pearn  
Hyne Rockhampton, QLD  
Bill Dodson

### Merchants

Beveridge Timbers, QLD  
David Beveridge  
Tradeware Building Supplies, QLD  
Mitch O'Mara  
Lazarides Timber Agencies, QLD  
Troy Lazarides  
Porters Building Supplies, QLD  
Helen Dee  
Steve Baldessin  
Forsyth & Romano Timber Sales, QLD  
Rohan Smith  
Zenith Timber Industries, QLD  
Sarah Pyke  
Dreamtime Decking Sales, VIC  
Rick Owen

### Recycled Timber Specialists

TimberZoo, VIC  
David Hutchens  
Urban Salvage, VIC  
Andy Mineur,  
Ironwood, NSW  
Greg Jacob  
Chris Swadling

### Technology, Material & Machinery Providers

Disprax, VIC  
Rachel Fisher  
Skookum Forest Technology, NZ  
John MacLachlan  
Timber Smart, VIC  
Chris Moysey  
Kleiberit Adhesives, QLD  
Rodney Missen

# 2009 Queensland Timber Operations Bus Tour



*I'm sure you've all read about the educational aspects of our overwhelmingly successful bus tour, so I'm going to tell you about the other 'important' stuff.*

**Bright and early Monday morning 'the coolest of crews' from far and wide gathered just north of Brisbane;** welcomed warmly by Asian Pacific staff who were ready to serve breakfast boxes and that all important, and much needed, first (second for some of us) coffee of the day.

Morning Tea in Gympie was a delicious selection of decadent cakes and slices, and the second (well, OK third) java was consumed before the real fun began at Hyne's Imbil and Melawondi plants - we pulled on our matching hard hats, hi-viz vests, ear and eye protection for the first time!

After a lunch of baguettes, gourmet wraps and more delicious home made cookies, we toured the Tollara Nursery operations. Visiting the seeds, soil and little trees we learned of the cloning, seedling and spacing programs in operation (and bravely trekked through probable snake infestations to do so).

Starting the tour about an hour or so after our arrival at Laminex's MDF plant (their OH&S policies are VERY sound), we were all bedazzled by how the fluffy looking stuff becomes board product. And saw some of it made pretty with white paper appliqué.

Arriving at our accommodations, it was a quick clean and change event before dinner (well ok, a few drinks at the bar too) and a presentation from Fiona Luckey about Hyne's T2 Blue and Red and T3 Green products. The stayers of the group were charmed by recollections from our 'wizedened and experienced' crew members, of previous Hoo-Hoo events and the shenanigans of said events. I seem to recall mention of a bath tub being involved at one time? Ask the sheep-dog!

Early breakfast Tuesday morning had all witnessing first hand the importance

of starting the day with decent coffee, or at least 2-3 cups of Nescafe caterers blend. After this travesty we were all gob-smacked by the speed of the logs flying through the Tuan line, and the immense level of technology involved in their operation. The scones with jam and cream provided by Hyne for morning tea were particularly good.

The glulam plant showed us some lovely specimens (of timber) and Helen (Porters) was excited to see her order ready for shipping.

BBQ lunch cooked to perfection by the Maryborough Hoo-Hoo club was just what we needed before seeing a 'Mad-Max meets Lawrence of Arabia' driver and piece of machinery that really looked like a WHOLE lot of fun to hoon around in at the Maryborough Dale & Meyers Hardwood Mill.

With some 'free time' scheduled in the afternoon most of us hit the bar and pool tables before the pre-dinner drinks event. The Princess was a bit late after making himself pretty though. After an invigorating speech over dinner by Colin MacKenzie about current industry projects, and a rather nice blueberry cheesecake for dessert, it was down to the bar/pool tables and jukebox again for some 'networking' type activities which just happened to involve Pinã Coladas and Cherry Ripe Cocktails (and some beer too I believe).

A bleary eyed crew the next morning visited the Tairo pole plant, the new-age looking solar kilns at Robertson Brothers, chomped on a delicious caramel slice at lunch in the park before inspecting the Hyne I-Beam and Mouldings plant at Virginia, and finished our 3 day extravaganza at the ever-inspiring environmental Kennedy's Classic Aged Timbers recycling operation.

Thanks to all who were involved - I had an absolute blast meeting you all, learning what you know and can't wait to see you for a repeat performance!

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*Prior to departure from Asian Pacific Timber Marketing at Narangba.*



*Waiting for COFFEE.....*



*Snacking before visiting the little trees at Tollara Nursery.*

*Matthew Barry, Chris Oppermann, Ron Mitchell & Justin Shiels, NRW Forest Products (QLD)*



*The first evening after Fiona Luckey's presentation. Greg Jacob (Ironwood, NSW), Damon Blackwell (Brisbane Crates & Pallets, QLD), Fiona Luckey (Hyne), Alenta Kabamba (DTRDI) & Helen Dee (Porters Building Supplies, QLD)*

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Dale & Meyers Hard wood Mill Maryborough  
Host Norm Forbes, Bus Driver Les and Peter Adams  
(Forrest Timber Products, VIC)



Hyne's Glulam Plant  
Victor & Jackie Kyriakou and our Host John Muller



In the middle of the spacing trials, Tollara Nursery.



The control room of the line at Hyne Tuan.  
Danielle Towerton (Thora Wholesale Timbers, QLD),  
Graeme Hallyburton (SouthWest TAFE, VIC),  
John McLachlan (Skookum Technologies, NZ) and  
Justin Aaron (Thora Wholesale Timbers, QLD)



Forest Hopping in Tollara  
Gary Demby (McCormack Demby Timber, VIC)  
and Susan Jensen (DTRDI)

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*Tollara Nursery Operations  
Rodney Missen, Kleiberit Adhesives (QLD),  
Helen Dee & Steve Baldessin  
(Porters Building Supplies, QLD)*



*On tour at Robertson Bros Sawmill, Gympie*



*Lunching in Virginia  
Allan Ford, (Ford Timbers, QLD), John Muller (Host), Karen  
Johnston (TABMA QLD & Host), Norm Forbes (Host), Gary  
Demby (McCormack Demby Timbers, VIC) & Don Towerton  
(Thora Wholesale Timbers, QLD & Host)*



*Dale & Meyers Tairo Pole Operation  
David Beveridge (Beveridge Timbers, QLD), John  
Jeffrey & Ray Collins (Cypress Supplies, QLD)*

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*Having fun on tour at Dale & Meyers Maryborough Hardwood Mill.  
Troy Lazarides (Lazarides Timber Agencies, QLD), Alenta Kabamba (DTRDI), Paul Deakin (Howard Sawmill, QLD), Mitch O'Mara (Tradeware Building Supplies, QLD) Karen Johnston (TABMA QLD & Host), Matthew Barry, Justin Shiels & Chris Oppermann (NRW Forest Products, QLD).*



*On the road again!*



*In Hyne's Imbil Plant  
James Tulloch & Jacinta Colley (Simmonds Lumber, QLD), Karen Johnston (TABMA QLD & Host), Mitch O'Mara (Tradeware Building Supplies, QLD) and Rachel Fisher (Disprax, VIC)*