

TABMAtalk NEWSLETTER

Your association newsletter...

February 2008

WELCOME TO OUR NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2008

Our first board meeting for 2008 was held on 6th February at Tradeware Building Supplies at Capalaba. New board members Mark Gilles (Brims Builders Hardware), Mitch O'Mara (Tradeware Building Supplies) and John Eggleton (Peachester Timber Company) were all in attendance and provided valuable input into the meeting.

Our 2008 board members are:

Chairman- Keith Maitland (Tasman KB Pty Ltd)

Vice Chairman- Paul Rutledge (Gunnensen Pty Ltd)

Don Towerton (Thora Wholesale Timbers Pty Ltd)

Steven Johnson (Porters Home and Building Centre)

Mal Goatham (Pacific Wood Products Pty Ltd)

Michael Gaske (Ozline Timbers Pty Ltd)

Mark Gilles (Brims Tweed Frames and Trusses Pty Ltd)

Mitch O'Mara (Tradeware Building Supplies Pty Ltd)

Graham Leddy (Versace Timbers Pty Ltd)

Myles Forsyth (Forsyth & Romano Pty Ltd)

Justin Lanyon (Fineline Timbers Pty Ltd)

Our next meeting is scheduled for 16th April 2008.

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CHAIN OF REPSONSIBILITY INFORMATION SESSION

I was fortunate enough to be invited along to a QTIEWA organized meeting on Tuesday 19th February, in regard to the impending 'Chain of Responsibility' legislation, at this stage earmarked to become effective in September. You may recall that in March 2007 we hosted an information session with a guest speaker from Queensland Transport, to inform members of the legislation and the possible impact on the industry. QTIEWA have been liaising with the Australian Logistics Council on a possible Code of Conduct which may be an option for the industry to adopt. We will be hosting an information session on the issue in early- mid May. Stay tuned, all members will be advised of the session once details are finalized.

PROFILE- ALICIA OELKERS GROUP TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT CONSULTANT



Hi everyone. My name is Alicia, and I am the latest edition to the TABMA QLD team. I have now been with the company for just over two months, and I can tell you I have learnt a lot!!!

My Background: After finishing University where I completed a Bachelor of Business Communications Degree, I moved to London where I lived, worked and traveled for a little over two years. When I returned home, I worked for a Disability Employment Network where I helped jobseekers with employment barriers get ready for and get into employment. My role was both very challenging and rewarding. I left there to finish my travels overseas, and to embark on a new journey with new challenges.

And here I am!

My goals: I plan to continue, and build on the success that TABMA QLD has already established. I hope to be your first call when you need staff, and to help out with any issues you may have with Group Training. Over the coming months we will be promoting the timber industry careers to schools and the community with a focus on apprenticeships and traineeships. We have successfully tendered for funding from the Commonwealth Government to promote and provide apprenticeship opportunities in the floor covering and finishing industry. Timber flooring is a focus with the obvious links to our members who supply this viable and growing industry.

We need industry to support our traineeship and apprenticeship programs to enable us to continue to provide this valuable service. If you or anyone you know is looking for new recruits please contact us or forward our details- we guarantee we will do our best to provide you with the best possible service and candidates.

I look forward to working with you all, and meeting those of you I have yet to meet.

KYLIE MIRSTCHIN- OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR



Hi, I'm Kylie and don't bother trying to pronounce my latest last name as I'm still trying to get it down pat after 2 years of marriage. Anyway, I am one of the luckiest, latest additions, to TABMA QLD, to join the best team ever as the new Office Administrator.

I previously worked for approx 2 years in Customer Service and Relations at one of Australia's biggest Call centre's that deals with Australia & the overseas market- yes dealing with customer complaints and enquiries! Working with the members of TABMA QLD is great, much easier and without the complaints!

I am currently undertaking a traineeship- I'm doing the Certificate III in Business Administration with TABMA and I am loving it here. I have learnt so much since starting in December and hope to continue with TABMA QLD until they get sick of me and chuck me out of here. Only joking! I do hope to continue learning here at TABMA and plan to further my knowledge and my career here. I would love to continue my study with TABMA and complete a Certificate 4 and Diploma in Business Administration so I can work my way higher up in the company.

I look forward to meeting and talking with you all on the phone, if I haven't already!

"GREEN TIMBER" FLYERS AVAILABLE NOW

Members received an email from us several weeks ago promoting timber as the "Green Timber". Several members requested copies of the flyer for distribution, so we decided to make the file available for download so members can print off the size and quantity they would like themselves. The document is available in PDF format suitable for printing: <..\..\My Documents\MARKETING\Flyer- Green Timber January 2008.pdf>

If you are unable to open the document please email me at deanna@tabma.com.au and I will forward the file to you.

FLOOR COVERING AND FINISHING APPRENTICESHIPS NEW TABMA PROJECT

TABMA QLD has been successful our tender for funding under the 'Targeted Initiatives Program' through the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations. The program is designed to offer trade apprenticeship opportunities to skill shortage and underserved areas.

Our project will be focusing on the promotion of apprenticeships to the Floor Covering and Finishing Industry (Timber, Vinyl and Carpet) with a goal of employing a total of 45 apprentices over 18 months. With our obvious alignment to the timber flooring sector we saw this as a great opportunity to expand our service area while staying aligned to the timber and building industries. As a Group training organisation we will take on the employment process and responsibility of the apprentice which makes this a great option for businesses that haven't had experience with apprentices before, or are simply too busy to be bothered with the paperwork and the administration of putting on an apprentice.

If you are a supplier of flooring products and would be happy to promote our group training service to your clients we would be most grateful. Please contact either Deanna or Alicia in our office for details of how you can help us make this program a success.

FWPA MEDIA RELEASE – EMISSIONS TRADING SCHEME

FWPA Media Release - Emissions trading scheme must promote benefits of wood, & Project Report - PR07.1059 Impact of carbon trading on wood products

Click on the links below to access these interesting reports.

To view the above Media Release, please click [here](#).

To view the Project Report, please click [here](#).

QUOTE OF THE DAY

*As long as my boss pretends I'm on a good salary,
I'll pretend that I'm busy...*