

Case Study: Forest Practices Authority

Projects TSDS_1738 and TSDS_1746

2017 has been the busiest year on record for training at Forest Practices Authority (FPA), with an unprecedented number of courses being offered – many of which are over-subscribed. In April 2017, the FPA successfully bid for \$133,750 of funding from the Tasmanian Skills Development Service, which is administered by ForestWorks. The funding covered 80% of the cost for training somebody in Tasmanian forest practices system, which was much appreciated by the participants.

Eagle Management Course

Jason Wiersma ran the Eagle Management Course in June, with one class-based day and one field day (which was offered in both the north and south of the state). Feedback has been very positive from the 34 learners, who were from the following organisations:

- Sustainable Timber Tasmania – 17 learners
- Technical Forest Services – 3 learners
- Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment (Tasmania) – 3 learners
- Forico – 2 learners
- Technical Fire Service – 2 learners
- City of Launceston – 2 learners
- PF Olsen – 2 learners
- Pentarch – 1 learner
- Timberlands – 1 learner
- Forest Practices Authority Board – 1 learner

Forest Practices Officer Training Course

The Forest Practices Officer Training Course included two class-based every month, a four-day biodiversity course in September, and various field trips to the forest. There were 21 participants:

- Sustainable Timber Tasmania 11
- Forico – 3 learners
- Technical Forest Services – 2 learners
- Pentarch – 1 learner
- PF Olsen – 1 learner
- Timberlands – 1 learner
- Tasmania Training and Safety Services – 1 learner
- Self employed – 1 learner

Mick Rawlings is one of the learners currently undertaking the FPO course and he agreed that the training organisation is flexible enough to meet the learner's needs and that the trainers possess good knowledge and experience of the industry. He believes they are effective in

their training delivery; however they can get too technical at times. Mick undertook the course for personal development and commented that it “was a good course and I would recommend it to others in our industry”.



FPO Course 2017 1



FPO Course 2017 2