

TASMANIAN FOREST FESTIVAL

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Geeveston is set to come alive with the third annual Tasmanian Forest Festival

The third annual Tasmanian Forest Festival will be held in and around Heritage Park at Geeveston this coming Sunday (26 March).

The Tasmanian Forest Festival was conceived after a number of locals saw the need for an event to showcase not only the timber industry, but tourism, craft and other associated industries.

The concept was discussed in the rain on a cold Tuesday afternoon in Geeveston at the unveiling of the statue of Jim Hinchey and an initial meeting was held in the old Council Chambers a number of weeks later where the

"Tasmanian Forest Festival" was borne.

Geeveston has traditionally been known as the "Gateway to the South West" and has officially been re-named "Tasmania's Own Timber Town".

The forest industry in Southern Tasmania is one of the biggest industries, creating thousands of direct jobs, with many more deriving indirect employment as a result.

The southern forests timber industry supplies a third of Tasmania's total sawlog production.

In 1989, with the signing of the Helsham Agreement, an additional 25% of the (former) Esperance Municipality was added to national parks, world heritage and other reserves. This reservation reduced the amount of state forest available for logging, therefore having a direct impact on the local community.

Tourism at this stage did not play a huge role in the town and the town's folk had to look for alternatives

for their "dying" town. The development of the Forest and Heritage Centre in the old town hall in 1993 was to be the first "brush" of tourism and forestry.

The Centre offered a wonderful opportunity to gain hands on and visual interpretation of forest practices - both past and present, and tourists are encouraged to take a tour of the southern forests to see areas of production forests and reserves.

At the opening, the local Councillor and Warden Mr Jack Kile (now deceased) stated, "It is the first time in Australia that logging and tourism are working side by side and that is the way it has got to be."

It is from the words of Jack that Geeveston community has gone from strength to strength — and with the opening of the \$4.3 million Tahune Forest AirWalk in 2001 and the influx of many tourists.

Geeveston is now a living example of the benefits of how both tourism and forestry can work hand in

hand.

The inaugural Tasmanian Forest Festival was held on Sunday, 21st March 2004 as a project of the Geeveston Branch of the Lions Club of Huon and organised through the Forest and Heritage Centre Inc. by a dedicated team of locals and industry representatives.

The event is modelled on the highly successful Healesville Timber Festival, which is staged on a bi-annual basis in Healesville, Victoria.

The Festival promotes and raises public awareness of our sustainable timber industry and provides a fun day for the entire family.

Heritage Park, which itself is a local community initiative and winner of many awards, including "Project Greenleaf" in 1993, is an ideal venue for the Festival as it provides ample parking, huge lawn areas for machinery and truck displays, with the magnificent backdrop of the southwest forests and


the beautiful Hartz Mountains.

The aim of the Festival is, "To showcase the forest industry, its employees and associated businesses. To demonstrate the inter-relationship within the Tasmanian community, with particular reference to the tourism industry, crafts, apiary and the many other associated groups that enjoy our state forests for employment and recreation."


The Festival provides a fun family day out whilst incorporating education and public awareness towards a sustainable timber industry.

The Festival hosts a display of logging equipment, trucks and components used everyday within the industry showing links to businesses and the in-direct employment created.

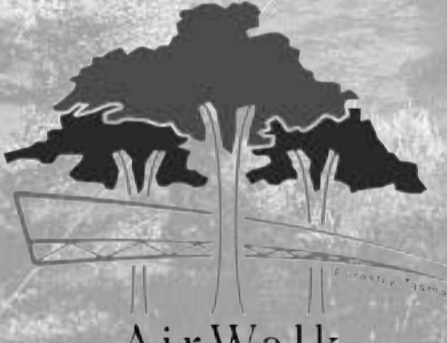
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The 2005 winner of the trip to the Brisbane Truck Show, Martin Thorpe, was pictured (left) with Festival Committee Members Tammy Price and Roger Browne.

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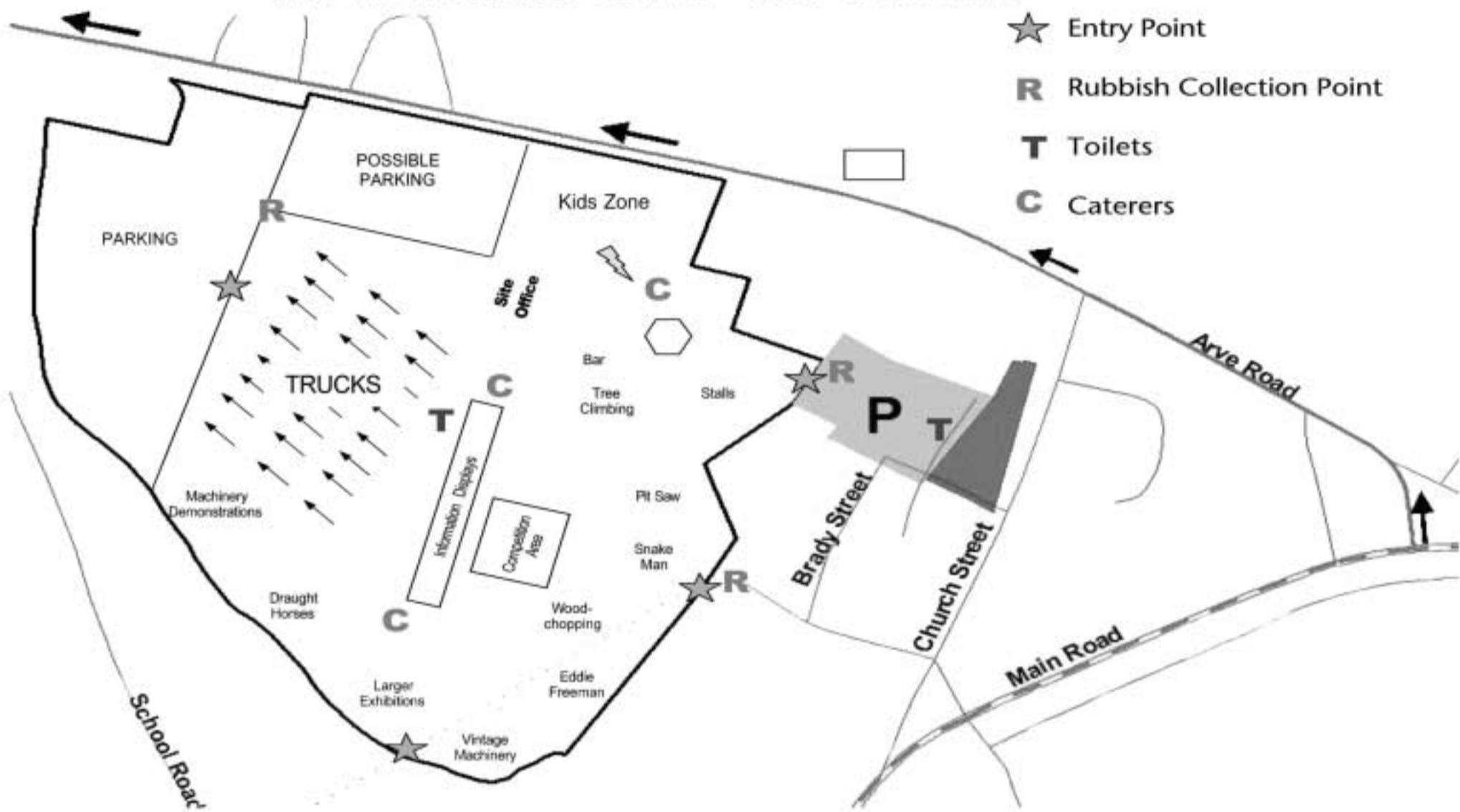
For information on the Festival or how to become involved, please contact the Secretary on 0418 320 129. The Tasmanian Forest Festival is a registered business name and organised through the Forest and Heritage Centre Inc.

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Red and white spectacle as Hazell Bros. put their trucks on show

The Hazell Bros. Group's HBMI quarry in Leslie Vale became a red and white spectacle earlier this year when a selection of the Hazell Bros' transport fleet lined up for a photo shoot.

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"In the early days a big load for Hazell Bros was 4 tonnes; today a normal load is 40 tonnes. To achieve this we have a lot more wheels (our floats and dolly has 50 wheels) and up to 620 horse-power to move these quantities every day.

"Our drivers are proud of their vehicles and are keen to show them off. We appreciate that our drivers have put time into bringing the trucks

together today - they are literally our driving force, very conscious of safety on the road and a big part of our image. Our transport team is support to our civil contracting, quarry, concrete and earthmoving businesses," Mr Hazell said.

From small rural beginnings, the family business started by Donald and Rowley Hazell over 60 years ago is now operated by two of Donald's sons - Geoffrey and Robert - and is one of the biggest of its type in Tasmania, employing approximately 330 valued employees.

"We're a Tasmanian owned company and proud of our people and proud of our work," Mr Hazell said.

(See advertisement this page).



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Woodchip Shovelling Competition

The Woodchip Shovelling Competition is an oldie, but a goodie! Competitors will compete in pairs against the clock. Each competitor needs to pick up their shovel, place it in their wheelie bin - run 10 metres to the woodchips, fill their wheelie bin completely and then wheel it back over the 10 metres to the finishing line. The fastest competitor over the day wins!

The event will operate at a number of times throughout the day, with some great prizes to be won.

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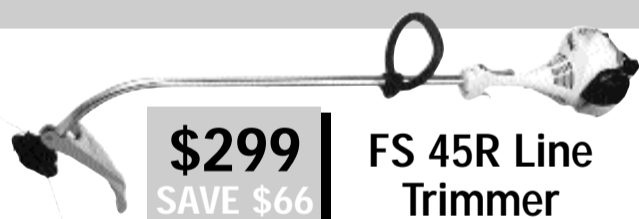
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Driving force behind the Tasmanian Forest Festival

Organisation of an event such as the Tasmanian Forest Festival is no easy task. It takes dedication, compassion, knowledge and patience.

"Behind every successful event, there is a team of people who make things happen, and this no better demonstrated than within the committee of the Tasmanian Forest Festival," said Tammy Price, secretary of the Tasmanian Forest Festival.

The Committee, which is operated under the banner of the Forest and Heritage Centre, is chaired by Roger Browne.

Roger's wife Debbie assists in the role of Treasurer. Together, Roger and Debbie have been managing the Forest and Heritage Centre for many years. They have developed it into a highly successful tourism icon of the southern region.

Assisting Roger in the position of Vice President is Harry Price. Harry grew up in Geeveston before working for 30-odd years in the bush and as a log truck driver. Harry has the knowledge and passion and puts his all into the growth of the event.

"My role as event Secretary is a busy one. Making sure all initial con-

tact is made to our valuable sponsors and supporters which our team then follows up. We have a great Committee which supports each other and is only too willing to lend a hand where possible," Tammy said.

The Executive Committee is ably assisted by many local business and organisational representatives and locals.

Dr Dick Geeves co-ordinates the historical aspects of the event. Dick, a descendent of the Geeves family of Geeveston, is no better person than to handle this. Dick has volunteered with the Geeveston Green Jackets for many years and has strong links to many community organisations around the region.

Peter Pepper, a true local legend, is another dynamo on the Committee. Peter's role to co-ordinate the information displays is instrumental to the success of the day. Peter is involved in many community and sporting groups around the area and his passion and enthusiasm keeps the Committee on their toes!

Local businessman, Robert Dick, has a background in the Navy as a logistical expert and is no better suited to the role of Logistics Co-ordina-

tor of the Festival. Robert's role ensures all permits, infrastructure and other critical aspects of the event are covered.

To complete the team are Alan Ashbarry, Christine Coad, Tony Leddiman, Jacqui Cordwell, Mandy Lovell and Jonathan Price — all having skills, contacts and dedication to making the event happen.

Tammy said, "Growing up and working in this great industry is a true thrill. The people you meet and work with everyday are a true inspiration. To be involved with the staging of an event such as the Tasmanian Forest Festival and to see it grow each year is a great privilege. At the end of the day, to see the delight on people's faces makes the long hours and sleepless nights seem like a distant memory. Also having the support of family, and especially my husband on the Committee makes life a bit easier but it can sometimes make for interesting conversation at the dinner table!

"But if you believe in something strong enough, anything is possible," Tammy said.

"Tilford Bush Push"

The Bush Push is a great success at the Healesville Timber Festival in Victoria and now it is Tassie's time to show the Victorians how it is done! Proudly sponsored this year by Tilford, there is sure to be some fierce competition.

This fun, yet competitive event is designed for bush workers and truckies to see who are the toughest and fittest bushmen. Teams of four are required to test their skills with the chainsaw and axe as they split firewood and finally test their strength by pushing a Ford ute loaded

with firewood over 30 metres.

With \$1000 cash up for grabs, compliments of Tilford, the Bush Push will definitely be an event to watch.

The event begins at 1.30 p.m. All teams must register prior to the commencement of event.

Last year, the event was won by the "Forestry Four" (pictured). Expect some fierce competition this year as they will be back to defend their title.

Please note: The operator of the chainsaw must hold a relevant licence, and be able to produce it on the day.



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Chainsaw Challenge

New at this year's Tasmanian Forest Festival is the Chainsaw Challenge, aimed at testing the skill of chainsaw operators.

This event is run on a timed individual basis. Each operator is required to cut three wheels from a log - one as an up cut, one as a down cut and one as a bore cut. Sound easy! Well try doing it all within 100mm (or 4 inches) without cutting fresh air!

The person who succeeds in the quickest time walks away with some great prizes.

All operators must hold and be able to produce a current chainsaw licence.

Entry to the competitions is completely FREE!

All entrants must register - registration forms available on the web at www.tasmanianforestfestival.com or by contacting the event Secretary on 0418 320 129.

Forestry Tasmania Boot Throwing Competition

Do you have a good throwing arm? Have you ever aspired to be a bowler in another life? Well the Forestry Tasmania Boot Throwing Competition may be for you!

competition where the participants who can throw a work boot the furthest distance wins!

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The nursery is open Wednesday-Sunday, 10am-5pm

Being new to the area, Clive and Dixie, welcome you to visit and just browse. Rivendale is a working garden, so there will be ongoing projects as we expand our gardens, your comments and ideas for the future would be appreciated.





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Gleaming machines to be on display

A major drawcard for the Tasmanian Forest Festival is the Truck Expo. This event is fast becoming Tassie's biggest truck expo and is unique in its operation, and is proudly sponsored this year by the Tasmanian Forest Contractors Association.

All trucks, whether just off the showroom floor, or 30 years old with millions of miles on the clock, have an equal chance of walking away with the major prize.

In 2004, the Festival attracted around 34 trucks. This number grew in 2005 and saw truck numbers swell to over 60 gleaming machines.

Entry is open (and free) to all trucks involved in the forest industry (log trucks, roading, cartage, heavy haulage, freight etc) or from the local area (Huonville south).

Each entrant who brings along their

truck goes into the draw for a return trip for two to the Queensland Truck and Machinery Expo, held in Brisbane bi-annually.

This year, as the Festival continues to grow, organisers have added a second and third prize - a travel voucher to the value of \$400 for second, and a weekend getaway to Freycinet Lodge for third.

"This section of the Festival is a real drawcard. The trucks are in the public eye each and every day," said Harry Price, co-ordinator of the Truck Expo.

"It is so rewarding to see drivers proud to bring their trucks along and even prouder to bring along their families and enjoy activities that happen throughout the day."

If you are interested in entering your truck or require further information please contact Harry Price on 0419 139 136 or Jonathan Price on 0419 323 628.



The historical pit saw - learning from our forefathers

Pit sawing operations has a long and vibrant history. Well before circular saws were used to saw logs lengthwise, they were processed by placing them over a "pit" - hence the reference to "pit saw."

The saw operates vertically up and down. Operated by two men, a man on top, known as the "Top Dog", guided the saw as it was pulled down in a cutting motion by the "Underdog". The "Top Dog" recovered the saw and the "Underdog" then pulled it down in a cutting motion again. Needless to say the "Underdog" copped a fair bit of sawdust.

The top of the saw has a fixed "tiller handle" so the "Top Dog" can guide it and cut a straight line. The lower part of the saw has a "block" which is easily detachable with a wedge. The block can be taken off to allow the saw to be threaded through the saw cut.

The log is moved along when the saw comes to a cross bearer.

Back in the early days, it was very hard work. In the penal settlement on Sarah Island in Macquarie Harbour, in the early part of the 1800's, settlers had as many as 14-20 pits working at any one time.

The use of Pit Sawing in Tasmania slowed down about the time the steam mills started to come on line in the 1870's

Two of these saws were used in cutting boards and frames for the Clark's houses "Woodside" and "Erondele" at North Franklin in 1838.

One of the sawyers demonstrating the pit saw at the Tasmanian Forest Festival on Sunday will be Ian Scott,

who has competed and won as a sawyer at the Sydney Royal Easter Show and is a World Champion Sawyer.

"We are grateful to Forestry Tasmania for their assistance with the preparation of this exhibit," said Tammy Price.



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Children's activities and entertainment expanded

Due to popular demand, the children's activities at this year's Tasmanian Forest Festival have been expanded.

Co-ordinator for the children's activities, Mrs Jacqui Cordwell, said that there were many new and exciting activities happening for all ages.

"As a mum, I know how important it is to keep the kids happy. If the kids are happy - then mum and dad have a good time too," Jacqui said.

"This year we will have entertain-

ers Make Believe on site performing "Out Bush" which the kids will really enjoy getting involved in.

"We will also have Smiffs Puppets, who have been at the Festival since its inception and are always a crowd pleaser. Together with the Snake Man, Ian Davies, there will be plenty of things for the kids to see.

"A jumping castle will be operating free of charge for the younger

children, and there will be painting activities.

"We will also have showbags, fairy floss and bubblewands for sale. Kids can purchase a bubblewand and then enter "bubbleland" where there will be unlimited bubble mixture for the kids to make as many bubbles as they can.

"A woodworking area will be available for children to build a boat and paint it to take home. Face painting will also be available.

"A new activity called "Lob the Dunny Roll" will add a bit more fun to the area. Players need to be able to throw three toilet rolls into a toilet from behind the line to win a prize.

"This is like the clowns at the show, but with toilets and toilet rolls for a bit of fun," Jacqui said.

"The kids are sure to have heaps of fun and my advice to parents is to bring a change of clothes - just in case!"

Victorian tree climbers demonstrate their profession



Victorian tree climbers, Doug Walker and Scott Gentle are returning again to this year's Tasmanian Forest Festival. Last year they thrilled the crowds with their agility to climb a vertical pole.

Tree climbing has many practical applications in the forest from accurate measurement to seed collection and scientific research.

Doug and Scott will not only showcase their skill, but will be available to answer questions for any of our locals who wish to gain experience in this activity either as a sport or as a job.

Draught Horses will demonstrate their important heritage



Cecil Flakemore of Dover with horses Danny and Ben.

Increasing their presence at this year's Tasmanian Forest festival will be the Tasmanian Draught Horse Association.

The Association is a small group of people dedicated to the promotion of the Heritage of our 'Gentle Giants' the Tasmanian Working Draught Horse.

This is achieved by public displays of working horses using heritage implements such as log shoes, sleds, scoops, carts, harrows and ploughs.

Current members include a wide variety of people from all over the state and all walks of life from farmers, teachers and foresters to marine engineers. All members share a love of the heavy horse and are encouraged in their own pursuits, with experienced members only too willing to lend a hand.

At the Tasmanian Forest Festival the Association will have 12 heavy horses featuring in events such as —

- The "Test of Strength" horses versus people, where horses will pull logs and sleds loaded with bags of fertilizer, loaned by Elders Webster, a certain distance. Teams from

sponsors will be invited to match the distance.

- Displays featuring horses long reined, pulling logs and sleds around an obstacle course.
- Harnessing demonstrations, hoof care displays and a static heavy horse display comprising various types of equipment, heritage and modern photos, as well as interesting facts and information.

Together with a skilled local forester demonstrating the art of Shingle Splitting, the display by the Tasmanian Draught Horse Association is one sure to impress.



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TIMBER INNOVATIONS

Put the grunt into the "Motors Truck Pull"

If you're up to putting in a bit of grunt for the chance to win some great cash and prizes for your team, the Motors Truck Pull is a fun way to pull in those extra funds!

The event is simple - a team of four people pull a truck 10 metres against the clock with the fastest team winning. It's that simple! The event commences at 10 a.m.

Pictured - The 2005 Truck Pull in action.



Chips set to fly at chopping carnival

A Woodchopping Carnival, hosted by the Southern Tasmanian Axemen's Association, will be a major drawcard to this year's Festival.

Last year the Association held a chopping exhibition at the Festival, but, due to popular demand, this year will hold its first competition carnival.

With over 10 chopping events scheduled for the day, including a Club Championship, the Carnival is sure to attract some of the best axemen and women the sport has to offer.

In preparation for this year's event, the Southern Tasmanian Axemen's Association and the Tasmanian Forest Festival Committee have installed eight permanent bases to allow chopping dummies to be bolted securely into the ground to provide ideal conditions for the choppers.

With the assistance of local businesses J. Phillips and Mal's Excavations, and a donation from Hazell Brothers of the concrete, installation of the bases occurred a few weeks ago by local representatives of the Association.

With the installation of these bases, Heritage Park will now open other opportunities for the axemen to run further events in the Park in the future.

Events scheduled for the day include:

- 250mm Novice Handicap
- 250mm Standing Handicap
- 300mm Standing Handicap
- 300mm Underhand Handicap

- 250mm Golden Years
- 450mm Double Handed Sawing Handicap
- 375mm Jack and Jill Sawing Handicap
- 375mm Coach and Novice Sawing Handicap
- Restricted Boy's Chop
- 300mm Hardhitting Club Championship

Events commence at 10 a.m. and further information can be obtained by contacting the Association's Secretary, Mrs Sheila Rumley, on 6249 3485.



Installation of the chopping bases.



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Don't miss any of the events at this year's Tasmanian Forest Festival

Truck Expo: 9 a.m. - 3.45 p.m., then winners will be announced. Guess the weight of the loaded truck: 9 a.m. - 3.45 p.m., then winners will be announced. Guess the weight of the horse: 9 a.m. - 3.45 p.m., then winners will be announced.

COMPETITIONS

Tilford Bush Push: 1.30 p.m. - 2.30 p.m. Motors

Truck Pull: 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. Foresty Tasmania Boot Throwing: 2.30 p.m. - 3.30 p.m. Griggs Chainsaw Challenge: 11.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. Gunns Woodchip Shovelling: 9 a.m. - 10 a.m., 11 a.m. - 1.30 p.m., 2.30 p.m. - 4 p.m.

DEMONSTRATIONS

TCA Tree Climbing demo: 9.15 a.m. - 9.30 a.m., 10.15 a.m. - 10.30 a.m., 11.15 a.m. - 11.30 a.m., 12.15 p.m. -

12.30 p.m., 1.15 p.m. - 1.30 p.m., 2.15 p.m. - 2.30 p.m., 3.15 p.m. - 3.30 p.m. Komatsu Machinery demo: 11 a.m. - 11.30 a.m., 3 p.m. - 3.30 p.m. Eddie Freeman Chainsaw Carving: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

DRAUGHT HORSE ARENA

Cart Rides: 12.30 p.m. - 1 p.m., 2 p.m. - 2.30 p.m. TDHA Test of Strength: 11 a.m. - 11.30 a.m., 3.30 p.m. - 4 p.m. Shingle Splitt- ing: 10.30 a.m. - 11 a.m., 3

p.m. - 3.30 p.m. Log and Sled Obstacle Course: 10 a.m. - 10.30 a.m., 1 p.m. - 1.30 p.m. Harness Display: 11.30 a.m. - 12 noon, 2.30 p.m. - 3 p.m. Long Rein Obstacle Course: 12 noon - 12.30 p.m., 2.30 p.m. - 3 p.m. Hoof Care Display: 1.30 p.m. - 2 p.m. Horses in Stalls: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

CHILDREN'S AREA

Make Believe Show: 11 a.m. - 12 noon, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. Smiffs Puppets: 10 a.m.

- 11 a.m., 2.30 p.m. - 3.30 p.m. Lob the dunny roll: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Build a boat: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. The Snake Man's Snake Show: 10 a.m. - 10.30 a.m., 11.30 a.m. - 12 noon, 1 p.m. - 1.30 p.m., 2.30 p.m. - 3 p.m. Jumping Castle: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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Processing demonstrations – state of the art

Keeping with the theme of the Festival, a demonstration will be held showing the technological advancements in the forest industry over the decades.

Just as the pit saw demonstrates the early stages of the forest industry, the machinery demonstration showing processing of logs in today's forest industry is sure to create some interest.

This year the public will be able to watch trees being felled by a mechanical tree felling machine operated by

Matthew Burton of Southcape Harvesters. The logs will then be processed by a Komatsu PC300-6 with a Rossin 980 processing head, operated by Neil and Adrian Bennett of TP Bennett and Sons.

The logs will then be set up on a "landing" as they would be in the forest. The logs will then be classified by an accredited Log Classifying Officer (LCO). The officer will assess each log to ensure their highest end use is achieved.

For the first time, an innovative new sawlog docket

system, implemented by the Forest and Forest Industry Council and forest industry partners, called "E-dockets" will be demonstrated. E-dockets have been operating in the industry for just over 12 months, with contractors in the south currently receiving their machines.

E-docket is a palm top computer, replacing the old paper docket book system. Logs are given a unique barcode number which are then entered into the palm top computer, ensuring the contractor is aware of product stocks he has at any one

time. When a load is dispatched, the operator uses the palm top to create a delivery docket, which is then printed for dispatch to the sawmiller.

The contractor downloads this information via his phone line regularly, which transfers the information not only to Forestry Tasmania, but also to his contract manager ensuring a smooth and accurate information transfer.

Sawlogs will then be processed on-site by a portable sawmill provided by Forestry Tasmania.

A large portable chipper operated by Watson's Timber will demonstrate the processing of pulpwood.

Other logs will be set aside for the public to view prior to them being sent to veneer and sawmills.

LCO's and industry representatives will be on site to discuss the classification of logs.

This Festival Committee would like to thank Komatsu Australia for their sponsorship of this demonstration, along with Ian Crouch of Southcape Harvesters, the team from T.P. Bennett and Sons, Lane Watson of Watson's Timber and Chris Emmett of Forestry Tasmania.



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