



# Forest Practices Awards 22 September 2022



*Some of the Forest Practices Awards 2019 winners*

### Why we have the awards

The Forest Practices Awards are presented by the Board of the FPA to recognise excellence in various areas of expertise in the Tasmanian forest practices system.

The highly-skilled and experienced people who continually strive for excellence in their varied roles are critical to the functioning of the system. The Board values this expertise and the importance of acknowledging it. There have been four previous rounds of Forest Practices Awards – in 2008, 2011, 2015 and 2019. See the table over the page for details of the six categories and previous winners.

The next Forest Practices Awards will take place in September 2022.

### How to nominate

Now is your chance to highlight the outstanding achievements of someone you know (or yourself) working in the forest practices system. The nomination process is simple – all you need to do is complete the nomination form found on the FPA’s [website](#) home page in the ‘News’ section and send it to the FPA.

***"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence then, is not an act, but a habit."***

*--Aristotle, Greek Philosopher*

### Key dates for the Forest Practices Awards 2022

<b>Thursday 16 June</b>	<b>Nominations open</b>
<b>Tuesday 16 August</b>	Nominations close
<b>Friday 26 August</b>	Winners announced
<b>Thursday 22 September</b>	Award ceremony, Launceston



*The Forest Practices Awards 2019 were presented by Peter Volker (CFPO, back row, left) and Joan Rylah (MP, front row, left) to (from left) Sue Baker, Michael Casey, Erik Martin, Leanne Chappell, Tony Stonjek, Toni Ogilvie, Andrew Plank, Phil Bell and Vanessa Thompson.*

Category	Criteria	Award winners			
		2019	2015	2011	2008
<b>Preparation of forest practices plans</b>	This award will be made to Planning FPOs. It will be judged on the basis of consistency, clarity, high quality, freedom from errors and innovation or excellence in dealing with complex or challenging issues for one or more plans. Awards may also be made jointly to more than one FPO, as plans are often a co-operative effort, or for a business unit for excellence in regard to plans prepared by a group of FPOs.	Steve Martini, Forestry Consultant  Vanessa Thompson, STT	James Fergusson, FPO, Forestry Tasmania	John Webb, FPO, Norske Skog	Chris Ringk, FPO Planning, Timberlands Pacific
<b>Inspection and supervision of forest operations</b>	This award will apply to Inspecting FPOs and field supervisors. It will be judged for special diligence in the inspection and management of forest practices issues in the forest, resulting in the achievement of excellence.	Michael Casey, STT	Gareth Tempest, Forestry Tasmania	-	<i>This award did not exist in 2008</i>
<b>Conduct of forest operations to high operational standards</b>	This award will apply to both contractors and businesses, including forest industry companies and private landowners. It will be judged on the basis of consistently good performance in regard to forest practices.	Tony Stonjek	Bennett and Sons	-	Tim and Pip Schmidt, Farmers
<b>Innovation in forest practices</b>	<p>This award seeks to recognise the development of new tools or methods to improve forest practices, such as the development of planning tools, innovation in equipment design, improved silvicultural techniques or the development of operational practices that provide improved environmental outcomes.</p> <p>This award also recognises work in research, advice, and services to forestry which shows exceptional merit in regard to forest practices.</p>	<p>Andrew Plank, Norske Skog</p> <p>Sue Baker, UTAS</p> <p>Phil Bell, consultant</p>	<p>BR and KF Musket and Sons</p> <p>Dr Sarah Munks, Forest Practices Authority</p> <p>Graham Wilkinson, Forest Practices Authority</p>	<p>Fred Duncan, Biodiversity Manager, FPA</p>	<p>Colin Crawford, Planning FPO, FT - Mersey District and Colin Leary, Planning FPO, FT - Mersey District</p> <p>Biodiversity Expert Review Panel Tony O'Malley, Greg Hickey, Sandra</p>

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					Hetherington, Bruce Hay, Vanessa Thompson, Chris Mitchell.  Sean Blake, Forestry Consultant
<b>Excellence in community engagement</b>	This award recognises any individual, business unit or organisation that proactively engages with diverse communities, resulting in improved public understanding and support for the forest practices system.	Erik Martin, STT	Errol Lohrey, Forestry Tasmania  Tony Scott, Forestry Tasmania	Brett Warren, FPO Planning	<i>(this award was called 'Working in partnership'</i> Matt Webb, Project Officer (Threatened Hollow Nesting Birds), Threatened Species Biodiversity Conservation Branch, DPIW and Marie Yee, Conservation Planner, Forestry Tasmania  Sean Blake, Forestry Consultant
<b>New FPO excellence award</b>	This award recognises excellence in newly appointed FPOs (in the last five years), either as an FPO Inspecting or FPO Planning.	Toni Ogilvie, STT  Leanne Chappell, SFM	-	-	-

