



More than a plantation company

One of the largest private plantation companies in Australia, HVP Plantations is more than just a source of timber for local industry. We are an employer, an economic engine for the region, a company committed to protecting the environment, and, an organisation that strives to be a good neighbour, committed to balancing the needs of all of our stakeholders.

We manage 245,000 hectares of land throughout Victoria. Approximately 162,000 hectares are plantation forests, primarily of pine and eucalypt. These plantations provide timber and other products for primarily local manufacturing industries, the main ones being structural sawn timber, fibre board products, pulp and paper.

Approximately 50,000 ha of our estate, is managed for conservation purposes. We work closely with a number of community stakeholders to manage this land effectively.



GOOD NEIGHBOUR

LOCAL MANUFACTURING

CARBON STORAGE

SUSTAINABLE

RENEWABLE

Sustainable forest management

HVP was the first plantation company in Australia to be third-party certified under the internationally recognized Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC®) certification process. We also achieved certification under the Programme for Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) via the Australian Forestry Standard (AFS), making us the first company to be dual certified.

Third-party certification ensures that our management operations meet internationally recognized standards and are continually reviewed for improvement. Underpinning all of our operations are Best Management Practices. We comply with the Code of Practice for Timber Production and are externally audited on a regular basis.

A positive contributor to the climate equation

Our forest and forest products industry is the only carbon positive industry in Australia and provides an important source of carbon sequestration and renewable energy. Every tree planted and every product made from wood, removes carbon from the atmosphere. We plant more than 10 million trees annually. Our products are sustainable, renewable, biodegradable and recyclable.

*renewable
recyclable*



Part of the rural industry

Our operations and the customers we supply are based within rural communities. Our employees live within those rural communities. Both directly and indirectly, we provide extensive regional employment. Our company annually supplies over 3 million tonnes of plantation timber to a diverse range of mainly local manufactures, replacing half a billion dollars of potential imports. We also contribute to Australia's export performance.

A steward of the land

We manage nearly 50,000 ha for conservation purposes, including more than 600 ha of rainforest under permanent protection. As a matter of policy and practice, we do not harvest native forests. We have a close involvement with various community groups. Working with other research organisations, we undertake co-operative studies of bio-diversity, species management, soil and water.

Protecting local fauna

A widely diverse range of species, including the iconic South Gippsland koala, inhabit the lands we manage. The plantation industry has been responsible for reforestation of large areas of the Strzelecki Ranges that were previously degraded, providing important habitat for the koala. We have a set of operating standards which serve to monitor and enhance the koala habitat. We support research activities and local wildlife shelters.

Leading edge research

We have a world class integrated tree breeding and production facility at our Gelliondale nursery. Our seed orchards utilise the product from an extensive tree breeding programme aimed to select the very best trees and promote them in our plantations. We do not utilise genetically modified seeds.



RURAL INDUSTRIES

STEWARDS

PROTECTING

FIRE CONTROL

RESEARCH

PEOPLE

Helping protect local communities from fire danger

We have extensive resources dedicated to fire suppression, not only for our own plantation but also for the benefit of the surrounding communities. This includes more than 200 trained fire fighters, 20 fire trucks and 38 smaller fire fighting appliances. We fund aircraft in local regions to enable a quick response to and early suppression of fires. We are a financial supporter to the Arson Prevention Programme, currently under the banner of Crimestoppers.

Commitment to our people

We are committed to providing a safe working environment for our employees and contractors. We are strong supporters of our local universities and teaching institutions.

supporting community

