



URBAN FORESTRY SERVICE

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FAIR WOOD CERES
REBOXCO CERES

OUR MISSION

To connect Australian agro and farm foresters and sawmillers with socially and environmentally conscious consumers. We exist to transform the way we connect with our local timber supply.

OUR BUSINESS

CERES Fair Wood is a not-for-profit social enterprise and an honest broker of timber. We sit between sustainable timber producers and users that desire transparently and ethically sourced timber. We also operate a Carpentry business and a fabrications business called ReBoxCo.

We form part of the purposeful trade of our parent organisation, CERES. CERES is an environmental education centre, community garden, urban farm and social enterprise hub spread across four locations, linked by the Merri and Darebin Creeks on Wurundjeri Country, Melbourne. With over 250 employees it is 95% self funded through its various social enterprises, of which Fair Wood is one.



URBAN FORESTRY

The latest evolution of our work is developing and piloting an Urban Forestry Service (urban sawmill).

An urban forestry service reimagines where forestry happens by bringing the sawmill into the city and employs highest and best use (HABU) principles that divert "waste" urban trees into ethical timber products.

OUR BUSINESS

We seek to change the way we view forestry. In doing so, we challenge the perception of where forestry happens, in our cities, and also how it is done, sensitively.

We are working closely with a long time partner, Julias Onsite Milling Service to deliver an end to end Highest and Best Use service for trees being removed on small and large scale projects.

We are able to mill, dry, machine and make furniture and other structures to be returned for your projects.

We also have a qualified carpentry business that can help realise community legacy projects with the timber.



WORKING WITH US

We believe our services can greatly assist you in achieving your sustainability, environmental, urban design, stakeholder engagement and social procurement objectives:

- We are able to work in a consulting capacity to identify trees of significant value within arboricultural reports that would be suitable for milling. We possess the experience and expertise to identify such trees, make an assessment of what applications may be appropriate for the timber and liaise with architects, engineers and other professionals to identify where the timber may be used on the project.
- Delivery and storage of logs at our dedicated mill site on the city fringe.
- We are able to expertly mill the trees either on-site or at our dedicated mill sites. This includes storing, drying, machining and return delivery.
- All surplus and other donations of timber become part of our social enterprise, not-for-profit, supply chain, funding the ongoing work of CERES Brunswick, Victoria's largest environmental charity education provider.

There are a number of ways timber can be supplied back to a project:

- Permanent structures such as in the form of cladding, decking, internal linings and structural timbers, dependent on the quality of the logs
- landscaping in the form of fence posts, bollards and other semi-hard landscaping products
- Tree stakes for re-vegetation after construction
- Hollows and habitat logs salvaged and/or new nest boxes, in collaboration with ecologists



TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

Our general cutting instructions to arborists:

- Aim for 3.3 to 6.2 metre log lengths when trimming logs to length. Cutting as low to the ground as possible
- Any hollows retained by cutting out of the tree
- Branches must be cut flush with the trunk, not sticking out.
- Ends of logs to be cut clean, no splintered ends, making it unsafe to load and unload.
- Each log to be donated is tagged/spray painted with the arborist report number for easy ID.
- We accept logs with 500mm+ DBH

If logs are intended to be stored for a longer period of time, we strongly advise painting the ends of logs with an end grain sealing product. We are able to provide this service if needed.

We have a permanent mill location in the North Western metro area (Attwood) where logs are delivered.



North
Western
Program
Alliance

MIXED SPECIES

VARIOUS

KEON PARK

46

*TONNES (CO2 EQUIVALENT)

**SEQUESTERED
CARBON**

(*Potential)

49 TREES DONATED

AUGUST 2023





OUR PRODUCTS & SERVICES

Products we offer specifically for urban development and open space landscaping sectors include:

- Cladding
- Lining
- Decking
- Flooring
- Landscaping timbers: feature fencing, sleepers, bushpoles etc.
- Joinery
- planter boxes
- PODs
- Parklets
- Tree stakes
- Milling trees for re-use
- Commercial and residential carpentry

WE CAN BUILD FURNITURE, PLAYGROUNDS AND OTHER OBJECTS



WITH A DEDICATED CARPENTRY SERVICE





WHO WE ARE WORKING WITH





OUR DIFFERENCE

Working with us delivers on the Victorian Government's sustainable procurement objectives including:

Environmentally sustainable outputs

- Project-specific requirements to use sustainable resources and to manage waste and pollution
- Use of recycled content in construction

The Urban Forestry Service approaches social and environmental challenges with positive and practical solutions:

- the urgent need to preserve standing native forests with utilisation of an urban timber resource currently thrown away or mulched
- a lack of quality employment options for asylum seekers with a social enterprise which requires workers seeking skilled training and employment.



CERES Fair Wood is exactly what Australia needs - a circular economy business that can convert our colossal timber waste streams into valuable resources. This practical, jobs generative business provides a living example of how we can transition the timber industry to circularity. On top of proving regenerative practices for positive impact, CERES also provides a template for a future forestry sector.

– Lisa McLean, CEO, Circular Australia

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