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## Battle of minds to raise funds

MORE than 300 Adelaide business people and media personalities will take part in a battle of minds on Thursday night, to raise money for the state's disabled and disadvantaged.

Guests' knowledge of sport and popular culture will be tested at the third annual Bedford Big Battle quiz, the first major fundraising event under new Bedford chief executive Sally Powell who took over from recently-retired Max Dyason.

As well as major sponsors Optus and Bluescope Distribution, other organisations such as Ernst & Young, University of SA, Nova, The Good Guys and NAB have reserved tables at the event which includes a live auction for a \$5000 South Pacific cruise.

Funds will help Bedford create opportunities for the disabled or disadvantaged, in jobs, training, life skills, recreation and housing.



# At last ... something to be optimistic about in the West

HERE IN West Australia, Gunns Limited is at present negotiating the sale of the Deanmill Sawmill and the Manjimup Production Centre. The impending change of ownership rather than closure of Gunns has created a spread of optimism and hope of a lifeline throughout our resilient timber community.

One of our better events for raising our profile in WA is almost upon us again. Can you believe that a year has almost gone and here we are again planning for the annual Perth Royal Show? Preparations and organization gets easier each year, but one of the hardest tasks in the week-long show is getting Volunteers and Exhibitors to work with us. I am confident that our loyal band of volunteers will be with us again this year, but if any of our members and friends have some time to spare during the week of 30 September through to 8

October we'd accept your help with open arms. We hope to have a couple of new inclusions this year and will also develop our timber theme for the children and public this year.

Our thanks to members who took the time to understand and support us over the Karri Other Bole Volume issue and Forest Management Plan 2013 amendment requirement that presented over the last few months. Thank you to those who made the effort to lodge submissions to the Department of Environment and Conservation. Fingers crossed now that logic and good old common sense will prevail and the amendment gets up.

We share the disappointments of our Tasmanian colleagues at this time. After 18 months of negotiations in good faith they are now presented with situations that greatly differ from the negotiated outcomes.



**Pat Martin**  
**WA Regional Coordinator**  
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Timber Communities Australia members, both past and present, and from far and wide, pass on their condolences, love and friendship to Paul, Tish and families on the passing of Paul's Dad.



## Milk factory gets all clear

TASMANIAN Dairy Products has received the final tick of approval for its milk processing facility after Circular Head councillors voted unanimously at a special meeting last Thursday night to issue a permit for its development.

Councillor Graham Wells said after receiving no opposition throughout 28 days of consultation, there was a high level of community acceptance for the \$70 million project, which was expected to create up to...

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...75 full-time jobs upon completion. "This [permit] paves the way for this company to build a world-class facility in the heart of Circular Head," he said.

Acting as a planning authority, councillors were required to consider a number of development proposals before it could approve the facility's construction.

The facility, which will have a combined floor area of 3700m<sup>2</sup>, needed special approval to bypass the Council's 12-metre height restriction on buildings. Its tallest building will stand 33m tall, however, this was considered an acceptable visual impact as it is in an industry zone.

Councillors also took into account the use of the land, hazards, noise, odour and waste management. Traffic was also discussed and, once completed, the facility is expected to generate around 35 heavy vehicles and 60 light vehicles in traffic, a substantial decrease on traffic currently generated by Gunns sawmill.

Other details that were approved included lowering TDP's original landscaping bond of \$250,000, which was labelled excessive, to just under \$82,000. The bond will ensure TDP provides an additional 230m of landscaping adjacent to the facility on Bass Highway to enhance the road corridor and provide additional screening.

While executive manager development services Matthew Saward was disappointed at the impending closure of the Gunns sawmill, he said it was best to speed-up the changeover process to TDP rather than leave the site dormant.

With an initial application for the permit submitted in mid-June, Mayor Daryl Quilliam was excited at how fast the project was moving. "I look forward to a lot of work happening out there in the future," he said.

Cr Trevor Spinks said it was a historic day for the community and the facility's construction would provide a much-needed opening for investment in the state's dairy industry.