



## YARRAM SCHOOLS FORESTRY EXPO 26/02/2018

This was a Gippsland initiative to link forestry education and career Opportunities.

The Australian forest industry is a dynamic and sustainable provider of regional employment, economic activity and essential products based on a renewable resource that sequesters carbon. The forest industry comprises businesses involved in growing and harvesting trees, processing wood and wood-fiber, manufacturing pulp, paper and engineered, reconstituted and solid wood products and businesses that market and undertake research, into forestry and forest products.



However, the industry is finding it difficult to attract qualified or experienced people to work in this interesting and rewarding sector. So, in partnership with Yarram Secondary College the GIPPSLAND FORESTRY HUB (GFH) held a Forestry Expo on Monday 26th February at the high school, where all students were given the occasion to experience first-hand the opportunity's and career paths Forestry has to offer.

The GFH aims to promote understanding and interest in forestry and raise awareness in Gippsland of the great career and job opportunities within the industry. This Expo was set up to showcase this sustainable and safety focused industry, with a view to linking in with careers for our students, post compulsory school age.



Unfortunately, not many people in the broader community have a firm understanding of what the forestry industry entails and it is hoped that this Expo can be the beginning of clearing up misconceptions and highlight the real benefits of what is happening right on our doorstep.

Taking part in the expo Vic Forest , HVP, Austimber, Leeson's, Catapillar, Waratah, Kennedy Trailers to name a few. They had on hand for all students to experience, Log Trucks, Processors, Forwarders, Simulators plus opportunities for the students to learn Forestry is a safe and sustainable industry with many stands showcasing tree improvements, nursery production, silviculture and fire prevention.