

*The following summaries outline the highlights for the 2002/03 period. Further details are provided later in this document.*

**Infinitee™ commercial package launched**

Infinitee - the Commission's complete commercial farm forestry brand - was launched by WA Premier, Dr Geoff Gallop, at Tenterden in the Great Southern region, in June 2003. Building on approved government borrowings, Infinitee is providing a commercial, long-term alternative for farmers, and providing solutions for environmental problems such as salinity, erosion and water logging. With successful investment strategies it is expected Infinitee could increase plantings on cleared farmland up to 20,000 hectares per year, during the next five years...

**Log exports commence in Bunbury**

The Commission finalised its contractual arrangements with Melbourne company Pentarch Forest Products. Pentarch Forest Products supplies predominantly radiata pine pulpwood logs from Australia and New Zealand, to South East Asian countries. The first export shipment departed in June 2003. Pentarch Forest Products will export 120,000 cubic metres of logs per year from Bunbury...

**WA leads in plantation development**

The National Plantation Inventory's 2003 update advised that Western Australian plantation growers are leading the nation in the development of new hardwood and softwood plantations. Over the last nine years, WA's plantations estate has grown from 148,000 hectares in 1994, to in excess of 351,000 hectares. Western Australia now has the second largest plantations estate in Australia...



*WA Premier Dr Geoff Gallop launches Infinitee on the Gillam's Tenterden property.*

**Laminated Veneer Lumber Plant progresses**

The Agreement between the State Government and Western Australian company Wesbeam was ratified by parliament in September 2002. Wesbeam owns the Laminated Veneer Lumber processing plant at Neerabup. The Commission will supply the plant with 4.12 million cubic metres of softwood logs over the next 26 years, which will be used locally, on the east coast of Australia and overseas...



*New Tasmanian bluegum seedlings are delivered and readied for planting.*



*The official signing ceremony for Wesbeam's Laminated Veneer Lumber processing plant.*



**Action Plan for Tree Farming**

The Commission's 'Action Plan for Tree Farming in WA' was launched in September 2002 as an integral part of the government's commitment to sustainability and the environment. The plan outlines future planting strategies with a focus on lower and medium rainfall zones in WA, and seeks to identify the best opportunities for processing industries and investors. Central to this strategy is the newly released Infinitree commercial tree farming program.



*Action Plan for Tree Farming in WA.*

**WA manufacturer wins industry award**

Western Australian furniture manufacturer Jah Roc Furniture was awarded the 'Best of the Best' award for its 'Chaise Lounge' at the 2002 Furnishing Industry Association of Australia awards. A multi-award winning company with galleries in Margaret River and York, it designs, manufactures and retails high end timber furniture by combining native hardwoods with forged iron, stainless steel, stone and leather. The Commission was proud to be 'Platinum' sponsor of the awards...

**Goldfields vineyard posts in South-West**

Small diameter Goldfields eucalypts have been successfully introduced into a number of South-West wineries as vineyard posts. The species is renowned for its strength and natural durability and is valued for its chemical free certification...



*Jah Roc Furniture's Chaise Lounge, winner of the 2002 FIAA awards.*