



## WELCOME

Welcome to Issue 3 of the Sawmilling Newsletter. Since introducing the new three-monthly return we've had a big improvement on sawmill returns coming in on time. Thanks to everyone for getting that paperwork done! Just a reminder that you no longer need to send in the old Part A or Part B return forms.

## WHAT IS A SAWMILL?

The word sawmill has a very broad meaning under the Forests Act which includes anything that produces sawn timber, woodchips or veneer.

The Forests Act defines a sawmill as; any factory or industrial plant (whether permanently fixed or portable) that is directly dependent on supplies of logs and produces sawn timber or wood chips from the timber, whether for sale, use, or further treatment or processing; and includes any chipmill that produces woodchips and any industrial plant (whether permanently fixed or portable) used to process tree ferns; and includes any industrial plant (whether combined with or separate from any plant used to produce sawn timber or woodchips) that is used to produce veneer.

Where indigenous timber is milled in-forest by chainsaw 'Alaskan' or 'swordfish' style sawmills for extraction and further processing, the sawmill must be registered. Roundwood broken down by a hand-held chainsaw for removal from the forest must be accounted for by the sawmill that undertakes the milling.



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## LOOKING AFTER YOUR SAWMILL

We see a lot of sawmills in our job. Something we see all too often is rust destroying otherwise good equipment.

Portable mills have a lot of moving parts that are susceptible to rust. Rust to threads and chains can stop a mill working and cost a lot to repair. The easiest way to prevent rust to moving parts is obvious - regular lubrication.

Most sawmillers are busy people. After milling and handling a few tonnes of timber, time and energy for maintenance may be lacking. Spray-on chain lube is one quick, easy solution for chains and threads. It's cheap, available from hardware stores and is very easy to apply. One minute at the end of the day could save your mill's steel parts. One coastal mill we saw recently had thousands of dollars of rust damage - that could have been prevented by 60 seconds and a couple of dollars of chain oil.

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## SAWMILLER FOCUS

Father and son Peter and Jack Topping are based in Glenhope in the Murchison area.

Peter's workmanship can be seen in the local Murchison Sport Recreation and Cultural Centre, which opened in 2008.

Most of the interior including flooring and wall panelling of the 'Pettigrew and Topping Sports Hall' is silver and red beech milled by Peter.

Around 60 cubic metres of beech was kindly donated from the Pettigrew Sustainable Forest Management Plan to help fit-out the hall.



Above: Jack Topping standing next to a stack of drying beech, Murchison



Left: The Pettigrew and Topping Sports Hall, Murchison

## WHAT IS A PERSONAL USE APPROVAL?

Under the Personal Use provision a landowner may apply to harvest and mill up to 50 cubic metres of roundwood in any 10-year period. The owner cannot sell or trade timber harvested or milled for personal use. In most cases MPI will inspect and measure the trees to be harvested. You will need to provide basic information including proof of ownership, photographs and measurements of



the trees, a location map and GPS points or co-ordinates of the trees. The Approval or Certificate must be supplied with the logs to the registered sawmill that will mill the timber.

### How do I apply?

You can find the 'Personal Use' application form on our website or ring your regional office. It's free to apply however you need to allow at least 30 days for processing as

DOC consent is also required.

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