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## New opportunities for forest learning !

### New National Forest Learning Centre to open in Hobart

In a major step forward, the FEF has now secured funding for the development of a National Forest Learning Centre, to be based in Forestry Tasmania's exhibition hall in Hobart. The new Centre will include a flexible and interactive program for visiting schools that will compliment established classroom and field trip programs. These can act as a general introduction and overview of forest systems and forestry processes, or lead into more involved studies on a one day field trip experience. The Centre is based in a heritage listed building and utilises the adjacent forest dome to provide a range of activities that can be modified to meet the need of individual groups. It is staffed by qualified teachers who are also available for visits to your school, or to take groups to our forest study and industry sites throughout Tasmania.



As well as being used for school visits it is anticipated the Centre will also be a base for hosting a range of educational activities, community presentations and events in addition to remaining open to the general public as a forest interpretation centre.



The establishment of the Centre supports the FEF's prime objective to encourage greater understanding about forest environments and forest use within our community, and is aiming to reflect the constant progression in forest science and technology and its applications in land use management. The Centre will also provide the opportunity to explore the implications this has for the forest industry, and the way in which communities interact with forest environments.

**The Centre is due to open in July - watch out for further details!**

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