

# GRAND LAKES ESTATE

**BEN GARVEY GIVES YOU A TOUR OF GRAND LAKES ESTATE , LARA DEVELOPED BY L.BISINELLA DEVELOPMENTS**

We are very excited to be involved in the wetland and open space construction at Grand Lakes Estate, Lara, developed by L. Bisinella Developments.

Local builders, Trak Constructions have been constructing the substantial boardwalk network. Barwon Timber has delivered over 3450Lm of large section Tallowwood and over 1450Lm of large section Cypress for the job. We worked with our network of reputable timber mills to source and secure the timber.

The boardwalks are a feature of the 18 hectare public open space and wetland area giving residents and visitors the opportunity to use the wetland system as a recreation facility. The wetland system forms an integral part of the stormwater treatment process at the Grand Lakes Estate and follows best practice Water Sensitive Urban Design guidelines.

If you are involved in a project that requires large volumes of timber or specialty timbers please contact our team in the timber office or one of our account managers. We are happy to source what you are looking for.



The wetland system, boardwalk and parks at Grand Lakes Estate, Lara developed by L. Bisinella developments. Boardwalk construction by Trak Constructions.

*"Brent and Phil have been great at being able to supply such a large quantity of timber as required, as challenging as the job has been."* Brad Jones : Trak Constructions - [www.trakconstructions.com.au](http://www.trakconstructions.com.au)

# ONE TO ADD TO THE CHRISTMAS WISH LIST

Andrew Ault gives you the run down on the features of our newest automatic laser from Topcon, the RL-H4C

- Simple, intuitive manual slope match capability with automatic cross axis self levelling.
- Fast, automatic self levelling.
- Ip66 water resistant housing.
- NEW LS-80L Long distance sensor.
- Up to 100 hours of production from dry charge or rechargeable batteries.
- Automatic height of instrument alert (HI alert).
- Up to 100 hours of production from dry or rechargeable batteries.
- Automatic height of instrument alert.
- 800m operating radius.
- 10 arc second accuracy.

Our hardware team are happy to demonstrate the RL-H4C features to you, please come in and see us.



The RL-H4C automatic laser gets the thumbs up from Regan.

**NEED AN ODD SIZE DOOR IN A HURRY? WE HAVE A RANGE OF PINE BLOCK DOORS IN STOCK IN OUR FIXING DEPARTMENT THAT YOU CAN CUT DOWN TO NON STANDARD SIZES.**

## THE GREAT MAN HANGS UP THE BOOTS

WE FAREWELL A GREAT WORK COLLEAGUE AND FRIEND. BEN GARVEY INTERVIEWS A REFLECTIVE BILL BRANCH.

Since the infancy of Barwon Timber, there is one name that stands out above the rest; Bill Branch. A crowd favourite amongst our customers, Branchy is going to hang up the boots after 50 years in the timber industry, 25 of those glorious years at Barwon Timber. Before he leaves we asked him the hard hitting questions.

What are your first memories of Barwon?

*Coming from a large firm to then a fairly small firm, I thought 'OMG'. But definitely no regrets.*

What has been your funniest moment at Barwon?

*Seen a lot of funny sights on Saturday mornings when clients will roll up with a 6x4 trailer expecting to get 7.2 and longer length in that trailer.*

Have you got a favourite employee?

*Too many to mention. Maybe Savs in an interesting way.*

Biggest mistake made?

*Sent incorrect material to a building site. As the material was a Hardies product and mostly already nailed to the frame, it resulted in approx 60% loss of material. Expensive lesson learnt.*

Out of work, what's your favourite past time?

*Caravaning and camping on the Murray River.*

And your favourite football team?

*Collingwood. Not the Cats.*

What will you do once you finish working?

*Health permitting, travel around in our caravan.*

What will you miss the most about Barwon?

*Working with some pretty interesting characters.*

Do you think Barwon Timber got to its size because of you?

*Not necessarily, but I hope I did help in some way.*

**If you would like to farewell Branchy, please join us at our Christmas break up in our yard on Thursday the 22nd December between 1pm and 5pm.**

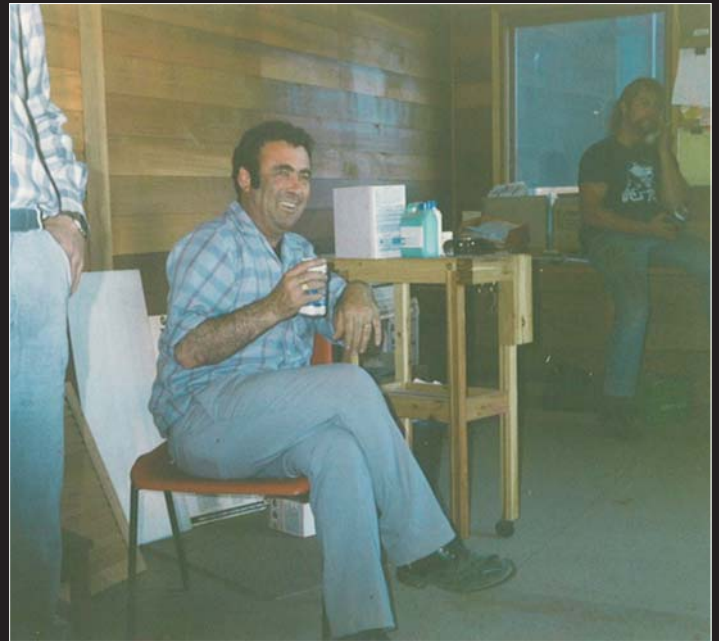
**Our Christmas trading hours are:**

Wednesday 28 December 8:00am to 4:30pm

Thursday 29 December 8:00am to 4:30pm

Friday 30 December 8:00am to 2:00pm

Tuesday 3 January resume normal trading hours  
7:00am - 5:00pm weekdays



Glory days: Branchy settles into a classic Friday afternoon pose. Photo taken between 1985 - 1995.



Taking the festive cheer to your work site: the fix out truck dressed as a reindeer. Our staff get into the festive spirit.

**WE WISH YOU A SAFE AND HAPPY CHRISTMAS BREAK AND LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU IN THE NEW YEAR.**