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Wood is arriving at the mill, and trials have commenced

Trials have commenced at the Neville Smith Tasmania Southwood Mill. These have been hampered by inclement weather and unfortunately, the theft of tools and mill equipment.

Completion of the waste management system is also delayed. This system is a major part of the project, designed to ensure that all environmental issues are addressed.

Neville Smith (Tas) Mill Manager, Jim Bellamy, said that the trials of equipment and the cutting of logs will flow from mid June to the start of permanent cutting and employee training programs.

Key Operator

Jonathon Burrows has been employed as a Key Operator at the Neville Smith Tasmania Southwood Sawmill. Jonathon is 19 years of age and enjoying the secure feeling of having permanent employment.

He spent a week at the Neville Smith Industries, Murrandindi Victoria mill to see how a green sawmill operates, in particular the operation of the twin saw No. 1 which is what Jonathon will be operating at the wood centre.

Jonathon along with fellow Key Operators, Geoffrey Helm, David McGrath and Judy Dale are looking forward to seeing their new mill operate at full production.

Mill Hands

One of the 4 new employees that will be starting with Neville Smith Tasmania as a Mill Hand is Jerard Flakemore, aged 23 from Franklin. Jerard is married with 2 sons under 4 years. After 6 years of seasonal work, this is the first time that he has gained permanent employment and for Jerard this means a much stable future for his family.