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Welcome to the New Year.

With 2022 done and dusted, many across the industry will have enjoyed a well-earned break and spent quality time with family and friends.

.2022 was a huge year for Arbwest in achievements across many areas of the industry that affect us all in some way. With many of the foundations set down in this period for an exciting future for the association and its members.

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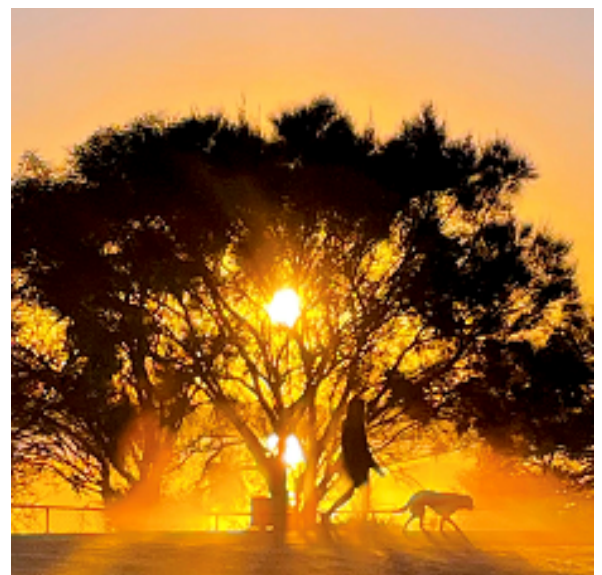
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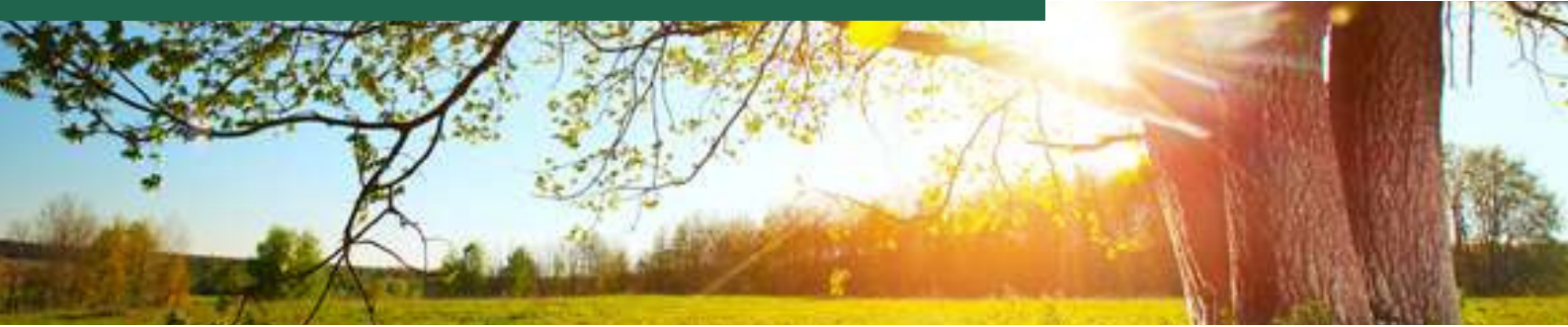
Welcome to the New Year Cont'd...

Arbwest achievements of 2022 include:

- *School & Career Expo presentations, targeting school leavers. More importantly introducing the next generation to the arboriculture industry to help fill the considerable skill shortages our members are all experiencing.*
- *Becoming a recognised Trade. (The first in Australia). The significant advantages in having an apprenticeship with additional Federal funding available to businesses plus for school leavers interested in a career in arboriculture and knowing that career in Arboriculture is a recognised Trade to match Horticulture and Landscaping.*
- *Introduction of Educational Workshop short talk seminars by guest speakers, these were held at our member meetings and will continue to develop.*
- *A successful State climbing competition and the first ever event promo video released. (If you haven't already, check it out on the Arbwest website)*
- *New website and social media emphasis on Education and Urban Forestry to gain traction with the broader public interest in environmental issues. More importantly the importance and benefits that trees play in resolving this issue, coupled with the need for businesses, departments, and the public to only use trained professionals when managing their trees.*
- *An increase in sponsors supporting Arbwest's future focus, seminars, and industry events. Without them, none of this is achievable.*
- *Exciting educational seminars between now and June, with dates and details of these to be released shortly.*
- *There are numerous other achievements, that Arbwest has accomplished over the past 12 months and there are even more ongoing projects behind the scenes of which will be outlined in future newsletters.*



STIHL SHOP Osborne Park



STIHL SHOP OSBORNE PARK



STIHL SHOP - Osborne Park not only stock all your professional Stihl chainsaw products to get the job done and is backed up with a repair and maintenance service that covers the vast range of products sold in store. They also have an extensive range of safety, climbing and rigging gear available in house to view and purchase. If you haven't already, it's definitely worth while dropping in to see what they have.

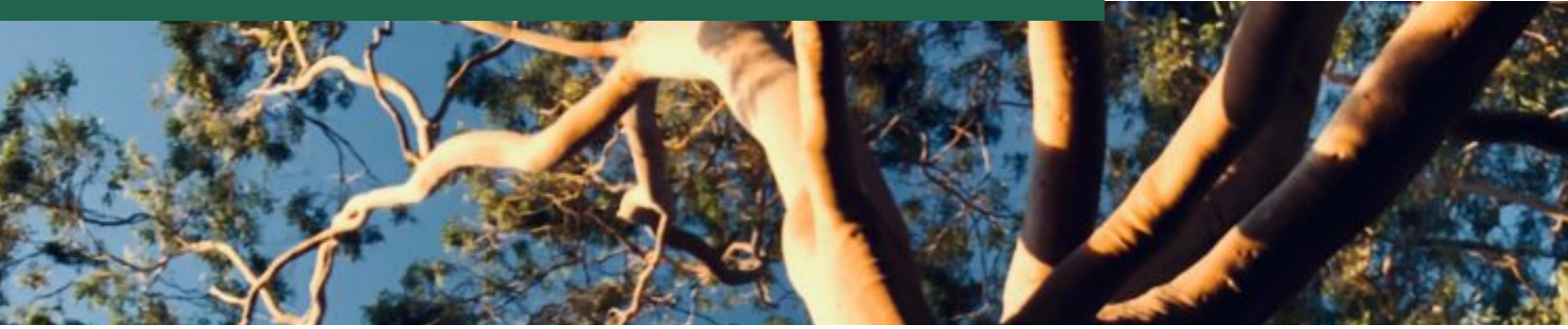


STIHL SHOP - Osborne Park have recently started stocking in store the quality Europe brand range of PROTOS Arborist helmets. These helmets are very popular amongst the arborist community across the world and when you see one up close and try it on, it's not hard to see why they are ahead of the pack. Their design features and state of the art technology in safety plus quality-built to last the distance, there also bloody comfortable to wear. More details of the PROTOS arborist helmets sold by STIHL SHOP - Osborne Park can be found further on in this newsletter. See below for details.

The staff's professional knowledge, not just in the products they sell, but in good industry practices, OHS requirements and cutting-edge technologies developing around the world is exceptional. You would be hard pressed to find a better place to shop that not only has the right gear for the job, but also the knowledge and service to back it up.

Drop in and see their huge range of saws, pruning, climbing, and rigging gear available, plus keep an eye out for promotions that come up regularly via their website <https://stihlshoposbornepark.com.au>

Moving Forward in 2023



Arbwest will be focusing on increasing public awareness through education of Urban Forestry and correct arboriculture practices necessary to maintain the trees in these areas, coupled with the promotion of the associations members as being the professionals in this field.

These and many other endeavors are at work behind the scenes, and these will continue to develop throughout 2023.

Some other projects currently in play include.

- Careers expo, School exhibitions and Job ready skill set initiatives.
- Discussions and collaboration with other State, National and international organisations about a united front on numerous topics affecting the entire industry here and abroad.
- Providing informative, industry related short talk workshops at our member meetings.
- Instigating educational seminars by renowned lecturers.
- Providing industry courses such as TRAQ
- Discussions with the Crane association and WorkSafe
- Increasing Arbwest website and social media presence to the public
- Working closely with numerous other organisations like the Green Space Alliance association
- The review of Arbwest Membership, its categories, and requirements.
- Further development in marketing to promote the association's sponsors and its members.
- Arbfest - March 2024, State's Tree Climbing Championships, location, and event development.



2022 State – Tree Climbing Competition



The state tree climbing competition sponsored by STIHL SHOP – Osborne Park was held in October 2022 at the beautiful Point Walter Reserve in Bicton.

The event had a notable increase in public attendance, more importantly exposing the industry and Arbwest to a greater public audience. It also had the largest ever prize pool on offer in the events history and across Australia for that matter, with over \$15,000 worth of equipment and prize money up for grabs from multiple sponsors. This bodes well for the future of the event, and it's increase in scope, size and attendance into the future.

The event is not just for the best climbers in the state and interstate coming together to show their skills and compete, it's also about the opportunity for those new to the industry and learning the craft of climbing to see and learn from the best and see new equipment advancements and climbing techniques in action.

The practical knowledge and skills learnt over the course of the day allows those participating to further their climbing development which flows through to their daily working duties, ultimately improving safety, efficiency, and best practices within the business they are working for. This is a win for the business supporting their staff's goals and for the industry via promoting professionalism in a united front.

With lockdowns seemingly behind us, the next event will now move back to its traditional March timeslot (just before the national competition) in 2024 with some new formats and an industry expo to entice business owners, climbers, staff, and the public to attend.

Arb Fest March 2024 – lock it in your diary.

Congratulations

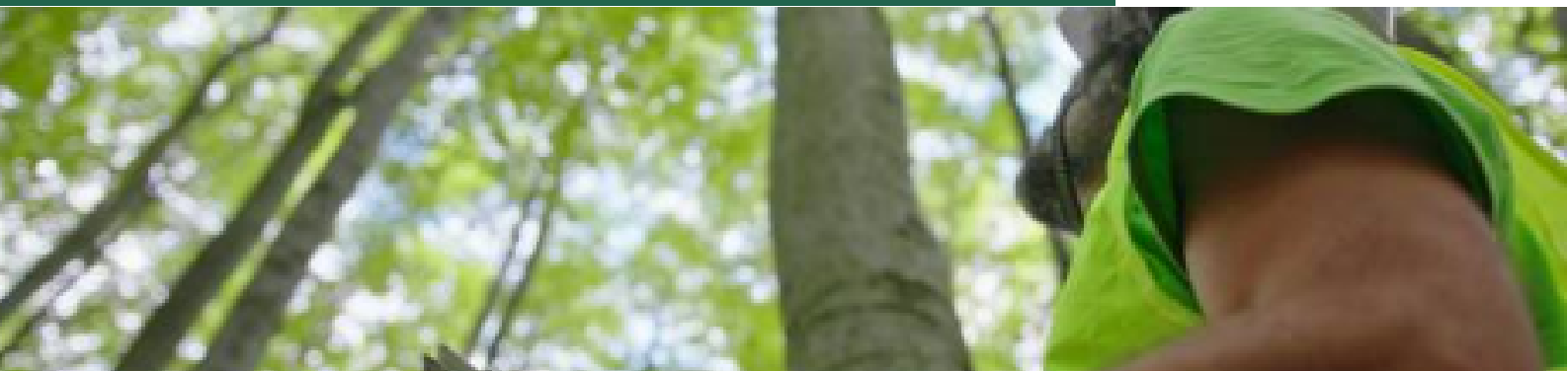
To the winners of each discipline and to the overall masters top three place getters.

All results and an event video encompassing the climbing, atmosphere and celebrations at the end are on the Arbwest website to view.

**Check it out at
www.arbwest.com.au**

Many hands make light work as they say, and this was very evident during this year's State Climbing Competition when a huge turnout of volunteers stepped up and assisted with the site preparation and judging on the day. A fantastic achievement by all and a great indication of what we can achieve as a collective. Well done to everyone who assisted.

ISA TRAQ COURSE



There is an upcoming ISA Tree Risk Assessment Qualification (TRAQ) course, held over 3 days being conducted on the 14th to 16th of March 2023 by Mark Roberts.



TRAQ COURSE

14 - 16 MARCH 2023, PERTH WA

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 14 FEBRUARY 2023

Hosted by Arboriculture Australia
in association with ArbWest

ISA QUALIFICATIONS



This is the first such training in Perth for some years and one not to be missed.

With only 20 positions available for this course, best not procrastinate, book your spot before it's sold out – registrations close 14th of February.

There are prerequisites to attend this course so check out the details to make certain you are eligible. **Registrations for this course are now open and available on: [HERE](#).**

The TRAQ qualification consists of a two-day educational course followed by a half-day assessment that includes both a written and a field component. You must attend the course and successfully complete the assessment to receive this qualification.

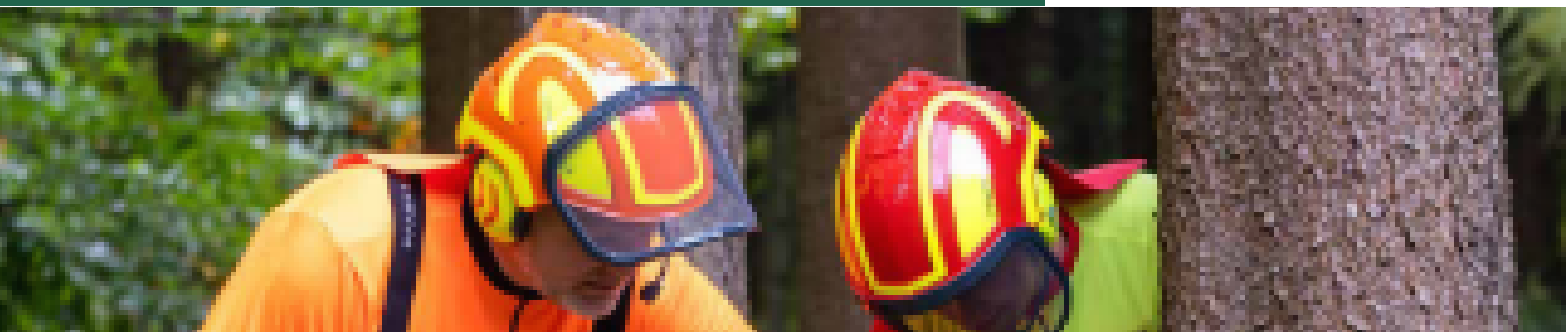
Participants will learn.

- Tree Biology and Mechanics.
- How to assess wood structure, decay, tree mechanics, and evaluate their impact on likelihood of tree or tree part failure.
- Tree Inspection and Assessment
- Types of targets, assess the likelihood of a tree or tree part impacting a target, and estimate the consequences

- Data Analysis and Risk Categorisation
How to combine likelihood of failure, likelihood of impact, consequences of failure to derive a risk rating.
- Risk Reporting
Learn skills to clearly communicate tree risk to clients.

Head to the Arbwest website to view registration details.
www.arbwest.com

PROTOS – Arborist Helmets



Tackling the challenges of tomorrow, today.

Designed from the ground up specifically for tree workers.

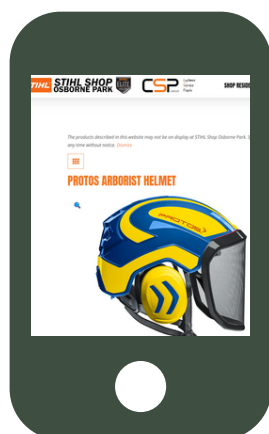
Every detail of the PROTOS® system features state-of-the-art technology for making day-to-day work in extremely hazardous areas significantly safer.

PROTOS® Integral Arborist are the perfect fit for work at height, where face protection is indispensable. The hearing and face protection are integrated into the shell of the head protection and thereby prevent snagging on branches and protruding parts.

Their design allows the cooling air to flow in from all sides and to escape through the ventilation gate. This ensures that the head does not overheat even during the most strenuous tasks.



More details on their website <https://www.protos.at/de/>



The innovative and specially designed features of the Protos® Integral Arborist offer unparalleled comfort that surpasses all safety standards, whilst providing outstanding head protection.

STIHL SHOP – Osborne Park

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<https://stihlshoposbornepark.com.au>

Arbwest Sponsor's



Please give your support, engage with, and ask for a price next time you are in the market for an item or service our sponsors provide. You may be pleasantly surprised by the savings you achieve. Let them know you are an Arbwest member as they have given their support behind your association to achieve the goals to date and for the future projects in the pipeline.

Without their tremendous support, none of the past or future accomplishments would be possible.



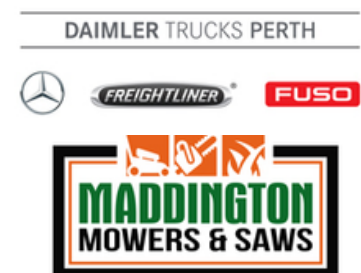
Gold Sponsors

- **Interlink Training** – (Professional training courses & upskilling)
- **Stihl Shop Osborne Park** (Stihl Chainsaws, Servicing, Climbing & Rigging)
- **Resolute Insurance** (Everything insurance)
- **Western Power** (Electrical safety and education)

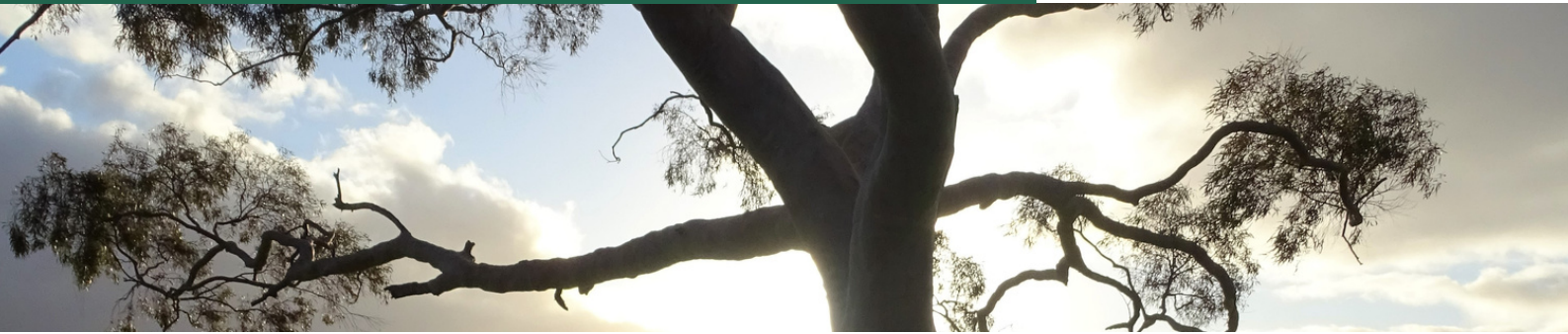


Silver Sponsors

- **Bandit Tree Equipment** (For the Green machines)
- **Maxi Pickers** (For all your EWP – wet and dry hire requirements)
- **Daimler Trucks** (Fuso 2wd and 4wd trucks of all sizes)
- **Morley & Maddington Mowers** (Stihl equipment and servicing)
- **Vermeer** (For your Yellow machines)



Arbwest Sponsor's Cont'd...



Bronze Sponsors

- **Ellenby Tree Farm** (Mature trees of all types)
- **Leasing Services** (Financing equipment loans including home loans)
- **QTM** (For all your Traffic Control Requirements)



For a more detailed list of services each business can provide you with, visit the Arbwest website - sponsors page at <https://arbwest.com/sponsors/>

Council Support

Arbwest are also gaining support from Local Government Councils. Both the City of Melville and the City of Subiaco have come on board with supporting Arbwest's future direction and endeavours.



The continued support from these two councils along with others in the future will be a significant step forward in the right direction for the arboriculture industry here in WA. They provide the association with assistance, support, and credibility in our endeavor to improve the industries professionalism and safety across the state.

We thank them both tremendously for their support and in taking the lead.



Career Expo 2023

careers & EMPLOYMENT expo

TERTIARY ► SKILLS ► TRAINING ► JOBS

Arbwest are again attending the 2023 Career Expo being held in July and have recently committed to securing a booth to showcase the Arboriculture industry and Arbwest as the point of call for information to school leavers. This is a continuation on from last year's first attendance at the event to ensure we remain in front of school leavers as part of the Arbwest's drive to help alleviate the significant skills shortage our members are experiencing.

Much was learnt from the first year of attendance and Arbwest have implemented new strategies, to capture the school leavers, career advisors and parents' attention as many don't even know what the arboriculture industry is or does or have heard of it previously.

Some of the new initiatives have included stall banners, brochures, and the professional production of two videos that showcase the industry on two fronts.

- Environmental awareness of Urban Forestry and the importance of trees in this area
- An exciting, adventurous, and healthy career working outdoors in a team environment.
- These expos are attended by all the heavy weights of competing industries and associations that go into bat with large budgets, like Mining, Electrical, Plumbing, Building, Engineering, Landscaping, Hospitality etc. All are angling a pitch to secure the next crop of school leavers to enter their industry.
- This is not a cheap exhibition or event to attend for the association by any stretch of the imagination and without the continued support from our fantastic sponsors, its one that we wouldn't be able to afford to do. So, give back and give them the opportunity to provide a quote where you can, there sponsorship funds are helping to secure the next generation and potentially your next employee or team mate to commence a career in Arboriculture.



In Closing...

The board would like to thank all our members, volunteers and associates for their support, attendance and participation at our meetings, workshops, and events over the past twelve months. Your support continues the professional development of the industry here in WA in the right direction.

We ask you to continue this support throughout 2023 and to advise those not yet involved or attending our workshops to join up and join in as a member. Everyone's membership and assistance (large or small) helps make a positive change for the arboriculture industry here in WA.

If you would like to help make a change, become a member, assist in projects as a volunteer and/or join the committee team and take on a more lead role for change, please make contact & forward your correspondence to arbwest@casm.com.au In the meantime, stay safe with prosperous business pursuits in 2023.

Royce Turner
President
Arboricultural Association of Western Australia Inc

