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## VICTORIAN ASSOCIATION OF FOREST INDUSTRIES

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### THE VAFI LOSES ITS OWN 'BRAVE HEART'

The Victorian Association of Forest Industries (VAFI) is deeply saddened by the tragic loss of Steve Jamieson in a recent accident in Victoria's North East.

Steve Jamieson of Jamieson Brothers Sawmills, Bendoc, was killed whilst clearing a forest fire break in an attempt to save forest area from an approaching bush fire.

The VAFI Executive Director, Philip Dalidakis, spoke of the accident as a tragic loss for Mr Jamieson's family, friends and the broader forestry community.

"On behalf of the President, our Members and staff, I would like to express my deepest sympathy to Steve's family," Mr Dalidakis said.

"Steve was a great friend of all in the industry, protecting not just his family but also the wider community.

"Mr Jamieson led from the front in protecting our forests from the needless destruction of bush fires and should be regarded as one of the true guardians of our forests," Mr Dalidakis said.

The VAFI will look at honouring Mr Jamieson in a way befitting his great contribution to the industry after discussing it with his family.

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