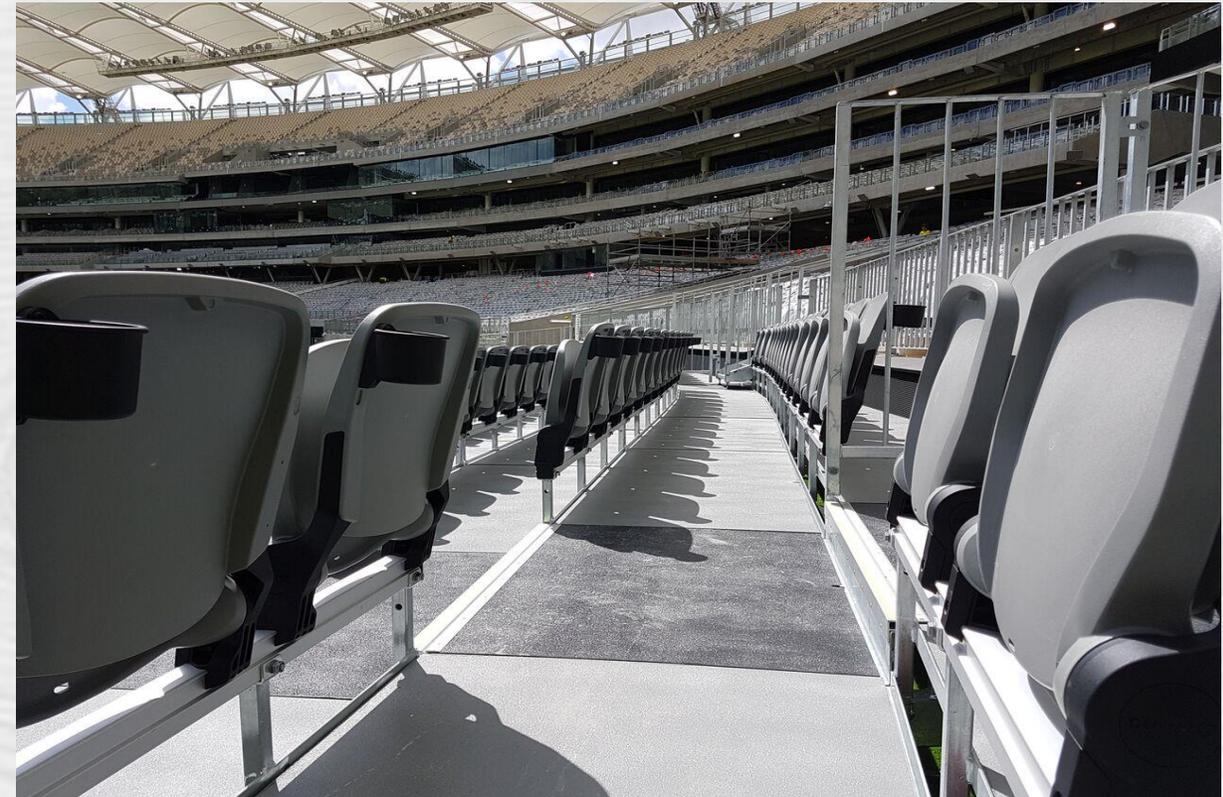


# Big River Industries Limited (ASX:BRI)

FY2018 Half Year Results Briefing

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Optus Stadium - Perth

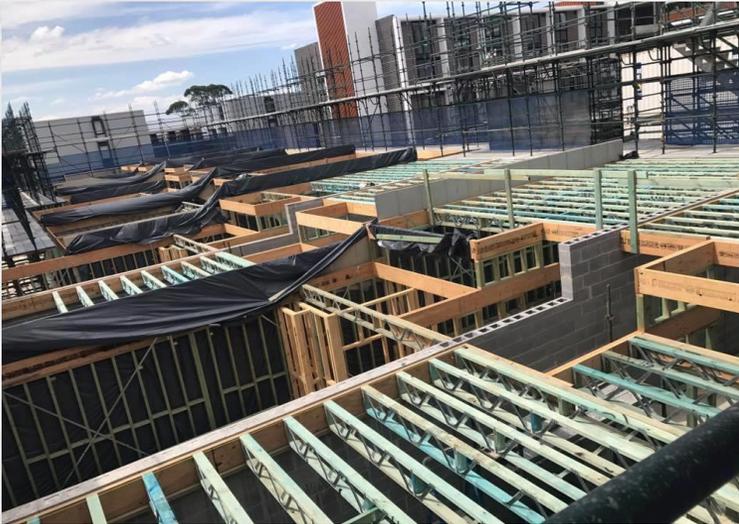
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Aged care development - Sydney

# H1 FY2018 - Highlights



Unit development - Botany

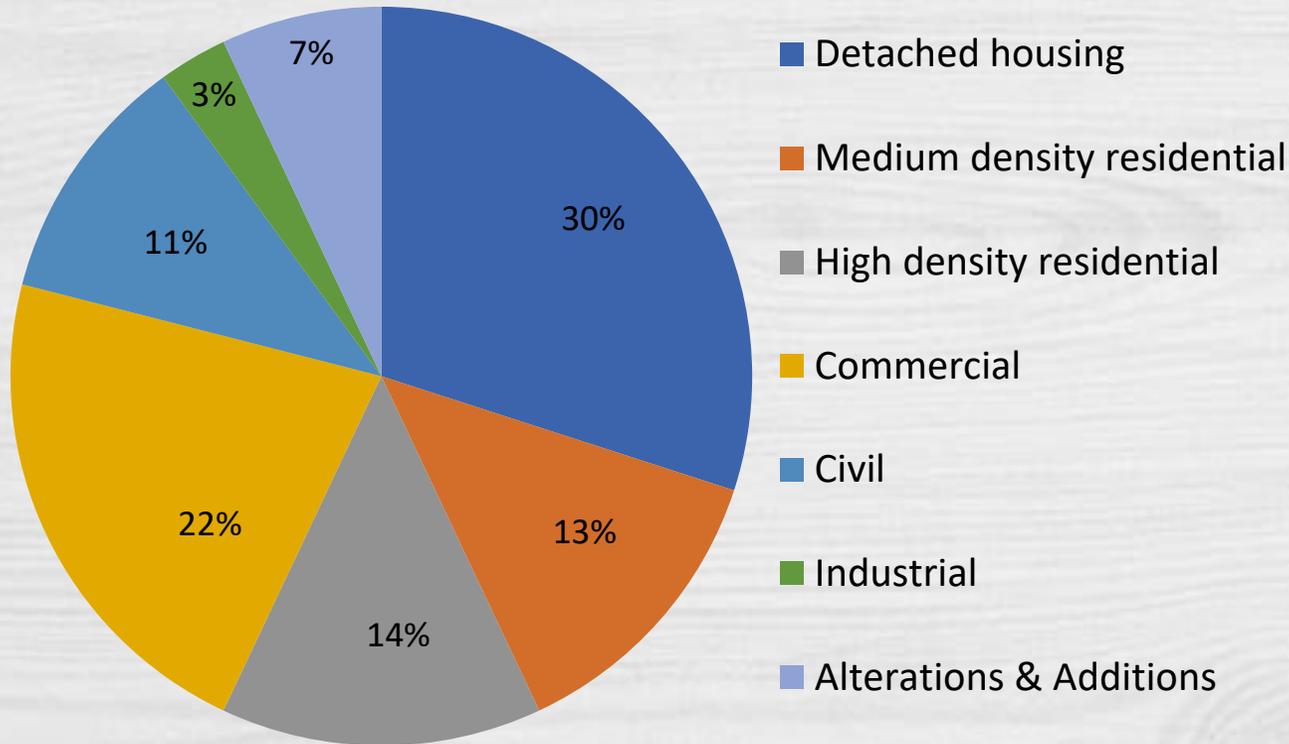


HIA award winning home - Sydney

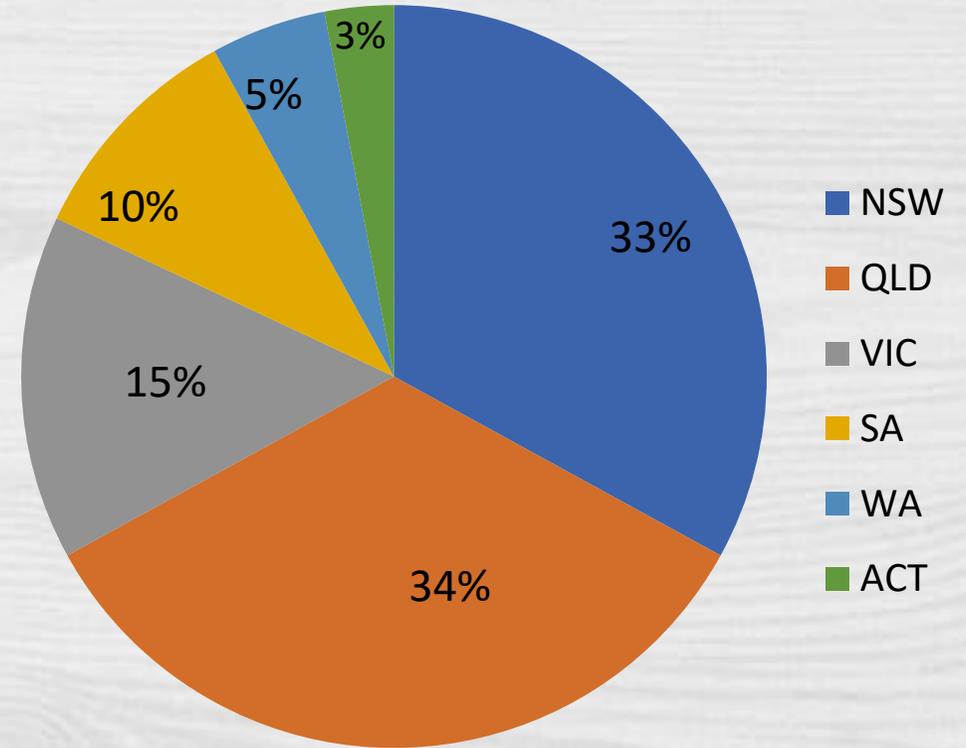
- Sales revenue up 21.8% on previous corresponding period, to \$104.6m, assisted by acquisitions
- EBITDA (before acquisition costs) up 19.3% to \$5.9m but below expectation as a result of lower profit from manufacturing operations
- NPAT of \$2.9m up 15.8% on last year
- Distribution activities performed well, driven by a solid 70 bps improvement in gross margin despite very competitive market dynamics
- Completed two earnings accretive acquisitions in the Half, strengthening the network in the key regions of the Gold Coast and Canberra
- Managing the balance between manufactured and imported Formply was challenging for the Wagga manufacturing facility - impacted EBITDA and is being addressed
- Key new capital equipment installed and commissioned in Grafton to further focus the manufacturing assets on high value, differentiated products; the benefits are more likely to be realised in FY2019
- Fully franked interim dividend of 3.5 cps to be paid on 4 April 2018, equivalent to 64% of NPAT (being the midpoint of the dividend policy)

# H1 FY2018 - Business Diversity Strengthening

## Revenue By Segment



## Revenue By State



- Canberra acquisition will see ACT contribute some 6% on annualised basis
- QLD strength due to the well spread 5 distribution sites
- Segment diversity continues to improve

# H1 FY2018 - Sales Highlights



Residential fit-out - Melbourne



Residential terraces – Sunshine Coast

- Revenue has grown 21.8% in the last 12 months as Big River executes the acquisition component of its strategy
- Acquisitions contributed \$18.2m of revenue in 1H18 since pcp
- Western Australia and North Queensland market recovery continues, with revenue up 20% versus 1H17 in both markets and EBITDA more than doubling in these branches
- Revenue growth of 2.1% (on a same stores basis) from distribution activities versus pcp flowed through to a 14.2% increase in EBITDA (on a same stores basis)
- Growth of architectural product sales of 17% (on a like-for-like basis) continues the strong 3 year trend in this high value segment following the launch of new panel and flooring products
- Sales of imported Formply increased 6 fold from a low base. Strong market share penetration achieved in this growing product category following a successful launch in the pcp
- 3 major Civil accounts in the Group top 20 customers reflect the strength of the Civil segment

# H1 FY2018 - Acquisition & Growth Initiatives



Maxiwall project - Adelaide



Restaurant Armourpanel fit-out - Sydney

- The Company continues a disciplined approach to acquisitions, with 4 contracts completed in calendar year 2017
- 1H18 EBITDA contribution from acquisitions of \$1.2m and revenue contribution of \$18.2m
- Big River continues to execute its acquisition strategy and is currently assessing acquisition opportunities in most states, with revenues in a range of sizes and segments
- National launch of Maxiwall, an autoclaved aerated concrete (AAC) product. Several projects have been secured for 2H18 along with pending project quotes for an additional \$2m in revenue
- Fully commissioned \$0.8m of new equipment at Grafton with the capability to enhance architectural product manufacture and produce high grade structural plywood products leading to higher margin revenue growth
- Decorative architectural panel sales in 1H18 were double those of the corresponding period last year with opportunity to increase further from the new Grafton equipment

# H1 FY2018 - Manufacturing Update

- EBITDA shortfall of \$1.0m from manufacturing operations versus pcp
- Delays on regional bridge repair projects has seen minimal Bridgeply sales in the first half leading to \$0.4m lower EBITDA than expected from this product and compared with \$0.3m achieved in the pcp. Whilst several large projects have been quoted and confirmed, timing of revenue is uncertain
- Inefficiencies from production of lower grade commodity plywood products at Wagga saw EBITDA fall \$0.4m below expectation



Manufacturing facility - Grafton

- Energy costs at manufacturing sites increased \$0.4m for 1H18 versus the pcp, despite a 10% reduction in plywood output
  - Annualised impact of higher gas and electricity pricing is \$0.9m which is \$0.4m higher than the prospectus forecast
  - Volume reduction and Power Factor equipment installed will improve energy efficiencies at both sites
- A significant restructure was implemented at Christmas shutdown at Wagga, which included elimination of 25 positions

# H1 FY2018 - Earnings Summary

## RESULTS SUMMARY

REVENUE	H1 FY18 (\$m's)	H1 FY17 (\$m's)	Change
Same stores	86.4	85.9	0.7%
Acquisitions (since pcp)	18.2	-	-
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>104.6</b>	<b>85.9</b>	<b>21.8%</b>
EBITDA	H1 FY18 (\$m's)	H1 FY17 (\$m's)	Change
Distribution activities (same stores)	5.3	4.6	14.2%
Acquisitions (since pcp)	1.2	-	-
<b>Distribution activities (sub-total)</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>40.5%</b>
Corporate expenses	(1.4)	(1.5)	-4.2%
Manufacturing facilities contribution	0.8	1.8	-53.0%
<b>EBITDA (before acquisition costs)</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>19.3%</b>
Acquisition costs	(0.2)	-	-
<b>EBITDA total</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>14.4%</b>
NPAT	H1 FY18 (\$m's)	H1 FY17 (\$m's)	Change
<b>NPAT</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>15.8%</b>
<i>Distribution activities GM% (same stores)</i>	<i>17.6%</i>	<i>16.9%</i>	
<i>EBITDA margin</i>	<i>5.7%</i>	<i>5.8%</i>	
<i>Interim dividend (cps)</i>	<i>3.5</i>	<i>n/a</i>	

- Revenue of \$104.6m up 21.8% over corresponding period last year of \$85.9m, assisted by acquisitions
- WA and North QLD market recovery continuing, with revenue up 20% versus the corresponding period last year
- Recent acquisitions of Midcoast Timbers and Ern Smith Timber & Hardware successfully integrated. Acquisitions costs during the half-year were \$0.2m
- Acquisitions contributed \$18.2m of revenue in 1H18
- EBITDA from acquisitions (not in the pcp) of \$1.2m
- EBITDA before acquisition costs up by 19.3% driven by a solid 70 bps improvement in gross margin notwithstanding competitive market dynamics
- NPAT of \$2.9m up 15.8% on pcp

# H1 FY2018 - Balance Sheet

Balance Sheet	31 Dec 17 (\$m's)	30 Jun 17 (\$m's)
Cash	0.8	3.6
Receivables	32.3	36.8
Inventories	30.1	24.4
Fixed assets	25.8	24.6
Intangibles	9.4	7.4
Deferred tax	2.3	2.3
Other	2.4	0.9
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>103.1</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Payables	29.5	30.9
Borrowings	10.7	7.6
Current tax liability	0.5	1.2
Deferred tax liability	0.3	0.4
Provisions	3.6	3.4
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>44.6</b>	<b>43.5</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>58.5</b>	<b>56.5</b>
<i>Net Debt \$m's</i>	<i>9.9</i>	<i>4.0</i>
<i>Gearing %</i>	<i>14.5%</i>	<i>6.6%</i>
<i>TWC \$m's</i>	<i>35.3</i>	<i>31.2</i>
<i>TWC (% RTM revenue)</i>	<i>16.3%</i>	<i>15.8%</i>

- Continued focus on working capital management with a trade working capital (TWC) ratio of 16.3% on a rolling 12 month basis (including pro forma revenue from acquisitions)
- Average debtor days during the half-year of 54 improved from an average of 57 in FY2017
- Increase in inventory is from acquisitions and from an increased range including imported products such as Formply, engineered flooring and Maxiwall
- Increase in intangibles from the recent acquisitions
- Borrowings – net debt increased to \$9.9m, up from \$4.0m primarily from \$3.6m for acquisitions and a small increase in like-for-like working capital
- Total banking facilities of \$33.2m and a gearing ratio of 14.5% (Net Debt/(Net Debt + Equity)) leaves Big River well positioned to continue its acquisition growth strategy

# H1 FY2018 - Cash Flow

Cash Flow	H1 FY18 (\$m's)	H1 FY17 (\$m's)
Receipts from customers	119.6	96.8
Payments to suppliers/employee	(116.3)	(92.5)
Other revenue	0.1	-
Interest paid	(0.3)	(0.5)
Income tax paid	(2.0)	(0.9)
<b>Operating Cash Flow</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>2.9</b>
Capital expenditure	(1.6)	(0.6)
Business acquisitions	(3.6)	-
<b>Investing Cash Flow</b>	<b>(5.2)</b>	<b>(0.6)</b>
Borrowings - repayments	(0.4)	(0.2)
Borrowings - proceeds	3.6	-
Dividends	(1.8)	(1.5)
<b>Financing Cash Flow</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>(1.7)</b>
<b>Net Cash Flow</b>	<b>(2.7)</b>	<b>0.6</b>

- Operating cash flow of \$1.1m was lower than pcp due to payment of the FY2017 tax balance paid in December 2017, along with increased working capital requirements
- Business acquisitions represent the cash component of the purchase of Midcoast Timbers and Ern Smith Timber & Hardware
- Capital expenditure in line with forecasts. FY2018 capital expenditure is weighted towards the first half, with full year capital expenditure forecast to be circa \$2.0m (excluding acquisitions)
- Final FY2017 fully franked dividend of 3.5 cents per ordinary share paid in September 2017

# FY2018 - Outlook



David Jones food hall – Bondi Junction



Waitomo Caves visitors centre – New Zealand

- Despite medium and high density construction having softened in some regions, the pipeline for the Group is still healthy for the balance of FY2018
- Strong commercial sector forecasts provides upside for 2H18 and FY2019
- The Company continues to be approached by a range of parties with further acquisition opportunities which are being evaluated
- Increased customer demand for imported Formply is expected to continue, placing pressure on contributions from the Wagga manufacturing facility, mitigated by a restructure of resources now occurring
- The Company provides guidance for the full 2018 financial year as follows:
  - Revenue in the range of \$208m to \$212m
  - EBITDA in the range of \$11.5m to \$12.5m

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