

Forestry Development Newsletter

Ranges Region and Kangaroo Island

Winter 2006

Policy and Forestry Development Group Transfer

On July 1st, the Policy and Forestry Development Group of ForestrySA was transferred to Primary Industries and Resources SA (PIRSA). The functions of this group will remain the same, so it will be business as usual with Amy Ho continuing to provide extension and technical advice on farm forestry. Telephone contact details are the same as before but there is a new email address. These contact details are provided at the end of this newsletter.

ForestrySAs Kingscote Office Closes

The ForestrySA Kingscote office has been closed due to the Policy and Forestry Development Group transfer to PIRSA. You will now find us in the PIRSA office when we are visiting KI.

Farewell to Sandy Farquhar

Farewell to Sandy Farquhar who has left Private Forestry KI (PFKI) to attend to personal matters. Thanks to Sandy for her efforts and good luck for the future.

2006 Farm Forestry Plantings

KI

This planting season, 6ha of farm forestry will be added to Kangaroo Island's forest resource. This 6ha will consist of *Eucalyptus cladocalyx* (Sugar Gum) and *E. occidentalis* (Flat-topped Yate) These plantings are funded under the Farm Forestry for Multiple Benefits Project and are being established to address a range of natural resource management issues. This will bring the total area of farm forestry planted since 2002 to 127ha.

Farm Forestry Plantings on Kangaroo Island 2002 - 2006

Year	Area planted (ha)
2006	6
2005	20
2004	30
2003	35
2002	36
Total	127

Ranges Region

At Bundaleer Forest Reserve in the Mid-North of SA, 13ha will be established as part of the Bundaleer Farm Forestry Demonstration Area. The demo area will be managed for hardwood sawlog and firewood production under wide-spaced and traditional silvicultural regimes. Plantation growth responses to these regimes will provide important decision making information to farm foresters.

Farm Forestry Incentives for 2007

Private Forestry Kangaroo Island has obtained funding through the Australian Government National Landcare Program to support the 2007 Farm Forestry for Multiple Benefits project.

The purpose of the project is to provide incentives to Kangaroo Island landholders to develop farm forestry plantings on cleared agricultural land for multiple benefits, addressing a range of natural resource management issues including:

- salinity management (reduction in secondary salinity),
- waterlogging (reduction in waterlogging and improved soil health),
- water quality improvement (erosion management) and
- habitat enhancement (linking vegetation corridors),

as well as producing timber for firewood and sawlog applications for diversification of farm income.

To register your interest, please contact Amy Ho on the details below for an Information Pack.

Tools for loan on KI

Pottiputki planting tools and forestry pruning loppers are available for loan free of charge. Contact Amy Ho at PIRSA Forestry on 8291 5418 or 0418 805 568.

New Fact Sheet on Farm Forestry

A glossy fact sheet titled 'Establishing, Managing and Harvesting Farm Forestry on Kangaroo Island' has been published by PFKI and ForestrySA (now PIRSA Forestry) with funding support from PIRSA Rural Solutions funding. A copy has been enclosed for your information.

Mount Lofty/ KI AFG Field Day

The Mount Lofty Ranges/KI branch of AFG is holding a field day on Friday August 25th. Those who would like to attend are to meet at 9.30am at the Nairne post office. The day will start with a visit to Bush Timbers, followed by an in-depth session with CSIRO timber expert, Russell Washusen on wood properties and processing, finishing with a visit to Pfitzner furniture.

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