

Farm Forestry Toolbox Workshop

Date: Monday March 19, 2007

Time: 9.30am until 4.30-5.00pm

Venue: Eastwood conference room

ForestrySA section of AGL building

226 Greenhill Rd, Eastwood

Cost: Free

Morning tea and lunch provided.

The Farm Forestry Toolbox is a Compact Disk computer package containing user-friendly tools that has been developed over the past six years by Private Forests Tasmania to help forest growers better handle a wide range of issues that must be addressed to grow trees successfully.

The Farm Forestry Toolbox version 5 project has been funded through Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation.

The project has updated and expanded the previous version of the Toolbox increasing the usefulness of many tools to the specific regions covered by the Private Forestry Development Committees (PFDCs).

The tools help landholders convert measurement units (e.g. acres to hectares), identify tree pests and diseases, calculate wood volumes, and model plantation growth using different management options.

To register your interest, please contact Amy Ho on the details below.

Kangaroo Island Field Day

The KI Field Day is on again on Thursday February 22, 2007. Visit the Private Forestry KI and PIRSA Forestry display for the latest information and advice on forestry. This year a pre-field day tour, including a visit to Timber Creek Pine Sawmill, will be held on Tuesday February 20, 2007. See the brochure provided for more information about the tour.

Seedling Orders

If you are requiring seedlings this year be sure to get your orders in ASAP. Seedling prices and order forms are available from PIRSA Forestry.

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.

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Forest Insects

Wingless grasshoppers are native insects and often congregate in large swarms. They feed on a variety of plant material and may attack both pine and eucalypt seedlings and young trees, especially if they are growing on ex-pasture sites. The amount of damage depends on the number of hoppers, the age of the trees attacked and the amount of grass/ weed cover present. It is now the ideal time to control grasshopper populations. Look for grey/ black nymphs and brownish adults with orange hind legs throughout summer and autumn in all areas, particularly in sandy areas and where hoppers were present the previous year. Fact sheets on wingless grasshoppers and other forest insects are available from PIRSA Forestry.

Update on Private Forestry KI Executive Officer Position

Applications for the readvertised PFKI Executive Officer position have closed and interviews have commenced.

Tools for loan on KI

Pottiputki planting tools and forestry pruning loppers are available for loan free of charge. *Contact Amy Ho on the details below.*

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