

North East Farm Forestry Forum

Thursday 22nd May 2003

Benalla Offices of Department of Primary Industries

35 Sydney Road

Benalla

Victoria

commencing 9:00 am

Farm Forestry Tool Box

Andy Warner (Private Forests Tasmania) will lead the morning sessions that will provide an opportunity for Farm Foresters to learn more about the Farm Forestry Toolbox. The Farm Forestry Toolbox was developed in response to many questions and requests from tree growers for assistance to better understand some of the more technical issues involved in successfully growing trees. It consists of a set of user-friendly "tools" linked into a single package on a CD ROM disc that can be run from any personal computer. The package includes some simple tools and also provides a successful combination of complex forest growth, volume and economic tools in a form not previously available. There are also high quality images to help with pest and disease identification. Participants will receive a free copy of the Toolbox.

Tri-Nations Study Tour of South America

Ray Borschmann (Plantation Development Services) toured South America in September-October 2002 visiting Uruguay, Argentina, Brazil and Chile. Ray will share with us his experiences and observations of forestry during this tour and will put Australian forestry into an international perspective.

National AFG Treefarmer of the Year 2002

Don Jowlett from Hamilton Victoria was the winner of this National Australian Forest Grower award and he will share with us his tree growing experiences that have culminated in winning this award.

Revolving Loan Fund

Derek Mortimer, who has been involved with this fund in North East Victoria for many years, will give a brief presentation outlining the Revolving Loan Fund and how it is relevant to farm foresters.

Program

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| 9:00 - 9:30 | Registration |
| 9:30 - 11:15 | Session 1 - Farm Forestry Tool Box |
| 11:15 - 11:30 | Morning Tea |
| 11:15 - 1:00 | Session 2 - Farm Forestry Tool Box |
| 1:00 - 1:30 | Lunch (provided) |
| 1:30 - 2:15 | Ray Borschmann - Tri-Nations Tour |
| 2:15 - 2:45 | Don Jowlett - AFG Treefarmer of the Year 2003 |
| 2:45 - 3:00 | Derek Mortimer - Landcare Loan Fund |
| 3:00 | Afternoon Tea and close |

For catering purposes, please register your interest in attending this free farm forestry forum by contacting Bruce Sonogan at the Department of Primary Industries, Benalla, by Monday 19/5/03. Numbers will be limited. RSVP by telephone on (03) 5761 1666, or by email at bruce.sonogan@nre.vic.gov.au