

Media Release

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Promotion of timber management diversity in the Tamar Valley

The application of diversity in timber management will be showcased at two farms in the Tamar Valley on Friday 28th February between 900am and 4.00pm.

The Tamar Natural Resource Management (Tamar NRM) has teamed with the Tamar Valley Branch of the TFGA and Private Forest Tasmania to present a field day "Trees for Shelter, Timber and Profit" providing up to 60 people with the opportunity to see the application of tree growing to farm businesses.

The event is also supported by the Australian Forest Growers, the Institute of Foresters of Australia and AKS Forest Solutions.

Tamar Valley TFGA Branch President, Ian Sauer said "the field day was another example of community organisations, Government and industry working together to present new directions for landholders".

This field day is built around two astute landowners, Adam Culley (West Tamar) and Ed Archer (East Tamar), who have made strategic investments in growing trees and have followed different paths to fund and secure their investments despite some considerable risks.

The farms are at Frankford and Hillwood. Each property will be visited during the day.

Both landowners have invested in trees to produce income, create assets, shelter livestock, increase property values and make the best use of their land.

One property will highlight large eucalypt shelterbelts which significantly increase stock live weight and health. These shelterbelts have paid for themselves many times over through improved stock prices and healthier animals.

And the other property highlights three tree species (pine, cypress and eucalypt) - all of which are managed for high value timbers.

There will be additional guest speakers discussing specific tree species, lessons learned from the practices of each farmer and a forestry contractor talking about harvesting.

"The landowners are keen to share their experiences to help others successfully profit from tree growing on farms," Mr Sauer said.

"We aim to see and discuss tree growing options on farms to improve land use, increase agricultural productivity and profit (primarily through shelter for stock) and for timber production."

It is essential to book your place by contacting Amanda Bruce, Office Manager, Tamar NRM on 6323-3310. The property addresses will be given to you on registering for the day.

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