

PROGRAMME & REGISTRATION FORM



Farm
Forestry
Package

“Farm Forestry – Innovative Ways to Make it Happen”

ALBURY NSW

2-3 APRIL 2004

Farm Forestry – Innovative Ways to Make it Happen

A two day program comprising a half day seminar and three half day site visits aimed at farmers seeking practical solutions to the many issues facing those currently involved in farm forestry, or those who are considering moving into farm forestry.

(Please note – the seminar is not intended to cover all subjects in detail, but to act as a “teaser” to assist delegates to get a range of basic information. Most speakers will be allocated only 10 minutes for their presentations)

DAY ONE – FRIDAY APRIL 2ND

8.15am Seminar Registration

8.40am Welcome

Ron Limb, Managing Director AusTimber 2004

8.45am Introductory Address

Importance of farm forestry, opportunities, and future directions. Integrating trees into the farm operation to get multiple benefits, including money, from timber

Rowan Reid, University of Melbourne and Editor of Agroforestry News

9.00am Overview – A Farm Forestry Success Story

A farmer/practitioner who has successfully been through the ropes, and who will highlight the successes, and the pitfalls/problems he has overcome.

Don Jowett, Tree Farmer of the Year Based at Hamilton in Western Victoria

9.20am Getting Started

A session for those who want to get into farm forestry – tips on how to make it work.

Planning and advice

How to ensure successful tree establishment by following simple, practical and essential steps. The right tree in the right place at the right time.

Michael Platts, Monaro Native Tree Nursery, “Khalassa,” Bombala, NSW

How to get through “the system” (“don’t let the rules put you off”)

Discussion on various legislative requirements relevant to planting and harvesting, pointing out what has to be done to make it easy.

Nick Myer, Regional Plantations Officer, NSW Dept. of Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources. Albury, NSW

Grass and weeds

How and why it makes sense to keep them under control.

Ray Borschmann, Consultant, Plantation Development Services, Bright, Victoria

Questions

10.00am Keeping Costs Down

Innovations and strategies to reduce the cost of establishing and managing farm trees.

Ladder pruning

John Woodley, Silviculture Contractor, Taggerty, Victoria

Chemical non-commercial thinning, pneumatic pruning

Murray Brown, Murray Riverina Farm Forestry/Holbrook Landcare Group

Commercial (ie sale of pullog) thinning of blue gum plantation using a skidder

Chris Tuck, FFORNE Co-op member, Alexandra, Victoria

Questions

10.40am Morning tea

11.00am Innovative Harvesting

There is a range of small scale equipment being especially designed for the farm operator, and this session will discuss what is available in Australia and overseas, to make the task for the farmer easier and also economical.

Small scale harvesting equipment – what's available

John Lambert of Woolleybutt Pty Ltd, SW Victoria
John has a Churchill Fellowship to study small scale harvesting equipment overseas.

The latest technology in equipment especially designed for the farm forester

David Matuschka, Koriot SW Victoria – farmer and Australasian representative for two Swedish companies who supply small wood processing equipment.

Questions

11.50 am Markets

Finding an appropriate product and preparing an effective marketing approach for the product is the challenge for anyone involved in farm forestry operations. This session will look at several examples of marketing successes.

Making money by sawing your own timber

Bill Kingwill, Adjungbilly Timbers, Adjungbilly NSW

Rising from the ashes – the future of firewood

Peter Davies, Biosynergy Pty Ltd, Cooma NSW

Sugar Gum marketing opportunities and the SMARTimbers Coop.

Liz Hamilton, forester and co-manager of the Corangamite Farm Forestry Project.

Marketing small pine plantations

David Buntine, Forestry Officer, Towong Shire and Co-ordinator of the Upper Murray Valley Plantation Marketing Group

Panel discussion and seminar close

1.00pm Lunch

2.00pm Guided tour of AusTimber exhibition site

at Alexander Park, Albury, where working portable sawmills and other small equipment will be seen in action, as well as the opportunity to visit a range of exhibits relevant to the farm forester.

7.30pm Dinner for delegates in Albury

DAY TWO – SATURDAY APRIL 3RD

8.00am Depart by bus for Koetong

(about an hour out of Albury) to visit the in-forest demonstrations being run as part of AusTimber. Delegates will see between 30 and 40 forest harvesting machines in action in a mature pine plantation, as well as plantation establishment equipment – ploughs, mulchers etc and also chippers.

1.00pm Lunch

1.30pm Visit a nearby farm

where forestry is a significant part of that enterprise. See a range of farm forestry equipment and management practices being demonstrated.

5.30pm Arrive back in Albury

From the Director



Although farm forestry has not been a major part of AusTimber in the past, we have included the "Farm Forestry Package" in the programme in 2004, as AusTimber offers farmers a unique opportunity to gain an insight into the more commercial aspects of the industry.

Delegates will not only have the opportunity to hear from a range of excellent speakers who will tackle some of the practical issues of getting into farm forestry, but they will also be able to see some of the latest forestry equipment in action. This will range from operating portable sawmills through to demonstrations of some of the latest harvesting equipment at the in-forest demonstrations.

The visit to a nearby farm will allow some of the latest practices in farm forestry to be demonstrated.

The two day package is aimed at the practical farmer and as such will provide an important insight into the challenges and rewards of farm forestry. We look forward to many farmers from around Australia joining us for this unique opportunity.

Ron Limb
Managing Director



AusTimber – what is it?

AusTimber is only held every four years and is the biggest forestry show in the Southern Hemisphere. It involves a whole week of activities aimed at the grass roots operators in the industry. This includes three different conferences: a three day equipment exhibition, demonstrations of working machines, as well as a range of social activities.

The focus of AusTimber is on the latest equipment and technology available for the growing, harvesting and processing of the forest resource, and draws exhibitors and visitors from all around the world. When last held in 2000 there were 27 different countries involved in AusTimber, and over 8,000 visitors.

The whole week wraps up with a big outdoor Carnival Night at the Albury Racecourse, with a Country Music concert featuring country star Adam Harvey. In addition the evening's entertainment will include world championship wood chopping finals.

It's a great week of learning, networking and fun for those involved in the forest industries.





Farm Forestry Package Registration Form

A separate form must be completed for each attendee. Additional forms are available upon request or you may photocopy this form for additional registrations.

Please note: Registration is available online at www.austimber2004.com. All registrants are urged to take advantage of the online facility as registrations forwarded by fax or post will incur an extra charge of \$10.00

Please register me for the AusTimber 2004 Farm Forestry Package:

Surname	First Name (for badge)		
Title (please tick) Mr <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs <input type="checkbox"/> Ms <input type="checkbox"/> Dr <input type="checkbox"/> Other			
Company (if appropriate)		Position	
Address (for mail)			
Town	Postcode	Country	
Phone	Email		
Fax	Web site		
Any particular dietary requirements?			
Any specific facilities required?			

Registration Fees: You may register for the whole of the "package" or select those half days which are of interest to you.

Full two day Farm Forestry Package **\$250**

(including transport, lunch and morning and afternoon teas
– Friday night delegates dinner is **not** included)

If you are submitting your
registration via fax or post
rather than online,
please include the
\$10.00 handling fee

Friday morning seminar **\$70**

Friday afternoon guided AusTimber site tour **\$70**

Saturday morning in-forest demonstrations **\$70**

Saturday afternoon working farm forestry visit **\$70**

Delegates dinner Friday 2nd April, 7.30 pm (in Albury) **\$50**

**Total Amount
Payable:**

All prices include GST

Payment method:

Cheque enclosed (Please make cheque payable to: **AusTimber 2004**)

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