

The Farm Forestry and Agroforestry Research Library

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Last change to have your say!

The *Farm Forestry and Agroforestry Research Library* is almost fully developed, with a set of databases containing over 3,000 references to research on, or relating to, farm forestry and agroforestry in Australia in the final stages of development. Thanks to all of you who have provided information to be included in the database, and who have completed the survey on research directions in farm forestry and agroforestry in Australia. The database and accompanying reports will be available free of charge by download when completed; those who have provided information for the project by providing either lists of references, or completing our survey on research directions, will be sent a free copy of the database on CD.

To be able to receive your free copy of the final database and reports on CD, and to ensure your views on directions in farm forestry and agroforestry research in Australia are heard, *please download and complete our survey on research priorities for farm forestry and agroforestry. The survey is available at http://sres.anu.edu.au/associated/reslib/Directions_survey.htm You must email or post the survey back to us by **April 10th 2003** for your views to be included in the final report.*

What is the *Farm Forestry and Agroforestry Research Library*? The *Library* is a joint project between the Joint Venture Agroforestry Program, and

ANU Forestry. It aims to provide extension officers, practitioners and researchers with access to information on agroforestry and farm forestry research through development of:

- A webpage providing links to databases and websites containing information on farm forestry;
- A database of research on Australian farm forestry and agroforestry, downloadable from the project webpage;
- A review of the current state of agroforestry and farm forestry research in Australia. The review will identify gaps in current research and identify research priorities for the future.

This should help you to reduce the time you spend hunting down information on agroforestry/farm forestry, and as a result improve your ability to implement improved farm forestry and agroforestry systems.

All people who provide us with information for the project will be sent a free copy of the database and reports on CD when they are completed.

This is the second newsletter sent for the project. A third, final newsletter will be sent when the database is ready for distribution in May 2003.

Where can I access information on the project?

The *Library* is online at <http://sres.anu.edu.au/associated/reslib/index.html> The website will be updated soon to provide more links to research

on farm forestry in Australia, so bookmark it and keep watching as it develops.

We need you to take part in the survey of agroforestry and farm forestry professionals

Ever wanted to tell people what research needs to be done on agroforestry and farm forestry? Here's your chance. We want to know what information farm forestry and agroforestry practitioners, extension officers, researchers and other professionals need. What research and

information on farm forestry would be most useful to you? What information is currently lacking?

You can complete a short survey which will identify priorities for future research into agroforestry and farm forestry. The survey form is available on the project website

<http://sres.anu.edu.au/associated/reslib/index.html> It is easy to complete and email or post back, and must be returned by **April 10th 2003** to be included in the project.

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