



Media Release

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SMALL FARMS THE FOCUS OF A FIELD DAY IN OCTOBER

A field day scheduled for this spring will feature topics tailored to smallholders in northern Tasmania.

Organised by NRM North and Lilydale Landcare, the third Small Farm Living Field Day will include a busy schedule of presenters, demonstrations, displays and stalls.

The event is part of NRM North's Small Farm Living program with funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Programme.

The Small Farm Living program provides support to smallholders through information, property planning advice and grants for environmental works.

NRM North's Small Farm Living Coordinator, Megan Dykman, said topics at the field day would range from soil health and pasture management to bushfire preparation, fermentation, native plants and bee-keeping.

"The day is really designed to give landholders information and ideas to help them make the most of their small patches," Ms Dykman said.

"It's a great chance for anybody thinking about purchasing a smallholding to hear about the issues and opportunities involved in owning and managing a small farm and what support is available.

"It's also a fantastic way to connect with other smallholders, local suppliers and contractors."

A highlight will be a presentation by renowned gardener, Steve Solomon, about how to reinvigorate garden beds and grow nutrient-dense produce. There will also be activities for children and food and drinks available.

The field day will be held at 'Sonoma Lodge', 231 Golconda Road, Lilydale, from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm on Sunday 22nd October 2017. Entry is free.

News and updates about the field day will be posted on the event's Facebook page ('Lilydale Small Farm Living Field Day') and the NRM North website (<http://www.nrmnorth.org.au/events>).

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