



Media Release

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Diverse line up of speakers and demonstrations for the Small Farm Living Field Day

Next weekend's Lilydale Small Farm Living Field Day will include at least 10 different speakers and demonstrations, with weed biocontrol agents and a Lucas Sawmill demonstration recently added to the line-up.

The biennial event is being organised by NRM North and Lilydale Landcare, and will feature a broad range of topics to assist people in looking after and making the most of their 'small patch'.

Other topics presented at the field day will include an alpaca shearing demonstration, soil testing and pasture improvement for small properties, willow management, electric fencing and bushfire preparedness. There will also be a children's activity area and refreshments available.

NRM North's Small Farm Living Program was launched two years ago with funding from the Australian Government.

The program has supported more than 300 of the region's small landholders through information, property planning advice and small grants for environmental works.

NRM North's Biodiversity Coordinator, Kate Thorn, said the event would be useful for those thinking of purchasing a small farm.

"While we expect to see smallholders from near and far on the day, there are likely to be some would-be property owners as well," Ms Thorn said.

"It is great to see people researching the kind of land management issues they may deal with in taking on a small property, and also the potential in terms of different crops, livestock and other uses."

The Lilydale Small Farm Living Field Day will be held at 'Sonoma Lodge', 231 Golconda Rd, Lilydale from 10am to 3pm on Sunday 15th March. Entry is free. A schedule of demonstrations and speakers will be available shortly on the event's Facebook page and the NRM North website.

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