



# Media Release

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## Big Day Out for Smallholders in Northern Tasmania

From bushfire preparedness and weed management to fencing and livestock husbandry, small landholders have a lot to contend with on their acreages, and for many, these things are quite different from their 'day job'.

NRM North and Lilydale Landcare's Small Farm Living Field Day planned for March will address these and many more topics.

First held in 2013 to launch NRM North's Small Farm Living program which is funded by the Australian Government, the Lilydale field day is now planned to be biennial, and this year's line-up of expert speakers, demonstrations and information is expected to attract smallholders from around the northern region and beyond.

Although the schedule is yet to be finalised, NRM North's Land Theme Manager and Biodiversity Coordinator, Kate Thorn, said there would be plenty of variety.

"We are aiming for a range of subjects, from alpaca shearing to dung beetles and hobby-scale chook keeping," Ms Thorn said.

"It will also be a good one-stop shop to talk to experts and government representatives and pick up information about everything from growing native trees to understanding livestock biosecurity and identification requirements.

"We are again partnering with the Lilydale Landcare group to put on this event. They are doing fantastic work in their local area so Landcare will be a strong focus.

"We also hope it will be a social event with people who may be new to Tasmania or new to farming meeting others who have more established properties."

The Lilydale Small Farm Living Field Day will be held at 'Sonoma Lodge', Lilydale from 10am to 3pm on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March. A schedule of demonstrations and speakers will be available closer to the date.

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