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ForestrySA / PIRSA Forestry Field Day

Local research, revegetation and rehabilitation projects will be showcased during a ForestrySA / PIRSA Forestry Field Day in the South East this month.

ForestrySA and PIRSA Forestry staff will run the day-long event on June 30, sharing lessons from projects undertaken in native forests and plantations with attending South East Natural Resource Management Board members and managers, Department of Environment and Heritage representatives, local forest growers and members of landcare and conservation groups.

Speakers will present information during stops at Honan, The Woolwash, Native Wells and Windy Hill Native Forest Reserves, throughout the day.

On the schedule for discussion will be:

- Mapping and control of Weeds of National Significance (WoNS).
- Grassland, woodland and significant wetland rehabilitation.
- Biodiversity corridor activities (including bird/insect monitoring results).
- Research findings from the Blue-bell Creeper Control Project.

Volunteer involvement and contributions will also be highlighted during the day.

ForestrySA Conservation and Recreation Planner Bryan Haywood said all projects had progressed well and he was looking forward to showcasing the results.

“Despite the short time frame of six to seven months to complete works, we progressed well with project implementation,” he said.

“Mapping of weed infestations was critical to ensure control works were prioritised to target the most important wetland areas.

“New GPS technology linked to a GIS database and other internal ForestrySA technical support improved navigation of contractors and accuracy of information collected, and saved time when controlling weeds.”

PIRSA Forestry contributes to research activities within the forestry industry and supports conservation projects in the State's Native Forest Reserves.

Clinton Sim, Coordinator Forestry Development Programs with PIRSA Forestry, acknowledged the benefits gained by the South East through these programs.

"We've learned a great deal as we undertake research that supports the development and sustainability of the forest industry," he said.

"This field day gives others an opportunity to share in the knowledge we have gained from these programs, ultimately assisting resource management across the region."

Projects are supported by Caring for Our Country and South East Natural Resources Management Board funding.

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Media opportunity:

Members of the media are invited to conduct interviews, take photographs and collect footage during the Field Day (a brief itinerary is attached to this email). Please call ahead for directions if required.

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