

MEMBERSHIP FORM (*New members only*)

Existing members will be invoiced annually.

Name

Address

..... P/code

Ph. (W).....(H).....

E-mail

(for AFG use only – will not be passed on).

Property details

Address

..... P/code

Tree details

Native vegetation.....hectares

Plantations	Species	Area	Year
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Timberbelts.....kilometres

*Please enclose a cheque payable to
Australian Forest Growers for:*

Full National AFG and Gippsland Agroforestry
Network membership

- (up to 100ha planted or 1000ha native forest,)
\$93.50 (inc. GST)
- (over 100ha planted or 10,000ha native forest,
consultants, local suppliers) **\$275** (inc. GST)

OR

Associate AFG membership. [Gippsland
Agroforestry Network only] **\$22** (inc. GST)

Please tick for receipt/tax invoice

And mail to:

Australian Forest Growers
PO Box 318, Deakin West, ACT 2600

**GIPPSLAND AGROFORESTRY NETWORK
2007 PROGRAM**

Network events are generally held between 10am and 2pm on a Friday or weekend, with as much variation and practical work as possible.

Friday 9th February, Field Day Small-scale Log Snigging and Sawing Widmer property, Trida.

March 29th – April 1st, Farm World Lardner Display with GPF. General private forestry promotion.

Friday 20th April, Planning, Nursery and Radial Sawing, Radcon, Yarram & Tatnell property, Hiawatha.

May, Melbourne Branch field day The Future of Private Native Forest Harvesting, Dawson property, Mt Burnett, Cardinia Shire.

Friday, 15th June, Seminar “Pest Plant and Animal Control in Plantations”. Expert speakers. CMA office, Traralgon.

Friday 3rd August, AGM Dinner and Rowan Reid on “Farm Forestry Economics - An Oblique View” at the Grand Ridge Brewery Restaurant, Mirboo North.

Thursday 25th October, Native Forest Timber Conversion And Final-space Group Planting Noojee Sawmill & Giles property, Neerim North.

Saturday 8th December, Field day and Xmas BBQ Central Gippsland Dry-country Plantings – the Old and the New. Friend, Clydebank and Winterbottom, Newry properties.

Details circulated to all members before the event and available from the executive members listed below.

Contacts

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Gippsland Agroforestry Network of AUSTRALIAN FOREST GROWERS



Gippsland's dynamic branch of a national association of people interested in **producing, converting and marketing farm-grown timber.**

Website: www.afg.asn.au

AGROFORESTRY or FARM FORESTRY

Agroforestry, or “farm forestry” as it is more often called these days, is the integration of productive trees into the agricultural landscape.

While the benefits of trees to agriculture, the environment and our sense of well-being are well known, the ability of **properly planned, established and managed trees to contribute significantly to farm incomes** is often not appreciated.

Farm forestry is currently being given substantial support by government to help supply environmentally responsible timber in a climate where access to native forests is becoming more restricted.

World timber demand is generally expected to exceed supply over the next 20 years, so industry and governments in Australia are currently working to dramatically increase our plantation area.

Although the figure is dropping slowly, Australia continues to run annual deficits of almost \$2 billion in forest products, so there's ample opportunity for import replacement.

Farm forestry can make a significant contribution to this target, especially if farm foresters organise themselves into **local groups** with **regional and national affiliations**. To further the cause in Gippsland we have the **Gippsland Agroforestry Network, Gippsland Private Forestry Inc., and Australian Forest Growers** respectively.

GIPPSLAND AGROFORESTRY NETWORK of AUSTRALIAN FOREST GROWERS

The Gippsland Agroforestry Network was formed in 1992 as the first Agroforestry Network and is now a regional branch of Australian Forest Growers. There are currently 11 networks across Victoria and more interstate.

The Network is non-profit, and interested in developing a profitable and sustainable timber industry in Gippsland, based on the production of wood from farm plantations and private native forests. It brings together **farmers, professional foresters, landcarers, nursery owners, contractors, sawmillers, advisors and those who just have an interest.**

The Network holds regular **meetings, field days and farm walks** where a variety of topics are discussed. Members receive a **quarterly magazine *Agroforestry News*** and the Gippsland Agroforestry Network's **newsletter *Riplines***. The Network also has various items of **establishment and pruning equipment** which are loaned free to members .

Through its links with **Gippsland Private Forestry Inc.** (www.gpf.com.au) the Network is helping to identify markets for wood products in the region, while dramatically increasing the number of productive trees grown on farms.

For further information on the Network contact a member of the executive (listed overleaf) or join by completing the application form.

AUSTRALIAN FOREST GROWERS

Australian Forest Growers is the only national organisation **representing the interests of private commercial forestry and farm tree growers.**

AFG actively represents its members on issues including:

- fair taxation for forestry enterprises
- development of domestic industries
- access to domestic and export markets
- ensuring benefits from certification, and from biodiversity and carbon trading
- codes of forest practice for private growers
- land use planning that protects the right to manage forests productively.

It encourages and supports the setting up and operation of regional groups such as the **Gippsland Agroforestry Network** and has a respected voice in the setting and application of **Government policy**.

AFG produces a **quarterly journal**, the ***Australian Forest Grower***, and holds a national three-day **conference with field tours** every second year. Last year's conference **“Sustainable forestry – everybody benefits”** was held in **Launceston**.

Provision of a **discounted plantation insurance scheme** is another valuable AFG service. It also conducts the biennial State and National **Treefarmer of the Year Awards**.