

Media Release

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MAKING FARMS MORE PRODUCTIVE IN KYNETON

The Allan Labor Government is supporting farmers to improve soil health, boost biodiversity and provide natural shelter for livestock by planting more trees.

Minister for Agriculture Ros Spence announced that Rock House Farm in Kyneton has commenced planting its timber plantation – made possible by a \$94,350 investment through the Victorian Carbon Farming Program.

Phase one of the planting was completed recently, representing 10 per cent of the total area that will be planted next year. The program supports farmers to diversify income streams by growing trees for multiple purposes including shade and shelter, erosion control, timber production and the option to offset on-farm emissions.

The heritage property, Rock House Farm, is establishing a 19-hectare mixed species timber plantation in partnership with forestry service provider, wood4good.

The project uses a method called 'regenerative forestry' which helps restore the land to a condition where it can thrive. The project is expected to sequester around 7,000 tonnes of carbon over the next 25 years.

Using this approach, wood4good has supported Rock House Farm to design a plantation using a mix of hardwood timber species. The plantation will be managed for timber production but also generate a range of environmental benefits like restoring water and soil health and the productivity of agricultural land.

Once the trees have matured, the farm will experience the full benefits of on-farm plantations, including improved shade and shelter for stock, enhanced biodiversity as well as a new revenue stream from the harvesting of wood products.

For more information on the programs, or to apply visit agriculture.vic.gov.au/trees-on-farms

Quote attributable to Minister for Agriculture Ros Spence

"We're helping farmers improve productivity on their farms through tree planting which creates healthier soils and helps them lower their emissions."

Quote attributable to Member for Macedon Mary Anne-Thomas

"This is such an amazing initiative – supporting our local farmers and communities in practical ways that make a real difference on the ground."

Quote attributable to Rock House Farm, Kyneton

"We are looking forward to the prospect of producing forest products in a way that complements our grazing operation."