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Using Landcare Methods

ADVANTAGES OF SHADE & SHELTER BELTS USING NATIVE PLANTS

- Shelterbelts increase property values by up to 15%. Buyers prefer sheltered warm paddocks. They are farm infrastructure that has proven productivity and amenity value to buyers. This proof has existed for over 30 years in most parts of Australia and New Zealand.
- Shelterbelts reduce spread of wind borne weeds, fungal spores, herbicides, pesticides, dust, noise, and the number of paddocks visible from the road. If used around dams they also reduce the fouling from wind borne materials and decrease evaporation of your water supply. Shrubs around fenced dams encourage pest-eating insects to live on your farm.
- Shelterbelts buffer pasture, stock, farm buildings and equipment and dwellings from fast moving grass fires. Established native shelterbelts can re-sprout after fires, and many native species have seeds that are stimulated by fire. This means post fire, your belts regrow themselves, saving you time and replacements costs.
- Shelterbelts encourage beneficial pest controlling birds to occupy land, saving on pesticides. Many of these birds require trees/shrubs - so if you don't have trees near paddock edges, you don't get the birds.
- They enable your business to prove its commitment to sustainable agriculture to any marketplace; any lender; any insurer; any investor. Within 4 years of planting they show up on Google Earth and can be seen and measured remotely.
- Shelterbelts enable you to grow extra farm income streams - honey, fodder, wood, seed, carbon offsets, and flowers.
- Shelterbelts are, at any width, better for livestock welfare than none at all or not enough for each animal to access shade and shelter.
- Properties with less weather impacts on them are nicer places for people to live and work. Having shelterbelts to buffer extreme weather also reduces the worry/stress for livestock managers.

WHO CAN GIVE ME MORE ADVICE ON PLANTING SHADE & SHELTER BELTS?

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- Australian Government -
Department of Agriculture
- Bega Cheese
- Dairy Australia
- Fonterra
- Glenelg Hopkins CMA
- Landcare Australia
- Meat & Livestock Australia (MLA)
- Midfield Group
- Murray Goulburn Co-op
- Otway Agroforestry Network
- Victorian Farmers Fed (VFF)
- Warrnambool Cheese & Butter
Factory
- Westvic Dairy
- Victorian Landcare Gateway
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