

**AgriWealth Pty Limited**

**2011 SOFTWOOD TIMBER PROJECT  
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**2012-2013 Annual Report**

## Context

This is the first (formal) annual report on the 2011 Softwood Timber Project and 2011 Timber Project.

## Background

The 2011 Project is located at Wandalla, 40 kilometres south west of Oberon within the Macquarie Region. The project comprises 50 hectares of plantation that was established in winter 2012. Being the fourth planting program at Wandalla the plantation is referred to as Stage 4.

## Overview

The 2012 Age Class, while planted in good conditions, suffered in the Spring and early Summer period due to below average rainfall. High quality site preparation, good planting stock and a successful competition control program ensured that the bulk of the planted stock survived with the assessment showing better than 90% survival.

## Planting

Planting occurred in Winter 2012 using GF19 containerised stock.

## Survival & Replanting

Rainfall in the Macquarie Region was below average at 531mm versus the long term average of 638mm (refer Appexure A.). Below average rainfall occurred in the critical spring/early summer growing period from September through to December 2012 (Average: 235mm Actual: 75mm) (refer Figure 1).

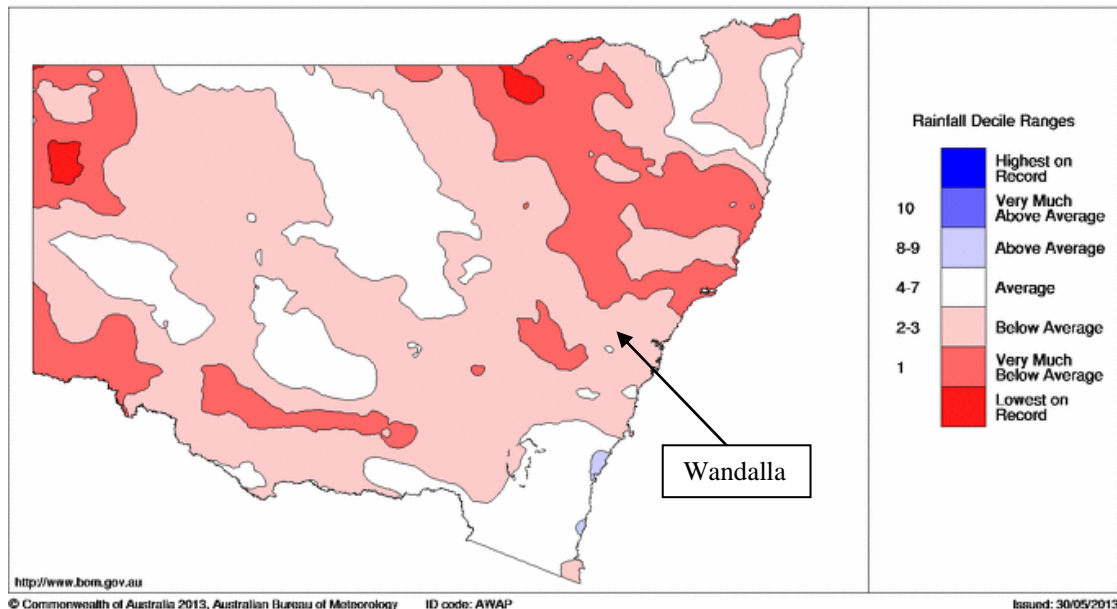
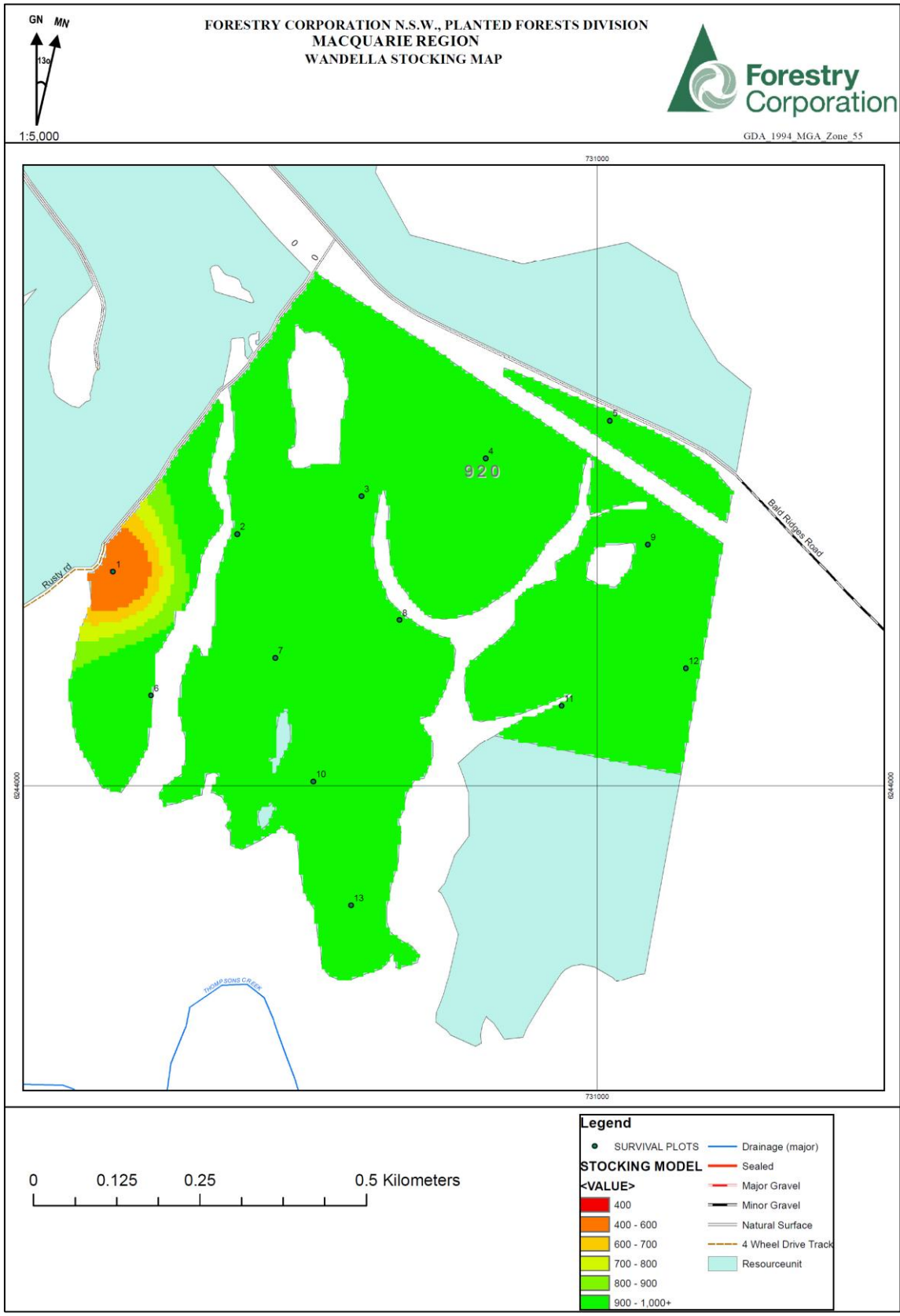


Figure 1: NSW Rainfall deciles - 1 September 2012 to 30 November 2012

A survival assessment was undertaken in early 2013. The results of the assessment are detailed at Figure 2. Of the 13 post plant quality control plots established in the planting area only one plot had poor survival. Further field assessment will be undertaken over the 2013 winter to better understand the cause of the failure and to re-establish growing stock where required. A survival percentage map is presented in Appendix C.



**Figure 2: Wandalla Stocking Map – note Plot 1.**



**Figure 3: Wandalla Stage 4 – one year old trees on ripped and mounded site**



**Figure 4: Wandalla Stage 4 – excellent weed control result and good early form.**

**Pest and Disease Information**

Rabbit baiting was undertaken as part of the site preparation operations. No evidence of browsing or disease has since been observed within the plantation.

**Fire Incidents**

No fire incidents have occurred within or close to any of the plantations.

**Other Management Issues**

Nil to report.

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Table 1. Macquarie Region Average rainfall July 2012 – June 2013.

