

## Media Release

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# Harvesting rescheduled in Strathbogies

The timber harvesting operation that was postponed in the Strathbogie State forest due to wet weather have now been rescheduled to start on Monday, 14 November.

VicForests' General Manager Planning, Lachlan Spencer, said the operation will be undertaken using the single-tree selection harvesting method.

"Single-tree selection harvesting is different from other harvesting methods as it removes a smaller number of trees from the forest.

"The method works by selecting some good quality trees for sawlog, to produce high quality timber flooring and furniture and also some poorer quality mature trees.

"The younger trees will be left to grow into future sawlogs and the older habitat trees will be left for native wildlife," he said.

This harvesting operation was previously been postponed due to the recent wet weather and the planned commenced date of 14 November is also weather dependent.

"Thank you to those community members who provided feedback following our earlier communications about the delay to harvesting," Mr Spencer said

"We are still interested to hear any further suggestions about how to best share our harvesting plans with the community and would be happy to hear additional thoughts from local residents," he said.

The area to be harvested is around 27 hectares which will take around six weeks to complete.

VicForests assessed this site looking for native species and their habitat prior to harvesting and will continue to check the site throughout the operation to ensure any identified values are appropriately protected.

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