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## QMDC tackles thickening cypress pine at field day

Is cypress pine thickening on your property impacting on production and biodiversity? If so, a Queensland-Murray Darling Committee field day on December 10 might provide you with some good management options.

QMDC Vegetation Technical Officer Matt Brown said the addition of a chopper roller to the organisation's equipment roster made the ecological thinning of cypress a viable option for producers in the Queensland Murray-Darling Basin.

"The field day, which starts at 9.30am on 'Glenarby' Mitchell on Friday, December 10, will be a good opportunity for those interested to learn about the machine, see some examples of what it can do on-ground, as well as make sure potential hirers are aware of our hire requirements and the legislative requirements," Mr Brown said.

"Changing management practices over a long period of time have led to a notable change in the vegetation in some areas, including the thickening of some species.

"Cypress pine is a good example of this in the Maranoa region as there a number of spots along some of the major highways and roads where this is evident."

Mr Brown said used correctly, the chopper roller could give landholders an opportunity to remove thickened timber, promote healthier soils, boost pasture re-establishment, promote groundcover and increase biodiversity, as well as potentially boosting farm forestry operations.

QMDC purchased a chopper roller used primarily for the ecological thinning of cypress. The chopper roller is now available for hire through Swift NRM, the trading arm of QMDC.

For more information on the field day, which is only 20km from Mitchell, contact QMDC's Matt Brown on 0439 661 214 or Mitchell and District Landcare Coordinator Jenny Hockey on 0428 171 191 or visit [www.qmdc.org.au](http://www.qmdc.org.au).

The Queensland Murray-Darling Committee is a natural resource management organisation that supports communities within the Queensland Murray-Darling Basin to sustainably manage their natural resources. Visit [www.qmdc.org.au](http://www.qmdc.org.au) for more information.

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### **Please note: A high res image is available upon request.**

Caption: Rob Cornish, of Rob Cornish Electrical, Mitchell, will host a field day explaining the use of the chopper roller on his property "Glenarby", 20km from Mitchell, on December 10.