



Farming Carbon

Can money grow on trees?



CarbonQuest Carbon Workshop

Thursday the 29th of September saw around 15 interested landholders attending the carbon farming workshop held by NACC in the Perenjori office.

Ben Keogh, the director of Australian Carbon Traders, gave a brief overview of carbon farming, the voluntary carbon market in Australia and how landholders can be issued with carbon credits and trade them on the market.

Carbon Credits are certificates issued by the Australian government. They outline the amount of carbon equivalents in tons that are either stored in carbon sinks or prevented from emitting into the atmosphere.

Landholders can propose projects (e.g. planting trees or reducing methane emissions from stock) to achieve the above targets and, if certain criteria apply, get issued carbon credits. These can then be traded. The price of a ton of carbon depends on the market.

Australian Carbon Traders and NACC launched the website 'CarbonQuest' to assist landholders with the whole process of proposing a project to selling carbon certificates. In its early stages 'CarbonQuest' will only assess tree planting projects but as further methodologies are developed other projects will be accepted. The website enables landholders to enter information about their tree cropping projects, which can then be assessed for carbon credits. Ben Keogh is able to assist you with trading the credits but there is no obligation to do so.

NACC is running an initial pilot program whereby they have agreed to cover the cost of the services provided by 'CarbonQuest' for the first 10 landholders to sign up.



Mike Clarke (DAFWA), Ben Keogh (Director of Carbon Quest)
and Cathy McKenna (NEFF)

If you would like to find out more you can visit the CarbonQuest website : www.australiancarbontraders.com/nacc
Alternatively you can contact the Perenjori office on 9973 1425, or you can contact NACC's Climate Change Coordinator Mark Canny on 9938 0103 or mark.canny@nacc.com.au



Be part of the State-wide drive to eradicate rabbits, foxes and other feral pests

Red Card for Rabbits & Foxes



We will once again be participating and promoting the “Red Card for Rabbits and Foxes” program in 2012. The purpose of the program is to achieve a maximum impact on feral pest populations through a coordinated approach to their control.

Community Shoot Weekends

Designated weekends for community Shoots: 24th - 26th February and 23rd to 25th March

Stockbrands are once again donating a generous \$5 per fox or feral cat shot during the Community Shoot Weekends to the Royal Flying Doctors. David Grays Aglink will be donating 5% of sales of PAKS baiting products invoiced during the month of March 2012, to the Flying Doctor Service.

If you are interested in organising a community shoot event in your local area we would be happy to help with the organisation and promotion. We also have a small budget from the NACC Rabbit Control project to help support local events on a first come first served basis. Please contact Lizzie King for further information on 0408 934 153 or lizzie.king@bigpond.com

Baiting

The most effective control for rabbits and foxes is through a combination of baiting and shooting. To use 1080 bait you must be an accredited user. The accreditation process is very straightforward and your accreditation for handling the baits will last for three years. If there is enough interest we will organise local accreditation sessions early next year. Please contact Lizzie to register your interest.

WORKING TOGETHER FOR MAXIMUM IMPACT



Monitoring Project Progress Report

Monitoring of the YYCRC Regional Drainage project is continuing with all borehole transects being checked at monthly intervals throughout the catchment. This data helps us to see the long term effects of the deep drains on the water tables.

Vegetation surveys were carried out in September in the Mongers 16 catchment, and at Jibberding and Mongers 55 in early November by Dr Ian Fordyce. These surveys are undertaken annually to monitor whether the water from the drains is having any effects on the surrounding vegetation. All our monitoring data can be viewed through our website:

www.yarrrayarracatchment.org.au



Transect at Mongers 55



Last Chance to take advantage of the NACC sustainable farming incentives - Don't Miss Out!!



This is the third and final year of the Caring for our Country sustainable farming incentive program. There are no guarantees that funding will be available for similar projects in the foreseeable future so don't miss out!

These incentives provide some great options for improving the less productive areas as well as providing a number of different options for addressing problem sites including but not limited to:

- ☺ Growing productive saltland pastures on land too salty for growing cereal crops.
- ☺ Fencing off saline land
- ☺ Maintain ground cover on windblown sites during the summer months
- ☺ Reduce runoff and lower the water table
- ☺ Take advantage of the new carbon farming opportunities with tree cropping options
- ☺ Planting strategic windbreaks.

On-ground works options	Eligible activities and incentive rates
Perennial pasture establishment	Incentive available for pasture establishment, fencing and watering point. Criteria apply. Maximum incentive per site: \$10,600
Farm forestry	Incentive available for planting oil mallees or sandalwood host - \$250/ha or broombush - \$500/ha. Criteria apply. Maximum incentive per site: \$3,360
Fodder shrub establishment	Incentive available for fodder shrub establishment and fencing. Criteria apply. Maximum incentive per site: \$8,000
Strategic revegetation	Incentive available for revegetation, fencing, weed and pest control. Criteria apply. Maximum incentive per site: \$16,000
"Hidden Treasures"	Incentives available for fencing of existing native vegetation to protect threatened species and priority remnants. Criteria apply. Maximum incentive rate per site: variable

To discuss the incentives available, to find out if you qualify or to organise a site visit, please call Flora Danielzik: 0437 208246 or 9973 1451, Lizzie King 0408 934 153 or Dene Solomon 0427 731425 for more information.

For Sale By Tender: Kawasaki 4 Wheeler Motorbike

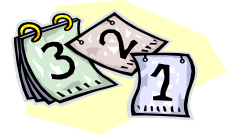


The Yarra Yarra Catchment Management Group are calling for tenders to purchase their 2004 model, Kawasaki 250cc 4 wheel bike

The bike has new tyres and a new seat. There is an oil leak in the engine
Tenders to be submitted to the Yarra Yarra Catchment Regional Council, PO Box 124 Perenjori, WA, 6620
For more information or to submit an offer please contact Dene Solomon on 0427 731 425
Or email dene.solomon@bigpond.com

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- February 2012 - Next General meeting of the YYCMG
- 24th - 26th February and 23rd - 25th March 2012:
Red Card for Rabbits & Foxes, Community Shoot Weekends



STAFF NEWS

We would like to welcome Flora Danielzik to the YYCRC. Flora has recently joined us working as an NRM officer three days a week, generally on Monday, Wednesday and Thursdays. Many of you may already know Flora from her previous role co-ordinating the trials and events for the Liebe Group.

Flora is originally from Germany where she studied Biology before moving to Australia in 2008 and now lives on a farm in Waddy Forest.



Change of Email Addresses!

Please be aware that our email addresses have changed:

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