



Landcare Checks In - Monday 20 July 2.00-3.00 pm

Discussion Topic: Farmer led response to climate action:

- What is the Farmers for Climate Action group up to?
- Who are AgZero2030?
- What support is available for farmers?
- How can the landcare community help?

No video available.

Discussion Notes

- Thanks to Christie Kingston, Director on Farmers for Climate Action <https://farmersforclimateaction.org.au/> and member of the WA linked movement AgZero2030 <https://agzero2030.org.au/>, for being the key resource person for the session. You can join both of these terrific initiatives through AgZero2030 – no cost involved. Christie and her partner farm a sheep and cropping enterprise in Goomalling. While her partner focuses on farming Christie has brought her background in e-learning design to help farmers to be in the media, to make it clear there is support for climate smart agriculture and the need to both reduce Agricultural emissions and draw down carbon through sequestration while emission reductions are happening across all sectors.
- The AgZero2030 initiative was formed at a Nov 2019 form by WA farmers, primary industry organisations like DIPRD, Grain Industry Association of WA and community groups It aims share positive stories, information and research, to impact on policies that are impacting on farms, reduce the impacts of climate change on the sector and drive capacity for more landcare to happen. . It wants to do its job and make itself redundant. Christie requested good news stories about climate action from the landcare sector to promote and share - send to christiekingstonid@gmail.com with your good stories.
- See the Farmers for Climate Action recent inspiring blueprint for change: <https://farmersforclimateaction.org.au/portfolio/regional-horizons/> also attached.
- In response to a question about the contribution of transport fuel on farms Christie outlined that in their own audit their sheep are the highest contributor of emissions. Discussion about transport fuels discussed a range of ways to reduce. CSIRO research on hydrogen was shared by David Williamson: Srinivasan, V., Temminghoff, M., Charnock, S., Hartley, P. (2019) Hydrogen Research, Development and Demonstration Priorities and Opportunities for Australia. CSIRO pp84. Also in the hydrogen tractor space: <https://www.abc.net.au/news/rural/2020-05-14/arrowsmith-hydrogen-plant-could-power-tractors/12238982>
- Maggie Wood from Conservation Council WA gave an update on the Clean State initiative developing the pathway to economic recovery through a carbon zero program contributed to by many different groups across all sectors of the economy <https://www.cleanstate.org.au/> See the Latest News for announcement – first is on low carbon local tourism. Also the Carbon Budget for WA report (by Climate Analytics) <https://climateanalytics.org/media/report-carbonbudgetforwa-climateanalytics-2019-web.pdf> Christie mentioned its worth checking out the Climate Budget prepared by Climate Council in their response to WA Climate Change Discussion Paper.

- Louise TARRIER CEO and Jennifer West from Carbon Neutral Charitable fund shared their project on farmers and carbon including developing a carbon calculator for farmers due to be ready at end of year funded through Lotterywest. Interested to get feedback through AgZero2030 and WA Landcare Network.
- Katherine Allen CEO NACC highlighted a workshop opportunity likely in October 2020 regarding the significance of reframing our engagement messaging in terms of Universal Values. The organisation that has developed significant thinking and resources on this approach is Common Cause see their Handbook:
- [The Common Cause Handbook: A Guide to Values and Frames](#)
- Some potential subjects for Next Landcare Checks In Sessions:
 - Sharing approach and responses to the State Soil Health Strategy call for input
 - Landcare Collaborations: When do they work? What ideas do we have where we are seeking collaboration?
 - The status Pollinators in WA: how they work for landcare, current threats and how to protect