



Landcare Checks In - Monday 3 May 2021 at 2.00 – 3.00 pm

Discussion Topic: A Carbon Farming Future

Following on from our Regional Carbon Forum in Cranbrook we will continue the conversation about carbon farming.

- What's in the Carbon Industry Overview?
- What's Carbon Positive Australia's CarbonCare Project all about?
- What further resources do landcarers/farmers need?

Thank you to our presenters:

- Jen West, Carbon West, Carbon Industry Overview
- Louise Tarrier, Carbon Positive Australia, CarbonCare Voices Report,
- Kerrie House, DPIRD, State Government's Carbon Farming and Land Restoration Program



View the recording here -

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/RuoYIUA14Gcn9VjpFTJ4pdoyDopB5_CEBArifxks4liiPDH3AV0sY6sz2FXdbz.G-NAm3VjUKiaDfCN Passcode: 411HJPZ@

Jen West, Carbon West, Carbon Industry Overview

- The Carbon Industry Overview was prepared by Carbon West on behalf of the WA Landcare Network and Gondwana Link to bring people up to speed on the opportunity carbon farming brings.
- The overview was designed to assist group landcare officers dealing with landowners.
- Started by keeping a directory of people who could help but realised that people needed to know what's what before who's who.
- The overview goes back to basics providing carbon 101 for people starting in the field.
- Particularly it defines some of the complex terminology used in carbon farming and where the landowner fits in.
- Passionate about ensuring that landowners have their eyes wide open as far as this industry is concerned.
- Lots of opportunity and an industry that has a good intention so maximizing potential for ecological good it important.
- The overview was a start and still working on some more tailored 101s including soil carbon.
- Exciting times in carbon. There is lots happening at a State and Federal level and over the last 12 months there has been an enormous enquiries.

Read the overview here -

<http://www.landcarewa.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/CARBON-INDUSTRY-OVERVIEW-final-version-April-2021.pdf>

Louise Tarrier, Carbon Positive Australia, CarbonCare Voices Report,

- The Carbon Care Voices Report is weighty, lot of research and a lot of data – extremely useful resource.
- We need carbon influencers, we need to normalize people’s perceptions. Carbon framing is still a specialised field at the moment. We want everyone to have an understanding of what their on-farm carbon emissions inventory is.
- It is important that everyone have an understanding of terminology and have carbon literacy.
- We need a collectively understanding of what we need through more forums so that we can then bring the same message out to landowner groups.
- Response in the under 39 age group showed that this group was less interested. Maybe an anomaly or may require relevant social science research.
- Carbon participation is currently low.
- Barriers
 - lack of stable government policy,
 - financial viability of project partners,
 - encumbrances such as having land tied up.
- Motivators
 - Landowners want to see over existing projects to get an understanding of how they work. Keen to see demonstration sites. WALN can help with a list of people willing to have people come and have a look over their project.
 - Having better access to markets and understanding what drives consumers is also important
 - Clear education and understanding of terminology
 - Stable policies and a clear road

https://carbonpositiveaustralia.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/CARBONCARE-VOICES-REPORT_Final_23APR21.pdf

Kerrie House, DPIRD, State Government’s Carbon Farming and Land Restoration Program

Kerrie shared a detailed PowerPoint with participants which has not been reproduced here. Please view the recording for details. Further details can be found on the DPIRD website.

<https://www.agric.wa.gov.au/carbon-farming/western-australian-carbon-farming-and-land-restoration-program>

Other useful links <http://www.cleanenergyregulator.gov.au/csf/Pages/CSF-home.aspx>

<https://promo.farmingahead.com.au/fah-workshop-manual-2021/> Kondidin Group Business Case

<https://looc-c.farm/> Assistance with carbon estimates

Other comments

Patrick Gardner - the Wilderness Society released a report of WA’s native vegetation management system, which makes mention of a number of aspects relating to land restoration...

https://www.wilderness.org.au//images/resources/Final_WANativeVegReport.pdf

Glenice Batchelor - now contracted to Landcare Australia to manage engagement in Landcare Farming and Landcare Benchmarking in WA. Last call for EOIs for Landcare Australia Farming Program for Carbon or Natural Capital Accounting workshops. If interested, please contact Glenice asap as they are finalising groups now. 0428 371221 or glenicemb@gmail.com

Louise Tarrier – Where more work is need Maybe more research for target groups, especially the under 39 age group which it a red flag. Development of calculators. Need one which farmers and banks and everyone accepts. Push education so everyone a up too speed.

Jen West – the Federally funded Carbon – Biodiversity Pilot in the SW coordinated by SWCC is the best deal for farmers who have some revegetation planned. Project costs are covered, and they will take no cut of the carbon credits. Probably the best it will ever be.