

Plant the seed to cut carbon

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Students at the Western Australian College of Agriculture Harvey are looking to go green, after undertaking carbon audits at the school's farm.

Year 12 students completing ATAR as well as Certificate III qualifications in agriculture have been looking at farm operations to conduct the audits, with the findings set to mitigate their carbon footprint.

Agriculture department head Paul Dyson said a lot of industry was gearing up to target carbon neutral farming and the college was taking a holistic approach to finding solutions.

"We need to come on board as well because we're the starting point, this is where we learn, it is planting the seed," he said.

"You mention the 'footprint' to some students and they're not actually sure what we're even talking about, so it's about raising awareness."

Using calculators created at the University of Melbourne, students can test the greenhouse gas outputs of the school's dairy, beef, sheep and horticulture farms.

The calculated results show the carbon emissions of each respective farming area for students to address and use to find possible solutions.

Agriculture student Geoff Tozer said he enjoyed the hands-on learning on the farm and the different aspects of problem solving involved in the situation they were researching.

"Whether we are seeing the effects now or in 30 years, we can't deny the fact that there are things changing within our climate and that is reducing the amount of agricultural land we can use," he said.

"We're seeing a growing population that needs to be fed, so in order to try and preserve the land we have for agriculture at the moment and to be able to maintain the level of food production I think we really need to look at neutralising our carbon outputs."

"They say everything starts in school and I think it really does."

"We have to educate the up-and-coming generations because if we start here we can only get better and lead by example."



Agriculture students Geoff Tozer and Ashton Lantzke.
Picture: Kasper Johansen

Partnership scores library fund

An unlikely partnership has led to 52 regional libraries securing funding from games of backyard cricket being played across the country.

The Shire of Harvey has seen both Australind and Harvey libraries collect funding from the National Backyard Cricket Program.

Australind library received a \$1200 grant and will use the funds to purchase new laptops for its Coding Club program.

Harvey library will focus its \$500 grant on community projects which include gardening, arts and crafts, word processing and photography.

Shire of Harvey president Paul Gillett said the Shire's libraries offered a range of services to the community for children and parents.

"This funding will support our libraries to continue offering programs and activities for the entire community," he said.

The initiative, established by The LBW Trust, saw NBC partner with Friends of Libraries Australia and international tertiary education projects.

LBW Trust chair David Vaux said National Backyard Cricket day was an opportunity for families and communities to come together.

"We are so thrilled we can support local libraries as we know they have a powerful impact on learning and life outcomes," he said.

The initiative ran through January when 125 games of cricket were played and more than \$125,000 was raised.

LJ Hooker



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