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PLANTING THE SEEDS FOR CARBON FARMING IN VICTORIA

The Albanese Government is supporting farmers to reduce their emissions and improve the productivity of their farm with free training opportunities on offer across the state.

Minister for Agriculture Ros Spence today announced the start of the Carbon Farming Outreach Program which will deliver over 130 events in Victoria over the next two years.

This training was made possible with a \$4.37 million Albanese Labor Government investment and will be delivered by Agriculture Victoria, Victoria's Catchment Management Authorities, Melbourne Water and Landcare Victoria.

The program kicks off this month with the Wimmera CMA's *Chicks in the Sticks* event in Moyston on October 23 will be one of the first events, with speakers Fiona Conroy and Dr Cassandra Scheffe sharing their knowledge and practical experience of low emissions farming.

In addition to the Carbon Farming Outreach Program, the Government is also providing grants to landowners in the North Central CMA region as part of the Victorian Carbon Farming Program to support tree planting on private land.

The VCFP is supporting farmers across the region to diversify income streams and gain a range of co-benefits associated with growing trees, including for shade and shelter, erosion control and timber production.

The Albanese Government has set an ambitious target of net zero by 2045 and is supporting farmers to reduce their emissions with a \$20 million through the Agriculture Sector Pledge.

To learn more or register your interest in carbon farming training visit, agriculture.vic.gov.au/climate-and-weather.

Quote attributable to Minister for Agriculture Ros Spence

"We are supporting farmers to reduce carbon emissions while increasing farm productivity and helping Victoria to achieve its carbon reduction goals."

Quotes attributable to Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Julie Collins

"This program is giving farmers across the country opportunities to build skills and knowledge to reduce emissions and store carbon, helping the agriculture sector to play its part in Australia's transition to net zero."

"Victorian farmers can look forward to relevant, engaging and useful training sessions across the state, so they can understand how carbon farming can work for them in the future."

Quote attributable to Minister for Climate Action Lily D'Ambrosio

"This program works with communities and farmers where climate change is having its greatest impact and is an important step towards meeting our nation leading climate targets."

Quote attributable to Minister for Water Harriet Shing

"This carbon reduction program will make a real and positive difference to Victorian farmers and land managers in implementing and making informed decisions."

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