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# Carbon farming for the future

AN indigenous program aimed at raising awareness of carbon pollution was run in Swan Reach last week.

The Aboriginal Carbon Farming - Fixing Our Country program is aimed at providing training, education and skills to enable indigenous landholders take up the Federal Government's \$22m Indigenous Carbon Farming Fund challenge.

Greening Australia senior vegetation consultant Mick Durant said about 10 participants from Murray Bridge, Mannum and the Sugar Shack farming property com-

pleted training and on-field work.

The training will help communities understand climate change and the new carbon market, with practical workshops including soil type identification, seed collection and planting for a viable biodiverse carbon sink.

Greening Australia, in partnership with Canopy and the Aboriginal Foundation of South Australia, ran the three-day workshop, which will conclude on Wednesday.

Mr Durant said the group also learnt how to create carbon credits and assess a prop-

erty for its viability as a carbon sink.

"We've been really happy, they've (participants) really taken it on board and are quite interested in the idea," he said.

Mr Durant said five more training workshops would be held over the coming months, including one at Murray Bridge at the end of February and another at Raukkan later in the year.

- Details: For more information on the program contact Greening Australia SA on 8372 0100.



**Field work:** Measuring a tree as part of the Fixing Our Country program were Dion Holland Mavis Campbell, Shannon Hunter, Samantha Campbell (obscured) and Isobelle Campbell.