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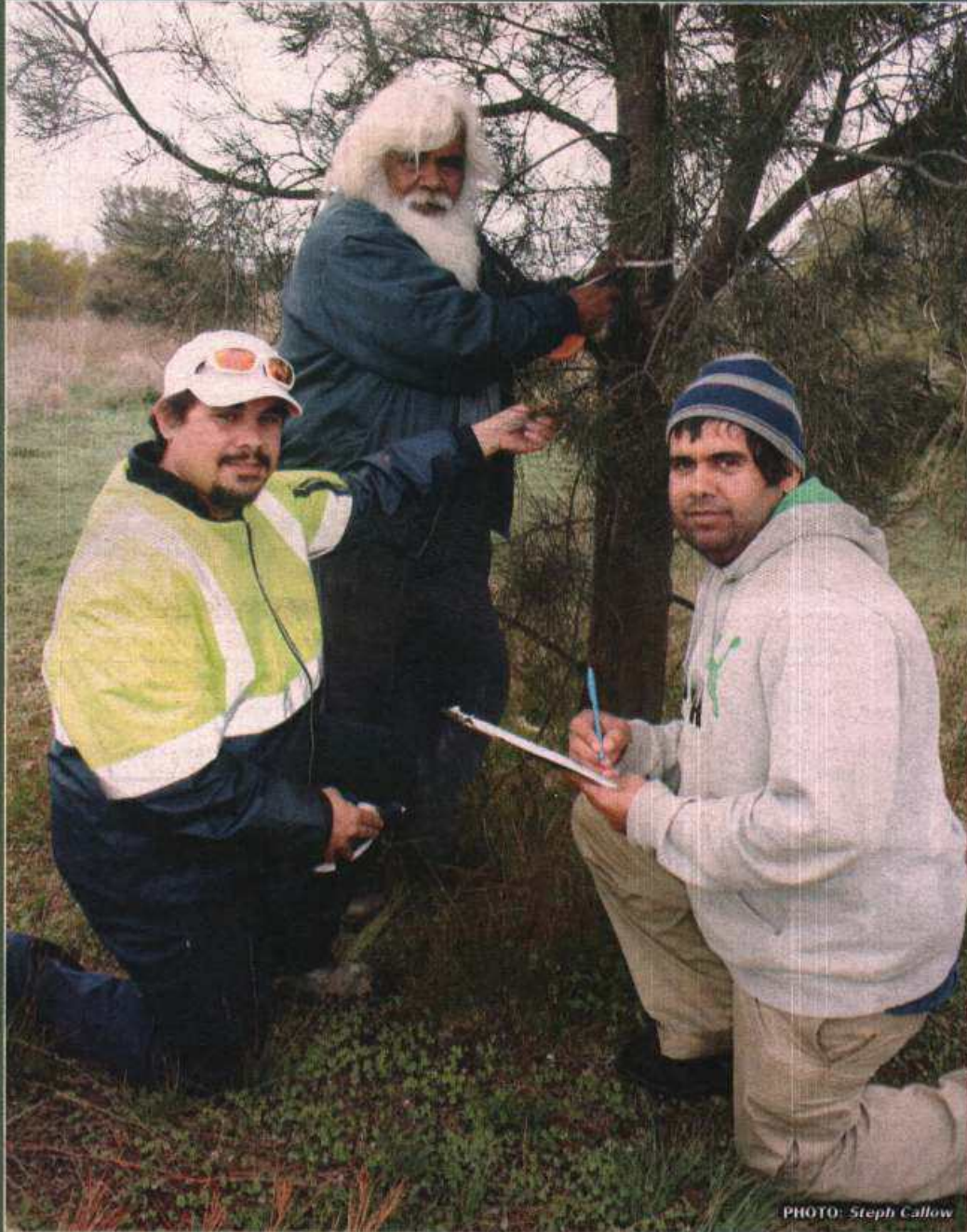


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LEARNING ABOUT CARBON FARMING

■ CALCULATING CARBON... Point Pearce residents Henry Humes, Ross Sansbury and Greg Wanganeen learn to calculate how much carbon a tree captures during the Fixing Our Country program last week. The program provides training, education and skills to enable indigenous landholders to apply for funding from the federal government's \$22million Indigenous Carbon Farming Fund.

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Learning about carbon farming

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MEMBERS of the Point Pearce community participated in a program aimed at raising awareness about carbon pollution last week.

The Fixing Our Country program provides training, education and skills to enable indigenous landholders to apply for funding from the federal government's \$22-million Indigenous Carbon Farming Fund.

More than 10 Narungga people participated in the

three-day program, run by Greening Australia in partnership with Canopy and the Aboriginal Foundation of South Australia.

Greening Australia senior vegetation consultant Mick Durant led the group, which learned about carbon credits, carbon planting and how to assess a property for its viability as a carbon sink.

"The aim of the training is to help participants understand the what and why of climate change action and the new carbon

market," Mr Durant said.

"It involved getting out on the land and learning about soil types, seed collection and the carbon yields of various trees.

"The Narungga people showed me the parts of their land they want to revegetate and we looked at what used to grow there.

"Revegetation is one of the most straightforward ways of gaining carbon credits."

The group discussed building habitats to bring more native animals back to the region and dedicat-

ing an area of Point Pearce land to become indigenous-protected.

Participant Greg Wanganeen said he found the program interesting and enjoyed learning practical skills to tackle carbon pollution.

"This is information we can pass down to future generations, so it is good for our community as a whole," Mr Wanganeen said.

"It is a great opportunity for us to get funding so we can do more to help the environment."