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Building soil carbon brings cash

Lifting carbon levels in soil has many benefits for landowners including generating income from carbon credits and now a \$20,000 incentive is also on offer.

AgriProve, Australia's leading soil carbon farming developer announced the national cash prize at the National Carbon Farming Conference and Expo in Albury on Monday.

The AgriProve 20/20 Olsen Prize for soil carbon farming recognises the Olsen family who were issued with the first soil carbon credits under the Emissions Reduction Fund (ERF) in March this year and gives farmers an incentive to match their achievement.

Managing director of AgriProve, Matthew Warnken, said "Building soil carbon with regenerative agriculture enables farmers to improve the productivity and resilience of their farm, while earning income from carbon credits and improving their profitability.

"Bringing regenerative agriculture into the mainstream will have a material impact on

reversing global warming but to get there we need to move fast.

"That's why, we are offering a \$20,000 prize as an incentive for action," he said.

The prize is designed to drive innovation in regenerative agriculture, encourage farmers to register projects under the ERF and build an evidence base for carbon farming.

Victorian farmer, Niels Olsen, the inventor of the Soilkee Renovator, is honoured that AgriProve has set a challenge to encourage farmers to match his achievements.

"The testing we've done shows it is possible to achieve 20 tonnes dry matter yield per hectare and a 20 tonne increase in soil carbon sequestration, in a year," he said.

Mr Warnken said the \$20,000 will go to the next farmer that achieves this standard in a 12-month period, under an ERF project. AgriProve has secured \$150 million to pay farmers for building soil carbon over the next ten years.

AgriProve also announced at the conference that to

help remove barriers to participation in soil carbon ERF projects, it will launch the first online farmer platform for soil carbon projects. The first



Stephen Whitsed (left) with Soilkee inventor Niels Olsen and Agriprove's Mathew Warnken at the carbon farming conference.

50 farmers who register for a soil carbon project online will receive a 50 per cent discount up to a maximum of \$2500 on the cost of soil sampling.

Limit applied to new road

A new 80km/h speed restriction will be in effect on the Shelley-Walwa Road between the Murray Valley Highway and the intersection with Guys Forest Road from tomorrow, Friday August 9th. Drivers have been warned by VicRoads to obey signed speed limits, pay extra attention and drive to the conditions.

Shelley-Walwa Road re-opened in April after being closed for more than a year for a \$7 million safety upgrade.

For the latest traffic information around the state visit [traffic.vicroads.vic.gov.au](#) or download the VicTraffic app via your app store.

If you see any hazards on roads, report them to the VicRoads Traffic Management Centre on 13 11 70 (open 24/7). In an emergency call Triple Zero.

A keynote speaker at the conference was local organic farmer, Stephen Whitsed, who is also a director of Global Soil Regeneration (GSR) which promotes the Soilkee system in the North East.

GSR, with the assistance of Mr Warnken, is about to launch the *Upper Murray 5 x 100s Regeneration Challenge*, a farmer-led initiative which aims to:

- Register 100 farmers with a soil carbon project under the ERF;
- Implement the AgriProve Soilkee system on 100 hectares per farm;
- Create 100 soil carbon credits per hectare;
- Improve water holding capacity by 100 kilolitres per hectare; and
- Achieve these results within 100 months.

YOU'RE INVITED.

John Maher Sharing Carmen's Road Safety Message

You won't want to miss this, John's true life story. You will never take life, your role in life or road safety for granted again.

RSVP: Friday 9 August 2019

Light refreshments, tea & coffee provided.

When: Thursday 15 August 2019

Time: 7:00pm for a 7:30pm start

Where: Corryong Youth Club Hall
Cnr Donaldson St & Strzelecki Wy

RSVP: Corryong Business Service Centre or
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ENROLMENT PROGRAMME 2020

We extend an invitation to all who may be considering Sacred Heart Primary School for their child in 2020 to meet with us and hear what this fine school is able to offer your child. At Sacred Heart Primary School, we believe a child's education is a partnership between home and school and so while you will have expectations of us, we too will have expectations of you. We urge you to meet with us and discuss your child's upcoming adventure.

Come and See SHS walk through for Parents

Friday, 9 August, 2019	9:15 am
Tuesday, 3 September, 2019	9:15 am
Monday, 16 September, 2019	9:15 am



Transition to School Days

Tuesday, 15 October, 2019	9:00 am - 11:00 am
Tuesday, 22 October, 2019	9:00 am - 11:00 am
Tuesday, 12 November, 2019	9:00 am - 11:00 am
Tuesday, 3 December, 2019	9:00 am - 1:30 pm



Information Evening: Thursday, 21 November, 2019, 7:00 pm in Library

School Buddy Program:

All Foundation Students are assigned a 'school buddy' (a year 6 child) who becomes their special friend and mentor during the child's first year at school.