

Biodiverse Reforestation Carbon Offsets, Australia

IN THE YARRA YARRA BIODIVERSITY CORRIDOR

Promoting biodiversity through habitat
restoration and land conservation.



Forests are key allies in combating climate change, as they absorb carbon, clean and cool the air, act as natural water pumps to sustain river flows, stabilise soils, recycle nutrients for agriculture and support habitats for wildlife.

The Project

Biodiverse Reforestation Carbon Offsets actively contribute to the reduction of atmospheric CO₂ levels. Beyond their role in carbon capture, these initiatives revitalise our shared environment by promoting habitat restoration and land conservation, yielding socio-economic benefits.

For millions of years, Southwest Australia was isolated from the rest of the continent by vast central deserts, resulting in astounding plant endemism. This remarkable region is home to a diverse array of plant and animal species, many of which are found nowhere else, placing it among the world's 36 biodiversity hotspots. In fact, it's the first hotspot of its kind to be recognised in Australia and is the location of our main planting area, the *Yarra Yarra Biodiversity Corridor*.

Historically blanketed with lush woodlands, the arrival of European settlers in the early 20th century has seen more than 90% of these woodlands cleared for agricultural purposes.

Now, we face a combination of soil degradation and changing climate conditions, which means that parts of this land can no longer sustain traditional agriculture, with habitat destruction putting many native species at risk.

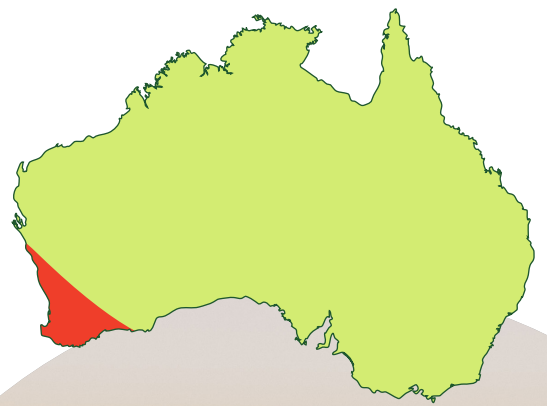
Our ambition extends beyond mere reforestation. We strive to connect isolated patches of vegetation with larger nature reserves, creating a vibrant green corridor. This continuous stretch of greenery is pivotal for revitalising ecosystems and preserving the region's unique and endangered flora and fauna.

Carbon Neutral assists organisations to measure, reduce and offset carbon emissions.

We are Australia's leading biodiverse reforestation 'carbon sink' developer.

To date, over 30 million mixed native species trees, plants and shrubs have been planted in .

The corridor has now restored over 21,000 hectares of rural landscapes.



DELIVERING FOR THE GLOBAL GOALS

Co-benefits of the Yarra Yarra Biodiversity Corridor contribute to the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals.



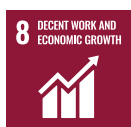
Contribution to the positive mental health and well-being of indigenous communities.



Provision of job-specific training sessions and inductions for local employees.



Lowering salinity in both ground and surface waters over the project's life.



Creation of 400+ jobs, including the equivalent of 9 Indigenous FTE roles. More than 80 businesses have been engaged.



Capture 120-380 tonnes of CO₂-e per hectare over a 50-year span, varying with location.



The biodiverse plantings of native trees and shrubs contains 4 species of conservation significance.



Partnerships with 11 local and national organisations have been formed from the project.



Technical Information

AUDIT & MEASUREMENT

Carbon measurements and projections are independently verified by a qualified third party. This ensures that 1 carbon credit = 1 tonne carbon dioxide equivalents (CO₂-e).

The Biodiverse Reforestation Carbon Offset planting sites will, conservatively, sequester 120-380 tonnes of CO₂-e per hectare over 50 years, depending on location.

To project how much carbon the trees and shrubs we plant will sequester (over 50 years), Carbon Neutral uses the Australian Government's Full Carbon Accounting Model (FullCAM). This is based on a huge dataset and provides fully integrated projections of above and below ground sequestration for a carbon estimation area. This is in accordance with the Clean Energy Regulator's 'Reforestation by Environmental or Mallee Plantings Method'. The Biodiverse Reforestation Carbon Offset projects are not registered under a formal certification framework.

CLAIMING CARBON NEUTRALITY

Carbon Neutral sells Biodiverse Reforestation Carbon Offsets before full sequestration is realised. As it may be some years before actual carbon is sequestered, Carbon Neutral independently retires an equivalent number of verified carbon credits from an international project. This ensures that buyers can claim carbon offsetting and carbon neutrality.

Reforestation activities require significant upfront investment to cover land acquisition and planting costs. By purchasing Biodiverse Reforestation Carbon Offsets, you are helping to finance this ongoing planting program. Buyers can proudly promote their support of an Australian ecosystem restoration project.

CARBON CREDIT REGISTRY

Unique serial numbers for Biodiverse Reforestation Carbon Offsets are issued to each buyer. All carbon credits sold are canceled on an internal register to ensure there is no double-counting or double-selling. Our internal register is independently audited at least every five years.

LAND TENURE AND 'PERMANENCE'

All projects have a 100 year Carbon Right and Carbon Covenant registered on the land title. The Carbon Covenant details land and tree management obligations.

The carbon stored for the Biodiverse Reforestation Carbon Offset projects is 'locked up' for a period of 100 years as detailed in the Carbon Right and Carbon Covenant. Livestock are mostly excluded from planting sites to avoid damage to trees and shrubs and allow natural regeneration in the inter-rows.

MITIGATING FIRE RISK

Fire control measures include fire breaks, geographic separation of planting sites and light grazing of sheep to reduce fuel load.

Native tree plantings are self-regenerating. If a fire or other disturbance occurs, causing a decline in the amount of carbon stored, re-growth will be managed to allow the carbon stock to return to previously reported values.

MONITORING & REPORTING

Each planting site is independently monitored and reported for health, survival and carbon pools at least twice in the first 5 years. Planting Reports and Monitoring Reports are available on request.