



GrowSmart Training

Riverland Horticultural Council, trading as GrowSmart Training is an **incorporated, not for profit** organisation that has been providing quality training since 1997 in the **Riverland** region. GrowSmart provides training from certificate 2 to Diploma level in:

- Horticulture
- Production Horticulture
- Conservation and Land Management

GrowSmart also delivers the following short courses

- Chemcert (2 day course) and ChemCert Reaccreditation (1 day) - required for people wishing to purchase and handle S7 chemicals
- Using and Maintaining Chain Saws (1 day course) – essential for anyone who uses chain saws
- Operating Quad Bikes (1 day course) - essential for anyone who uses quad bikes
- Vertebrate Pest Technician licence training
- Staff leadership and Management (2 day course)
- Mobile Elevating Work Platforms
- Tractor driving in vineyards

Information about some of our courses:

Certificate 2, 3 and Diploma in Horticulture, Certificate 3, 4 and Diploma in Production Horticulture

These courses are normally done with people who are working in the industry. They can be started at any time.

Recognition of prior learning is possible and does speed up the process. The appropriate evidence is needed for this.

The training involves around 8 'face to face' training sessions a year at GrowSmart and 1 or 2 field trips a year (The busy horticultural times are avoided for these days). GrowSmart trainers work closely with employers to facilitate the development of the required skills and knowledge.

Units have been selected in consultation with industry – to provide general horticultural skills. These units can be varied according to individual needs.

Certificate 2, 3, 4 and Diploma in Conservation and Land Management

This training is very useful for anyone who has conservation and land management/environmental responsibilities in their work. The units can be modified to suit the requirements of the client and their employer.

- Where possible training is conducted in the field and hands on
- Flexible – can be done on weekends or weekdays (depending on demand)

The qualification enables individuals to select an Indigenous land management, lands, parks and wildlife or natural area management context as a job focus or a mix of these.

Covers topics such as:

- Native plants- identification, seed collection, propagation, planting out
- Surveys of mammals, reptiles, plants, weeds etc.
- Skills –such as GPS, map reading, chainsaw use and maintenance, remote travel, UHF radio, chemical use, water quality, etc.
- Identifying, surveying and managing pest species – weeds, rabbits, foxes, cats, etc.
- More advanced skills (e.g. at Diploma level, such as project management)

Fees and Charges

(Some concessions may apply for eligible people. Terms of payment are negotiable)

- Certificate II Courses \$3000
(Fee free for students in the Training Guarantee for SACE Students – TGSS)
- Certificate III Courses \$3000
- Certificate IV and Diploma Courses \$4000
- Chemcert \$320
- Chemcert Reaccreditation \$260
- Using and maintaining chain saws \$200
- Operating quad bikes \$200
- Staff Leadership and management \$200
- Mobile Elevating Work Platforms \$220 (includes maintenance log book)
- Tractor driving in vineyards \$100
- Reissue of certificates and statements of attainment \$50

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