Why Study Horticulture and Conservation following Environmental Sustainability practices?

Working in the great outdoors is the dream of many. Combined with Australia’s temperate climate and unique, fragile environment, a qualification in Horticulture and/or Conservation and Land Management focusing on environmental sustainability could be a pathway to a rewarding and practical lifestyle career.

Environmental professionals are in high demand – whether it be to rehabilitate a mine site, control weeds in national parks, grow plants specially for rehab projects, water wise gardens, landscaping new land developments or growing fruit and vegetables following sustainable and organic practices.

School leavers to mature aged people will enjoy learning and working in this industry because of the diverse range of employment options such as:

- Working with the environment and making a difference
- Producing environmentally friendly plants
- Producing chemical free food
- Creating Landscapes that suit the environment
- Monitoring plant growth
- Working with machinery and equipment
- Understanding climate change and the need to embrace and promote sustainable work practices.

Why Study Environmental Sustainability at South West Regional College?

- Students can study both Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management at the same time.

- Environmental sustainability and conservation is integrated in the course. You will be exposed to such topics as water wise watering techniques, benefits of planting particular native species and water wise ornamental plants, designing a garden to work in with the environment and growing fruit and vegetables by following sustainable and organic practices.

- Practical, hands-on training and experience in every unit (unlike university which is more research and lab based). Most training is undertaking as a practical activity. There is very little time spent in class just on theory.

- Students will be taken on various industry outings and be exposed to guest speakers enhancing their industry knowledge and developing their contacts.

- Lecturing staff are specialists in their fields, still working in the industry and with current membership to relevant industry organisations. Industry connections ensure students have interesting and diverse work experiences.

- South West Regional College of TAFE is very responsive to changing industry needs. The college also offers quality, professional and flexible training opportunities in horticultural and conservation studies.
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<td><strong>Certificate I</strong></td>
<td>This certificate gives graduates fundamental skills and knowledge in basic horticultural and conservation land management (CLM) practices which can be used as a foundation while working as an assistant in parks and gardens, nurseries and landscaping businesses, mine site rehabilitation, forestry and national parks.</td>
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<td><strong>Certificate II in Horticulture</strong></td>
<td>This certificate qualifies the graduate with sound skills and knowledge to work as a Horticultural or Conservation assistant in parks and gardens, nurseries and landscaping businesses mine site rehabilitation, forestry and national parks. It is also a pathway to Certificate III in Horticulture and CLM.</td>
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<td><strong>Certificate III in Horticulture</strong></td>
<td>This certificate qualifies the graduate with substantial skills and knowledge to work as a General Horticulturalist and Conservationist in several horticultural and conservation industries mentioned above. It also opens opportunities for self employment and is a pathway to Certificate IV in Horticulture and CLM.</td>
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<td><strong>Certificate IV in Horticulture</strong></td>
<td>This certificate qualifies the graduate with extensive skills and knowledge to work as a Supervisor in General Horticulture or Conservation in Parks and gardens Landscaping, Retail or become self employed as a business owner in the Horticulture and CLM industries.</td>
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<td><strong>Diploma In Horticulture</strong></td>
<td>The Diploma award qualifies the graduate with extensive and experienced skills and knowledge to work as a Manager in General Horticulture or Conservation in Parks and gardens, Landscaping, Retail or become self employed as a business owner in the Horticultural and CLM industries.</td>
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