

HORTICULTURE PROGRAM, COMBINING THEORY WITH PRACTICE

COMBINING THEORY WITH HANDS ON LEARNING HAS PROVEN TO BE A GREAT SUCCESS FOR THE PARTICIPANTS OF A NEWLY CREATED HORTICULTURE PROGRAM.

Learning and Development, in conjunction with Parks and Property Maintenance, have partnered with Ironwood Careers and Training to establish a program that enables team members to obtain a Certificate III in Horticulture.

Currently eight people from the Landscaping, Urban Forrest and Amenities Teams are undertaking the program which will be completed in November 2017.

Consultation with leaders ensured that the program was fully customised to meet the specific needs of people working in the parks and property area.

Industry educators have been engaged to deliver contextualised modules and activities which are both relevant and meaningful to our teams.

The training involves theory and practice with participants undertaking a workshop in the classroom one day each month followed by on the ground training in the field two weeks later.

This blended method of learning encourages participants to quickly put the theory they've learnt in the classroom into practice.

Program participant Brendon Boss says that "it's been wonderful learning about up to date horticultural practices which we can share throughout Parks and Natural Team".



Program participants learning about identifying and controlling plants, pests, diseases and disorders at the Willunga rose garden.