

Local oil mallee project attracts Royal interest



Photo courtesy CRC Salinity: HRH Prince of Wales takes the opportunity to smell the strong distinctive aroma of eucalypt oil freshly distilled from local oil mallee trees. Right- Left David McFall, Oil Mallee Grower and Regional Manager Upper Great Southern Oil Mallee District: HRH the Prince of Wales: John Bartle Researcher CRC Salinity.

At the invitation of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales the Cooperative Research Centre for Salinity (CRC Salinity) showcased an array of leading edge projects during his brief visit to Perth Tuesday 1st March. Creating a distinctive impression and a uniquely 'Australian' aroma to the occasion was the demonstration of eucalypt oil distillation by Narrogin based Regional Oil Mallee Manager David McFall and CRC Researcher John Bartle.

'The opportunity to showcase our fledgling industry to his Royal Highness was a privilege and underlines the interest the project is generating' Mr. McFall said. 'The Oil Mallee Project is truly unique and can offer so much to rebuilding environmentally robust and profitable future farmscapes and regional communities'.

'The prospects of mallee biomass fueling landscape repair and rural revival was not missed by His Royal Highness and we had quite an engaging discussion about the mallees attributes, Greenhouse issues and the Narrogin Integrated Wood Processing Renewable Energy Project'.

'The CRC Salinity is a strategic team player in the challenge to developing projects that deliver tangible capacity to farmers seeking more sustainable land use practices. This not only has local ramifications but as part of the universal community we are doing our bit towards global issues like climate change and nobody can begrudge people prepared to give it a go'.

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More photos should be available from WA Newspapers who covered the visit.