

Caring, Learning and Engaging Our Avon Valley



The Avonvale Primary School applied for a Small Community Grant in order to run school activities to promote appreciation, understanding and caring of the natural environment. The school built close working relationships with Wheatbelt NRM, Department of Water and the Avon Valley Environmental Society (AVES).

The students experienced many activities that would otherwise not have been possible. They went to Mt Ommaney, Mt Stirling, the Kep Trail, Dorntj Koorliny trail, and the Avon River, as well as Karakamia, Scitech, Eco-education Centre Mundaring and the Gingin Discovery Centre.

At Mt Ommaney and Mt Stirling the students were involved in flora and fauna surveys and water testing with the assistance of Peter Weatherly from AVES.

The students also had guest speakers from Wheatbelt NRM, ecoscientists such as frog scientists, AVES,

the Department of Water and elders from the Aboriginal community.

Students were also involved in a cleanup of Mt Ommaney, picking up litter. Funds also were used to purchase water testing equipment and support resources for the environmental studies.

Wheatbelt NRM Small

Community Grants 2011

Recipient: Avonvale Primary School

Amount Funded: \$15,000

People Involved: 190

"This project gave us a chance to something that I didn't think we will get a chance to do in our lifetime," said Lesley Rossiter. *"Thankyou for giving us the opportunity to learn many things about Science and the environment"* said Ian Hill. Students said, *"I would like to thank NRM for providing*

the money for our excursions. I had lots of fun."

Jaucinta Garlett said, *"The caves were interesting and cool at Mt Stirling."* Eric said, *"There were so many different types of plants at Mt Stirling."*



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