

Mt Stirling Revegetation



Mt Stirling or “Mulyeen” is located in the north east corner of the Quairading Shire. It is a granite rock with important environmental significance as it is a native habitat for the endangered Black Flanked Rock Wallaby. It is also very significant for the local Ballardong community as it is the birth place of Tommy Windich, an Aboriginal who guided early European explorers in their endeavours. The Shire of Quairading applied to Wheatbelt NRM in 2012 for a Small Community Grant to restore degraded natural vegetation surrounding Mt Stirling through revegetating with provenance species, addressing erosion issues, removal of weeds and install barriers to limit inappropriate vehicular access. The Ballardong community also identified that an important Aboriginal artefact had been moved to the creek bed, and it was to be put back into its original position.

Weed control was addressed firstly, with spraying of

the infested areas. A tree planting day was organised for Monday 20th August with students and staff from Quairading DHS.

Two thousand provenance seedlings were planted around two sites—an area near to the old Church and the gravel pit near to the entrance.

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Recipient: Shire of Quairading

Amount Funded: \$ 5, 819.65

People Involved: 52

The students were given information on Tommy Windich, followed by information on the types of trees they would be planting. They divided into groups and enthusiastically set to the task of planting trees and making tree guards. After the church site was planted the group moved to the gravel pit near the entrance, which was very difficult to plant in. However, they planted around the outer edge of the gravel pit.

The erosion earthworks were completed, and the Aboriginal artefact was returned to its correct position.



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