

# Cuneata Park Management Plan



*Banksia cuneata*, illustrated above, is a declared rare and priority species. Quairading is one of only three shires where *Banksia cuneata* still grows. There were six healthy specimens, despite the drought conditions in Cuneata Park, a 1 hectare reserve in the townsite of Quairading. The Department of Conservation and Environment (DEC) inspected the plants. It was decided to apply for funding from the Avon Catchment Council (now Wheatbelt NRM) in 2009 to implement the management plans for Cuneata and McLeay Parks developed with assistance from DEC, and the Shire of Quairading Works and Services Team and the Natural Resource Management Officer.

It was envisaged that the plans would instigate a lead by example approach for community in relation to water wise gardens and parks. The project

aimed to not only increase awareness of native species and their benefits through creating water efficient gardens, but also to achieve aesthetic value to the town and endorse the importance of water use efficiency throughout the community. Interpretative signage was installed, detailing the significance of *Banksia cuneata* and other native species found in the park. The *Banksia cuneata* plants were fenced off and companion plants were added, in addition to native, low water use ground plants. Seats and pathways were also added. This project involved several community groups including the Quairading Tidy Towns committee, Ambulance, Rotary and Friends of the Quairading Nature Reserve Committee.

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### Community Grants 2009

**Recipient:** Quairading LCDC

**Amount Funded:** \$5,000

**People Involved:** 40



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