

# Millennium Kids 2012



Millennium Kids is a not for profit organisation based in Western Australia, run by young people between 10-25 years of age, which promotes improving the environment by constructive action. In 2012 they applied to Wheatbelt NRM to run a series of workshops "Millennium Kids-Life for Environment." The activities were co-ordinated by Catrina Luz, the CEO of Millennium Kids. First was "Action on the Avon" where a day of workshops was held in Duidgee Park, Toodyay, in conjunction with Toodyay Friends of the River. Young people were introduced to reptiles and birdwatching. The groups walked along the river where they learnt about repairing the river from the River Training Scheme and work being done on the Weeds of National Significance such as Bridal creeper. After lunch, they went on buses to Lloyd Reserve and walked from there to Millards Pool, and put into practice their newly acquired bird observing skills.

## **Wheatbelt NRM Small**

### **Community Grants 2012**

**Recipient:** Millennium Kids

**Amount Funded:** \$ 12,000

**People Involved:** 311

The second component was Sustainable September at Boshack, where school groups travelled to the unique environment of Boshack, near Calingiri. Once there, the students sat amongst the beautiful paper bark trees and listened to dream-time stories from local Elder Trevor Walley. Then they broke into two

groups, one went boomerang throwing whilst the other did art work about the dreaming stories. All along, the children were contributing to the writing of a book for the students who were unable to experience the environment of Boshack. After lunch, the two groups went birding in opposite directions around the lake.

In the third component, Catrina and her team of leaders visited various schools throughout October and November to introduce the students to the environmental themes that had been studied at Boshack. The students asked questions which were put into the book, and scientists gave answers for them. A beautiful book was produced, and the students of West Northam Primary School gave a lovely interpretative play to launch the book.



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