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Coastal dunes revegetated at community planting day

The north Guilderton dunes were alive with the sound of shovels on Sunday 7th June for a community planting day. The event was part of Moore Catchment Council’s project to rehabilitate the north dunes, funded through the WA Natural Resource Management Program. This 22ha area of fragile dunes has been targeted for rejuvenation after many years of degradation by off-road vehicles. After fencing the area last year, this revegetation project will give nature a helping hand in covering over the old vehicle tracks.

Nearly 50 keen volunteers attended the day including locals, community from surrounding towns, and members of the WA 4WD Club. Rachel Walmsley, MCC’s NRM Officer said “What a great turn out! I was blown away with how many people gave up their Sunday morning to help out from young kids through to a young 92 year old. It shows that the local community really wants to see this area repaired and looked after, and that the WA 4WD Club, who are based in Perth, want to give back to the communities where they carry out their pursuits. ”

The planters were split into four teams and delegated different sites to tackle. A mixture of native seedlings including *Acacia Cyclops*, *Calothamnus quadrifidus*, *Hardenbergia comptoniana*, *Melaleuca systena*, *Olearia axillaris*, and *Scaevola crassifolia* were planted and tree guards placed around. Rachel said “During my planting demo, I urged everyone to follow one main piece of advice – to plant as deep as possible to chase the moisture as this will give the seedlings a better chance of surviving during this dry spell.” The volunteers also spent time weeding and removed large amounts of onion weed, sea spinach and pelargonium weed.

In 3 hours the super planting squad planted nearly 2,000 seedlings and were duly awarded with a hot beef and gravy roll, and cool drinks. Rachel said “Huge thanks to everyone that came along and helped, the WA NRM Program for their funding, and to those behind the scenes that brought it all together including Gillian & Neil Lamont, and the Shire of Gingin for funding the 4WD Club’s accommodation. Now if everyone could do a rain dance, that would be appreciated !”



Dune planting team armed and ready – locals, neighbours and WA 4WD Club

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The Moore Catchment Council promotes Natural Resource Management in the Moore River Catchment