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Moora plants for Carnaby's on National Tree Day

Carnaby's Black Cockatoo will benefit from the 1,000 native trees and shrubs that a dozen volunteers planted on Friday 24th and Monday 27th July in conjunction with Planet Ark's National Tree Day. The plantings are part of a Moore Catchment Council project, funded through the National Landcare Program, to provide more forage habitat for the endangered Carnaby's in Moora. Carnaby's Black Cockatoo (*Calyptorhynchus latirostris*) are endemic to WA but are rapidly in decline with total population estimates to be less than 60,000. The Moora Important Bird Area currently supports up to 60 breeding pairs of Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo. The birds are drawn here during the breeding season because of suitable nesting trees, but ongoing degradation/clearing of vegetation remnants – especially forage habitat, threatens the Carnaby's survival.

Rachel Walmsley MCC's NRM Officer said "The volunteer team met at 1pm on Friday at the planting site along the Moore River west of Moora, and spent the next two hours planting a mixture of Eucalypts, Hakeas and Grevilleas." The infill plantings are to help enhance a biodiversity corridor that was started a few years back.



Marie Carter planting trees



Arie De Vries plants a Hakea

At 3pm, the weary planters put down their shovels, had a well-earned drink and collected a certificate of participation. Four of the planters were keen to continue and so returned on Monday for an extra two hours. Rachel said "Many thanks to all those volunteers who came along and planted on Friday and again on Monday, you are part of creating something that will improve the chances of Carnaby's being able to breed here long term."



Moora planting team

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

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