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CFOC fund demonstration site for perennials establishment

The Moore Catchment Council is delighted to announce that they were successful in obtaining funds through the Caring For Our Country (CFOC) Community Landcare Grants for their 'Demonstrating different establishment techniques of perennials in deep sand' project. This small project was the brainchild of a Koojan farmer who visited the MCC office on the off-chance that there was funding available for his idea. Luckily, it was the day before the application closing date so MCC NRM officer Rachel Walmsley helped draft out the idea and wrote up the project quickly before the deadline.

Establishing perennial plants in deep white non-wetting sands is problematic. This is due to poor water and nutrient holding capacity of the soil at the root zone, and ensuring the plants survive their first summer in the NAR.

This project will investigate and demonstrate a variety of proven soil amelioration techniques to improve the soil quality at the root zone. This will include applying organic matter, clay spreading, and spading and deep ripping. A field walk at the Koojan farm will help communicate results and key learnings in Spring 2014.



Good establishment methods will improve production (Coomberdale perennials on white sand 2011)

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