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Community collects seed for future revegetation

The old adage 'many (hot) hands make light work' certainly came into effect on Friday 9th of December out on the north Guilderton dunes. 16 local people gathered on what was one of the hottest days so far this summer to learn about native plants and collect seed for future revegetation projects. Rachel Walmsley MCC's Community Landcare Officer said "It was indeed hot but that didn't deter local volunteers from Guilderton, Seabird, Redfield Park, Woodridge and Ledge Point giving up their morning to do some manual labour gathering seed." Cat Williams, an experienced seed collector from APACE nursery, showed the group which plants were ready to be harvested and techniques to gather efficiently. Rachel said "Everyone was given a bucket and a plant to harvest. Some plants such as the Melaleucas required branches to be cut off and trimmed to access the year old seed pods. Others including *Threlkeldia diffusa* required a delicate touch and a dustpan to harvest the seed !"

Hamish using the dust pan technique to gather seed

Ten species of plant seed was gathered

Ten different species of native dune plants were collected: *Spyridium globulosum, Melaleuca systena, Carpobrotus virescens, Hardenbergia comptoniana, Acanthocarpus preissii, Conostylis candicans, Melaleuca huegelii, Lepidosperma gladiatum, Calothamnus, quadrifidus* and *Threlkeldia diffusa*. Rachel said "Cat was most impressed with the group's huge seed haul and determination to beat the heat. These seeds will now be grown into plants at the APACE nursery for the community planting day in June 2017." The weary seed collectors were then treated to a delicious lunch at the Guilderton Club to re-engergise them after their hot morning. Many thanks to NACC and the Australian Government for funding the day.

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