



## Continuation of Coastal dunes revegetation at community planting day - Guilderton

The North Guilderton dunes were once again buzzing with action on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June for a community planting day. The event was part of Moore Catchment Council's project to rehabilitate the north dunes, funded through Northern Agricultural Catchments Council's Coastal Community Grants 2016-2017 funding by the Australian Government through the National Landcare Programme.

This 22ha area of fragile dunes has been targeted for rejuvenation after many years of degradation by off-road vehicles. This project is the 4<sup>th</sup> year of revegetation and will give nature a helping hand to cover the old vehicle tracks.

42 keen volunteers attended the day including locals, community from surrounding towns and members of the 4WD Club of WA. Helen Watkins, MCC's executive Officer said "What a fabulous turnout once again by this enthusiastic community who have given up their Sunday morning to help out. It shows that this community is passionate about repairing this area and that the 4WD Club, who are based in Perth want to give back to the communities where they 4WD."

The planters were split into teams of four and delegated different sites to work. A mixture of native seedlings that were propagated from seed collected last year and grown by Apace Nursery were planted and tree guards placed around them. Hamish Longbottom from NACC gave a tree planting demo at the start of day – Urging everyone to plant as deep as possible and to stabilise the tree guards with two stakes to have a chance of surviving this dry start to the season.

In 3 hours the planting squad planted nearly 1,500 seedlings and were duly awarded with freshly made salad rolls and cool drinks. Helen said "Huge thanks to everyone that came along and helped, Hamish from NACC for providing extra support on the day and for the funding of this worthwhile project, the 4WD Club of WA and all those behind the scenes that help bring it all together special thanks to Bob and Linda Johnson, now we all just need to all do a rain dance to help the rain along."



Dune planting team – local's, neighbours and WA 4WD Club members