

Hand held tree planter Tools—Koorda



Due to an exceptionally dry season in 2010, many machine planted trees in the Shire of Koorda did not survive. It was not possible to replant by machine without damaging the surviving trees, so the Shire of Koorda applied for a Small Community Grant from Wheatbelt NRM to purchase six pottiputkis and kidney buckets to enable the trees to be planted by hand.

The tree planting days involved students from Koorda Primary School and members of the Koorda CRC. The CRC ordered and purchased the seedlings. They also organised the BBQ. The local NRMO, Lisa Clark purchased the hand held tree planters and kidney buckets. Then she organised the tree planting day with the Koorda Primary School. Firstly she held a natural resource management talk with the school children, then coordinated the tree planting with both students and parents. There was a slight problem in that the pottiputkis were too big for some of the children to use,

but these children planted their trees using a trowel.

The students and their families learnt how to plant trees by both pottiputkis and by trowel.

The pottiputkis and kidney dishes are now available for loan to community members through the Shire Offices.

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Recipient: Shire of Koorda

Amount Funded: \$3,366

People Involved: 42



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