

# Yelbeni Community Biodiversity Project



Yeelana Catchment Group applied for a Small Community Grant from Wheatbelt NRM in 2010 to restore newly zoned Conservation land in the Shire of Trayning. The land to be restored was adjacent to a 25Ha Parkland Reserve. The aim of the project was to revegetate for native flora protection and amelioration of land degradation issues related to soil erosion. Prior to being vested as a conservation area it was cleared for firewood and used as a stock holding area. The area was successfully surveyed for the Tree Stemmed Trapdoor spider, and the Shield back Trap door spiders, and contains a large population of kangaroos and echidnas. It was once home to the mallee fowl and contains feeding and breeding areas suitable for Carnaby Cockatoos. It was also hoped that the area could be populated by dunnarts, bats, native mice and brush tail possums.

## Wheatbelt NRM Small

### Community Grants 2010

**Recipient:** Yeelana Catchment Group

**Amount Funded:** \$2,645

**People Involved:** 18

Despite very low rainfall that year, there was high levels of community participation and enthusiasm. The planned community planting day did not occur, however, many volunteers gave up evenings and weekends to plant and water the seedlings. There was

much community concern over why the bush was cleared in the first place, and a strong concern for over clearing of bushland.

A selection of two thousand seedlings were planted, and interpretative and deterring signage (to prevent further firewood collection) were erected.

This project was very successful in its community engagement. Despite not having a dedicated planting day, community members planted, weeded and picked up rubbish with enthusiasm. A community BBQ was held to celebrate the success of the event.



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