



esperance regional forum



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Tree planting sets burning pace

The Pink Lake Fire Brigade used its muscle for a very different cause last weekend, helping to plant an impressive 4,000 trees on a local property with guidance from the Esperance Regional Forum (ERF).

Members of the brigade braved the wintry conditions on Sunday to plant trees on the property of Andrew Kuss in the Lake Warden Recovery Catchment.

The major tree-planting effort had been proposed for some time but thanks to the facilitation of Lake Warden Project Officer Cindee Hage, South Coast NRM funding and DEC for lending equipment, it was finally able to get underway.

Ms Hage said results from the weekend were very rewarding for the Lake Warden Recovery Project, which aims to keep Esperance wetlands protected from inundation by planting native vegetation and perennial pastures.

In the past two years alone, 320,000 native seedlings have been planted whilst throughout the project approximately 5,000 hectares of perennial pastures and 160 kilometres of fencing installed to protect remnant and re-vegetation and establishing pastures.

“It’s a long term project but the key stakeholders are taking a positive approach and with the engagement of the landholders, we are finally making progress,” she said.

“It’s great to be able to bring members of the community together to help us. It’s a win-win situation because we get the job done, the kids learn about conservation and restoration and the clubs get a worthy donation towards their own cause.”

For further information on how you can be a part of the Lake Warden Recovery Catchment project, please contact Cindee Hage at Esperance Regional Forum on (08) 90 71 6129 or mobile 0429 831 154.

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