



media release

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Tree planters swoop on airfield

The private Myrup Airfield club banded together with Esperance Regional Forum (ERF) last Sunday to plant 5,360 native shrubs and trees around the airfield and help restore the Lake Warden Catchment.

The airfield is largely salt affected but the team used Department of Environment and Conservation equipment to mound and rip nearly 10 hectares of land in preparation to plant.

Planting work took just three hours to complete, and by that time, there were at least 20 volunteers mobilised, from planters and tree rippers to magnificent cooks, who whipped up a storm for the hard working troops.

Esperance Regional Forum project officer Cindee Hage expressed her thanks to all those who took part on the day, and to those who continue to plant on the site.

"The land will benefit greatly from the work done by the volunteers because it assists with the take up of excess water in the region. Quite a few landholders in that particular area where Fisheries and Merivale roads unite have been active in planting perennial pastures and native vegetation this year," she said.

Any landholder in the Lake Warden Catchment who is interested in planting native vegetation next season should contact Cindee Hage soon on (08) 9071 6129 or 0429 831 154.

Orders will be completed over the next fortnight for next year's program, which is funded yet again by South Coast NRM.

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