



Angus - Biodiversity corridors for wildlife

What was your goal and what did you achieve?

I wanted to let as many people as I can know about biodiversity corridors and what a biodiversity corridor is. We went to a corridor that had been established – it has lots of taller plants but didn't have much of an understorey so we planted lots of smaller plants to provide shelter for smaller animals. It was in a local native forest reserve, under Forestry SA, and the corridors between places.

Who has been working with you?

Forestry SA, Nature Glenelg Trust and Brian Hayward who works for NGT, and my parents. The plants came from Peter Feast, they're usually about \$5 each but he gave them to me, and the sheoaks I grew them myself – from 25 seeds I got 20 seedlings. There were some cones on the roadside that were nearly ready, so I put them in a box and all the seeds fell out, then I planted the seeds, but if I'd taken them when they were green, the seeds wouldn't have been developed so I got them at a good time. I hadn't propagated seeds before.

Next steps?

I will probably do more planting over time and every 10 years they do a southern brown bandicoot monitoring thing and they count all the diggings and see how many bandicoots are in the area, if there are any.

Your biggest success so far?

I've told lots of people about it, and some people have even said 'sounds like a good idea' and they've started planting on their own property

What did you enjoy most?

I like doing the plantings because I've got to go outside and plant the trees and look at everything around and see birds.

Your advice to other students?

It's really big, it's got lots of land so just try and get involved with someone like Forestry that's already got one organised and go out and help with plantings.

This case study was transcribed from an interview. These are Angus' words and opinions.

