



Emilia - Sustainable garden beds at the Scout hall

What was your goal and what did you achieve?

I wanted to give other people an education about the environment and other places like the school. My main message was that environmental sustainability is easy and doesn't take too long to do and it's really beneficial

So far I have planned to restart the vegetable gardens at my Scout hall.

Zac (another YEC member) already did them previously but they got taken out because they overgrew so I want to get them restarted because they were really educational and really good resources for people that came and used the hall. It's the Mount Lofty Scout hall in Stirling.

So far it's just been myself but I plan to work with Zac because he's previously done it and he knows more about it, and my scouting group and the council.

The council and the adults, the leaders that work at the hall, will provide permission and supervision, and the youth at the hall like Zac, myself and the Scout and Adventurer groups will actually be able to participate in making the garden beds and planting the vegetables.

Next steps?

What I plan to do is use the money we already have at the Scout hall to buy recycled wood and the compost. Then we'll sell the plants once they've grown at the Stirling markets because we have a stall there for the Scouts and then the money raised from that will go towards funding more of the stuff we've already used.

Any challenges?

The reason that I started this project is because it was quite difficult to get things started at my school. We've already done vegetable gardens there and it's not really an environmental school so that was a bit of a challenge. Coming up with this plan there hasn't been many challenges so far because it's just the ideas so far.

Biggest success?

Figuring out exactly what I need to do in order to make it achievable, probably setting up myself a really easy plan to follow, that way I know how to go about making this really work well.

What have you enjoyed most?

I enjoyed being able to learn the skills for myself about how to do garden beds. I knew a little bit about it before, but now I know a lot about it and because of this knowledge that I now know, it's going to be really easy to pass on to the younger people who are interested in the same kind of things, and hopefully it will impact our environment really well.

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