



Chelsea - Developing a memorial garden from bare dirt

What was your goal and what did you achieve?

I wanted to create another garden in the school. I revegetated a pile of dirt with a few trees and turned it into a native bush tucker garden with the help of some people who aren't really my friends but more like chums, and the school's Green Team. I haven't really promoted it yet but the grand opening is in a few weeks. I think it's on Remembrance day; we've got all these grandparents and parents and people coming.

Next steps?

It'll never really be finished because they're going to keep getting cared for and they'll probably eventually establish themselves. And the school will keep it going because we're going to find some Year 6s to take over, then they'll pass it onto the Year 5s who'll then pass it onto the Year 4s as they all get older.

Your biggest success so far?

When the muntries started flowering and the sea spinach became really big, that felt amazing, it was; "Aw, they've grown so much!"

What did you enjoy most?

Planting and the painting, that was really fun.

Your advice to other students?

Go see a local nursery and ask them to show you the local native plant for your area. It's very helpful and that usually starts off your planning. The first thing we did we knew, find a place to plant and then look for the plants.

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