



Jordan 2021 - propagating native plants

Goals for the year

Jordan's goal was to continue building on work he started 2½ years ago in his high school, starting Trees for Life within the Plant Club. The group has been propagating plants and sending them off for use in community revegetation sites.

Biggest success or achievement

One propagation project ran from December 2020 until July 2021, raising 600 plants including river box and dryland tea tree to be planted out at a conservation reserve at Loveday in the Riverland.

He worked with a friend intensively at the property, bringing in another six friends to do the planting during the mid-year school holidays.

Challenges

Unfortunately the team only had a success rate of 35% at the site because animals in the area ate a lot of the plants. It is something that probably could have been avoided by putting tree guards up, but they didn't use them at the time because of the cost.

They are currently growing more plants to replace those that were lost, as part of an ongoing revegetation process. The aim is to put in another 150 plants such as red mallee with tree guards.

Others involved

Looking back, Jordan feels amazed that they were able to involve about 300 students, from filling the tubes with soil, to propagating the plants, and eventually planting them.

The group has also run education sessions for students through Plant Club.

Next steps

There are still lots of things that the group can continue to work on, as the Loveday revegetation site is about 2ha in size.

They are also looking at growing some plants with John Wolmsley for Scott Creek Conservation Park.