

more knowledge
o Expand my thinking because this year I was holding back a bit

The end goal for my project:

- o To plant a number of native plants in a local area called Maize Island a few kilometres out of my town to make that area of my community look a bit better



Y.E.C was made fun because of:

- o The act...
- o The...
- o The...
- o Planning the final result



Lerrato-mae - Removing weed threat and revegetation

What was your goal and what did you achieve?

I love anything to do with plants. I wanted to make a small part of my community look better by doing revegetation and weed removal. The end goal for my project was to plant a number of native plants in a local area called Maize Island, a few kilometres out of my town. I planned everything about my project, the only thing I can't do yet is the revegetation. I've been doing weed removal first because you can't plant seedlings over weeds. There are many places in my community that need weeds removed from them.

I did this mostly by myself but I got a lot of help from Cindy (NRM Education Officer) who approved my project and let me do the planting. My Science teacher gave me contacts to get in touch with so they could help me further with my project. My Youth Environment Team (YET) gave me ideas for my project and lots of support. Mum and Dad gave me loads of support. I've done weed removal every few weeks around school with my classmates. I asked my YET to come up with ideas on what to do my project about and I've also talked to a few younger classes around the school.

Your biggest success?

When I got my planting approved because that was a big step that needed to be made or else I would have had to choose another place to do my planting. I'm going to continue because the planting has to be done in autumn next year. I can continue doing the weed removal any time.

Advice for other students?

Always keep trying. If at first it doesn't turn out, it's always ok to ask for help, the people around you are very helpful. If something you're doing or going to do seems easy, it is not necessarily easy. Just keep committed and even if it seems like you're not going to get it done and it won't go through, it probably will if you keep persisting and stay positive. Seeing Taya and Loren working on their projects and succeeding made me persist because it made me believe in myself. The support I get from friends and family also helped me persist.

What have you enjoyed most?

I have enjoyed the support and help I've received from others and I've also enjoyed the whole project because it's something that I wanted to do for a long time.

This case study was transcribed from an interview and poster display. These are Lerrato-mae's words.