



Oliver, Charlie & Sam - A beautiful native garden for Teakle

What was your goal and what did you achieve?

Our aim to achieve was to try to put something at the Teakle ruins that reflected and was a good demonstration of what their gardens would have looked like back in the day, and to recreate it and to make it look appealing to the community.

So we have gone down with the Friends of Cobbler creek who have been preserving the Teakle ruins in Cobbler Creek and we have been creating paths around the area and planting native plants. We worked with teachers at our school and the Eco Force group, and we've got support from the Friends of Cobbler Creek who helped get all the equipment up and helped guide us through the gardening and everything.

How have you promoted your work?

We've had our efforts in the school newsletter and I think we've also talked about it in assembly or - we're planning to once we finish our last trip up there which we are going to go back soon .

Next steps?

We will probably continue because we're going down in about a week to keep going. We'll probably keep doing it over a few years even, and once this project has reached its end, we're hoping we could work more with the Friends of Cobbler Creek and to support them in other efforts in the National Park.

Biggest success?

I would say our biggest success was actually (because I went up a couple days ago) seeing all the plants there while they're flowering and spring is quite beautiful, I think it's quite a nice place.

The group also won a Youth Achievement Award from the City of Tea Tree Gully for the work they did at Cobbler Creek. This included a cash prize which they will invest into their Eco Force group.

What did you enjoy most?

I enjoyed most things we did like creating the path was interesting. It was great how we all worked together - someone would bring the dirt and gravel with a wheelbarrow and then other people would pat it down onto a path and other people were weeding and others were doing the plants.

I think the best thing we did was planting because now, as all of us said before, they've all grown and they're going to flourish.

Your advice to other students?

I would say and this isn't just this project, this is from previous years' experience, I'd say the number one thing you need to do is get support because if it's just you on your own and you don't have people helping you, it's very hard and also having people that also have other expertise apart from you and know how to run certain things is really good.

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