

# Bolgart Primary School Local Vegetation Program



Bolgart Primary School is a waterwise school, with the installation of rain water tanks enabling them to recycle water at the school through the toilets and the gardens. In 2010 they applied to the Wheatbelt NRM Small Community Grants program to purchase plants for revegetating the school.

The project aimed to clean up Bolgart Primary School and make their town more appealing. The planting of trees and shrubs was to help the environment regenerate, cut down carbon from the atmosphere, reduce salt rising from loss of vegetation and provide habitat for native birds.

The Principal, Gardener and President of the P & C met to see what plants were going to be planted on school ground, the areas that needed working and which community groups would be involved. The Shire of Victoria Plains ripped an area along the edge of the school football oval for planting.

The students all co-operated and participated, and worked very hard. The smaller children have taken ownership of their trees and people have been encourage to work to make areas tidier. The students watered the trees on a regular basis. The tree guards

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Community Grants 2010**  
**Recipient:** Bolgart P & C  
Association  
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**People Involved:** 61

were taken off in warmer months, and trees were fertilised and mulched. The senior classroom has become very proactive in the community. They choose an area in town and for two hours each week they tidy it up.

The students learnt about managing natural resources; reducing the risk of lost water as run-off in catchment areas; erosion to the landscape in heavy rain; minimising the destruction of salt affected areas. They also learnt about the protection and shelter for native wildlife breeding and types of native trees and shrubs suitable to tolerate drought.



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