

Signage for Bushland Garden and Seed Orchard



Jan Casey, Barbara Abbot and Daina Lee with some of the new signs.

The Wildflower Society of WA, Avon Branch has a Bushland Garden and a Seed Orchard. They wanted to place signs on the plants to educate local community and visitors to York about the range of native plants in bushland and road verges in and around the York Shire. Plantings include rare plants from the local area provided by the DEC. The seed orchard provides seed for revegetation projects on farms and elsewhere around York. The pathways and shelter have been there for many years. The garden had become rundown and the Wildflower Society took over its maintenance.

They found many people wanted to know what the plants were. In 2011 they applied to Wheatbelt NRM for a Small Community Grant to pay for 200 signs.

The project involved compiling a list of the plants to be labelled, the ordering of the plaques and purchasing length of steel to be cut to size. The plaques were then attached to the stakes, and they were able

to be installed in either the Bush Garden or the Seed Orchard. The major challenge that was faced was working out which plants they should provide labels for, particularly as there were two locations involved and some duplication of species. A benefit was

the increased familiarity with the range of species that they had propagated and planted over the years.

"The new plant labels will help residents to identify what plants can be grown successfully in York and can, therefore, be grown in their own gardens," said Society President Pat McGregor. *"The garden features a*

wide range of local plants, all propagated by the Society, and is starting to attract the attention of visitors as well."

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