

RDA Great Southern

A Reforestation Project **Final Report**



The Gillamii Centre

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About Gillamii

The Gillamii Centre was founded in 1994 by a group of passionate individuals who believed that there was a need for a community-based centre to promote and streamline natural resource management and sustainable agriculture initiatives.

Today, Gillamii has a large database of members and like-minded individuals interested in the management of our natural and agricultural resources. Whilst the two areas of Natural Resource Management and Agricultural Production are to some degree distinct, they are also inextricably linked. Primary producers, by the very nature of their business are managers of the land, and it is in their best interest to protect, enhance and manage the natural resources in which their profitability depends on.

The Gillamii Centre's operating area covers the entire Shire of Cranbrook and several localities within the Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup (Wansbrough, Dartnall, Bobalong, Borderdale, Moonies Hill, Dartnall, Lake Toolbrunup and Broomehill West).

The organisation is managed by a dedicated committee of community members and a team of professional and passionate staff. The committee represent the interest of the community in delivery of positive Natural Resource Management (NRM) and agriculture outcomes. The Committee is responsible for the strategic direction of Gillamii and meet annually to critically review the Strategic Plan (2021 - 2025).

Our vision is to create "A Productive, sustainable, and resilient agricultural landscape"

Our purpose is "To lead, inspire & support, productive agriculture, rural communities and healthy natural ecosystems"





Project Overview

Aim

The aim of this project was to increase tree numbers in a suitable controlled area. The scope of work involved coordination by the Gillamii Centre who worked with the local community to establish trees and ensure positive outcomes for environmental sustainability within the region.

RDA Great Southern provided funding to achieve this one-year program, aiming to plant approximately 7,800 trees within the Great Southern region, with a maximum of 600 seedlings per site.







Achievements

18,688 seedlings planted

During the development of this project Gillamii received a donation of 2,496 seedlings from Carbon Positive Australia and three project land managers purchased a further 8,416 seedlings for their project sites

29 Hectares of Degraded Land Revegetated

Sites such as waterways, saline areas, community spaces, tree belts, driveways and honey production were revegetated

11 Farming Families & 1 Community Group Engaged as Project Partners

Funding provided by RDA Great Southern and Carbon Positive Australia allowed Gillamii to work with 11 local farming families and the Cranbrook Golf Club to establish the 18,688 seedlings



Communications

The Gillamii Centre has a small team of staff experienced in native revegetation within the broadacre farming landscape. For this project, Gillamii took a simple, inclusive approach as follows:

- Extend an Expression of Interest (EOI) into the community to determine potential project partners (land managers)
- Conduct site assessments with interested land managers
- Approve sites (land manager agreement and site plan)
- Develop seedlings orders based on site assessments and land manager objectives
- Site preparation (conducted in-kind by land managers, including weed control, mounding and protective fencing)
- Revegetation (Gillamii and land managers to plant seedlings)
- Establishment Monitoring (Gillamii staff conduct a visual inspection to determine establishment success)

Expression of Interest



This EOI flyer was disseminated throughout the months of November and December 2022 on the following platforms:

- Gillamii Twitter Account
- Gillamii Instagram Account
- Gillamii Facebook Account
- Gillamii Membership Email
- Cranbrook Newsletter
- Tambellup Newsletter
- Frankland Newsletter
- As well as land managers that had previously expressed interest in revegetation were contacted directly by staff

We received over 25 responses in the month!



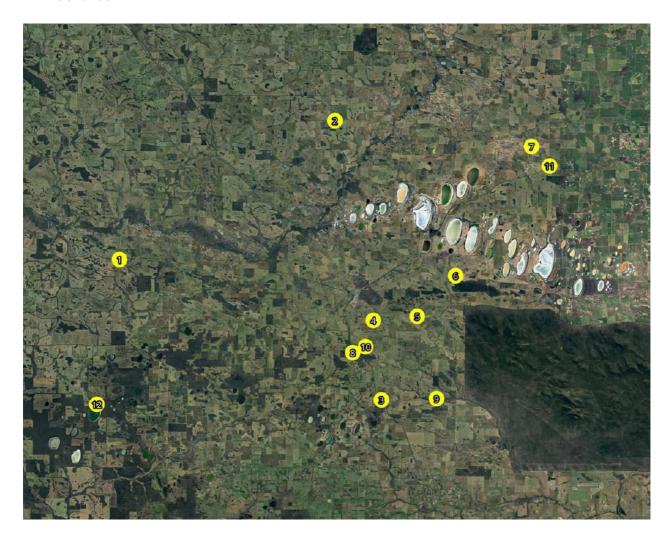
Revegetation

Site assessments were conducted throughout the months of January and February 2023 to discuss species composition, sites preparation and land manager objectives. Following on from these assessments, an agreement, site plan and seedling order was developed for each site. An example of this document can be seen in Appendix 1.

Below is a summary of each project site.

Revegetation Sites - Overview

12 Sites 18,688 Seedlings 29 Hectares

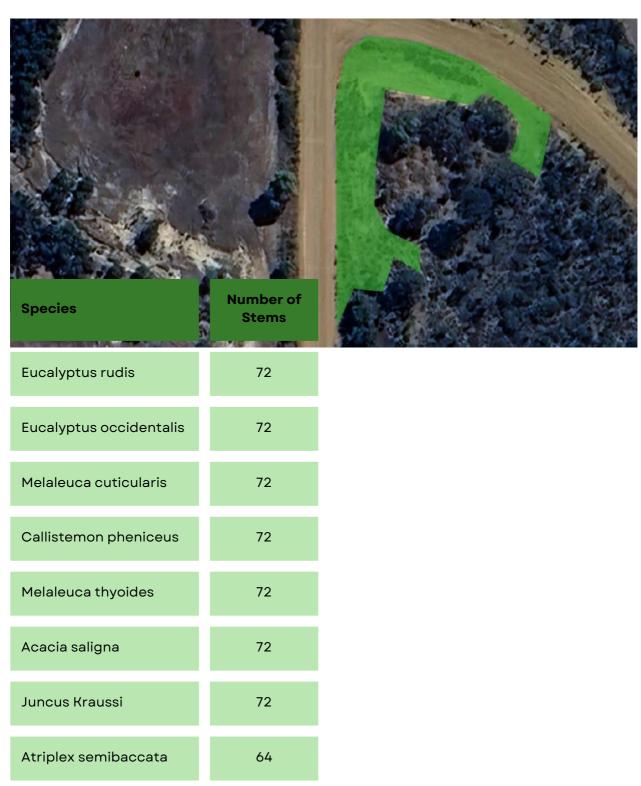




Site 1: Boyacup Road, Cranbrook

Area: < 1 hectare

Site Characteristics: Remnant vegetation infill





Site 2: Paul Valley Road, Tambellup

Area: 1 hectares

Site Characteristics: Driveway



Species	Number of Stems
Corymbia citriodora	72
Eucalyptus cladocalyx	144
Eucalyptus wandoo	144
Atriplex nummularia	4032

For an additional self-funded site



Site 3: Archers Road, Tenterden

Area: 1.5 hectares

Site Characteristics: Saline and waterlogged paddock



Species	Number of Stems
Atriplex nummularia	640











Site 4: Cranbrook Golf Club, Cranbrook

Area: 3.5 hectares

Site Characteristics: Infill of remnant vegetation surrounding the gold course



Species	Number of Stems
Eucalyptus wandoo	216
Corymbia calophylla	72
Eucalyptus occidentalis	144
Callistemon phoeniceus	144
Calothamnus quadrifidus	72



Site 5: Salt River Road, Cranbrook

Area: 3 hectares

Site Characteristics: Saline and waterlogged paddock





Site 6: Great Southern Highway, Tambellup

Area: 1.5 hectares

Site Characteristics: Driveway/Laneway



Species	Number of Stems
Corymbia ficifolia	144
Corymbia calophylla	144
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Site 7: Hassle Road, Tambellup

Area: 1 hectare

Site Characteristics: Driveway/House and Sheds



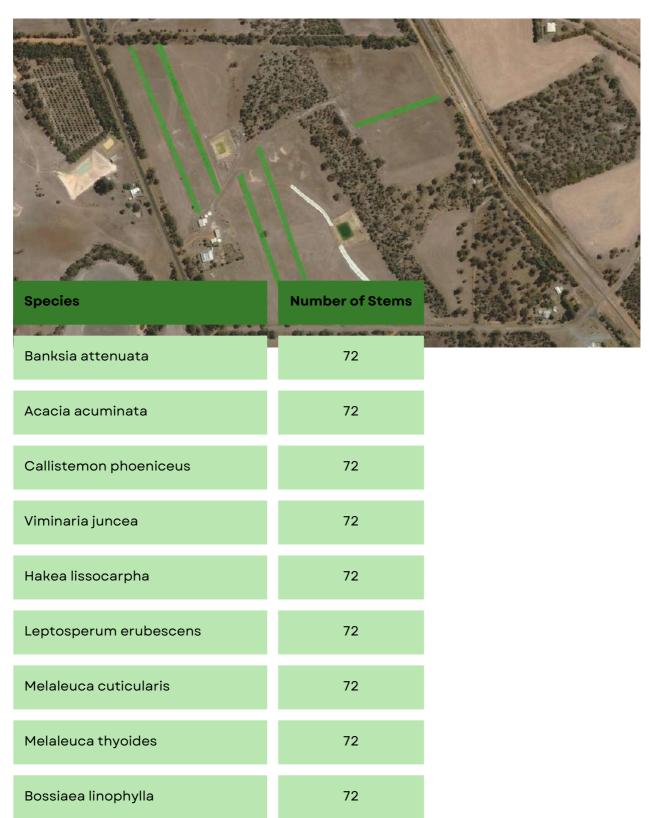
Species	Number of Stems
Hakea lissocarpha	128
Corymbia ficifolia	144
Corymbia calophylla	144
Acacia acuminata	72
Hakea Laurena	72



Site 8: Albany Highway, Tentereden

Area: 2 hectares

Site Characteristics: Shelter Belts





Site 9: Pearce Road, Tenterden

Area: 1.3 hectares

Site Characteristics: Creekline









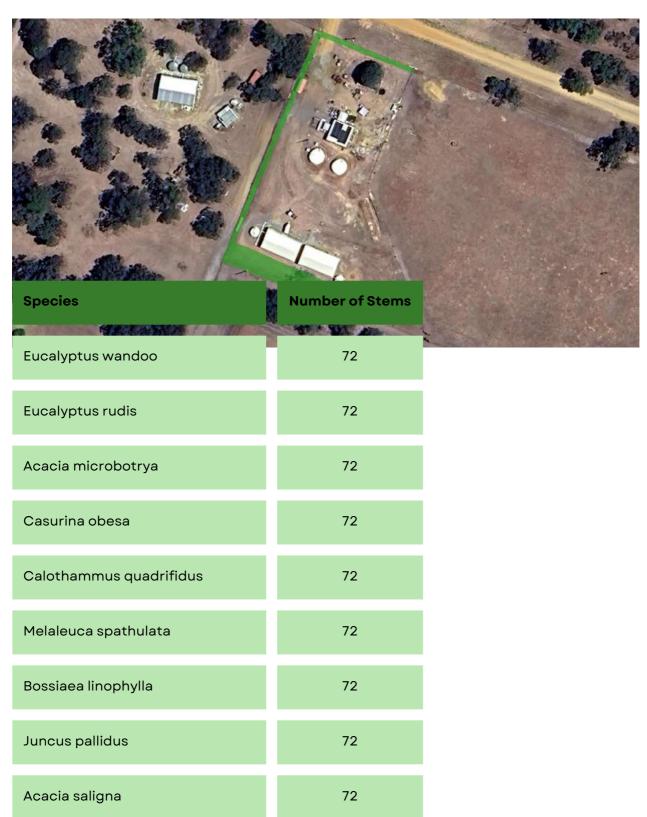




Site 10: Brewer Street, Tenterden

Area: < 1 hectare

Site Characteristics: Property Boundary





Site 11: Pootenup Road Tambellup

Area: 3.5 hectare

Site Characteristics: Creekline





3,784 seedlings purchased and self-funded by the landhlder to complete the site

Species	Number of Stems	Species	Number of Stems
Eucalyptus occidentalis	648	Ficinia nodosa	144
Melaleuca raphiophylla	144		
Melaleuca strobophylla	144		
Melaleuca cuticularis	360		
Casuarina obesa	144		
Eucalyptus orthostemon	792		
Callitris pyramidalis	288		
Acacia saligna	144		
Atriplex nummularia	216		
Callistemon phoeniceus	144		
Acacia strobophylla	72		
Melaleuca thyoides	144		
Atriplex semibaccata	256		
Juncus kraussi	144		



Site 12: Poorrarecup Road, Frankland

Area: 9.5 hectare

Site Characteristics: Revegetation for bee production





Appendix 1

Landholder Agreement

This Agreement defines the investment, on-ground activities and responsibilities of the Landholder and the Organisation relating to the Reforestation Project that is funded through the grant provided by Regional Development Australia Great Southern.

Funding covers the cost of 640 seedlings and assistance with planting if required. All site preparation and maintenance is the responsibility of the landholder.

Additional seedlings have been donated by Carbon Positive Australia, Identified below.

Project Deliverables

This project will plant the following species outlined in the area identified in Schedule 1.

Species	Number of Stems
Eucalyptus Wandoo	72
Eucalyptus Occidentalis	72
Corymbia calophylla	72
Casurina obesa	72
Callistemon pheniceus	72
Acacia saligna	72
Atriplex semibaccata	72
Juncus kraussi	72
Acacia redolens	72
Acacia acuminata – Funded by Carbon Positive	512
Melaleuca atroviridis - Funded by Carbon Positive	1024
Melaleuca lateriflora - Funded by Carbon Positive	256
Melaleuca hamulosa - Funded by Carbon Positive	704
Total Stems	3144

This Landholder Agreement ("Agreement") is between William Horrocks, hereafter referred to as the "Landholder" and The Gillamii Centre, hereafter referred to as the "Organisation".

Terms and Conditions

- This Agreement applies only to that part of the land mapped as the "Agreement Area" (Schedule 1).
- This Agreement commences on the date the Agreement is signed by both the Landholder and the Organisation.
- The Landholder agrees to maintain the outcomes (trees) of Project activities for the duration of this Agreement and into the future.

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SCHEDULE 1: MAP OF AGREEMENT AREA



SCHEDULE 2: CONTACT AND PROPERTY DETAILS

Landholder details

Name of Landholder(s):	William Horrocks		
Mailing Address:		70	
Telephone:		Mobile:	
E-mail:			
Property Name:			
Property Address:			

Organisation details

Organisation:	The Gillamii Centre		
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SCHEDULE 3: AGREEMENT

Signed by the Landholder	Signed for and on behalf of the Gillamii Centre	
Signature:	Signature:	
Print name:	Print name:	Freya Spencer
Date:	Date:	26 May 2023

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