



## Local environmental project receives funding boost

East Freo Farm is one of 20 community environmental organisations across Australia to have been awarded a Be Natural Landcare Community Garden Grant.

Grants of up to \$2,500 were awarded to community groups and schools working on a range of projects including developing community gardens from the ground up, planting harmony and interactive sensory gardens, hosting bush tucker workshops, collecting seeds to propagate seedlings and much more.

East Freo Farm volunteers will use the funding to lead a project aimed at planting citrus trees in unused spaces around the town of East Fremantle. Members of the community will benefit from local organic produce and will also have the opportunity to maintain and care for the trees within a positive community space.

Rebecca James of East Freo Farm is looking forward to putting the Be Natural Landcare Grant of \$2313 to good use.

“With our community garden now well established, this grant will allow us to widen our reach and get local residents involved in establishing local organic food sources throughout the neighbourhood,” she said.

The 20 funded projects all share the common theme of focusing on engaging with local communities, fostering grass-roots projects, encouraging sustainable living and raising awareness of the importance of local environmental action.

Be Natural spokesperson, Nik Scotcher, is happy to be able to support such worthy projects that see people connecting with the natural environment.

“It’s great to see communities come together and develop plans for such innovative and worthwhile projects. Be Natural is committed to helping people reconnect with nature and is delighted to be able to work with Landcare Australia to support these fantastic community projects and I really look forward to seeing the results,” he said.

Be Natural Cereals and Snacks first partnered with Landcare Australia in 2010 and over the past two years have supported 34 local environmental projects that have seen groups of volunteers tackle a variety of issues. For more information on the partnership, please visit [www.landcareonline.com.au](http://www.landcareonline.com.au). For more information on East Freo Farm, please visit [www.eastfreofarm.weebly.com](http://www.eastfreofarm.weebly.com)

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<b>Be Natural Landcare Community Garden Grant Recipients</b>		
<b>Group name</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Funding</b>
Belmont Neighbourhood Centre - Habitat in Harmony Community Garden	NSW	\$2,500.00
Cabarita Community Garden	NSW	\$2,150.00
Katia Project	NSW	\$2,500.00
Mullumbimby Community Garden	NSW	\$2,500.00
Naremburn Community Gardens	NSW	\$2,500.00
Otford Community and Garden Association	NSW	\$2,112.00
Friends of Black Gully	NSW	\$2,500.00
Gold Coast Permaculture	QLD	\$2,500.00
Labrador Community Garden	QLD	\$2,500.00
Pittsworth District Landcare Association Incorporated	QLD	\$2,500.00
Spalding Primary School & Yacka Moorundie Landcare Group	SA	\$2,500.00
Risdon Vale Neighbourhood Centre	TAS	\$1,695.00
Barwon Heads Community Arts Garden	VIC	\$1,350.00
Cardinia Catchment Landcare Group	VIC	\$2,500.00
Crib Point Community Garden Inc.	VIC	\$2,500.00
Moreland Community Gardening	VIC	\$2,490.00
Richmond Community Garden Group	VIC	\$2,500.00
East Freo Farm	WA	\$2,313.00
McDougall Farm Community Garden	WA	\$2,420.00
Shire of Merredin	WA	\$2,200.00

#### **About Be Natural and Landcare Australia's commitment to the environment**

Be Natural believes that the planet is precious and has partnered with Landcare Australia since 2010 to help make a difference. Over the past two years Be Natural has supported 34 environment projects that have made a positive difference to groups of volunteers who are tackling local issues, improving local habitat for native animals and protecting a range of important ecological areas.

Be Natural's continued support in 2012 is focused on supporting groups and projects that protect and repair our precious environment and also support community gardens and actively involve volunteers.

#### **Who is Landcare Australia?**

Landcare Australia Limited is a non-political, uniquely Australian partnership between the community, government and business to protect and repair Australia's magnificent, yet stressed, natural resources.

Landcare Australia is the official not-for-profit organisation directly responsible for the promotion and marketing of the inspiring Landcare volunteer network as well as corporate engagement with the movement. A primary focus is to raise awareness of Landcare through promotional activities and national campaigns including Landcare Week and the Landcare Awards.

The Landcare movement is made up of approximately 4,000 Landcare and 2,000 Coastcare volunteer groups that work on environmental projects in their local communities. The groups that fall under the Landcare umbrella are varied in nature and don't necessarily include Landcare in their names, including Productive farming groups, 'Friends of', Bushcare, Coastcare, Rivercare, and Dunecare. Landcare also include farmers embracing sustainable farm management and any community group that partakes in volunteer environmental activities.