



*Ken Rotman (left), clearly looks impressed with the height of the coojong (Acacia saligna) proudly displayed by Company works services manager Dave Crossley. Meanwhile, Greg Reid (rear) wears a knowing smile of satisfaction as CALM's Grahame Rowland 'talks' encouragingly to the tree.*

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## CALM - Cockburn Cement quarry planting update

**COCKBURN Cement Limited volunteer staff have added 12 500 native trees and shrubs to earlier plantings in a disused quarry adjacent to Beeliar Regional Park.**

Taking only two weekends to complete the back-breaking work, they cheerfully slogged away in biting cold winds and under leaden skies that constantly opened up and threatened to drown them.

The area planted was about five hectares, nearly treble that planted last year when the Company, wishing to restore the quarry to its former natural glory,

sought advice from CALM.

CALM's senior landscape officer Richard Hammond provided assessment and planting plans and reserves officer Grahame Rowland guided the project to completion.

Cockburn Cement's community liaison officer Ken Rotman said that Grahame was particularly helpful.

"He encouraged us every step of the way," Ken said.

"Thanks are also due to APACE-AID (Inc.) Revegetation Nursery, under the guidance of projects manager Greg Reid, for

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supplying the trees, plants and planting expertise.

"Cockburn Cement plans to develop 33 ha located between the east and west lakes that form Beeliar Regional Park.

"The right weather conditions at the right time contributed significantly to the rapid growth of last year's planting.

"Given this winter's plentiful rains and if all continues as well as it did last year, about 80 to 90 per cent of the plants will survive," Ken said.

"To further ensure this high level of survival we have also installed rabbit-proof fencing and dug it deep into the soil.

Ken said that over the years Cockburn Cement staff had grown increasingly conservation-conscious.

"For example, we've been able to help Rockingham Beach Primary School with its own plant nursery.

"The workers collected the empty pots left over from our planting project and the children are growing plants in them to sell as a means of fund-raising."

