



## A MUDDY DAY AT THE SALTMARCH

South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare (SERCUL) is an independent community that implements strategic projects to improve the management and health of our natural resources such as waterways and ecosystems. SERCUL operates in the metropolitan and peri-urban areas of the Swan Catchment.

On a sunny Wednesday in September, BHP's PC&A team spent their day assisting SERCUL with planting at Adenia Saltmarsh in Riverton. SERCUL are currently doing a project at the Saltmarsh to remove the competition of invasive weeds to native vegetation, by stimulating native species regeneration and enhancing habitat qualities. The infill-revegetation of provenance species will assist in suppressing the weed species, whilst maintaining ecological value and diversity of the area.

After an introduction to the site and project, Rose from SERCUL conducted a quick demonstration on how to properly use the Pottiputki - a planting tool that would allow the team to efficiently plant the seedlings into the Saltmarsh. The team then grabbed their tools, filled their buckets, put on their gumboots and made their way through the mud - a whole challenge in itself.

The team smashed the project - and by lunchtime had planted all available plants - **3424** native species planted throughout the Saltmarsh. To finish out the day, Rose took the group on a walking tour of the site, where they were able to learn more about this important project and how it will help enhance the quality of the threatened ecological community, and thereby strengthen the ecological linkages its a part of.

What an achievement by this awesome (and very willing) team - who still had smiles on their faces even when they were covered in muddy water! SERCUL couldn't be happier with this outcome and loved having this team assist them in their work.

Great job everyone and we hope this team enjoyed your volunteering experience - mud and all.



[You can view more photos from the team day \*\*HERE\*\*.](#)