

Grassy Box Woodland Sites

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The Muttama Valley Landcare Group and the Muttama Bushfire Brigade received Natural Heritage Trust certificates of appreciation for their work in managing their local cemetery. The certificates were presented by the Federal Environment Minister, Senator Robert Hill at the Landcare into the new millennium forum in Cootamundra in June 2000, in recognition of the management of Muttama Cemetery a 3.5 hectare grassy yellow box woodland.

The Landcare Group who have adopted the site have to date organised:

A field days in 1996 to look not only at the remnant vegetation but also the cultural history of the site. The cemetery was dedicated in 1881 with the first burial in 1888.

A site visit with officers from the National Parks and Wildlife Service, Gundagai Shire Council, Greening Australia, Drs Prober and Thiele and the local community to discuss management of the site. At this meeting three section of the cemetery were selected for ecological burns. The Muttama Bushfire Brigade burnt the plots just 4 days later on the 7th May 1999. In the native dominated area burnt a burst of wildflowers was seen the following spring, particularly the Yam Daisy. In the very weedy area burnt at the back of the cemetery it was difficult to see which area had been burnt.

Two weed clean ups on the site and some follow up spot spraying.

Control of rabbits on the site by the neighbouring property owner.

If you would like to visit the site, you should contact the Muttama Valley Landcare Group or the Cootamundra Landcare Coordinator first as the cemetery is surrounded by private property.