

Talking Partnerships with Carbon Positive Australia

'When it comes to taking practical action a dedicated commitment to partnership brings the most impact.'

Carbon Positive Australia, an Australian charity, has been restoring degraded lands through ecologically sensitive planting for the last 21 years and is committed to nothing less than the full restoration of healthy landscapes and communities. They believe that great partnerships are vital in being able to achieve land restoration that benefits all parties.

So how do they go about building great partnerships? Louise Tarrier CEO says 'at Carbon Positive Australia we believe that building long lasting partnership is about: building trust, aligning outcomes, sharing measurements and impacts. It's about having shared values and working together to achieve the best outcomes'.

Carbon Positive's partnerships speak for themselves. Read more about four amazing restoration projects below.



The Carbon Positive Team – Louise Tarrier, CEO, Catherine Paterson, Head of Partnerships and Jess Fitzgerald, Commercial and Carbon Project Coordinator

Eurardy, WA on Nanda Country - A partnership with Bush Heritage Australia

Eurardy reserve is located around 570km north of Perth and extends across more than 30,000 hectares of Nanda country. Formerly a pastoral station, Eurardy was purchased by Bush Heritage Australia in 2005 with the aim to protect biodiversity and revegetate cleared areas.



The reserve is located in one of only 35 global biodiversity hotspots and is home to more than 500 native plant species, including five nationally endangered or vulnerable species.

Carbon Positive Australia has already planted more than 615 hectares at Eurardy alongside Dr. Geoff Woodall, and the project aims to restore a total of 1,350 hectares over the coming years.

More information on the partnership with [Bush Heritage Australia](#) can be found [HERE](#).



Brookton, WA on Balardong Noongar country - A partnership with the Wheatbelt NRM Noongar Budjar Rangers

This 33-hectare project is located on a working farm in WA's Wheatbelt region, an area that has been extensively cleared for agriculture, leaving much of the soil fragile and prone to wind and water erosion.

Carbon Positive Australia is working with Dr Peter Ritson (FarmWoods), Ros MacFarlane (Sandalwood Solutions), and the Wheatbelt NRM Noongar Budjar Rangers to restore health to less productive areas of the farm.

This is the fourth year that the organisation has partnered with the Noongar Budjar Rangers, who have planted approximately 28,000 seedlings (12 different species) and 150kg of seed (including sandalwood).

Carbon Positive Australia is using a species mix that has been designed to replicate the region's natural *Acacia* and sandalwood (*Santalum spicatum*) woodlands. Once the sandalwood trees reach maturity (around 25 years), the landholders can harvest the valuable nuts and timber. The rest of the planting will remain and help to reduce the impact of wind erosion, restore soil health, and encourage the return of biodiversity to the area.

More information on the partnership with the [Noongar Budjar Rangers](#) can be found [HERE](#).



Tootanelup, WA on Minang Noongar Country - A partnership with Green Skills WA

This project is located near Rocky Gully in the Great Southern region of Western Australia and forms an important component of the [Gondwana Link Project](#). The 50-hectare property was purchased by Green Skills, a local not-for-profit organisation, in 2020, with the aim to restore native habitat and provide a strategic link between the Tootanelup Nature Reserve and a Water and Rivers Commission Reserve. Carbon Positive Australia have been working closely with Green Skills and Dr. Geoff Woodall to restore native vegetation to 25 hectares of the property.



This site was direct seeded with a total of 79 native species back in the winter 2021. The team returned to the site in April this year to conduct the first-year monitoring assessment. Fourteen permanent monitoring plots were established across the site, each covering 200m². Seed germination has been very successful, with monitoring results indicating an average density of 2,354 trees per hectare. Although there was some evidence of pest damage (insects and rabbits), the average survival rate was 82% per plot. The average seedling height was 15 centimetres and the tallest seedling measured was a *Corymbia calophylla* ('Marri') at 60 centimetres. Given the harsh summer conditions the seedlings endured, the organisations are extremely pleased with these results.

More information on the partnership with [Green Skills](#) can be found [HERE](#).

Warralakin, WA on Kalaamya Country - A partnership with Bush Blocks Guardians Inc

Located directly adjacent to Chiddaarcoping Nature Reserve, this ecologically significant site is part of a larger property owned by Bush Blocks Guardians Inc (a local non-profit conservation group). Previously cleared and used from cropping, the planting site is located within a biodiversity hotspot and is home to several threatened flora and fauna species, including Mallefowl.

This project aims to restore native vegetation to the area, creating habitat to support a range of woodland species including Dunnarts, Western Yellow Robbings, Bushtail Possums and Pink Cockatoo. Native seed will be collected from the surrounding bush later this year and grown into seedlings at the Noongar Land Enterprise's Boola Boornap Nursery and these seedlings will be hand-planted during winter 2023.



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Carbon Positive Australia believes that we can achieve more in restoring Country if we work together.

If your organisation is interested in partnering on a planting project, then contact Jess at jess@carbonpositiveaustralia.org.au. If you are a business owner wanting to find out how you can get involved, reach out to Lauren at lauren@carbonpositiveaustralia.org.au.

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