



Position

Regional Field Operations Manager
- Bunbury Operations
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Qualifications

Certificate III Conservation & Land Management
Pesticide Licence
Chainsaw Operation Certification
Venomous Snake Handling Certification

Capabilities & Skills

Weed control
Erosion control
Revegetation
Direct seeding
Gabion cage construction
Soft landscaping

Ben joined the Natural Area field team in February 2011 after completing studies in Conservation Land Management. Ben brought a good understanding of field works to the team and quickly began leading the crew in both work ethic and field knowledge. Rising through the ranks to Supervisor, and then to Team Leader, an opportunity arose in March 2013 for Ben to manage the Whiteman operations depot as the Regional Field Operations Manager. Ben took the added responsibility in his stride and when Natural Area expanded to Bunbury in June 2014 it was a natural progression for Ben to venture down south and start building the company's reputation in the South West. Ben has enjoyed establishing new relationships in the South West and is looking forward to strengthening these bonds with current and new clients alike.

Project Experience

City of Melville: *Point Walter Foreshore Restoration (2012/2013)*

- Planning and management of program
- Liaising with City officers and Swan River Trust
- Operation of heavy machinery
- On ground works; excavation, gabion cage installation and limestone boulder installation
- Environmental impact control and monitoring

EMCO Building: *Churchlands Senior High School re-development, Gabion Wall (2011, 2012)*

- Gabion cage construction

Plan E: *Latitude 32 Rehabilitation (2011/2012)*

- Implementation of the Wetland & Bushland Management Plan
- Clearing of bushland, revegetation
- Installation of fencing, weed control

City of Swan: *Reg Bond Reserve Stage 6 & 7 (2012)*

- Foreshore stabilisation and erosion control including geotextiles, coir logs and rock revetments
- Installation of tree trunks into riverbed
- Supervision of heavy machinery operators
- Liaising with members of the City and the Swan River Trust