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**Landcare
Week 2012**
3rd - 9th September



Free Tree Giveaway at Project Platypus

To celebrate National Landcare Week, Project Platypus is offering free trees to residents and landholders in the upper Wimmera catchment region. Project Manager with Project Platypus David Margetson said up to 40 trees can be collected, with a range of indigenous tree and shrub species available.

“It’s fitting that we have our annual tree giveaway during National Landcare Week, as the Landcare movement has been responsible for returning millions of trees to the landscape over the past 25 years” said Mr Margetson.

To give your trees the best chance of survival, Mr Margetson offered the following tips:

- Deep rip or dig a hole to at least 30cm deep.
- Ensure there is no competition from weeds or pasture grasses when planting. Continue weed control for about a year by spraying or scalping.
- Plant your tree and water it in well. Watering is not essential but with small tree numbers will help guarantee success. Water 3 or 4 times over the first summer if you have the resources.
- Stake & guard your tree to protect from vermin
- Plant approx. 4m apart, with trees interspersed with shrubs.
- Check your trees regularly for pest and disease.

Trees are available for collection on Friday September 8, between 8am-2pm at the Project Platypus Office, Ararat Rd. For enquires and further information, contact David Margetson on 5358 4410.

End of release

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