A close up of a flower

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Jurien Bay Regional Herbarium Group - Plant Give-Away Day 15/06/2019

A close up of some grass

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A group of people standing around a table

Description automatically generatedThank you to the many eager recipients who collected plants. It is estimated that about 150 households were able to receive plants that day. Many came to chat with Don Williams from Hi-Vallee Farm to glean his wealth of wisdom regarding growing local species.

A group of people standing in the grass

Description automatically generatedWith the beautiful rain we have received over the past weeks, these healthy seedlings have the best chance to grow to maturity and beautify our gardens while attracting fauna to our gardens. What a benefit!

The Jurien Bay Regional Herbarium Group wishes to thank those organizations and individuals who supported us to present this Giveaway Event. **A big “THANK YOU”** to the following:

The **Mary Bremner Bequest Grant Program** through **The Wildflower Society of WA** provided funds to enable us to grow the plants.

The **Jurien Bay branch of Bankwest** also supported us with a grant.

The **DBCA (Jurien Bay)** who allowed us to grow the plants at their Carmella St premises.

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Description automatically generated**DBCA Officer, Niall Sheehy** who helped and guided us through the propagation skills from seed collection to seedlings in tubes.

**Don and Joy Williams** who supported us at the Event, sharing their knowledge of the plants.

A group of people standing in front of a tree

Description automatically generatedThe **Jurien Bay CRC** who supported us with advertising and sharing our news through the **Craytales** articles.

The **Jurien Bay Community Men’s Shed** for their ongoing support and encouragement.

The **Shire of Dandaragan** for the preparation and use of Dobbyn Park.

All the busy and enthusiastic **members** of the Herbarium Group who volunteered many hours to prepare plants for the giveaway.

Thank you to everyone who made this event such a success! If you would like to be involved with this Herbarium Group, check out the contact details in the Craytales, or see our new Facebook page! There will be some Wildflower Walks in Spring. New members are always welcome!

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