

Chadwicks Property

Speakers: John Bartle – talking about SEARCH project in general

Owners

John & Lynn Chadwick

Size

800 Ha

Rainfall

400mm

Main enterprise

Wheat & wool

Soil Types (general sum up)

Medium-Heavy

Area of property cleared and approx when.

750 Ha, clearing started in approximately 1906

What made you choose this site (for oil Mallees)

Low lying and a high water table.

Why did you decide to try this ‘solution’

Trees were a potential means of lowering the water table. The Oil Mallee option required little fencing, offered a possible (optimistic) financial return and shelter for livestock.

Are you seeing improvements (Results) (Financial) Aesthetics) etc.

Still in the early stages, 8 years on. However, the results from bore monitoring are promising. The sheep and lambs are happy browsing through the trees but mustering is a pain!

Main Challenge facing owner

Halting the spread of salinity and trying to make salt affected areas more viable.

John & Lyn Chadwick

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‘Chadwicks Block’

Not a stop but will pass in bus on the way to Chadwicks property.

135 Ha of cleared land adjacent to nature reserves.

Purchased by the Department of Conservation and Land Management from the Chadwick family.

Revegetation Plan prepared in 2001

Purpose: Contribute to the hydrological stability of the Toolibin Catchment for the protection of the nature conservation values of nearby reserves, in particular Toolibin Lake.

2002 activities at Chadwick’s Block include planting 20 000 *Melaleuca lateriflora* seedlings in collaboration with the Farm Forestry Unit and 10 000 biodiversity seedlings.