

Creeks and Woodlands in the Upper Murray - Revegetation Challenges

Waterway buffers in the Upper Murray are often dominated by Phalaris and are by nature wet.

Revegetation of these area is challenging

- small window for accessing
- Phalaris very hard to control



SO WHAT IS THE BEST SITE PREPARATION?

- Knockdown spray in the Spring previous to planting
- Rip in the Summer prior to planting
- Knockdown spray just prior to planting

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CHALLENGES

- the season was so wet the windows for good site preparation were limited

LEARNINGS

- Plants that have become potbound waiting to be planted may have lower success. Plant as soon as they come from the nursery if you can.
- Need to be persistent - if it doesn't succeed in one year keep trying. Different seasonal conditions can produce really different results



WHAT IF YOU HAVENT SPRAYED THE SPRING BEFORE?

Any weed control is better than none.

Spot scalping the top 5-10cm of soil away before planting gives some short term protection from competition

Residual chemicals are NOT recommended for any waterway or drainage line planting. The risk of contamination is too high and

WHAT IS THE BEST TIME FOR PLANTING?

Planting time is often dictated by the seasonal conditions and the ability of the nursery to supply at varied times.

Autumn planting is great in drier seasons - as long as the Autumn break arrives! Plants can be less hardened to frost if there hasn't been many yet. You take a risk that there will be a break.

Late winter/ Spring planting is generally more reliable, although the window can vary from year to year - plants in by 30 September is a good target to avoid being caught out by a cut-off Spring.

Order your plants for the preferred time and plant straight away.

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