

From revegetation to restoration in Gondwana Link

Since 2002 a number of groups and individuals affiliated with the Gondwana Link program have been undertaking large plantings, building on earlier experience and adding a number of important innovations. Over that time we have developed a much sharper focus on the ecological benefits that are being sought through plantings, leading to greater appreciation of both the importance of planting design and the importance of where a planting sits within the larger landscape. There has been a steady improvement in what is being achieved. Over 100 species are now being effectively direct seeded in many plantings. A number of studies are now showing the results were worth it, with strong correlations between the ecological quality of the restoration, their broader ecological value and their use by a wide range of wildlife. So have we all been happy to shift our thinking from revegetation to restoration, and can we afford to do it?



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Keith is a long-time advocate for the ecological values of south-western Australia. He has been involved with the landcare movement since its inception, and has had roles with his local landcare groups, in managing government programs and developing key government policies affecting landcare. As a businessman he has operated beekeeping and native seed businesses, consulted to the mining sector and worked in local enterprise development. He has authored many essays and scientific papers, plus one book on the environmental history of the Peel-Harvey catchment and estuary. He conspired with friends to establish the Gondwana Link program in 2002 and serves as its CEO. Keith is also currently Chair of the WA Landcare Network and has consulted to large landscape conservation programs in New Zealand, southern Africa and Mexico. Keith was awarded an Order of Australia Medal in 2015 for service to conservation and the environment in Western Australia.