



Lisa McCreery

Lisa McCreery has spent a lifetime in the native tree nursery industry. Growing up under the guidance of her parents and landcare pioneers Dennis and Jos Chatfield, Lisa has now taken the reins with husband Dustin of the Wheatbelt's leading commercial tree nursery businesses. Her childhood was spent working in the nursery, assisting in the office and contract tree planting, leaving her with the experience necessary to operate the family's 3.5 million seedling capacity nursery in Tammin. Over the past 18 years the business has germinated more than 27 million seedlings that have been planted in the Western Australian landscape. Chatfield's continue the tradition of supplying quality, hardened seedlings throughout the region.

Seed is our gold

Lisa and Dustin McCreery began working in the Environmental industry since 2001. They plant native tree and shrub seed in September to December each year, grow them in cell trays and then deliver across the state in June/July. They only get one chance a year to get it right. Each seed to Chatfields is like a little spec of gold. Although they are dealing with relatively small amounts in relation to quantities used in direct seeding rehabilitation and revegetation, the same principals apply to both areas - seed is their most important resource.

If the seed does not germinate... the result of the revegetation is zero.

How can we all get the best out of our seed? Issues affecting the quality of the seed include how and when it has been picked (ripeness), the viability and germinability rates and whether it is true to description! Success rates are also affected by pre-treatments that break dormancy, storage, germination and growth temperatures and other factors.