

PROTECTING AND ENHANCING REMNANT NATIVE VEGETATION

Andrew and Robert Dunn, by Jacinta Christie

In May 2014, I was invited to “Book Book Station”, a 1,000 hectare property in the Kyeamba Valley owned and managed by Andrew Dunn and his father Robert, to discuss possible work that could be conducted on the property.

Areas of particular interest to both Andrew and Robert were:

- the protection of their isolated mature paddock trees from cattle, and
- the creation of a biodiverse dam and wetland area, on a site which also had a small patch of remnant vegetation.

Paper work was completed and funding was provided in July 2014, through the Cross Property project, for the protection of a number of paddock trees using cattle panels and for the fencing and revegetation of an existing dam.

I visited the property again in March 2015 and was pleased to see the progress that had been made towards the project objectives. A number of isolated paddock trees had been fenced to exclude stock, and fencing had been completed around a small native remnant in a paddock and also around the dam which also includes another small native remnant.



Above: Individual tree guards were installed to protect isolated paddock trees from damage by livestock

A range of trees and shrubs have been ordered for the dam site, with planting expected to occur in winter 2015.

Andrew and Robert continue to consider more areas on their property that they can protect for conservation and biodiversity benefits in the future. I look forward to seeing the biodiverse dam come to life in the next 3 years of the project, and continuing to work with them to achieve their goals.



The dam: in May 2014, prior to any work (top) and in March 2015, fully fenced (bottom)



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