



## From Heritage to New Beginnings

“Growing Towards Wellness – From Heritage to New Beginnings” is a community based integration project that supports marginalised members of the Rockingham and Kwinana area in an adult education and learning program.

Over 15 weeks participants have undertaken a significant role in restoring and preserving the local history and heritage of the Cockburn and surrounding region.

Azelia Ley Agricultural Museum lies within Manning Park, Hamilton Hill and is a popular tourist stop attracting visitors from near and far. The Museum has a significant and rich history being an early ‘settlement’ central market gardens site and a central point providing food to the broader Perth regions. Similarly, there are significant historical Aboriginal travelling tracts that run from this region through to central Australia. This particular site also contains the track that C Y O’Connor took on his last journey in Fremantle.

The participants of “GTW - From Heritage to New Beginnings” had the opportunity to undertake restoration of Agricultural machinery and other historical items whilst also learning broader skills needed to further education and employment into the future. This involved practical skills utilising tools and chemicals to sand back, prepare and undertake protective painting of the heritage pieces.

Listing and cataloguing items for storage and display, display maintenance, care and cleaning whilst learning about the history of their community and broader Perth, the participants literally undertook and learnt Assistant Curatorship skills.



*Rust proofing of agricultural machinery*



*Preparing a safe traffic area for the next school visit*



*Organisation of exhibit displays*



*Cataloguing, painting and maintenance of museum exhibits*