



Volunteer Jon Haines with a python at a recent tree planting day.

Planting at a gallop

MORE than 13,000 native trees were planted on land not revegetated since settlement by almost 40 volunteers in the Swan Valley recently.

Volunteers from HBF and Brookleigh Equestrian Centre and two German backpackers got together for the tree and shrub planting day.

Brookleigh Equestrian Centre provided the prepared land, which was the first natural revegetation project on the site since it was cleared.

The trees and shrubs planted will form a 1.6km natural bush

walkway around the equestrian centre and will be open to the public to enjoy.

After the planting, the volunteers handled a collection of reptiles brought in by June and Gane Doyle from WA Reptile Park.

They were wrapped up in carpet snakes and Stemsons pythons and got up close to a bobtail and a bluetongue lizard.

Organisations interested in holding their own planting day can contact Wildly Important Eco Programs on wildly@inet.net.au