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SAFE HANDS**

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# MESSAGE FROM Our CEO

Welcome to our spring edition of ReLeaf. In this issue we take you behind the scenes of a diverse array of restoration projects and share inspiring stories that are helping nature to flourish. Of course, native plants are the heroes of each story! From paddock trees in the Limestone Coast to rare plants in the Adelaide plains and hills, native flora plays a vital role in creating healthy landscapes and deserves to be much more widely celebrated.

Now in its third year, the Limestone Coast Paddock Tree Project aims to ensure that future generations are able to enjoy the majestic beauties that are such a feature of the South East landscape. Tragically, without action to replace the blue gums, red gums, stringybarks, sheoaks and other species, these trees would disappear within 20 years. There has been an overwhelming response from landholders and this year another 1,055 new paddock trees were planted and guarded.

The Rare Species project celebrates small, delicate plants that have largely disappeared from the Adelaide Plains, by harnessing the skills and passion of our nursery team and dedicated volunteers who love the opportunity to increase the

diversity of species on some of our Bush For Life sites.

The Westwood Nursery is the hub of many of our restoration programs. Tucked away in a corner of Brooklyn Park as thousands of cars whiz pass each day, it's a constant hive of activity, nurturing and growing over 300 different species of trees, shrubs, ground covers and grasses — all with different propagation and growth requirements. The nursery is also the heart of the Tree Scheme which provides bulk seedlings to landholders across South Australia. Each year around 4,000 boxes are filled with soil where they are then transported with grower packs ready to be repurposed as growing boxes for thousands of native seedlings in backyards across the state. That cycle of creating new life from seed is about to start all over again.

None of this would happen without each of you who support our work — through donations, volunteering, partnerships and passion. We hope you feel inspired by these stories and by knowing that you are each playing a part in our collective vision of thriving landscapes that support and sustain life in all its diversity and wonder. 🌱



CEO Natasha Davis

Our President, Jeanette Gellard, will be stepping down after six years in this role at the October AGM. How time flies! On behalf of the Board and staff I would like to thank Jeanette for her wise and inclusive leadership during a period of immense change and upheaval. Her contribution leaves a lasting legacy. It has been particularly valuable having Jeanette as a voice for Trees For Life on Kangaroo Island.

Like many Trees For Life members and supporters, Jeanette's involvement spans back many years, and we anticipate her continued involvement in a different capacity.

Natasha Davis  
CEO

Trees For Life acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of our land and waters and we pay our respects to Elders past and present. We acknowledge and respect the deep spiritual connection and relationship that First Nations peoples have to Country.

Cover photo: *Hardenbergia violacea* (foreground) and *Dodonaea viscosa* (background) at our Westwood Nursery by Sam Catford.



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# MESSAGE FROM Our President

Over the past six years as President of Trees For Life, I've felt privileged to be part of a remarkable journey of growth, progress and impactful change. With the unwavering support of our dedicated volunteers and supporters, an exceptional staff team and diligent board, we have achieved significant milestones that have not only strengthened our organisation but also left a positive mark on the environment we treasure.

The development and implementation of Trees For Life's Climate Change Resilience Strategy is one of these significant achievements. As a team, we recognised the urgency of pro-actively addressing the challenges of climate change and have worked to implement strategies that align with our vision. The introduction of a Reconciliation Action Plan underscores our commitment to recognising and respecting First Nations knowledge and traditions, bridging the gap between our environmental efforts and cultural values.

Financial sustainability was bolstered through our efforts to strengthen philanthropic revenue streams, ensuring our initiatives would have lasting impact. Our recent building renovations not only transformed our physical workplace into a more comfortable place for our staff it also symbolised our dedication to investing in the future of our organisation.

The diversity of programs we've launched enabled us to engage with the community on various levels, fostering a sense of shared responsibility towards nature. Taking action at the grassroots level, from tree planting to bushcare, continues to demonstrate our resolve to translate our words into tangible actions. Trees For Life continues to provide important leadership for the environment sector, advocating and seeking accountability for the state's environment on key issues.

As I reflect on these six years, I'm filled with gratitude for the incredible team that has worked diligently and the supporters who believed in our vision. The Trees For Life journey has already covered a lot of ground and it is still far from over, but these accomplishments remind us that by working together, we can make a difference for the land we love. 🌱

Jeanette Gellard  
President



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Yellow-faced Honeyeater  
by Peter Watton.

# HOME-START FOR OUR NATIVE BIRDLIFE

Thanks to generous support for our 'Restoring Life' appeal, plans are now underway to build a broader range of homes for our vulnerable bird species.

Providing refuge from bushfire and feral animals; safe passage across the landscape — as well as a source of food — are attractive to birds looking to set up their family nests.

By building on the foundations set by direct seeding and increasing the diversity of plant life we hope that birds such as the White-throated Treecreeper, Eastern Spinebill, Scarlet Robin, Yellow-faced Honeyeater and Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo will have a place to call home for generations to come.

Our Westwood Nursery is growing winter sown species such as *Hakea rostrata*, *Banksia marginata*, *Bursaria spinosa* and *Xanthorrhoea semiplana*

to help build on the foundations that previous direct seeding established — adding more layers and plant diversity to produce rich and healthy bushland that blends naturally with the adjoining remnants.

We look forward to keeping you up to date with each stage of this important restoration project.

Thank you for bringing this project to life and creating a brighter future for our native wildlife. 🌱



# RARE SPECIES FLOURISH IN SAFE HANDS

TOP: Yellow-anther flax lily (*Dianella longifolia grandis*) seedlings.

BOTTOM: Showy copper wire daisy (*Podolepis jaceoides*) flower.

Last spring, we shared how seven native plant species listed as rare, vulnerable, endangered or critically endangered were re-introduced in Adelaide as part of a unique recovery project\*.

Working alongside Green Adelaide ecologists and council biodiversity officers, and following advice from the SA Seed Conservation Centre at the Botanic Gardens and State Herbarium of South Australia, Trees For Life staff and volunteers reintroduced these lost plant species. Daisies, peas and lilies are the focus of re-introduction efforts, using seed from remaining populations in adjacent regions. Our Westwood Nursery staff and volunteers carefully propagated the precious seed, which was in very short supply due to the rarity of these plants.

Trees For Life's Westwood Nursery Manager Flora Holton said raising these rare species from seed to seedlings ready to be planted on Bush For Life sites is rewarding for all involved.

"It's been exciting to be part of this project and to have the opportunity to grow some native plants that are completely new to me in my 15 years of working in native nurseries. I've enjoyed the process of finding the best germination treatments and nurturing these threatened species seedlings," Flora said. "Knowing that we're contributing to the re-introduction of these rare species across Adelaide is very satisfying for our staff and volunteers at the Westwood Nursery."



Bush For Life staff and volunteers initially planted the first round of seedlings in June and July last year. The Bush For Life sites were selected for their suitability for these rare plants; being open woodland or grasslands with very low weed load. The project allows some experimentation with sites, conditions and management regimes to find those which are most suitable for these species. The aim is to plant them across a range of these factors and monitor the result.

Following the first planting in winter 2022, a survey in early 2023 showed the seedlings were growing well — an encouraging sign for the conservation of these rare species. Green Adelaide Ecologist Jason van Weenen said some plants are providing a source of seed that will enable more plantings into the future.

“Most of the planting occurred in June 2022 and it is great to see these rare plants growing well across a wide variety of sites. It has been a promising start, but we anticipate that there is a fair way to go to be confident about the recovery of some species,” he said. “Green Adelaide staff and Trees For Life [staff and] volunteers have re-visited sites to check on plant progress and found good rates of plant survival and seed set for many of the species. Incredibly, some species have done so well that it has already enabled the collection of seed from these sites that can now be propagated for future plantings.”

Along with managing the propagation of newly collected seed at the Westwood Nursery, volunteers from Trees For Life were instrumental in the initial planting project and contribute to the long-term care and viability of the plantings. Bush For Life Manager Amelia Hurren praised the work of volunteers tending to these species at Bush For Life sites across Adelaide. “Our volunteers care deeply about the progress of these rare plants, and have been involved in monitoring the sites,” she said. “They play a fundamental role in the continued survival of these rare plants, helping to ensure that weed threats are managed to ensure the rare plants can flourish.”

“The adaptive nature of this project means that we are learning a lot about the preferred habitats of these rare species and the findings from last year’s planting are being used to guide the next stages of the threatened flora project.”



**LEFT:** Volunteer Cat at our rare species planting at St Agnes in June this year.

**MIDDLE:** Small scurf-pea (*Cullen parvum*) seedlings at Westwood Nursery.

**RIGHT:** Volunteers and staff planting the first round of rare species at St Agnes in 2022.

The next stage of the project saw more than 5,000 additional seedlings of eight rare plant species planted across the 20 sites in June and July this year to strengthen the trial populations from last year.

Jason said that a lot has been learnt since monitoring the plantings over the last year. “We’ve learnt about the habitats they prefer and the species’ survival rates in these areas. Some plants did not respond well to the site conditions, such as the shade or even the microclimates created by the corflute guards around the plants, but in other areas, the plants were thriving, and [native] bees were even seen visiting flowers!”

Amelia adds that this project is significant in the diversity it’s adding to the landscape. “The project will increase biodiversity across many sites, which will have a number of benefits for our local wildlife,” she said. “The ultimate goal will be if we can see these plants naturalising ... which means they are producing viable seeds to produce new plants. For our Trees For Life staff and volunteers, knowing that we’re contributing to the re-introduction of these rare species across Adelaide is very satisfying.” 🌱

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Green Adelaide, Trees For Life and the SA Seed Conservation Centre are partnering to deliver a unique rewilding project to re-establish eight rare plant species at more than 20 sites across eight of Adelaide’s metropolitan council areas. The aim of the project is to re-introduce some of the rarest species to ensure their survival, to improve their conservation status, to increase the species diversity, and to provide an ongoing seed supply for the SA Seed Conservation Centre seed bank.

Council Partners: City of Playford, Town of Gawler, City of Burnside, City of Mitcham, City of Onkaparinga, City of Tea Tree Gully, City of Adelaide and City of Port Adelaide Enfield.

\*This project is in partnership with Trees For Life, Green Adelaide and the South Australian Seed Conservation Centre.

SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	CONSERVATION STATUS IN SA (NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE ACT 1972)	CONSERVATION STATUS IN GREEN ADELAIDE
<i>Brachyscome diversifolia</i>	Tall daisy	Endangered	Endangered
<i>Swainsona behriana</i>	Southern swainson-pea	Vulnerable	Critically Endangered
<i>Podolepis jaceoides</i>	Showy copper wire daisy	Rare	Vulnerable
<i>Pycnosorus chrysanthes</i>	Golden billy buttons	Endangered	Critically Endangered
<i>Dianella longifolia grandis</i>	Yellow-anther flax lily	Rare	Endangered
<i>Cullen parvum</i>	Small scurf-pea	Vulnerable	Endangered
<i>Glycine latrobeana</i>	Clover glycine	Vulnerable	Rare
<i>Glycine tabacina</i>	Variable Glycine	Vulnerable	Vulnerable

# LIMESTONE COAST Paddock TREE PROJECT

By Samantha Rothe, Trees For Life's Paddock Tree South East Project Officer.

Paddock trees are an icon of the Australian landscape and are being lost at an alarming rate with very little natural regeneration to replace them. A much-loved feature of the South East, these magnificent trees are valuable assets with many benefits to farms and local wildlife, including the endangered South-eastern Red-tail Black-Cockatoo (*Calyptorhynchus banksii graptogyne*).

## Next Generation

Research has shown<sup>1</sup> that paddock trees are declining in the South East of South Australia and there's a significant lack of recruitment of new seedlings. The Limestone Coast Paddock Tree Project\* aims to create a new generation of trees by enabling landholders to plant new trees and apply best practice and cost-effective methods of sustainable agriculture to protect and value existing trees. Trees For Life works with landholders by supporting them with materials and advice to incorporate paddock trees into their property management plans.

The project initially targeted [but was not restricted to] grazing properties in the Limestone Coast region across the range of the South-eastern Red-tailed Black Cockatoo to address critical habitat loss — with a focus on gum woodland that provides key nesting hollows, and stringybark

and buloke woodlands providing key feeding sites. With overwhelming interest from the community, the project expanded into other eucalypt woodland areas with additional funding from the Limestone Coast Landscape Board.

## Connecting With Community

One of the key opportunities to promote the paddock tree project, along with our TFL Communities Helping Cockies project, was at the South East Field Days in March this year, when partners from the South Eastern Red-tailed Black Cockatoo Recovery Project invited us to share their stall. This was the perfect chance to chat with landholders from across the region and reconnect with existing and past participants. We were very grateful to showcase these interconnected projects that are attempting to reduce the rate of habitat decline, promote sustainable agriculture, as well as maintain and safeguard the natural landscapes in the region.

## Farm Tour

On a glorious autumn day, we held an event to support and celebrate the Limestone Coast Paddock Tree Project, providing an opportunity for all participants to share their experiences and look at the different guards that were trialled. 15 landholders from across the South

East joined staff from Trees For Life, Limestone Coast Landscape Board, and BirdLife Australia for a farm tour at Marcollat.

The day began with an overview of the project from 2021 to 2023. The group then took a tour of the featured property to view a variety of sheep, cattle and DIY tree guards with landholders sharing their experiences of how the different guards worked on their own properties and discussing the challenges faced, including their successes and failures.

Over a lunch of homemade soup and sandwiches, the group sat back and enjoyed a virtual tour of the Mount Lofty Ranges Paddock Tree Project. Since 2016, this project has been establishing paddock trees in the lower rainfall areas of the Eastern Mount Lofty Ranges, providing critical habitat for many ground foraging woodland bird species whose numbers are in decline in the region. The presentation by Trees For Life's Stuart Gonda encouraged a great deal of discussion about many aspects of both projects, especially around woodland birds.

The farm tour was a great success, with participants encouraged to share their feedback.

*"I've been meaning to let you know what a great day we had at your Farm Paddock Tree event. Well done. Many thanks for the opportunity and the learning."*

*"Thank you for a great day on Friday ... you were so well prepared and you did such a good job and it was really interesting and useful ... I picked up a few good ideas so thank you very much."*

*"Thanks again for the gathering on Friday, I got so much useful information from it and it was lovely to meet all of those interesting people."*

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TOP LEFT: Next generation paddock tree planted in May 2021, taken by Holly Price.

TOP RIGHT: Volunteer Andrew has some very curious onlookers while planting paddock trees in May 2021, taken by Holly Price.

BOTTOM LEFT: Trees For Life's Samantha Rothe speaking to participants at the Farm Tour, taken by Mark deJong - Limestone Coast Landscape Board.



We asked landholders who weren't able to attend the Farm Tour to share their experiences. This feedback, from a farmer in Worrolong, demonstrates the challenges involved and the efforts he made for a positive outcome. We're grateful to all who shared their invaluable feedback, and to everyone involved in helping to give the next generation of paddock trees a hand.

**TOP LEFT:** Paddock trees are a much-loved feature of the South East landscape, taken by Sam Rothe.

**TOP RIGHT:** Trees For Life's Holly (left) and Randall (right) installing a guard made from pallets, taken by Kelsey Fetherstonehaugh.



and some on the inside to test different stabilities. I also planted some trees on sloping ground and some on flatter areas to see if there was a disinclination towards [cattle] rubbing whilst facing up/down slope.

End result to date is that whilst there is evidence that the guards have been rubbed on — none are dislodged and remain secure. I am quite surprised by this as I have cows with calves, yearlings and bullocks. More recently the bullocks rubbed on a large concrete water trough and pushed it out of alignment but they haven't budged the mesh tree guards.

I think over engineering in the form of additional droppers being used and placement of barb wire in the main rub zone are possibly the key to success in my case.

There you go ... bit of an essay but I am really pleased with how everything is holding up."

Several short instructional videos have been developed with tips on how to assemble different styles of tree guards to best suit different properties, based on local trials and landholder feedback. Landholders can also download a planting guide and fact sheets to guide paddock tree guard construction for sheep and cattle. These resources are available on our website: [treesforlife.org.au](http://treesforlife.org.au) ('What We Do', 'Paddock Tree Projects'). 🌱

**\*This project is supported by the Limestone Coast Landscape Board in partnership with Trees For Life.**

<sup>1</sup> Koch 2019, 'Habitat Extent Mapping and Rates of Habitat Change for the 2003 to 2017 period Across Feeding and Nesting Resources for the South Eastern Red-tailed Black Cockatoo', report prepared for the South Eastern Red-tailed Black Cockatoo Recovery Team.

# BETTY WESTWOOD NURSERY

## LIFEBLOOD OF TREES FOR LIFE

Over the past decade the Betty Westwood Nursery has developed a reputation for great customer service and quality native seedlings at an affordable price. Our native plants are grown, propagated and nurtured by experienced nursery staff, with the support of trained volunteers. Our nursery is named for Betty Rutherford Westwood OAM, one of Trees For Life's founding members and a well-known advocate for the preservation of nature. Betty was lovingly known as the "Tree Lady" (you can read more about Betty in our 'Summer 2022 Issue 164' edition of ReLeaf available on our website).

With a capacity of just over 120,000 seedlings, the nursery is the lifeblood of Trees For Life, providing a vast range of native seedlings from across the state. Known for the quality and resilience of our plants, we grow over 300 different indigenous species of trees, shrubs, ground covers and grasses. We specialise in local provenance and hard-to-grow orders and supply plants for our on-ground works, including the two paddock tree project's and TFL Works restoration projects. We're also experienced at growing rare and threatened species for special projects, such as the Rare Species project featured on page 4.

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Each year our plant sale is more successful than the last.

### Heart Of The Tree Scheme

The Westwood Nursery is at the heart of our Tree Scheme. From June to October volunteers fill boxes with soil in preparation to send out the materials (soil, seed etc.) for depot days across South Australia in November. We also hold our volunteer grower workshops at the nursery, supported by SA Power Networks. It's also where growers proudly return the seedlings they've lovingly nurtured over the summer months known as 'back-up'; these plants are critical to the Tree Scheme. Depending on the challenges the growing season may present, some species might need to be supplemented from back-up seedlings to fulfil an order so all the plants are ready to be put in the ground by landholders in winter. Many growers say they feel like a "proud parent" when they drop off the seedlings they've raised from seed to our nursery.

### Popular Plant Sale

In early June we hold our Annual Plant Sale with each year more successful than the last. This year, over the three days, more than 18,000 native plants went to their new homes across the state. The sale is a great opportunity for people to talk to our friendly staff and volunteers about the best native plants for their patch. We also have plants suitable for larger properties, perfect for people who missed out on our last Tree Scheme order season. Our financial members receive a discount on all plants. We feature regular updates for the sale on our social media pages, e-news and website, so make sure to follow us to be kept up to date.

Westwood Nursery volunteer Phil takes us behind the scenes and shares his experience with helping out at this year's sale.

## EXPANDING PLANT HORIZONS

By Phil - Westwood Nursery volunteer

One time of the year I really look forward to is early June, not because it's the beginning of winter, but because it's time for the yearly plant sale at Trees For Life's Betty Westwood Nursery. This three-day event is a chance to mix it up from the usual routines of planting, thinning, weeding and soil shovelling and to actually meet the plant-loving public. The first day is usually the most exciting, because that's when the nursery looks its best, and when the largest range of plants is still available.

This year my job was to help in the back-up Tree Scheme area at the rear of the nursery, and I remember walking to my station after our morning briefing and marvelling at how good the rows and rows of nursery plants looked. Many of these plants aren't for sale, but are being grown specifically for a wide range of projects, an area that Flora Holton, our Nursery Manager, expertly guides us nursery volunteers in assisting with. There's hardly any aspect of Trees For Life's operations that the Westwood Nursery team isn't involved in, quietly working hard behind the scenes. At this time of year, the nursery is full to bursting with mature, healthy-looking native plants, lovingly raised for projects across South Australia.

One thing I've loved in the last few years has been Flora's commitment to trial an increasing range of indigenous

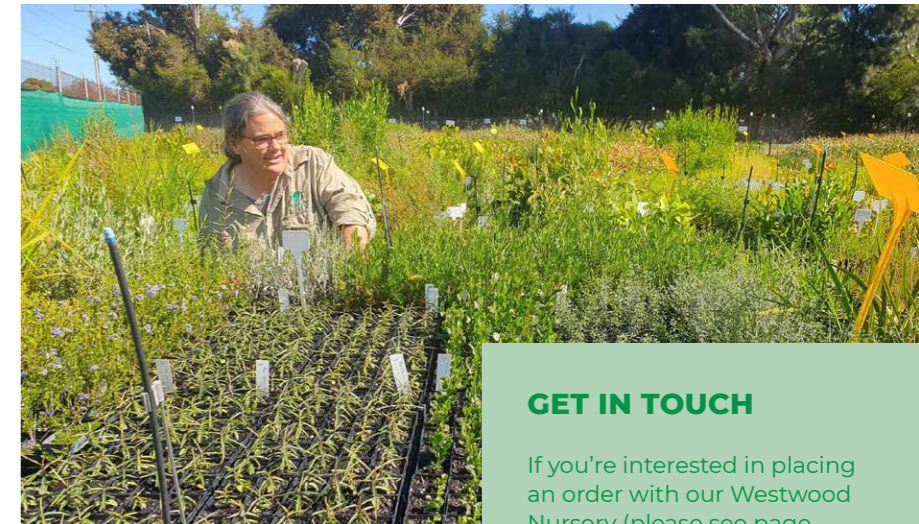
plants that most members of the public know little or nothing about. The speciality plant display at the annual sale looked fantastic this year and the range of species was bigger than ever. I like to think that our customers are adventurous and enthusiastic gardeners and landholders, whether they're planting in a small backyard or on a 100-hectare rural property.

Well, all is ready, and it's 9.00 am. The weather is fine, and there's already a group of enthusiastic punters waiting at the gate. Pretty soon, some of these people will find their way to the back of the nursery, where our excess Tree Scheme stock is waiting for new homes. This is an area for people who are often just starting to revegetate with native plants, and it feels great to give advice about the best species for their particular location, soil and project. The excitement on some people's faces is palpable — this is where their journey of revegetation begins or continues. Some people buy five plants, some people buy 500! Often people arrive just wanting a few plants, but their enthusiasm gets a hold and they end up walking away with dozens.

By mid-morning, the crowd is building, and it's non-stop action, with customers waiting in line for advice. "Perhaps you'd like to look over the specialty plant section for 10 minutes while I deal with my current customer?", I suggest. That works most of the time. Friends come in to buy some plants, but I don't have time to chat! It's go, go, go. Just time to grab a coffee and a few biscuits at lunch as the controlled rush continues. Thank goodness we've moved to a booking system. This means we can give each customer our undivided attention.

It's a great feeling if you can convince people to try something new on their property. South Australia literally has hundreds of native plant species that most people know little or nothing about, and this is one of the few places where they can really expand their knowledge and actually see these plants in 'person'.

One thing I really like about the plant sale is how friendly the atmosphere is. Not only do we enjoy talking to the customers and learning about their individual projects — which are as varied as the plants we grow — but I notice a lot of customers talking to each other. It's just a happy, friendly event full of like-minded people. By 1.00 pm, there

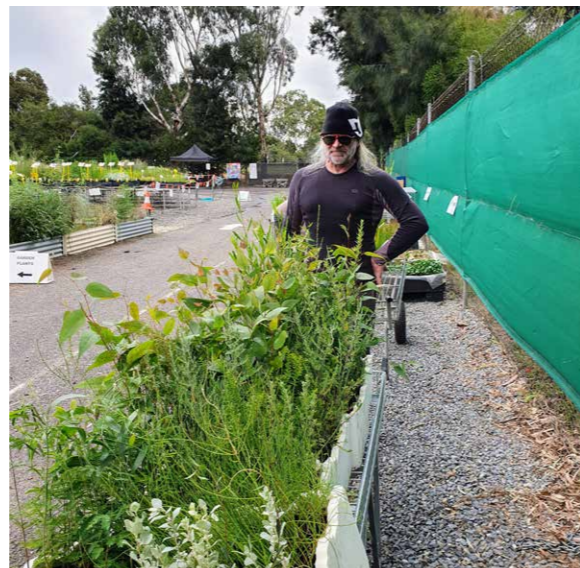


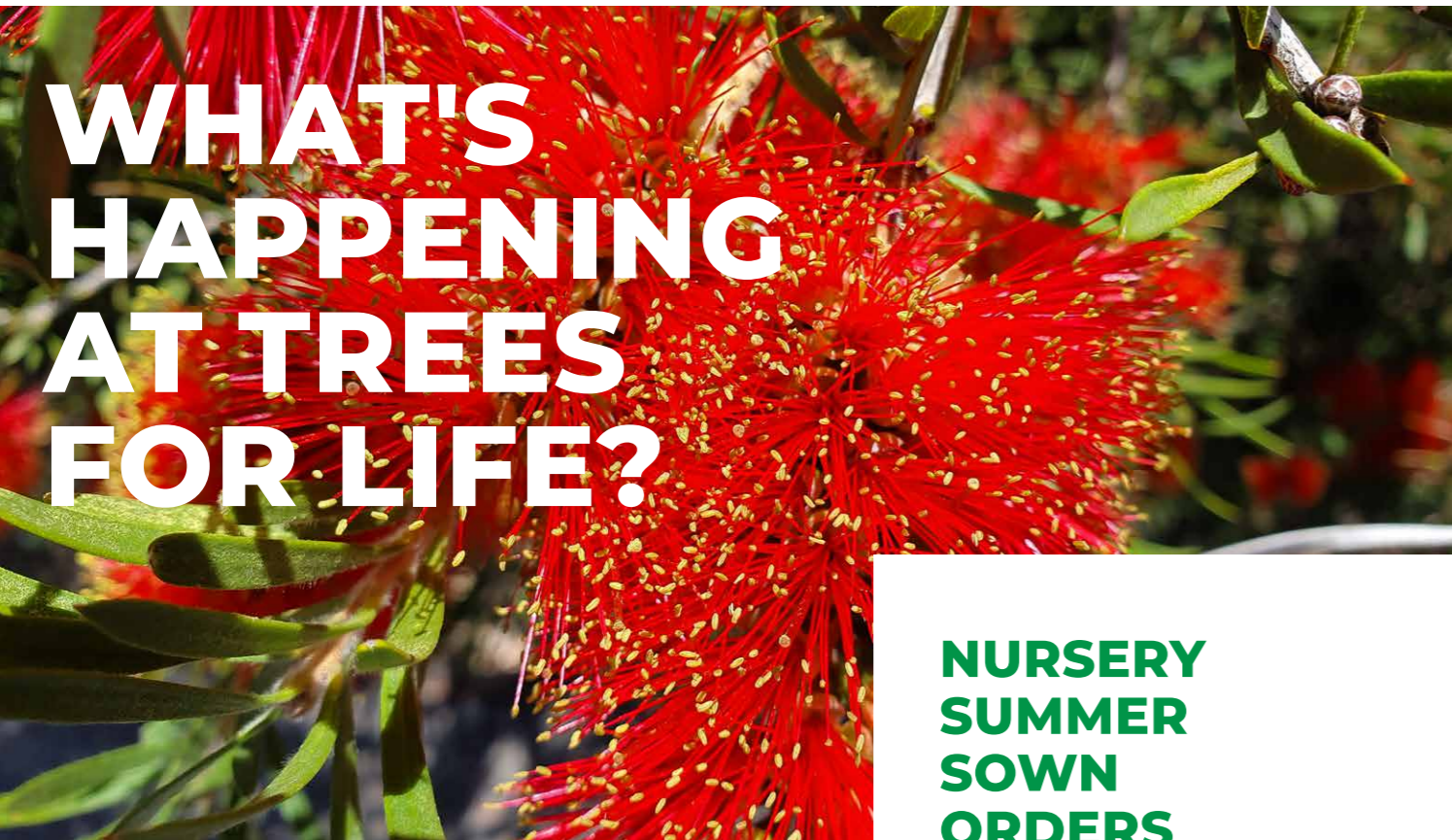
### GET IN TOUCH

If you're interested in placing an order with our Westwood Nursery (please see page 13 for more information on ordering summer sown species), or want to have a chat with staff, please call us on 08 8406 0500 or email [info@treesforlife.org.au](mailto:info@treesforlife.org.au).

are still customers lingering, talking themselves into buying more plants, but we are exhausted. We have been helping customers get the plants they want and then getting them to their cars for four hours. What started as a chock-full nursery now has some spaces where plants, especially in the most popular zones, have been snapped up. Tomorrow it will all happen again, and again the day after! I go home happy knowing that hopefully I've done a little good.

Our Annual Plant Sale is a chance for you to experience a normally hidden aspect of Trees For Life operations. It's an opportunity to expand your plant horizons and get going practically on whatever project you're dreaming about. More than that, it's a chance to gaze upon the rows and rows of beautiful native seedlings that will shortly go to the many projects Trees For Life is involved in. The next plant sale in June 2024 might seem like a long way away, but it's not. The time to start planning is now! 🌱





# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT TREES FOR LIFE?

## END OF YEAR PARTY

You're invited to celebrate the contributions and achievements of our Trees For Life community. This year's event will be held at the Thebarton Community Centre on Thursday 7 December from 6.00 to 8.00 pm. Please RSVP by 1 December. Thank You Tree Awards will be presented on the night and we encourage you to nominate a fellow member (see below).

## THANK YOU TREE AWARDS

Nominations for our Thank You Tree Awards are now open and we encourage you to nominate a fellow member or volunteer to recognise their outstanding contribution to Trees For Life. For more information, and to access a nomination form, please visit our website: [treesforlife.org.au/latest-news](https://treesforlife.org.au/latest-news). You can also call us on 08 8406 0500, or email [info@treesforlife.org.au](mailto:info@treesforlife.org.au) to receive a nomination form. Nominations close Friday 27 October.

## VOLUNTEER GROWING GEAR

Most depots will open their gates on Sunday 12 November, from 9.00 am\* to 12.00 pm this year for Tree Scheme volunteer growers to collect everything needed to raise native seedlings. If you've registered to grow, you should have received a confirmation that we received your offer. If you haven't heard from us by late-October regarding whether you've been allocated to grow, please get in touch.

*\*Opening times will differ between depots, please check your local depot information for details.*

## NURSERY SUMMER SOWN ORDERS

Australian native seedlings love summer. That means it's the main growing period for our Westwood Nursery which raises up to 300 different species every year to help landholders, local government, and community and conservation groups meet their revegetation goals. We grow native herbs, grasses, ground covers, shrubs and trees from across the state, helping South Australians create homes for local wildlife and bring landscapes to life. If you're not sure where to start, our Westwood Nursery team would love to help with expert advice on species selection. Our years of experience and specialist knowledge mean we can suggest the perfect plant for your project or property. We're also able to grow rare and threatened species for projects\*. We'll collect seed and cuttings suitable to your local provenance, or can collect seed from your own property by request, at cost. Have a chat to our friendly team and see what we can do to help. We grow to order a minimum of 50 plants comprised of 20 plants per species at a very competitive price. The deadline for summer sown orders is Wednesday 30 November. Please get in touch earlier if you have specialist provenance requirements.

*\*Conditions apply.*

### WHAT'S ON

Please note all dates are correct at the time of printing and are subject to change. Please check the advertised date closer to the event by calling our office or checking for updates on our website and Facebook page.

Annual General Meeting	19 October
Thank You Tree Award Nominations Close	27 October
Nature Festival 2023 Visit: <a href="https://naturefestival.org.au">naturefestival.org.au</a>	1-15 October
End of Year Party	7 December

### REGENERATE IN THE ADELAIDE PARKLANDS

Held every month in 2023 from 10.00 am – 1.00 pm. Caring for mental health and wellbeing through bushcare and guided nature walks (International students and City of Adelaide residents 55+ encouraged to attend).

Bushcare & Nature Walk	4 October
Bushcare & Plant Propagation	9 October
Bushcare & Aussie Bird Count	19 October
Bushcare & Nature Walk	27 October
Bushcare & Kauria Walk	6 November
Bushcare & Nature Walk	22 November
Bushcare & Seed Collection	9 December
Bushcare & End of Year Picnic	21 December

### TREE SCHEME AND NURSERY

Nursery Summer Seedling Orders	1 September – 30 November
Volunteer Grower Workshops (allocated growers only, bookings essential)	19 October – 4 November
Materials Collection Day for Tree Scheme Growers	Sunday 12 November*

*\*Dates may change across depots, check your grower letter for details.*

### BUSH FOR LIFE EVENTS

If you're interested in becoming a volunteer on one of our Bush For Life sites, or would like to learn more about managing your own bushland, come along to a Bushcare Workshop (these workshops are free for our members). Or come and try a Bush Action Team day.

#### BUSHCARE WORKSHOPS

Mt Barker	22 October
Adelaide	8 November

#### BUSH ACTION TEAM DAYS

Heathfield	4 October
Onkaparinga Hills	10 October
Echunga	12 October
Happy Valley	14 October
Belair	18 October
Auldana	20 October
Banksia Park	24 October
Cherry Gardens	26 October
Hillbank	1 November
Tanunda	3 November
Marino	7 November
Mitcham	9 November
Dorset Vale	15 November
Hillbank	17 November
Panorama	21 November
Banksia Park	23 November
Hallett Cove	25 November
Flagstaff Hill	28 November
Port Noarlunga	30 November
Hallett Cove	2 December
Hillbank	6 December
Morphett Vale	8 December
Eden Hills	12 December
Lonsdale	14 December
Fairview Park	20 December
Encounter Bay	22 December

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Trees For Life Annual General Meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Thursday 19 October 2023, at our office, 5 May Terrace, Brooklyn Park. The positions open for election this year are President, Secretary and three Ordinary Board Members. Jeanette Gellard is stepping down as President after six years in this role and Therese Halili recently stepped down from the role of Secretary, which she'd held since 2018. To RSVP, please contact our office on 8406 0500 or email [info@treesforlife.org.au](mailto:info@treesforlife.org.au). Financial members of Trees For Life are eligible to vote at our Annual General Meeting. If you would like to vote you can join as a financial member on our website.



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