

## TREES FOR LIFE CARBON

Trees For Life is a not for profit environmental organisation which was established in 1981 to revegetate South Australia and protect its native vegetation. Since then we have grown 29.5 million native plants for revegetation, sown 3000 kms of cleared land and currently manage 4,000 hectares of native vegetation for conservation.



In 2001, Trees For Life began planting previously cleared land specifically for carbon sequestration purposes. Three hundred hectares have been established to date.

All Trees For Life plantings aim to replicate local native forests and are not intended for any future clearance. We aim to create dynamic sustainable native forests which will remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and provide multiple environmental benefits.

Our Carbon program enables businesses and individuals to reduce their carbon impact by funding the retirement of Voluntary Carbon Units (VCUs). These units are generated outside Australia through renewable energy projects and meet the National Carbon Offsetting Standard.

Most companies and individuals also want to support local action on carbon as well. To assist we are offering three additional donation options that can be added to your VCU funding or be made independent of it.

## VOLUNTARY CARBON UNITS (Global Renewable Energy Projects)

**CARBON OFFSET: \$18.00 per tonne**

1. Funds the retirement of 1 Voluntary Carbon Unit<sup>1</sup> (VCU) to offset 1 tonne of CO<sub>2</sub>e on your behalf, plus

### Benefits to you

1. Meets the requirements of the National Carbon Offset Standard so can be used to support offset claims or to assist in achieving carbon neutrality, where applicable
2. Provides a global action to reduce Greenhouse Gas emissions through the VCU
3. You get the use of the TFL Carbon logos to promote your environmental action<sup>2</sup>
4. Proof of VCU retirement in your name can be viewed in the public areas of certified registries such as the Markit Environmental Registry. <http://www.markitenvironmental.com/aboutpublic.php>
5. You receive a certificate detailing your accumulated contributions to date
6. You are listed as a Carbon contributor on the Trees For Life website with hotlink to your website<sup>2</sup>
7. Promotional stickers to demonstrate your contribution



<sup>1</sup> A VCU is a certified carbon credit issued by the Voluntary Carbon Standard (VCS). <http://www.v-c-s.org/index.html> VCUs are eligible carbon offset units under the Australian National Carbon Offset Standard (NCOS) Carbon Neutral Certification Program. <http://www.climatechange.gov.au/en/government/initiatives/national-carbon-offset-standard/q-and-a-for-business.aspx>

<sup>2</sup> Once your investment exceeds \$500

*Note: This is the **only** option available if you wish to make carbon offsetting claims or statements*

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For more information about claims you can make in relation to carbon neutrality and carbon offsets please refer to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) website: [acc.gov.au](http://acc.gov.au)

## OFFSET PLUS – 1 VCU (Credit) + TREE DONATION OPTIONS (Local plantings)

All trees and shrubs sequester carbon as they grow. Our plantings vary in the amount of time they are protected legally from clearance and whether they are planted by Trees For Life or by our member landholders. You can nominate your preference for your donation from the 3 following options:

### 1. TREES FOR CARBON: \$4 donation per tree

1. Funds a native tree or shrub, planted as tubestock or by direct seeding on private land by Trees For Life
2. The plantings are legally protected from clearance for a minimum of 30 years
3. Estimated sequestration rate of around 1 tonne of CO<sub>2</sub>e per five plants over the life of the planting<sup>1</sup>
4. The plantings are actively managed to ensure estimated density is achieved
5. We commission a stem count audit after the first 5 years of growth by a third party

#### Benefits to you

1. 100% Tax deductible donation
2. We will tell you which site your donation has helped fund
3. You can track details of the site on our website
4. We send you promotional stickers recognising your donation, for example:



5. give you a certificate detailing your accumulated contributions to date
6. We list you as a donor on the Trees For Life website with hotlink to your website<sup>2</sup>

#### Benefits to the environment

1. The plantings are protected for at least 30 years, removing carbon from the atmosphere
2. They comprise multiple mixed native species plantings to restore cleared land
3. The plantings promote improved biodiversity, habitat and ecosystems
4. The plantings promote improved soil, air and water quality
5. All plantings use seed obtained from local remnant vegetation to conserve genetic diversity

<sup>1</sup>The estimated carbon sequestration is unique to each site and is calculated by assessing conditions and average rainfall of each location. Trees For Carbon does not meet the requirements of the National Carbon Offset Standard.

<sup>2</sup>Once donations exceed \$500

### 2. TREES FOR HABITAT: \$3.30 donation per tree

Trees For Habitat provides identical benefits to Trees For Carbon except that the legal protection period over the planting is a minimum of 10 years.

### 3. TREES FOR LAND: \$2.00 donation per tree

1. Funds a native tree or shrub for a landholder to plant into previously cleared areas of their property

#### Benefits to you

1. 100% Tax Deductible donation
2. We give you a certificate detailing your accumulated contributions to date
3. We list you as a donor on the Trees For Life website with hotlink to your website<sup>1</sup>
4. We send you promotional stickers recognising your donation

#### Benefits to the environment

1. Native species planted to restore cleared land
2. The plants promote improved biodiversity, habitat and ecosystems
3. The plants promote improved soil, air and water quality
4. All plants provided to landholders are grown from local remnant vegetation to conserve genetic diversity

<sup>1</sup>Once donations exceed \$500