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Maintaining the right youth-experience blend is essential

I've written before about the challenge of ensuring Trees For Life remains the best at what it does. As times change so must we. As we need to have flexible business strategies so we must be prepared to vary our approach in other respects. Our beliefs and values remain steadfast but we must always be prepared to review the way we do things, the services we offer and how we meet the expectations and aspirations of stakeholders and in particular the membership.

Usually it's the young cubs that learn from the older grizzlies.

Nowadays I'm finding more often than not that those roles are being reversed. The youngsters can teach us oldies a thing or two, particularly where technology is involved. Mind you I'm one of those old dinosaurs who pays cash for everything and still expects to get my windscreen cleaned every time I visit a service station (garage!). My grandkids tell me that I should have a Facebook page, read my news on the Internet, Twitter regularly and even turn my mobile on now and again. This to a bloke still trying to master the TV remote.

But seriously, we must be prepared to listen to young people. My generation hasn't exactly covered ourselves in glory as far as the environment is concerned.

We are leaving a dreadful legacy for our children's children and we have a responsibility to involve them in finding some answers. Perhaps together we can Undo The Damage done over the past couple of hundred years. New ideas and concepts must be encouraged and moulded into winning strategies.

Our average volunteer's age is apparently fifty-three, which I reckon is pretty damn good for a community-based organisation. What we need to ensure is that we maintain the right blend of youth and experience in all aspects of the organisation. Our founders created Trees For Life nearly thirty years ago and we have a duty to ensure that it is still alive and well in another thirty years' time. That is why our recent emphasis on youth and engagement of children is so important.

Our Kids Branch is just one initiative in this regard and I encourage you all to talk to your children and grandchildren (or someone else's if you don't have any) about the environment and the part that TFL is playing to Undo The Damage done by past generations.

Together we can achieve miracles.

DAVID MITCHELL
President

TFL gets 'Out & About'

Winter lull is quickly drawing to a close, and the marketing team is gearing up for a busy few months ahead.

Just recently we held events to mark National Schools Tree Day and National Tree Day, as well as being the chosen charity for the Power's AFL Green Round.

As you're reading this, we'll probably be at the Royal Adelaide Show, promoting TFL until September 12. The RAS takes up a lot of our time and effort but is well worth it as it is one of the State's few events which attracts landholders from all over. We wouldn't be able to afford the time without offers of help from our volunteers, so a huge thank you all those involved.

We leave the city after the show, travelling to the Riverland Field Days on September 16-17 and following up with the Paskeville Field Days on September 29, 30 and October 1.

In October TFL will also attend the Jamestown and Renmark shows.

So if you're out and about like us, or live in some of the areas we are visiting, please call in and say hi, or if you have any questions, we'll be only too happy to help. See you then!

Contact us

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AGM in October

Trees For Life's Annual General Meeting will take place at the TFL office in Brooklyn Park on October 8 from 6pm and all members are warmly invited to attend.

Nominations for four Board positions – President, Secretary and two Ordinary Members – are open until September 8.

Members are reminded they can nominate another TFL member to vote on their behalf as their proxy. However appointment of a proxy must be in writing and on a TFL proxy form.

Proxy forms will be available from our office seven days before the AGM and the voter and proxy must be registered at the TFL office not less than 48 hours before the meeting.

A member may act as a proxy for a maximum of three other members.

Those wanting to attend are asked to RSVP to the office on 8406 0500. Refreshments will be served.

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Another good year

As we sit back and review our performance over the passing financial year the one measure we value above all others is our environmental performance. Trees For Life exists to revegetate South Australia and conserve its remnant vegetation. Our volunteers, our members, our donors, our NRM partners and our sponsors all support Trees For Life for this one purpose.

Despite the drought, we received orders for local native species from 1,557 landholders last season. 1,026 volunteer growers supported those landholders who were unable to grow their own tubestock and also grew for major projects such as the State Government's Urban Forest program. In total, 841,900 seedlings were grown bringing the total number of plants grown through the Tree Scheme to 28,337,850 to date.

What a superb achievement and a wonderful boost to the biodiversity of South Australia.

Tubestock is one method of revegetation. Direct seeding is another, and last season our team sowed 396 kms of seed. This equates to around 158 hectares of new vegetation this season and around 127,000 plants.

Our revegetation efforts were also supported financially by 55 business and 62 individual subscribers to the Carbon Neutral program. Together these subscribers funded the sequestration of 10,000 of CO₂. Carbon plantings were generously hosted by seven of our member landholders.

Our conservation work undertaken through the Bush For Life program also continued to grow and consolidate. 753 BFL volunteers worked on 330 sites covering approximately 4,152 hectares of valuable remnant vegetation. Their work contributes directly to biodiversity benefits and the protection and extension of native habitat for our local species. This year 226 new



Bush For Life volunteers Alan Dandie and Ann Woodroffe discuss their work with Environment and Conservation Minister Jay Weatherill and AMLNRM Director, Communications and Engagement, Christel Mex.

people were trained in the Bush For Life techniques and another 57 went on to the advanced training. This is a tremendous commitment from our members. Bush For Life volunteers and sites are supported by the Bush Action Teams (BATs) and group volunteer activities called Bush Management Days (BMDs). Last season there were 92 BMDs representing 1,879 volunteer hours and 60 BATs representing a staggering 4,350 volunteer hours.

I think we can all be proud of these achievements. I hope we can match or exceed them next year, because, when you take a look around it is clear that our work is far from done. But despite the size of the challenge it is important to remember that every step we take towards our goal produces a result. Each new plant creates a food source and home for a myriad of creatures, each weed removed allows a struggling native to find its place in the sun.

Thank you to the wonderful diversity of people who make up our organisation. Trees For Life.

Thank you for supporting Bush For Life

By CARMEL DUNDON
TFL Chief Executive Officer

When Trees For Life lost its federal government funding support for the Bush For Life program I was amazed and overwhelmed by the tremendous support we received.

Our members wrote letters to their state and federal representatives and sitting members spoke out for our program in both houses of the federal Parliament.

The media took a strong interest in our story and published excellent stories which profiled the achievements of our volunteers and staff. Members of the public went on the record to support and praise our work.

Our own State Government recognised what was at stake and stepped forward to offer support through the NRM Boards. As a result we have stronger and better relationships

with the Boards, in particular, with the Adelaide and Mt Lofty Ranges NRM Board with whom we are working to protect and enhance the important pockets of remnant vegetation along the ranges.

Even with the confirmed NRM State Government support there is still a shortfall in the subsidy we are able to offer the twenty local government partners that are ultimately responsible for the majority of bushland sites our volunteers work on. We thank those councils that have acknowledged the value of the program and their own community's contribution as volunteers by accepting an increase in their financial contribution to the partnership. In a difficult financial climate their willingness to continue to support local biodiversity management is highly commendable. We continue to work closely with those few councils that are finding it difficult to adjust to the loss of the federal subsidy so that the BFL program can continue in their areas.



Minister for Volunteers Tom Koutsantonis, with David and Margie Mitchell.

Prestigious medal awarded to our President

All of us at Trees For Life congratulate our hard working President, David Mitchell, on being awarded the prestigious Joy Noble Medal on SA Volunteers Day.

The Joy Noble Medal recognises an outstanding contribution by a group or individual to the community through government volunteer programs.

David was awarded the medal "in recognition of his outstanding contribution, donating countless volunteer hours, to key volunteer programs and committees of the Department for Environment and Heritage".

In announcing the award, South Australian Premier Mike Rann said as a dedicated volunteer with his local Friends of Cobbler Creek and as the respected President of Friends of Parks Inc and Trees For Life, "David is known by all to be a champion for environmental issues, a passionate advocate for volunteers and strong supporter of ranger staff.

"David tirelessly coordinates, motivates, inspires and supports volunteers who do an astounding amount of work in South Australia's parks, reserves and the wider community."

In his nomination, David was described as a straight talker ... that "he calls a spade a spade". "Those of you in the audience here today, who know David, would know this to be very true. David's not afraid to stand up and bring the real issues to the table, to make a true difference where it counts."

Some of David's achievements over the years were highlighted at the volunteers event.

They included:

- Providing a direct voice, from the community to the government, about reserve and park management.
- Pitching in every year to remove truckloads of rubbish for Clean Up Australia Day.
- Providing a powerful negotiating force with council to address water quality issues for the health of Cobbler Creek, and
- Educating the community and promoting the great work of the Friends of Parks and Trees For Life groups.

"It's David's determination, honesty and true passion for improving the lot of volunteers and the environment that has seen him win this year's Joy Noble Medal."

The medal was presented by His Excellency the Governor of SA, Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce AC CSC RANR.

Twenty years on, Maureen still as passionate

When our members think Tree Scheme, they invariably think Maureen Redfern. Maureen, who is Trees For Life's longest-serving employee has always been committed to the program.

Known as a 'quiet achiever', Maureen became a dedicated volunteer in the mid 1980s, taking on coordination of a local branch of TFL in 1985 and helping to raise seedlings for planting projects all over SA. She coordinated the branch for two years before being appointed as a staff member on August 28, 1989.

Since then the program has grown 29 million native trees and shrubs through the massive efforts of our volunteers encouraged, trained and coordinated by Maureen and her team. Through her dedication and skill Maureen has built the program into what is now one of the largest volunteer-based revegetation programs in the world.

In her 2001 history of Trees For Life, author Charlotte Knottenbelt said the deceptively simple-sounding philosophy of the Tree Scheme belied the elaborate organisational process which has been "ardently looked after by Maureen" over the years.

The cycle starts in May each year, when seedling orders open. Landholders place their orders by July and then Maureen coordinates the recruitment of the volunteers required to undertake growing and depot coordination. She then matches the volunteer growers to landholders requiring assistance. She liaises with Seedbank Manager Bruce Smith to ensure there is enough locally provenanced seed on hand to meet the orders.

Following that, coordination of approximately 50 distribution depots is needed, with

new depots and managers recruited as required. Growers are then matched to their closest distribution point where they go to collect their propagation materials.

At the same time, propagation workshops are coordinated so that growers can receive the training and advice they need to propagate successfully.

Once the growing period is underway, growers have access to a Propagation Helpline where Maureen and Graham Greaves offer advice and assistance to those who need it.

Coordinating the receipt of back up seedlings and redistributing them to growers and landholders who need additional stock to fill orders is just about completed by May...just as the new ordering season opens.

Maureen has seen many changes over the years including our move to Campbelltown, Pasadena and finally to our very own home in Brooklyn Park. She has seen TFL grow from a small group of dedicated and visionary volunteers to be one of South Australia's most significant environmental organisations and one which has been recognised nationally for its contribution to the environment.

Maureen saw the 10 millionth seedling planted in 1995 and the 20 millionth seedlings planted outside Adelaide Oval in 2000. The 30 millionth seedling is imminent.

When Trees For Life moved to May Tce we were able to fulfil a long held dream of establishing our own nursery. Maureen has taken on the job of establishing the new Betty Westwood Nursery and exploring the opportunities having our own facility presented.

Despite twenty years in the role, Maureen is still testing new ideas and searching out new methods and opportunities to grow the best and healthiest plants possible for South Australian projects. The Board, staff and members of Trees For Life join in thanking Maureen and congratulating her on reaching this impressive milestone.

Spectacular scenery for 2010

South Australian native plants living in wetland, coastal and river environments was chosen as the theme for Trees For Life's 2010 calendar.

This could have been a bit risky – especially as we're known for being the driest State in the driest country, and the fact some of our wonderful native vegetation is looking the worse for wear after successive droughts.

However, those concerns are obviously unfounded. Just take a look at the insert featuring examples of photographs gracing the 2010 calendar and you'll see what we mean.

We received more than 100 submissions from 21 member photographers throughout SA, featuring spectacular coastal scenes with all types of vegetation holding together brilliant white sand dunes, pools of water captured within dense bushland, a range of glorious wetlands and, of course, the ever-changing face of our precious River Murray.

Shortlisting the submissions to just 13 is always a very hard task, but we aim to put most of the submissions on our website in due course.

In our final choice, we have tried to get a good mix of environments and surrounding vegetation at all times of the day, from all parts of SA.

Once again, we hope you are as pleased with our choice as we are.

Thank you to those of you who took time to take photographs for us, and then submit them. The talents of our members never ceases to amaze us!

Environment gets a helping hand

This year's National Schools Tree Day was the perfect occasion for Port Adelaide Football Club to announce Trees For Life as its community environment partner.

Following on from the initial partnership last year, the new alliance will see the Power promoting TFL to help recruit volunteer growers from its membership, supporters, staff and players.

The announcement was made during a special visit to West Lakes Shore Primary Schools, where star Power player Daniel Motlop and Planet Ark's National Tree Day mascot Fifi and the Flowertots helped plant around 100 seedlings with students.

The alliance was further cemented on National Tree Day and at the AFL's Green Round on August 16, with TFL handing out native seedlings to Power supporters and 400 tickets to the game being provided for TFL members. TFL's new advertisement, *Undo The Damage*, also featured on the super screen at AAMI Stadium for the Green Round.

South Australian school students far and wide planted Trees For Life seedlings on National Schools Tree Day.

Apart from locally at West Lakes, around 500 native seedlings were planted in the Riverland at Barmera and Berri.

Berri Primary School students once again undertook an annual excursion to the riverfront at the Berri Marina and planted hundreds of trees as part of the Lions Club's revegetation work to create a walking trail. This project has been taking shape for the past few years, with all seedlings on the riverfront coming from Trees For Life.

Gladstone Primary School students also got their hands dirty for the event, planting hundreds of seedlings in what was a fun day for all.



Daniel Motlop from the Port Adelaide Football Club joined Fifi and the Flowertots to help West Lakes Shore Primary Schools students plant seedlings for Schools Tree Day.



Gladstone Primary School took part in Schools Tree Day (above and below).



Berri Primary School students planted seedlings at the Berri Marina.



Propagation workshops start

If you are a new grower, or if you have grown before and would like to improve the quality of your seedlings, Trees For Life encourages you to attend one of our free propagation workshops.

We will introduce you to the basic steps of propagation the TFL way, and demonstrate correct tube filling, transplanting and other essentials.

All workshops will be presented by Harry Chambis, and will be held at our nursery at Brooklyn Park.

They will run for approximately 2 hours.

Propagation workshop dates and times:

Wednesday	October 14	5.30 pm – 7.30 pm
Saturday	October 17	9.30 am – 11.30 am
Saturday	October 17	12 noon – 2 pm
Wednesday	October 21	5.30 pm – 7.30 pm
Saturday	October 24	9.30 am – 11.30 pm
Saturday	October 24	12 noon – 2 pm
Wednesday	October 28	5.30 pm – 7.30 pm
Saturday	October 31	9.30 am – 11.30 pm
Saturday	October 31	12 noon – 2 pm
Wednesday	November 4	5.30 pm - 7.30 pm
Saturday	November 7	9.30 am - 11.30 am
Saturday	November 7	12 noon - 2 pm
Wednesday	November 11	5.30 pm - 7.30 pm

If you are interested in attending, please phone 8406 0500 to book. We will send you confirmation and details of location approximately one week before the workshop.

Landholders who are growing their own seedlings are also welcome to attend the workshops.

New depot sites needed

By MAUREEN REDFERN Tree Scheme Manager

We are looking for new locations for two of our major metropolitan depots, Christies Beach and Henley Beach, from around late October until mid November.

In both cases our traditional locations are no longer available to us.

We need a site for about 500 to 1000 boxes of soil and other propagation supplies. The site should be drive through, or big enough to allow plenty of room for turn-arounds and to allow a few cars to queue.

It also needs to be level and accessible for soil delivery by a large truck, with a clean surface such as concrete to store the soil on.

Lock-up security is a must if it is a public place.

Fortunately in each case we have depot managers willing to continue to run their depots, so all we have to do is find the new locations.

If you can help please give me a call on 8406 0500.

Great feedback for volunteers and staff

Each year landholders and volunteer growers return questionnaires that give us feedback about their seedlings and their experience of growing and planting seedlings.

They always make interesting reading and always give us a lot of valuable information about how the Tree Scheme is working.

Please read a few of the positive comments from our landholders.

"I have experienced great service and polite staff whenever I've dealt with anyone from Trees For Life. Well done!" Rebekah,

of Middleton, who has been planting TFL seedlings for three years - about 2500 seedlings in that time.

"I really appreciate advice and help available and willingly given by TFL, Natural Resources team and GWLAP." Linley, of Mt Barker, who has planted TFL seedlings for 27 years.

"TFL is a great organisation - I would like to be involved when retired and living on Kangaroo Island." Fern, of Kingscote KI.

"Trees For Life have done more for the environment especially on private farms than any other organisation, including governments."

Peter, of Harrogate, who has been planting TFL seedlings for 22 years.

"Very rewarding to see the trees grow and transform our property." Barry, from the Booleroo Centre, who has planted at least 5000 over the past 10 years.

"Have noticed birds (parrots) at trees and even skinks on the trees." Shaun, of Mannum.

"Why isn't it Australia-wide?" Paul and Barbara, who have been planting for 3 years.

We also received a wonderful email from a planting contractor with the Department of Environment and Heritage:

"I went down to TFL to inspect their plants and I have to tell you that their plants are the best that I have ever seen in the 7 years that I've been in the industry."

They are healthy, of excellent height ... and are also graded and by that I mean there is nothing small in the trays. Maureen was a delight to deal with and also had the list of plants printed for us when we arrived. The nursery was absolutely spotless and is a credit to Maureen."

Well done to all of our volunteer growers and the Tree Scheme staff and volunteers - and thank you to all landholders who responded to our questionnaire.



Tree Scheme Manager Maureen Redfern - TFL's longest serving employee - is currently celebrating her 20th year in the role. She is pictured above (third from left) with TFL pioneers in the mid 1980s and below, planting seedlings at Cobbler Creek with Seedbank Manager Bruce Smith in 1997. Read Maureen's story on Page 4.



Remote students learn from plantings

Trees For Life's successful Tree Scheme program reaches far and wide, as evidenced in a revegetation project which has been taking place in the far north of the State.

The Alinytjara Wilurara Natural Resources Management (AWNRM) Board has been working with Oak Valley and Yalata school children to revegetate the region with native trees which have been grown by Trees For Life volunteers.

In May, Board, staff and children from the Oak Valley school planted native seedlings around the boundary of the school. This planting was designed to reduce and prevent erosion around the school's fence line according to AWNRM Communications Officer Danielle Rosenberg.

"The AWNRM staff also worked with the Yalata school children planting hundreds of native trees grown by Trees For Life volunteers," Danielle said.

Trees were planted around the entrance to the community

area, near the Yalata Boomerang sign. Overall the group planted 300 trees in a single day's work, and other trees were used by community members and staff to plant in surrounding areas.

Danielle said the project is part of the Caring for Country program and is aimed to increase the awareness and importance of natural resource management in school aged children by involving them in hands-on biodiversity protection.

"The earlier children learn and are able to participate in natural resource management, the more beneficial it is for the land and the community as a whole. The children are learning that good natural resource management outcomes reduce threatening processes such as erosion, and the revegetation of native plant species will encourage biodiversity by providing habitat for wildlife species and birds."

The AWNRM Board and staff said they were pleased and excited with the level of participation and interest from the children and teachers at the school, and looked forward to further collaborative work in the future. The Board also acknowledged the value and importance of working with Trees For Life.



Yalata school students plant Trees For Life seedlings to help raise awareness of biodiversity protection in their local region.

Traditional Aboriginal use

The Alinytjara Wilurara (AW) Region covers 26% of the State and includes the following lands and waters:

- Yalata (vested in the Aboriginal Lands Trust under the *Aboriginal Lands Trust Act 1966*);
- Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands (vested in the Anangu Pitjantjatjara under the *Pitjantjatjara Land Rights Act 1981*)
- Maralinga Tjarutja (MT) Lands (vested in the Maralinga Tjarutja under the *Maralinga Tjarutja Land Rights Act 1984*)
- Areas dedicated under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act* adjoining the Yalata and Maralinga Tjarutja Lands: the Unnamed Conservation Park, Tallaringa Conservation Park, Yumbarra Conservation Park, Pureba Conservation Park, the Nullarbor Regional Reserve and the Yellabinna Regional Reserve

This vast, remote and rich land is largely set aside for conservation and traditional Aboriginal use and occupation. More than half the region is held as dedicated Aboriginal lands.

SGIC funds nursery benches

Thank you to SGIC, which has awarded Trees For Life funding through a Community Grant.

The funds have been used at the Betty Westwood Nursery to buy propagation benches and materials for a shadehouse.

The extra benches have allowed improvement of the Occupational, Health, Safety and Welfare standards of our nursery, while the shade material has improved our capacity to produce high quality seedlings.

A Bushcare legacy seeks new caring owners in Macclesfield

Glenn and Vicki Williams bought their 17 acre grassy woodland treasure in Macclesfield in 1983, initially attracted by the wattles and gums, but unaware of some of its hidden treasures. Soon after they became members of the Strathalbyn group of Trees For Life and their knowledge swiftly expanded as they were introduced to intimate botanical names for the diverse range of trees, shrubs and many smaller plants.

Some open areas had been planted out using seed collected on-site but it soon became clear that natural regeneration was benefiting the bushland recovery far more rapidly and successfully than modest revegetation efforts. In 1988 Glenn and Vicki were encouraged to enter a Heritage Agreement. From here on the annual discovery of more and more species delighted and astounded them both.

Long term bushcarers Glenn and Vicki have valued the opportunity to make a difference and to enjoy the tranquillity, work amongst the cavorting wrens, finches, honey eaters and listen to the kookaburras herald in the day's end as darkness falls.

Connections with Trees For Life and the Bush For Life program have remained strong with a number of Bush Action Teams visiting the property over the years.

Due to a recent lifestyle change, Glenn and Vicki's association with their wonderful property is drawing to an end. The property is on the market and new, sympathetic owners are needed for its ongoing care and to enjoy a lasting legacy.

Details can be found on <http://www.realestate.com.au> property no. 724094

Habitat restoration at 'SeaWings'... and a rare discovery

By ELIZABETH STEELE-COLLINS

Growing up as a farmer's daughter, I come from a long line of farmers with my great-great grandfather among those first settlers to farm in the Adelaide Hills.

I am therefore very aware of how much land clearing has taken place in bygone years.

When talking with my father and other landowners who have farmed all their lives about the extensive land clearing that took place many years ago, all have made similar comments: "If only we knew back then what we know now, we would not have cleared so much virgin land at the time".

If only more native vegetation had been left for the wildlife. If only more careful planning had been done to ensure that more areas of scrub & woodland remained and were protected. If only more corridors of native vegetation were left linking these areas of scrubland together. So many ifs...

When I bought the property at Waitpinga Cliffs in 1995 it was my intention to fence off all remnant areas of scrub and woodland so the native flora could be protected. Before this both sheep and cattle had been grazing through the existing scrubland for many years.

As I became more aware of the many detrimental effects on the birds and wildlife due to extensive clearing, I became even more determined to protect what native vegetation still existed on the property as well as commence habitat restoration projects to create more natural habitat for the wildlife.

All creatures are dependent on their environment and loss of habitat is one of the major



The Mealy Wattle *Acacia farinosa* was thought to be extinct in the Waitpinga Cliffs region until it was discovered several years ago.

causes of loss of species. By restoring natural habitat we are giving back to the birds and wildlife and providing the opportunity for the return of those species whose numbers have been declining.

The Waitpinga Cliffs area has been recognised as a rare eco system of high conservation significance and so far over 10 hectares has been fenced off on the property. These areas have been set aside as conservation reserves thus providing more land in which to create more habitat by revegetation using local native plant species. These areas have been protected under a Heritage Agreement and have also been selected as Bush For Life sites.

Without the support of all the dedicated volunteers, including those from Trees For Life and the wonderful Bush for Life BAT program, we would not be seeing the success that we are.

We are now discovering new plants and native grasses are regenerating within these areas including some that have been listed as rare or even endangered.

The joy and satisfaction of knowing that we are saving this patch of bush and giving back to the environment is our reward.

A real highlight occurred last year when I discovered a very rare plant growing within the most recently listed Heritage area and Bush For Life site. The Mealy Wattle *Acacia farinosa* was thought to be extinct in the

region until it was discovered in this area by local plant expert Ron Taylor several years ago. How exciting it was to find one on our property also. It was a mature plant growing within a large *Callistemon rugulosus* bush and by removing livestock from the area it had been given a chance to recover.

Since then, *A. farinosa* seed has been collected and seedlings grown. We are now nurturing a new generation of this precious and rare plant.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if every farmer and landholder could make the small start of protecting the remnant native vegetation that already exists on their properties? By keeping livestock out of what little native scrubland is left we are not only saving the ever diminishing native bush, but we are creating more undisturbed habitat for the wildlife. Later corridors could be established linking these areas together.

All efforts, be they large or small, add up. Together they make a difference.

In this way we are not only saving rare plants, we are giving back to the wildlife some of the environment that has been taken away. This would go a long way to help save species whose numbers are declining.

Let's all resolve to do what we can to preserve our unique environment so we can continue to enjoy its biodiversity, not least its fascinating birds and wildlife.



Workshop presenter Harry Chambis in action.

Harry Chambis - spreading the bush regeneration message

Have you ever wondered how the bush heals itself and the best ways you can help the natural regeneration process? It's a question that has intrigued Harry Chambis for many years. Bush Regeneration is a set of principles and methods developed in the 1960s by the Bradley sisters in New South Wales and Enid Robertson in South Australia. After a personal journey discovering the benefits of the bush regeneration approach, Harry now shares his expertise in the Bush For Life Introductory workshops, and runs his own education company called "Learner Centered Learning Pty Ltd".

Over the years Harry became increasingly aware of the degrading influences affecting the SA environment, highlighted by his study of a small bushland site called Bailey Reserve. This site had been repeatedly slashed and the condition of the vegetation was poor. After attending a Bush For Life workshop Harry became convinced that the bush regeneration techniques

taught could assist him and other members of the community to protect remnant vegetation. It was agreed that Bailey Reserve would be included as a site in the Bush For Life program, council slashing was stopped and the Bush For Life principles applied. Today if you wander through the reserve you will be greeted by young, healthy sheoaks, grey box, blue gums and dozens of other species of indigenous plants which are spontaneously regenerating. Harry was so impressed with the results that he dedicated his time to applying, supporting and promoting bush regeneration through the Bush For Life workshops.

Today Bush For Life Introductory workshops provide guidance for bush regenerators on how to take cues from nature's healing processes and what can be done to assist in repairing damaged landscapes. Harry reminds volunteers, that if they are too 'weed focused' they can fall into the trap of over clearance therefore weeds need to be removed at a pace which allows native plants to fill the gap. Using these 'spot regeneration' techniques, bush regenerators can assist in halting the spread of weeds by working along the edges of bushland where weed fronts occur. After participating in a Bush For Life workshop, attendees should feel encouraged to continue to develop their personal relationship with bushland by participating as a volunteer in the Bush For Life program.

Harry regards the bush regeneration message to be one of the most important in turning around the decline of bushland. It is critical that these methods are adopted more widely if we are to tackle the mass extinction of animals and plants now and in the future. The bounce back of nature is already underway where the right conditions exist and bush regenerators herald the green renaissance!

If you would like more information contact TFL on 8406 0500.



Auburn bushcarer Steve Puccetti with some of the feral olive trees he eradicated at the Auburn Cemetery site.

Auburn olives bite the dust

Eighteen months ago bushcarer Steve Puccetti set himself a challenge - to rid the Auburn Cemetery site, a potentially lovely bushland setting, of feral olives.

After hundreds of hours on site, a couple dozen litres of glyphosate, a drill and three drill bits, 7076 olives have now bitten the dust and the area is olive-free.

Steve first became interested in the Auburn Cemetery site after touring it with Bush For Life (BFL) coordinators Peter Tucker and Andrew Allanson during a BFL workshop they were running in Auburn for prospective volunteers.

He said Peter and Andrew were very informative about the importance of weed control in the natural environment and the importance of preserving the few remaining tracts of native vegetation in the area.

"They were also fine motivators and I couldn't wait to begin the work of clearing feral olives, which are a particularly invasive pest in the Clare and Gilbert valleys due to the preponderance of commercial and private olive groves."

Steve said he was initially given the task of clearing a privately owned heritage site located about four kilometres west of Saddleworth.

The area had been visited by Trees For Life Bush Action Teams (BATs) and many larger olives had been treated.

"However, over the course of the next year and a half I was able to further remove over a thousand small trees and seedlings, bringing the site under control," Steve said.

At the start of 2008 he attended a BAT visit to the Auburn Cemetery where work started on removing olives from the less infested southern end of the site.

"Andrew suggested that I become a site carer, so I took up the challenge of freeing the cemetery site from olives in my spare time on weekends. I continued on from the southern end of the site and worked my way steadily north, marking out the areas already completed.

"I enjoyed the satisfaction of being able to see the progress being made and motivated myself further by faithfully counting each olive either hand pull or drilled and filled. During the 18 months that I set myself to clear the site, it was exciting for me to see the appearance of the site change over time from one dominated by the spreading olive trees to one in which the remnant native bush is able to thrive."

Steve admits when he first saw the Auburn Cemetery site, it was very badly infested "and the task was, frankly, daunting".

But now that his challenge has been successfully met, he says he's looking forward to the next BFL challenge "and to maintain the two sites at which I volunteer in a pleasant state".

Congratulations Steve on a job well done.

Accolades for green ACC

One of Trees For Life's Corporate Life Members, the Adelaide Convention Centre (ACC), has won several awards this year in recognition of the centre's leadership under its Sustainability Management Plan.

The centre was announced as Winner, Corporate Social Responsibility by Meetings and Events Australia and won Silver in the Qantas Awards for Excellence in Sustainable Tourism at the SA Tourism Awards.

One of the greatest accolades however was winning Silver in the worldwide IMEX Green Supplier Award.

ACC Chief Executive Alec Gilbert said having the Adelaide Convention Centre recognised for its environmental excellence and innovation was "a very proud moment".

He said the awards were proof that the ACC was setting global benchmarks in sustainable meetings and events.

"We are putting into practice our 'Gold Service. Green Attitude' philosophy and are committed to reducing our environmental footprint," Mr Gilbert said.

For the past several months the ACC has worked with a range of organisations, including Trees For Life and SA's Zero Waste, to put in place processes that accurately measure its environmental footprint, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and ensure the business is as environmentally sustainable as it can be.

Last year the ACC created 'Go For Green' meeting packages that included a per delegate donation to Trees For Life to help offset CO2 emissions generated by the products and services provided for events.

Trees For Life congratulates the ACC staff, Board and management for their hard work in meeting its sustainable goals and showing great leadership.

Flaxley planting enjoyed by staff

Every year Trees For Life staff try to gain more experience in all program areas – whether it be doing Bush For Life workshops, collecting seed, growing seedlings or generally getting out into the field.

We need to know what our growers, landholders and bushcarers have to deal with each year, so it just makes sense for us to get our hands dirty too!

Last year staff from all positions braved cold and wet conditions to plant trees on a Flaxley carbon sequestration property.

Staff returned to the site last month to undertake more planting.

It was fantastic to see how much last year's seedlings had grown, and to see first-hand the affect this glorious rain has been having on soil quality. The lush green vegetation has obviously had a well-deserved drink this year.

So once again hundreds of seedlings were planted and this was again followed by a magnificent luncheon put on by property owners Doug and Olga Farnill.

A great day was had by all and may 'our' seedlings continue to thrive.



The Farnill's carbon sequestration property at Flaxley.



TFL's Cecile Chambon helps out with the planting, while other staff admire the success of last year's efforts.

Businesses supporting the environment

Thank you to the businesses, both large and small who supported major revegetation projects in South Australia last financial year by subscribing to our Carbon Neutral program. These businesses and organisations chose to voluntarily support the environment. Behind their contributions are passionate and committed people who want to make a significant contribution to the long term environmental and ecological sustainability of our state. Why not add your business or organisation to the list this year?

Thank you Acer Computers Australia, Satisfac Credit Union, Savings & Loans Credit Union (SA) Ltd, Whyalla Veterinary Clinic, Elderton Wines, TFL Visionaries, Adelaide Convention Centre, Japan-Australia Cultural Exchange Association, Motor Accident Commission, Brown Falconer, Grosset Wines, Shearer + Elliss Chartered

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Direct Seeding Program goes "hands on"

Since its inception in 2001, Trees For Life's Direct Seeding Program has undertaken large and small revegetation jobs across South Australia, from the Southern Flinders to the South-East and all places in between.

Two machines have been used; a tractor mounted "v" blade seeder for dry-land and sandy soils, and a trailer mounted disc seeder towed behind a 4wd ute for general to higher rainfall areas.

While these two machines cater for a wide range of conditions, working steep slopes, extremely rough or confined areas has always been problematic. The disc seeder creates a continuous seeding furrow, and on undulating or hilly country, needs to be used across the contours to avoid creating erosion channels in the soil. This is okay until the severity and/or roughness of the slope compromises vehicle stability and driver safety.

To overcome this challenge and open up further direct seeding opportunities in the Adelaide Hills and Fleurieu Peninsula, TFL's David Hein and Dennis Hayles have developed a compact machine that tows easily behind a quad bike. Utilising an electric/hydraulic cylinder to activate a spring release tyne, it has the capacity to work up and down slopes, creating short discontinuous furrows while leaving most soil undisturbed, thus preventing water erosion potential. The furrows are then hand seeded in an efficient manner afterward.

The quad bike, purchased with funds provided by Foodland, has been equipped with spray tank and boom so that chemical weed control can be carried out prior to and/or at the time of seeding.

David and Dennis also fabricated a shielded sprayer that mounts on the front of



The new quad bike and scalping machine in action on David and Andrea Catford's property near Gladstone.



The shielded sprayer protects the seedlings while spraying weeds alongside the seeding rows.

the bike, so that at a later date when weed control is required, the direct seeded spots can be sprayed without affecting the establishing seedlings.

While TFL's first hand direct seeding carried out at Flaxley in 2007 was successful, it was very labour intensive, with spots being sprayed by staff and volunteers with knap-sacks, then the areas were prepared with cumbersome fire rakes and finally hand sown. Many blisters later and a lot of tired people, not to mention the 40 odd person hours per hectare, and the job was done. David believes TFL can now hand direct seed efficiently and more safely while seeding a hectare in 5 person hours in good conditions.

This planting season, we will utilize the quad bike and scalper to sow some 15 hectares of land that may otherwise not have been practical.



Volunteer Norm Lee wearing kidney belts with seed bowls and placing seed into the scalps with the aid of funnel tubes.

2009 seed collecting workshops (SC1)

Thurs	Sept 24	Athelstone
Tues	Oct 27	Stirling

2009 group seed collecting days (SD1)

Thurs	Oct 1	meet Birdwood
Tues	Nov 3	meet Strathalbyn

2009 Bush For Life workshops (B1)

Bush regeneration means looking after the bushland we have left, using minimal disturbance strategies and techniques to help it repair itself. It can be extremely rewarding lending the bush a helping hand and seeing the native vegetation spring back.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer on one of our Bush For Life sites or would like to learn more about managing your own bushland then come along to an Introductory Bush For Life workshop.

Thurs	Sept 10	Norton Summit
Sat	Sept 19	Mt Barker
Tues	Oct 6	Belair

2009 Advanced BFL workshops

Plant ID Theory (B5) (full day classroom)	Sat Sep 12	Mt Barker
Plant ID Practical (9-12 in field)	Thurs Sep 24	Tea Tree Gully
	Tues Oct 13	Woodcroft
Native Grass ID and Management (B4)(half day class, half day field)	Thurs Oct 1	Brooklyn Park
	Sat Oct 17	Mt Barker

2009 Propagation workshops (PR1)

Would you like some tips on propagating native seedlings? We run propagation workshops for TFL volunteer growers and landholders growing their own seedlings. Whether you're an experienced grower or complete novice, our propagation workshops provide useful and practical propagation tips. See page 6 for further details.



Special price for Christmas cards

We have a limited supply of Earth Greetings 2008 Christmas Card packs (cards are undated) on sale. In order to make room for the current range of these beautiful card packs, we are selling last year's at \$10 per pack (pick-up) or \$12 (inc. postage).

To purchase either come into the TFL office (5 May Tee, Brooklyn Park), phone us on 8406 0500 or use the payment coupon on your ReLeaf covering letter.

Both the 2009 Christmas Card packs from Earth Greetings and the 2010 TFL Calendar are also now available through TFL - see the colour insert or check our website (www.treesforlife.org.au/shop) for further details.

Member contributions

Every now and then we receive contributions from TFL members for use in ReLeaf. Unfortunately we don't always have the room to include them, so we've created a section on our website to make them available for everyone to read.

Thank you to those that send in their stories, photos, poems etc. Go to www.treesforlife.org.au/home/members to see the contributions from our members.

Greenhills - update on postponed event

Last edition we advised that the planned TFL Member event at Greenhills Adventure Park was going to be postponed until April 2010.

Due to various circumstances we've decided to cancel the event, however we have several family passes we'd like to give away. See page 16 (Kids Branch) for details on how to get a free family pass.

Farewell to the 'Mylor tree man'

It was with great sadness that Trees For Life learnt of the recent passing of long time life member Stefan Lach.

Stefan joined TFL as a member in 1987 and was well known within his local Mylor community as the 'Mylor tree man'.

During the late 1990s Stefan planted over 200 eucalyptus seedlings in Illert Road of Mylor - helping to replace those that were removed by a local tobacco farmer years earlier.

Stefan passed away in May 2009.

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Volunteer grower Martin Noblet with his seedlings

Thought about volunteering?

This might seem like a silly question given that we are a large volunteer based organisation, and chances are you're already an active volunteer (and if so, thank you!). However if you've thought about volunteering but haven't yet got around to it, here's a summary of what you could do.

At this time of year we are still looking for keen volunteer growers for the coming growing season. We run propagation workshops for those who would like to know more about what's involved (see page 6 for further workshop details).

We also have 3 Bush For Life Introductory Workshops left for 2009 (see page 12 for more information). These workshops provide valuable information on bush management and are the first step in becoming involved as a BFL bushcarer.

Seed collection is yet another way to get some hands on involvement. Learning how to identify, collect and store local native seed for either our seedbank or your own propagation and revegetation is covered in our Seed Collecting workshops (see page 12 for the next lot of scheduled workshops).

These three volunteer activities are the main ways we engage our volunteers in hands-on activities. We do also offer various other volunteer activities including office-based work (mainly helping with mail-outs), public relations work representing TFL at public events, selling tickets in the TFL lottery (our biggest fundraising activity) and building maintenance among other things. Also, from time to time we need the assistance of volunteers for more one-off tasks such as data entry.

If any of these options sound interesting and you'd like more information, please contact us on 8406 0500 or email info@treesforlife.org.au.

Great wine offer

Thanks to the generosity of the Brock Harcourts Foundation we have a fantastic wine offer for our members.

We are offering cases of Adelaide Hills Chardonnay - Forrester Vineyard 2008, for only \$70 (less than \$6 per bottle). This a limited offer (while stocks last) and wine must be collected from our Brooklyn Park office.

And if you think it might be even better in a TFL wine glass, we sell a box set of 6 wine glasses for \$22.00 (also pick up only).

Drop in to 5 May Terrace Brooklyn Park, or phone 8406 0500 to place your order.



Come and celebrate - 2009 Members Christmas party

It's that time of year again already! 2009 has been a busy and successful year for Trees For Life, and we would like to warmly invite all members to the TFL Christmas party.

This annual event gives the Board and staff of Trees For Life an opportunity to thank all members for their valuable contribution over the past 12 months.

The party will be held on Wednesday, December 2 between 6-8pm at the TFL office in Brooklyn Park. If you can attend, please RSVP to assist with catering, by phoning the office on 8406 0500 or email info@treesforlife.org.au. We hope to see you there.

City to Bay - join our team

Trees For Life will have its own team in this years City to Bay Fun Run, and we'd love you to join us.

Several TFL staff members have already signed up to take part in the 12km event on Sunday, September 20.

To participate you will need to register before the event at www.city-bay.org.au

Alternatively, if you'd like to sponsor the TFL team or make a donation follow the link from our website www.treesforlife.org.au

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Local native seed & seedling suppliers

<i>Trees For Life</i>	8406 0500
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AMLR Land Management Program

The Land Management Program is an education and advisory service provided to the rural landholders of the Mount Lofty Ranges and the Fleurieu Peninsula. Through the program, rural landholders can participate in low-cost education courses, and demonstration field days, and receive one-on-one farm advice. Phone (08) 8391 7500.

Murray River LAP

Local Action Planning groups undertake education and training programs, catchment monitoring, improved property management, wetland management and revegetation. Assistance is provided by way of direct funding or advice on technical, financial, engineering and contractual matters. Phone: (08) 8582 4477.

EcoTuff™ sales help TFL

Adroit is a newly established South Australian business that has chosen to support TFL by donating a percentage of every sale from its EcoTuff range of sustainable building materials and outdoor street and park furniture.

Much of Adroit's range is produced from recycled composite material which is a low energy embodied material and diverts waste from landfill, so not only is Adroit producing a sustainable product, but by supporting Trees For Life they are going beyond their business operations and helping our environment by supporting TFLs work in the conservation of our bushland ecosystems.

National Sales Manager Lizzy Townsend is full of praise of the work achieved through TFL and says *'It is our great pleasure to complement the already significant environmental saving delivered by Adroit's recycled plastic products by supporting the fantastic work done by TFL.'*

Adroit has also recently won distribution in Australia of the world's best selling raised garden beds, Link-a-Bord, which is produced from 98% recycled plastic that would otherwise be added to landfill. It is a modular system comprising of hollow plastic boards which quickly and easily lock together with plastic links. Visit www.adroit.com.au to view the extensive range of products available.



Raised garden beds from Adroit.

High Tree Party

A big thank you to Hills Industries Environmental Advisor Uma Preston who recently held a 'High Tree Party' to raise funds for Trees For Life.

Apart from donations, funds were raised through a percentage of sales from Emma Page jewellery and a raffle.

Uma is also planning to hold another fundraiser later this year, featuring entertainment, food and a mini market.

"Hopefully this money will fund some beautiful trees for the future," she told us. Thanks for your hard work Uma.

Support given by Lipman Karas

Lipman Karas Barristers and Solicitors has chosen us as its supported charity.

The business decided to support an environmental organisation as it was conscious of the amount of paper it used in its daily business operations and, on a more general scale, wanted to do something positive to help the environment.

Lipman Karas is supporting TFL by holding fundraising events throughout the year to enable it to continue its important on-ground revegetation and conservation works.

In February about 35 Lipman Karas employees and associates attended a twilight croquet event in Norwood, and the law firm also plans to enter a team in the annual City to Bay Fun Run in September, with proceeds going to TFL.

As well as its direct fundraising support of TFL, Lipman Karas is keen to be involved in some hands-on environmental work, and has approached Urban Forest to participate in the State's Million Trees program.

DIY eco stationery

Earth Greetings designer Heide Hackworth realised that if you were looking to have an environmentally conscious wedding or event, there were very few options available for Earth friendly invitations.

So she has created a range of beautiful stationery printed carbon neutral in Australia, with vegetable ink on 100% post-consumer recycled paper. Stationery sets come with matching stickers and envelopes which are also 100% recycled.

Reversible Eco Papers feature a pretty design on one side and a soft pattern on the other. Printed carbon neutral in Australia, they are ideal for wedding invitations but also suitable for party invitations or beautiful correspondence for all occasions. There are four different designs to choose from.

A4 blank 100% post-consumer recycled card will also be available so that you can make your own menu cards/placecards/RSVP cards etc to match your invitations.

Log onto www.earthgreetings.com.au



Thanks Ultra Tune

Ultra Tune has been a supporter of Trees For Life since 1995.

Director Tim Carracher said Ultra Tune began supporting Trees For Life by making a donation to help grow more seedlings for every car serviced.

"Being in the automotive industry, we are very aware that cars have an impact on the environment, so by supporting Trees For Life, it's our way of doing something positive to help South Australia's environment."

Realising that South Australia has been excessively overcleared, Ultra Tune also contributed funds towards the initial purchase of the Direct Seeding machine when Trees For Life first began providing the service of broad scale revegetation.

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Maggie the magpie by Hannah

The Murray in great colour

Wow! The first Trees For Life Colouring Competition was a fantastic success with well over 60 entries received - thank you to everyone who participated. Not only was it great to see so many of you send in your artwork, it was amazing to see how different our beautiful River Murray can look through your eyes (and colour pencils!).

The winner and runner-up of each age category will now be the proud owner of some great prizes including family passes to activities, eco colour pencil packs, DVDs and activity books.

We'd really love to see some more drawings of our Kids Branch mascot, Maggie the magpie. Send in your drawing of Maggie and we'll publish it here in Kids Branch or on the website.

Send in to 5 May Terrace, Brooklyn Park 5032.

Carly



This winning Colouring Competition entry is by Katie age 4



This winning Colouring Competition entry is by Vinc age 11

Greenhills tickets to give away

Trees For Life has several family passes to give away to Greenhills Adventure Park at Victor Harbor. If you'd like to win one of these passes for you and your family all you need to do is send a story, poem or drawing to Kids Branch by Friday, October 16 2009.

Send your entry to 5 May Terrace, Brooklyn Park 5032, or email kids@treesforlife.org.au. Get in quickly so you don't miss out!



This winning Colouring Competition entry is by Evie age 3

Did you know?

Since the beginning of life on earth, it is estimated that of the 30 billion species that have existed, only a tiny 0.01% of them are still living on earth today. This is due to extinctions, where every member of a species is lost.

The earth has witnessed several mass extinctions over time, the most recent resulting in the loss of dinosaurs around 65 million years ago. However, many biologists believe that we are currently in the middle of another mass extinction period and, that due to human impact, we could expect to lose up to half of all species within the next 100 years.

Australia's landscapes and species have been severely impacted over the past 200 years with the loss of their natural bushland habitat.

Australia has the worst record of mammal extinction in the world. Incredibly, half the mammals that have become extinct globally in the last 200 years have been Australian species.

We cannot afford to let more of our unique plants and animals disappear forever, so it's essential that we protect our 'threatened species' - because these are the ones that are likely to become extinct within the near future.

Quiz: True or False? Write X for your answer.

1. True False
National Threatened Species Day is held on September 7 every year?

2. True False
The first National Threatened Species day was held in 1996.