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## **30 SA towns, 30,000 new trees**

Trees For Life is thrilled to announce the 30 South Australian towns selected to take part in its inaugural Trees For Towns project.

The project, a 30<sup>th</sup> birthday gift to South Australia from TFL and funded by ElectraNet, will see these diverse communities each supported to grow and plant one thousand local native trees or shrubs in and around their towns. In all 30,000 local native trees and shrubs will be grown and planted. Not only will this enhance the appearance of each town but the project will build community spirit and pride through participation.

The 30 communities had to formally apply to take part in the ambitious 18-month project and, according to TFL CEO Carmel Dundon, the submissions were extremely thorough, well thought out and a credit to their regions.

“Communities from the Far North to the South East, from the West Coast to the Fleurieu have committed to this really exciting project. They’ve identified patches of land that could do with some beautification or a biodiversity boost, organised their growing and planting teams, talked to their local councils and are ready to make a start,” Ms Dundon said.

Participating communities include **Robe, Port Broughton, Parndana (Kangaroo Island), Roxby Downs, Crystal Brook, Nairne, Milang, Port Pirie, Normanville, Naracoorte, Murray Bridge, Peterborough, Carramulka, Lochaber, Berri and Andamooka.**

“Participants range from a group of landholders banding together to screen a proposed wastewater system in Robe, members of the Lochaber Women in Agriculture and



Business enhancing their surrounds, a Port Pirie Uniting Care Wesley program which will involve those affected by homelessness and domestic violence and a ‘whole town’ approach in Crystal Brook which will involve local schoolchildren and Girl Guides.”

The announcement has also been welcomed by project partner, ElectraNet.

“As the developer of South Australia’s high-voltage transmission network, it is our commitment to reduce community and environmental impacts wherever possible,” ElectraNet CEO Ian Stirling said.

“Apart from our own revegetation works around transmission assets, we are proud to support Trees For Towns, which is a state-wide community initiative to revegetate cleared land with native species and actively protect our state’s precious biodiversity values.

“The South Australian community response to Trees For Towns has been outstanding and ElectraNet representatives are looking forward to assisting Trees For Life with arrangements for community propagation and planting over the next 14 months.”

Each of the 30 communities is now forming working groups to grow 1000 native seedlings indigenous to their region and will then be guided through the process of selecting, propagating, planting and caring for local provenance species.

The communities will participate in propagation workshops and will be able to learn more about the value of revegetation and biodiversity while simultaneously enhancing the local environment and contributing to the spirit of community in their town.

The Trees For Towns project will culminate mid next year with planting events and community celebrations.

Trees For Life’s 30<sup>th</sup> birthday marks 30,000,000 native trees and shrubs grown by the community since 1981.

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**Communities and groups who have submitted applications are available to discuss their projects with the media. Please contact Tania Kearney on 8406 0500 for more information.**