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THE ADELAIDE
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MESSAGE FROM Our CEO

I regularly reflect on what makes Trees For Life so special and why our organisation has such a special place in the hearts and minds of South Australians, and people living further afield, who share our love for this land. I believe our purpose — restoring and conserving South Australian landscapes — has never been more relevant. But it is also the awareness that every single person on this planet can play a role in the repair and restoration of our natural world that attracts people to Trees For Life.

Although the pace of the destruction of nature on our planet can be overwhelming, it can also motivate action. It was the shared concern about native vegetation clearance that inspired the founders of Trees For Life to start the large scale growing and distribution of seedlings across the state. Their belief in a different future started a movement that has inspired hundreds of thousands of individual actions connected to our vision of creating thriving landscapes that support a diversity of life.

From the early days of Trees For Life, individuals were called to act

and make a difference. A motto put forward by former president Andy Sutherland in his newsletters in the 1980s was TWAHAMWE — a Swahili word for 'Let us all work together'. And what inspired ongoing action? The knowledge that 'what we are doing is worthwhile and will make a difference in the long haul'.

Fast forward 35 years ... the world has changed greatly, but Trees For Life is still powered by the approach that everyone can make a difference.

Our Impact Report provides a snapshot of the results we've achieved over the last financial year. Behind each statistic are thousands of stories of individual action. Individuals who have dedicated time, sometimes decades, towards nature restoration. From collecting, processing and growing seed through to planting seedlings and caring for our bushland. Individuals and organisations who connect with our vision and help us raise the financial resources required to undertake our work.



CEO Natasha Davis

We've made a difference and will continue to ... if we work together with the knowledge that every action is a step forward.

Please have a happy and safe Christmas season enjoying time in nature, and thank you for your inspiring dedication in 2023. 🌿

Natasha Davis
CEO

MESSAGE FROM Our President

It is a great honour to be the new Trees For Life President. I'd like to thank outgoing president Jeanette Gellard for her six years of positive, supportive and strategic leadership of the board. I've been a board member since October 2018. I've constantly been impressed by the diversity and scale of our on-ground activities, and by the dedication and skills that staff, volunteers and collaborators have in conserving and restoring South Australia's landscapes.

I've had a lifelong passion for nature and conservation, particularly plants. I was a Trees For Life bushcarer for many years and more recently have enjoyed being a Tree Scheme grower. My partner and I are gradually restoring biodiversity on our property at Rockleigh in the eastern Mount Lofty Ranges. In my 'day job' I'm a national invasive species and biosecurity consultant, with a specialty in weed management.

My aspirations as the incoming president are simple. I aim to give a steady hand of guidance, offer advice and direction, and be on the lookout for risks and opportunities to respond to. The board has been refreshed at the annual general meeting with three new members. It's my job to listen and facilitate at

board meetings to enable all members to contribute their various expertise to jointly overseeing the organisation. I'm also here to support Trees For Life's management, working with Natasha and her team as needed on strategic matters.

I'm confident that Trees For Life will continue to be highly valued and utilised by stakeholders (community, government and industry alike) as a vital component of our state's conservation efforts. I want to see sustainable growth in Trees For Life's ecological footprint, expanding the amount of bushland restoration and habitat creation in South Australia. To do this we will need to attract more investment and build more long-term partnerships, including with First Nations. Simultaneously, we must care for the organisation's greatest assets — the many people who work and volunteer for Trees For Life. Thank you for your continuing contributions. 🌿

Dr John Virtue
President



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¹Trees For Life newsletter No 25, September 1987

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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: Trees For Life volunteer Simon Ladd at a Bushcare Workshop at Marino taken by Isaac Freeman.



EveryONE makes a difference

EVERYTHING CAN CHANGE IN JUST ONE DAY

Bushfires can devastate the landscape. Inundating floods can cause extensive damage to ecosystems. Another species is added to the endangered list. Every tree, every species, every one of us is connected in a delicate balance. Losing just one species or one piece of precious bushland has consequences for us all. With so much at stake, the responsibility to restore and protect our precious home can seem overwhelming.

With your help we have the chance to bring hope in the days ahead, one day at a time.

One day in September 1981, Richard St. Barbe Baker's impassioned pleas to correct the devastating effects of deforestation sparked the genesis of Trees For Life. Then, one by one we grew into the organisation we are today, with almost 2,000 volunteers and over 40 million trees planted.

Every seed that's gathered, every seedling tended, every tree planted, every threat removed from the bush, is one step forward. It's our shared purpose and our vision for the future that keeps us all moving towards the one day we're dreaming of; thriving landscapes that support a diversity of life.



LEFT: Opal with seedling.

RIGHT: *Thyreus caeruleopunctatus* (Blue-spotted Cloak-and-dagger Bee, Chequered Cuckoo Bee) sleeping on *Lepidosperma carphoides* (Black Rapier-sedge) by Peter Watton.

Even a single action can have an impact on the future of our natural world.

One tree can provide food for the endangered South-eastern Red-tailed Black Cockatoo.
One direct seeded bushland corridor can provide a safe flight path for the Regent Parrot.
One planting day can help a family restore their land after a bushfire.
One paddock tree can provide a home for a woodland bird like the Diamond Firetail.
One Bush Action Day can remove invasive Tasmanian Blue Gums on Kangaroo Island.
One day in November, on Tree Scheme Depot Day, a dedicated Depot Manager helps distribute thousands of boxes to growers.
One day of box filling equips a volunteer grower with vital materials.

One day of seed collecting can store kilograms of precious seed for the future.
One day of direct seeding can bring hundreds of seedlings to life.
One day of planting returns rare species back to their South Australian home.
One bushcare team can bring precious remnant vegetation back to health.
 When a volunteer grower delights as the first green shoot appears, when a bushcarer catches sight of a Chequered Cuckoo Bee, when a tiny seed is revealed by the patient hands of a seed bank volunteer, this is when a brighter future can be imagined.

There's one thing you can do today that will help restore and protect our natural world.

Help protect and restore precious fragments of bushland by supporting bushcare activities over hundreds of sites in South Australia, providing equipment and support for Bush For Life volunteers and field officers as they improve the health of our natural world.

Help bring trees to life by supporting the growing, propagation and nurturing of over 200,000 seedlings by providing soil, water and fertiliser as well as training and equipment for volunteers.

Help restore habitat for native wildlife by supporting the planting of a broad range of local native species to provide important sources of protection and food.

Help ensure the future of our landscapes by supporting seed collection across South Australia to safeguard our ability to grow now and in the future. 🌱



Your one action can help restore and protect our precious natural world.

Please be the one to make a difference

\$35 A Gift that Grows

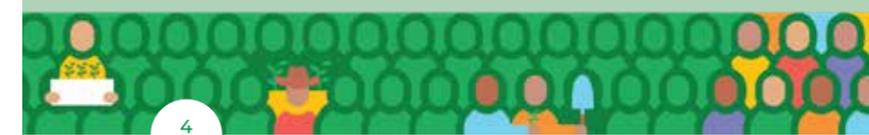
\$75 A Gift for Wildlife

\$120 A Gift for the Bush

\$270 A Gift of Life

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REGENERATE IN THE ADELAIDE PARK LANDS

By Samantha Catford, Trees For Life's Public Relations and Marketing Officer.

It's a beautiful early spring day in September as I drive through the streets of Adelaide towards the park lands that hug the north-eastern boundary of North Adelaide. Although it's my day off, I'm heading to a Regenerate in the Adelaide Park Lands activity to get hands-on with bushcare and help plant rare native species. Earlier, I was unsure if I would turn up today, as I'm coming to terms with the loss of my father who recently passed away. However, I felt a powerful pull to be in the loving arms of nature, who I've turned to for solace and comfort for most of my

life. I also know that Tricia Curtis, the person responsible for the Regenerate activities, creates a comfortable space for all to experience the precious gift nature willingly offers. A space where everyone is welcome.

My destination is Nantu Warna (Park 6). Despite having lived in North Adelaide in my early twenties, I'm unfamiliar with this section of the park lands and I'm curious to explore and learn more. This is one of the many appealing aspects of this project, discovering our city's natural wonders that are just lying in wait. It correlates with the feedback Tricia has received regarding what people like most

FAR LEFT: Janet, Kristie, Kaori, Yico, Pavithra, Vincy, Lesley, Miranda in native grassland.

RIGHT: Regenerate group halo weeding at Tuthangga (Park 17).

about the experience: discovering new areas of the park lands that may be close to their homes but they've never explored before.

The Regenerate project, which started in 2016, is designed to support the mental health and wellbeing of participants through nature walks and assist local biodiversity through bushcare activities. Trees For Life received funding as a part of the City of Adelaide's Community Impact Grants Strategic Partnerships Program to deliver the project in the Adelaide Park Lands over three years (2023-2025). City of Adelaide residents, aged 55+, and international students — along with anyone feeling lonely or isolated — are encouraged to attend. The group I join for the rare species planting consists of 12 attendees who represent this cross-section perfectly.

For this activity, we're planting at the Bush For Life site in Nantu Warna, which is lovingly tended by Trees For Life volunteers. When we arrive, we meet Liz, one of the volunteers who has been looking after our bushland for 40 years! Liz is carefully weeding to prepare the area for the rare species seedlings we'll be planting today. Another positive aspect of the project is being able to hold Regenerate activities on bushcare sites that are managed by our staff and volunteers. It means any planting or weeding undertaken at the site is monitored by experienced volunteers. Regenerate participants have the opportunity to become involved with the Bush For Life sites if they're drawn to volunteer on an ongoing basis.

Tricia explains to our group that we'll be planting rare native species[^] for National Biodiversity Month. Following a demonstration from Tricia on how to coax the seedlings from their tubes and put them in the ground, we go about planting 50 Showy Copper Wire

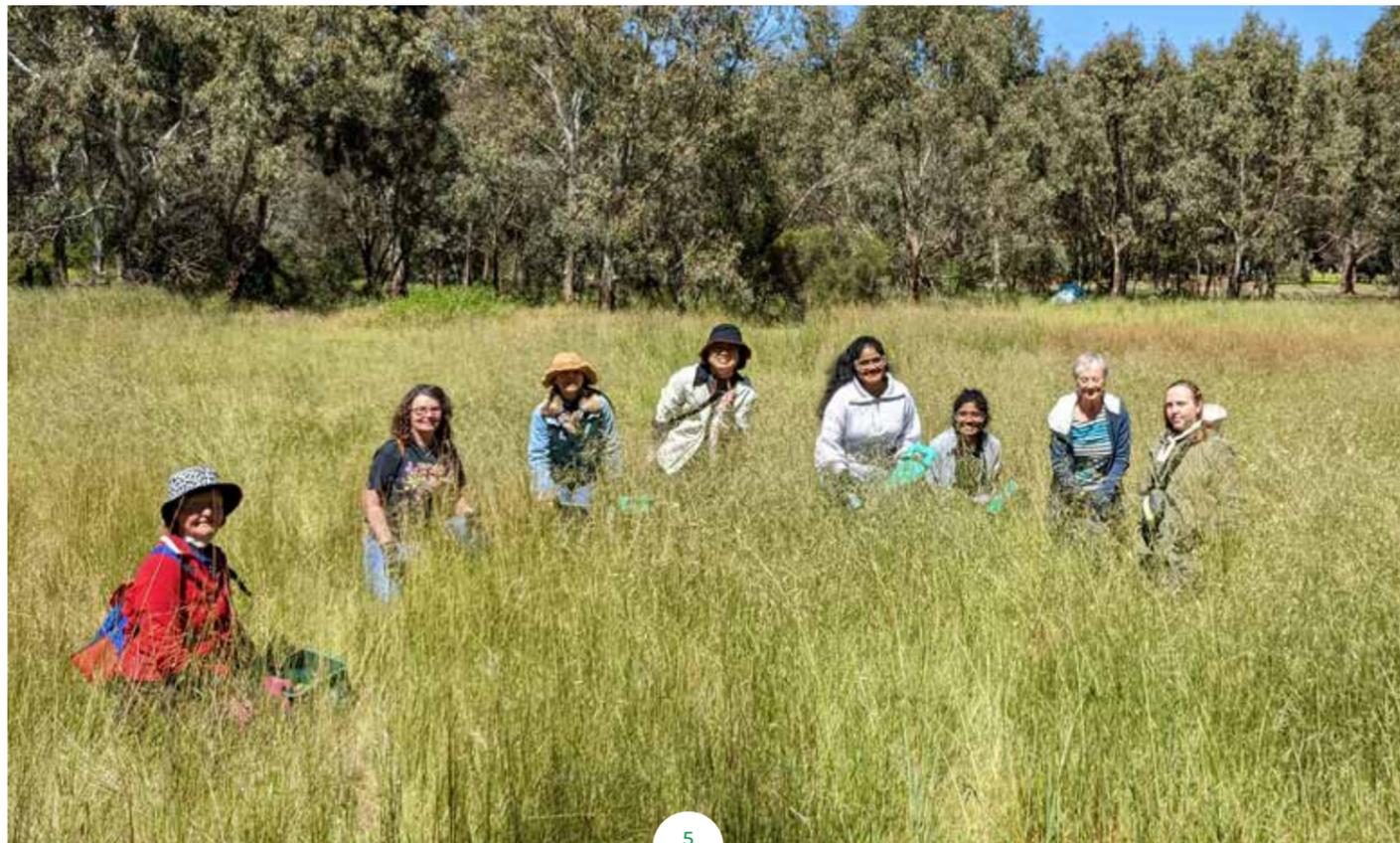
Daisies (*Podolepis jaceoides*) and 50 Golden Billy Buttons (*Pycnosorus chrysanthes*). These seedlings — propagated by Trees For Life staff and volunteers at the Betty Westwood Nursery — add to the number of seedlings planted last year to form an important corridor for native plants and wildlife in the area (you can read more about the rare species project in Issue 167 [spring 2023] of ReLeaf on our website).

As we go about the rewarding task of freeing the rare plants from their plastic tubes, loosening their roots, and placing them in the earth, I'm aware of the different conversations taking place around me as people work together in small groups at their own pace. There appears to be a natural rhythm we fall into as we relax in our bushland surroundings, enjoying the simple pleasure of dappled sunshine and the gentle caress of a breeze now and again. It's a relief to realise I feel

very much at peace and to find I'm quite comfortable within my small group and environment. I surprise myself by sharing what's been going on with my dad over the last few months and discover one participant, Aasta, is doing a Master of Social Work at UniSA. We discuss ageing and aged care, as well as the benefits of being in, and interacting with, nature for our health and wellbeing at any age.

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Once all the seedlings are carefully planted in the ground and gently watered in, we have some time for a guided walk around Nantu Warna led by Tricia before having lunch (a meal is provided as part of the activity). This is a great opportunity to learn about this patch of the park lands and it makes me eager to come back and explore more, especially the sheoak grove



Tricia mentions. Then it's lunchtime, and as we relax in the shade of the beautiful eucalypts, participants are asked to complete an evaluation form, which provides feedback for each activity for review. As we relax, I'm grateful for this opportunity to connect with nature and meet new people, and I'm looking forward to my next day out with Regenerate.

In mid-October, I'm off to Tuthangga (Park 17) for bushcare followed by a bird-watching activity to record our sightings for the Aussie Bird Count. The Bush For Life site is tucked away in the eastern end of the South Park Lands, just a few steps from South Terrace, opposite St Andrews Hospital's main gate. This Bush For Life site is precious for the occurrence of native grasses in the grassy woodland, including Swollen Spear-grass (*Austrostipa gibbosa*) which is classified as Rare* in South Australia.

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Today, Tricia explains, the bushcare we're undertaking is 'halo weeding' to help remove weed species that compete with the native *Austrostipa* (spear-grass). The process involves gently and slowly hand pulling weeds in a small circle around the native

grasses, which clears a space for the native seeds to drop and germinate so they can spread even further.

After a reminder on how to tell the difference between what's a weed and a native grass (hint: when given a gentle pull, the weedy species come out easily, whereas native grasses tend not to budge), we collect our equipment and head over to the grassland. It's turning into a warm day and we're grateful to be working in

the shade of the gorgeous eucalypts that are so well known and loved in our park lands. It's a small group today, and the conversation flows easily for those who want to chat. Others, like me, work contently in silence, and I find myself once again flowing into the comforting rhythm of bushcare, appreciating the sounds of nature around me. And to think we're only several kilometres

from the Adelaide CBD, yet able to be immersed in the natural wonder of nature!

Once we've pulled out a decent number of weeds given our small group today, it's time to don the binoculars and get busy bird watching and recording our sightings for the Aussie Bird Count. We start at the Bush For Life site where there are plenty of trees. Although we see the usual suspects — magpies, honeyeaters and rainbow lorikeets — it's a thrill when we spot flashes of red, green and blue and realise there are four musk lorikeets in the tree tops quietly chatting and grooming each other. We then make our way over to the wetlands in the south-eastern corner of Victoria Park/Pakapakanthi (Park 16). If you haven't visited the wetlands, which officially opened in May 2022, it's well worth it. As we sit at the sheltered picnic tables, grateful for the shade and the excellent views of the water, whilst enjoying our lunch, we see a flock of very graceful birds flying in from the east. As they get closer and circle above before landing on the water, we realise it's a family of white-faced herons. One participant shares in their feedback that the highlight of the day was the bird count and seeing how the wetlands 'have been colonised, including by reed warblers'.

Wellbeing win-win

The good news is, with the City of Adelaide funding the project through to 2025, there will be plenty of opportunities to get involved in the activities. Tom Beales — Coordinator, Grants Program, City Culture at the City of Adelaide — says Regenerate aligns with the council's strategic plan and benefits the local biodiversity. "Our Strategic Partnership assessment panel unanimously agreed to fund this project. It aligned well with



FAR LEFT: Bird survey at the Adelaide Park Lands wetland.

TOP LEFT: Liz has been bushcaring for 40 years!

TOP RIGHT: Puneet with rare species seedlings at Nantu Warna (Park 6).

council's 2020-2024 Strategic Plan and offered great value for money not only by increasing use and knowledge of the Adelaide Park Lands but offering great wellbeing and social outcomes," Tom says. "The project offered an opportunity to combat isolation and loneliness as we recovered from COVID-19 with an innovative approach of bringing together two cohorts that we were keen to improve wellbeing outcomes for international students and residents aged over 55."

Tom adds that the nature activity element is also a win for local biodiversity and encourages people to come along. "This project supports improved biodiversity outcomes through bushcare activities and citizen science monitoring undertaken, but perhaps more importantly, increases participant awareness and skills in supporting nature and specifically biodiversity in the Adelaide Park Lands," he says. "Sign up and have a go, it is a very rewarding experience."

There are many benefits of being in nature and research in this area is growing. Tom says the City of Adelaide uses the '5 Ways to Wellbeing' — an internationally recognised framework — for promoting individual wellbeing and the Regenerate project "hits" all five of the indicators. "Being out

in nature is very rewarding, giving people the chance to 'Take Notice' of what is around them but also the opportunity to 'Give' back through bushcare. Regenerate allows people to 'Be Active' and to 'Keep Learning' but also to 'Connect' and meet new people."

When I catch up with Tricia for her perspective, she agrees the benefits for our mental and physical health are well documented. "Getting out in nature can reduce our feelings of stress and anger, lower blood pressure, improve our physical health and connect us to our community," she says. "This project provides a safe and welcoming space for people to join in at their own pace. Activities are casual and achievable. Our nature walks enable people to take their time, relax, breath in the fresh air. Groups are kept small to reduce any anxiety from big crowds and encourage connections with others."

I ask Tricia how the project aligns with the mission, vision, and work of Trees For Life. "Our purpose is to conserve and restore South Australian landscapes so nature can flourish, and

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Regenerate in the Adelaide Park Lands activities connect people with nature to support their mental and physical wellbeing. We meet at either Tuthangga (Park 17) at the eastern end of South Terrace, Adelaide or Nantu Warna (Park 6) at Kingston Terrace East, North Adelaide, from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm. Regenerate activities provide a safe environment to learn about Adelaide's bushland and connect with other people, particularly if you're feeling lonely or isolated. We encourage international students and people 55 years or older who live in the City of Adelaide to attend. A healthy lunch is provided.

If you'd like to come along to a Regenerate activity please contact us on 8406 0500 or email info@treesforlife.org.au.

Regenerate in the Adelaide Park Lands is supported by the City of Adelaide.

we do that by engaging people from all walks of life," she says. "By providing the opportunity and skills for people to look after their own mental health and wellbeing by connecting with nature, they will have greater capacity to look after the health of our environment."

And how can that improved capacity benefit the environment I ask Tricia? "Hands-on bushcare is an integral part of the program as it provides a meaningful and tangible result for each person and a positive impact on the local environment," she says. "At each activity, participants undertake simple tasks such as halo weeding around native plants or target a specific weed such as plantain, all the while learning and chatting about the local biodiversity. This expands people's knowledge."

"People also share stories of when they've returned to places we've visited or explored a new nature walk with friends after gaining confidence from being involved with Regenerate. When people are encouraged to crush and smell a gum leaf, recalling happy childhood memories. When we 'get off the path' and walk through the small but spectacular area of chest-high native grasses and hear and see people's joy. These are highlights for me."

Listening to Tricia, I'm reminded of a quote I came across by Suzanne Simard that's stayed with me: "When we see it, we understand it. And when we understand it, we care about it. And when we care about it, we'll do something to help save it." This, I feel, is at the core of the Regenerate project — the ripple effect of taking the time to care for ourselves by caring for nature is a win-win and just by being involved, everyone makes a difference. 🌱

^The rare plant species project is in partnership with Trees For Life, Green Adelaide and the South Australian Seed Conservation Centre.

**Austrostipa gibbosa* is classified as Rare in South Australia under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972 (NPW Act).

IMAGE: Berlitt, Mark and Chirhiro at the rare species planting at Nantu Warna (Park 6).

RESTORING OUR HOME

While both locally and globally we navigate an uncertain and increasingly complex world, keeping nature restoration and conservation as a priority requires an adaptive and determined approach.

Keeping abreast of emerging challenges and opportunities is just as important as responding to current priorities. This has been another full and productive year, and I am extremely grateful to the dedicated and capable staff team, generous supporters and partners, and our inspiring volunteers, including the committed board members who provide excellent governance and strategic direction. Here, we share some highlights from our Impact Report for the 2022-2023 financial year.

Natasha Davis — CEO



Summary of the year



Native bee on black-anther flax lily by Greg Coote.

RESTORING OUR LANDSCAPES

LANDSCAPE SCALE RESTORATION

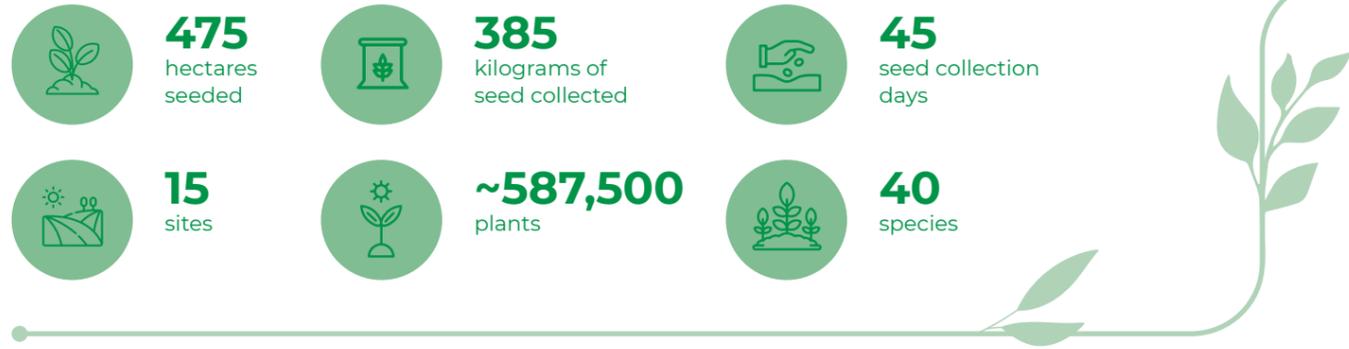
Direct Seeding

Our Direct Seeding program enables us to deliver large areas of biodiverse revegetation. 2023 has seen the largest area of direct seeding ever delivered — 475 hectares (1,175 kilometres). This included two large projects — 360 hectares in Point Pearce on Yorke Peninsula in partnership with Landcare Australia and the Narungga community and 400 hectares in Cambrai in partnership with Cassinia.



LEFT: 2023 has seen the largest area of direct seeding ever delivered.

RIGHT: Volunteers and staff tackling invasive Tasmanian Blue Gums on Kangaroo Island.



Communities helping Cockies

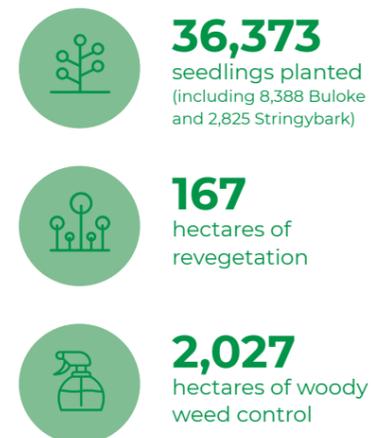
Since 2018, Trees For Life has been playing an important role in restoring habitat for the charismatic and incredibly threatened South-eastern Red-tailed Black Cockatoo (*Calyptorhynchus banksii graptogyne*) as part of the Australian Government funded Communities helping Cockies project. The project is improving the condition of feeding habitat for these notoriously 'fussy' eaters by planting Buloke and Stringybark food trees and weed control. Buloke woodland revegetation has been a particular focus of Trees For Life's work due to the lack of remnants in the upper South East and its listed status as an Endangered

community. In spring 2022, a team of hard-working volunteers travelled from Adelaide to the South East to help out with weed control efforts on three properties. Our Seed Bank, Westwood Nursery and Tree Scheme volunteer growers have all played an important role in collecting seed and propagating seedlings for this project.

At the conclusion of this five year project we thank participating landholders and volunteers who helped us achieve so much to secure the future of this beautiful and much loved bird.

*At the time of writing future funding for this project is uncertain.

Five year achievements

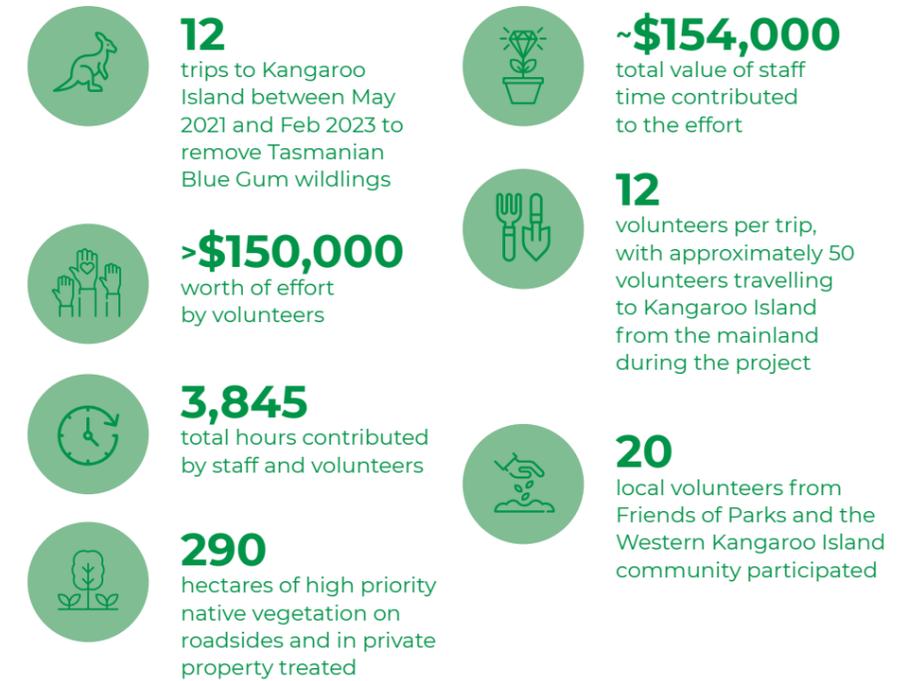


Bushfire recovery

Since 2020, Trees For Life has been working side by side with partners, volunteers and landholders affected by bushfires across South Australia to help heal the land on Kangaroo Island, Cudlee Creek, the South East, Yorke Peninsula and Eyre Peninsula. Thanks to our partners and many individual donors.



Kangaroo Island Tasmanian Blue Gum project



Read the 2022-2023 Impact Report on our website: treesforlife.org.au/resources.



LEFT: Gillian Middenway and Rob Fairweather.

VALE GILLIAN MIDDENWAY

18 March 1932–22 October 2023

Gillian Middenway was one of the first members of Trees For Life in South Australia. Gillian attended the inaugural meeting in 1981 after being inspired by a visit to Adelaide from Men of the Trees founder, Richard St Barb Baker. She was the first Secretary of Trees For Life, a role she held until 1988, and fulfilled many more roles — propagation, planting, banking and compiling the newsletter. Gillian was passionate about working with others to revegetate South Australia's landscape. On occasions this involved loading her own car with seeds and boxes of soil which she delivered to landholders in rural and remote areas of South Australia, including the Eyre Peninsula. Over the years Gillian propagated, grew and planted thousands of trees and transformed her own property from a paddock into a native haven. Throughout her gentle, humble 91 years of life Gillian strove to take care of the environment for the benefit of future generations and all living creatures. In the book 'Trees For Life, The first 20 years' (published in 2001, written by Charlotte Knottenbelt) Gillian is referred to as one of the most committed and altruistic members that Trees For Life has ever seen. When asked about her involvement in Trees For Life in the early days, Gillian recalls, "It was a very good atmosphere. We knew we were doing something helpful, and it all seemed to fall into place".

We're grateful to Gillian for her vision, dedication and passion, which exemplifies how one person can make a difference.

HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURES

Our office and nursery will be closed from 12.00 pm Friday 22 December 2023. We'll reopen 10.00 am Tuesday 2 January 2024. Our Board, management team and staff wish all our members, supporters and volunteers a happy holiday season.

OUR BOARD

At our Annual General Meeting on 19 October we welcomed a new President, Dr John Virtue, new Secretary, Bryce Winter, and three new board members — Sheree Brooks, Frances Carter and Cheryl Lierton.

John is a biosecurity professional working to provide strategic, policy and technical consulting services. He is greatly looking forward to helping steer the future of Trees For Life, following in the big footsteps of Jeanette Gellard and David Mitchell. With a strong commitment to the environment and conservation, he and his partner Peter are restoring biodiversity on their property at Rockleigh, in the eastern Mount Lofty Ranges.

Sheree brings strategic experience from the health sector and holds a Master of Business Administration. She has been a volunteer grower with Trees For Life since 2018, and is passionate about ensuring the survival of flora and fauna in South Australia. With qualifications in Science, Business and Accounting, Frances is a sustainability professional and was a Director at Conservation Capital, with expertise in natural capital financing, natural resource management and nature-based solutions as well as a passion for protecting the environment. Cheryl is an Executive Manager at Uniting Communities and brings expertise in strategy, risk management and financial management. She is also a land owner in the Adelaide Hills. Michael Cornish was re-elected as a board member. You can read more about the board on our website: treesforlife.org.au/people.

Sincere thanks to our outgoing president Jeanette Gellard and outgoing board member Ingrid Franssen.

WHAT'S ON

Please note 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.

Office and nursery close	12.00 pm Friday 22 December 2023
Office and nursery reopen	10.00 am Tuesday 2 January 2024

TREE SCHEME AND NURSERY 2024

Volunteer grower seed replacement closes	Mid-February
Volunteer grower back-up seedlings due at Westwood Nursery	22, 23, 24 March
Volunteer grower back-up seedlings available at Westwood Nursery	25, 26, 27 April

GROWERS: WE'RE HERE TO HELP

The growing season is underway. You will have received your growers handbook, seed and soil and be preparing to tend your seedlings. We're looking forward to seeing your lovingly nurtured seedlings being planted out in winter to restore our precious landscapes across our state.

As many of our experienced growers will tell you, sometimes things don't go to plan. From germination failure to insect attack or unforeseen illness or injury, plenty of things can happen to throw you off your growing groove. Help is at hand here in the office, where we're available to offer advice and support. We can replace seed until 14 February in the event of germination issues or failure, or talk you through solutions to any other problems you might face throughout the season. You'll also receive your first growers' newsletter with helpful tips and key points to refer to.

As a volunteer grower you're an essential part of our mission to restore South Australian landscapes and we want to make sure you have all the support you need to make your growing season rewarding and enjoyable. Please contact us if you run into an issue — sooner is better than later when it comes to keeping your seedlings growing strong.

BUSH FOR LIFE

2024 BUSHCARE WORKSHOPS

Please note details are correct at time of printing but can be subject to change.

Victor Harbor	Wednesday 31 January
Christie Downs	Saturday 24 February
Magill	Tuesday 12 March
Modbury	Tuesday 23 April
Clare Valley	Date to be confirmed
Adelaide	Tuesday 2 July

BUSH ACTION TEAM DAYS SUMMER 2024

The location of the summer activities is decided each week according to the weather forecast. Register at BFL@treesforlife.org.au or call 08 8406 0500 during business hours.

Thursday 1 February
Saturday 3 February
Tuesday 6 February
Thursday 8 February
Wednesday 14 February
Saturday 17 February
Tuesday 20 February
Thursday 22 February
Wednesday 28 February
Saturday 2 March
Tuesday 5 March
Thursday 7 March
Wednesday 13 March
Saturday 16 March
Tuesday 19 March
Thursday 21 March
Tuesday 26 March
Thursday 28 March

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