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Subject: FREE Plants Program a Surprise Success

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VOLUNTEERS at Council's Community Nursery at the Brinkley Reuse Centre were delighted when the native plants they propagated were so quickly snapped up in Council's Free Plants Program this August.

Murray Bridge residents were offered between 5 to 20 plants depending on the size of their property. The 1,000 free plants were quickly claimed within a day.

"We did not anticipate the level of interest in the free plants program and we apologise to those in the community who missed out" said Glenn Dean, Community Biodiversity Officer.

Free Plants will again be offered in April 2023, with volunteers working quickly to get up to 4,000 plants ready over the next 8 months.

Council is keeping records of those individuals that were unable to obtain plants in this round and will be contacting them as part of Round 2 of the program.

Residents are encouraged to 'like' the Rural City of Murray Bridge Facebook page to be the first to know when the next round of plants are ready to be given away.

"It's part of our strategy to make the Rural City of Murray Bridge cooler and greener and to support our local biodiversity"

"In addition to our plant giveaway program we will be planting more trees on Council land and across the region" Glenn said.

Native plants generally require less water than exotic species, are low maintenance and provide a reliable food source and valuable habitat for native wildlife.

Queries can be directed to Glenn Dean, Community Biodiversity Officer at g.dean@murraybridge.sa.gov.au