

MEDIA RELEASE



Subject: **Native Plant Giveaway Returns**

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The native plant giveaway returns for residents of the Rural City of Murray Bridge in 2024. Council will give away more than 3000 plants, of more than 30 different native species, grown and nurtured by volunteers at the Community Nursery.

Available from 9am to 2pm on Sunday 28 April – while stocks last, residents with properties up to 500m² will be eligible to collect five plants, while those with larger properties exceeding 500m² can collect up to ten plants.

The volunteers at the community nursery have done an amazing job to have 3000 plants available for the day. The last giveaway day saw all 3,000 plants available given to residents.

Community Biodiversity Officer Tracey Rathjen said the volunteers have been collecting seeds, sprouting and nurturing the plants for the past year to replenish stock levels from last year.

“Volunteers have worked hard to have these new plants ready for new homes within our community. Most of the plants on offer are native to our region and are sourced from local seeds and cuttings”

“Planting natives is a great way to save on water costs and encourage native insects, bees, butterflies and birds to your garden. While doing your bit to preserve the Biodiversity in our local region.”

The Brinkley Reuse Centre will host a market day in conjunction with the plant giveaway with a large variety of upcycled items on sale. Take a moment to look through the market with refreshments available to purchase at an onsite Coffee Van.

Residents will need to provide proof of residency when collecting their free plants from the Community Nursery at the Brinkley ReUse Centre site, 527 Brinkley Road, Brinkley.

To learn more about the Community Nursery and how to volunteer visit www.murraybridge.sa.gov.au/communitynursery