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Murray Bridge Planting

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VOLUNTEERS are being asked to roll up their sleeves and help by planting a tree in honour of Plant Ark National Tree Day.

National Tree Day is officially held on Sunday 1 August 2021, but Murray Bridge is celebrating by planting early when seasonal conditions are better suited for South Australian native plants.

A local community planting will be held 10am until 12 noon, followed by a free lunch and drink (as a thank you), on Sunday 18 April 2021, opposite Rocky Gully Wetland parking bay on Mannum Road, Murray Bridge.

Community Biodiversity Officer Glenn Dean said April was the ideal time to plant indigenous Murraylands species.

"There's still warmth in the ground and planting at this time of year gives the plants a chance to get established before spring and summer," he said.

"We get a good crowd every year and we are hoping this year will be no exception – many hands make light work.

"It's always a great day out so bring the whole family."

Volunteers will need to wear sturdy enclosed footwear, gloves and protective equipment (i.e. hat, sunglasses / eye protection, long sleeves and sunscreen) and stay well hydrated.

National Tree Day volunteers are encouraged to RSVP to Glenn Dean on 8539 1100 or g.dean@murraybridge.sa.gov.au

Fortifying roadside vegetation by increasing native plants is in line with the Council's Environment Management Plan 2020-2024 inclusive of Climate Emergency Action Plan – the final draft of which is expected to be released once Council reviews and incorporates feedback from community consultation.

The Plan aims to protect and improve the local environment through the recognition, management and protection of natural resources, through water management, biodiversity and waste management, along with a development philosophy that addresses climate change and builds community capacity.