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Subject: Native Tree Planting Creates Haven For Birds

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A NATIVE corridor along Adelaide Road is looking a lot greener and healthier due to the busy hands of volunteers celebrating National Tree Day.

Volunteers planted more than 400 local indigenous understory species along Adelaide Road adjacent to Bunnings for Planet Ark Tree Day on 1 July 2018.

Rural City of Murray Bridge Community Biodiversity Officer Glenn Dean said planting natives locally was important for increasing drought tolerance and supporting biodiversity.

"We try and plant a couple of thousand local species of natives every year to improve and enhance what we already have," he said.

"Adding more native colour and flowers helps attract birds and insects which are a vital part of our ecosystem."

Mr Dean said residents could contribute to a greener environment by planting natives on their own land.

"It is important to help preserve and look after our fragmented environment by creating linkages between existing vegetation," he said.

"Planting natives also helps with weed reduction.

Mr Dean said residents interested in planting natives on their own land could source local indigenous species at Greenlands Drive Nursery, where volunteers and the Eastern Hills and Murray Plains Catchment Group propagate and nurture local plants all year round.

For more information contact Greenland Drive Nursery on 8531 2077.

Photograph caption

Volunteers from the Seventh Day Adventist Church helped plant bird attracting native species along Adelaide Road for National Tree Day 2018: Winston Dance, Edgar Detoya, Sheila Detoya, Gerrit Scheerhoom, Ron Clarke, Ruth Wane, Robyn Bowditch-Walsh, Paster Lee Bowditch-Walsh and Don Wanke.