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COORONG REVEGETATION PROJECT WINS \$100,000

A three-year revegetation project will begin across the Coorong and Tatiara district this year, following the announcement of \$100,000 in funding for the Coorong Tatiara Local Action Plan group (CTLAP).

More than 61,000 native plants will be planted across the 117 hectare site, helping to restore critical native habitat and areas of refuge for native wildlife.

This project will deliver benefits to threatened species such as the Orange-Bellied Parrot, Mallee Fowl, Bush Stone Curlew, and the Red Tailed Black Cockatoo.

The project was awarded funding from the Australian Government's *20 Million Trees Program*, which as the title states, aims to see 20 million new trees planted across Australia by the year 2020.

Coorong District Council Mayor Neville Jaensch said this exceptional project would help protect and sustain one of South Australia's most significant environmental icons.

"We're fierce about protecting and ensuring sustainable biodiversity practices around the Coorong and Lower Lakes," Mayor Jaensch says.

"Not only do we have our own interests at heart, but we also want to make sure the magic of the Coorong, including all of its native flora and fauna, are here for future generations to enjoy.

"We have this magnificent and globally-renowned environmental beauty on our doorstep, and programs like this are vital to ensuring we can take care of it."

CTLAP Sustainability Officer Samantha Blight said the project would utilise existing remnant vegetation to create "corridors" or "pathways" which provide a habitat for native wildlife, including those threatened species.

"The project will restore a large area of habitat across the district and private landholders will assist us by planting 61,180 native plants and trees on their properties," Ms Blight says.

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“It will also restore 34 hectares of Grey Box Grassy Woodland by planting understory trees, which will enhance and connect existing vegetation.”

An additional bonus is the thousands of native plants and trees required for the project will be specially grown by a Meningie nursery – offering a significant boost to a local business.

Between 2012 and 2016 the CTLAP was awarded \$3.6 million from the Australian Government for projects including establishing and reconnecting native ecosystems within the joint regions. This new project will build on its success.

Mayor Neville Jaensch also congratulated the CTLAP group on its latest funding success, saying the group is firmly focussed on the region’s environmental future.

“Over the 20 years the CTLAP has been in operation, we have seen many significant sustainability and biodiversity projects carried out within the Coorong and Tatiara region,” he says.

“The CTLAP is run by passionate people and has always worked closely with the community to identify priority issues and develop a range of land management and biodiversity projects.

“Thanks to the continued hard work of this group, our region’s environmental future is in safe hands.”

Planning for the project is now underway and site preparation will begin in coming months.

More information on the 20 Million Trees Program can be found here: <http://www.nrm.gov.au/national/20-million-trees>.

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