

Native plant subsidy on offer for ElectraNet landholders



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Thousands of landholders across South Australia with ElectraNet assets on their properties have the opportunity to save 75 per cent on the cost of native seedlings, tree guards and stakes through a new partnership between ElectraNet and Trees For Life.

ElectraNet Chief Executive Steve Masters said the subsidy was a great opportunity for ElectraNet to continue to grow its relationship with landholders and Trees For Life, with the environment being the biggest beneficiary.

“We have approximately 9,000 landowners across South Australia with electricity assets on their property and we’re committed to delivering opportunities that benefit these landholders and the environment,” Mr Masters said.

“This is the first time such a generous discount has been offered and we are hopeful it will be popular. It will allow substantial revegetation, while demonstrating how much we value our important landholders.”

Under the discounted offer, landholders can buy bulk seedlings for windbreaks, habitat for wildlife, shade, attracting pollinators, and to manage salinity and soil erosion.

Trees For Life Chief Executive Officer Natasha Davis said the partnership is a win-win for landholders and South Australian landscapes.

“Revegetation improves the quality and productivity of land, provides habitat for beneficial insects and native wildlife, and is critical to building drought tolerant farms. This tremendous discount offered by ElectraNet provides a great opportunity to build on an existing revegetation project, or start a new one,” Ms Davis said.

Trees For Life offers native species for 42 different zones throughout SA, ensuring seedlings are specifically suited to the different regions. The species include trees, shrubs, grasses and groundcovers, and Trees For Life is also able to provide advice with selecting the most suitable plants.”

Participants can order materials to grow seedlings themselves or request assistance from one of Trees For Life’s volunteer growers to raise seedlings over summer ready for planting in autumn next year.

Landholders need to be current members of Trees For Life and can order up to 500 plants, stakes and tree guards under the subsidy. Orders are now open and can be made until 31 August 2019.

Membership of Trees For Life costs \$25 – \$55 annually. To download an order form or join Trees for Life landholders can visit treesforlife.org.au/resources. For more information or hard copies, call Trees For Life on (08) 8406 0500 or email info@treesforlife.org.au