



Kangaroo Island Mallee Woodland— Restoring a rare ecosystem (SA)

Funding

\$50,000

Project

The project will replant five hectares of the critically endangered Kangaroo Island Narrow-leaved Mallee (*Eucalyptus cneorifolia*) Woodland and reconnect 69 hectares of fragmented remnants of the ecosystem.

This low, bushy mallee woodland occurs only on Kangaroo Island and is home to 17 plant species, such as the Kangaroo Island correa, unique to the island.

It also provides habitat for a range of other native flora and fauna, including the nationally-threatened shrubs *Leionema questre* (Kangaroo Island phebalium), *Olearia microdisca* (Small-flowered daisy-bush), and *Spyridium eriocephalum* var. *glabrisepalum* (MacGillivray spyridium).

The funding will be used to grow and plant 10,000 seedlings, representing up to 70 species native to the planting site. The site will be prepared by suppressing weeds, fencing off four hectares of the site to protect it from grazing kangaroos, wallabies and possums, and using tree guards to protect the remaining area. It will also support the annual Kangaroo Island Planting Festival.



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Partners

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