

# FORESTRYSA

## National Forestry Day 2022

A special pine seedling was planted at Kuitpo Forest Reserve on 30 August 2022, in celebration of National Forestry Day and to mark the contribution of South Australia's thriving forestry industry.

National Forestry Day is an initiative of the Australian Forest Products Association and state-based advocacy groups. The day is designated as an opportunity to raise awareness of the great work being done by the forestry industry and its many employees across the country.

18,000 South Australians are employed in the forestry sector, supplying 35% of the nation's housing timber and making significant contribution to our local economy, community and environment.

Minister for Forest Industries Clare Scriven met with ForestrySA staff on National Forestry Day and planted a commemorative pine seedling expected to reach its full potential in some 30 years' time.

"Our forests are great for the environment, they store carbon, provide jobs and allow us to create a range of renewable products such as house frames, fence posts and paper," Minister Scriven said.

"Tree planting in the heart of the local forest industry is the perfect way to celebrate such an important day."

The tree is just one of around 500,000 already planted across the 10,000ha Mount Lofty Ranges plantation estate during the winter of 2022, as part of the ForestrySA annual replanting program.

All plantation area within the ForestrySA estate is re-established following harvest, allowing sustainable timber production well into the future.

Chief Executive Julian Speed said after almost 150 years in forestry, ForestrySA was highly regarded by local industry partners and the communities in which it operates.

"As South Australia's commercial and community forest manager since 1875, ForestrySA is committed to the future of our industry and the additional opportunities it provides for the people of the state," he said.

"Our timber is used to produce building, agricultural and horticultural products, stimulating activity across the local supply chain in the Mount Lofty Ranges region and making a valuable contribution to South Australia's economy.

"We also welcome hundreds of thousands of visitors to our forests every year for activities such as camping, hiking, mountain bike riding and community events, and are looking to enhance these recreational opportunities where possible, alongside our commercial wood production.

"The future is very bright for forestry in our neck of the woods."

For more information about National Forestry Day, visit <https://ausfpa.com.au/national-forestry-day>

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**Image:** Minister for Forest Industries Clare Scriven (right) planted a pine seedling in Kuitpo Forest on National Forestry Day. She is pictured with South Australian Forest Products Association Chief Executive Officer Nathan Paine (left) and ForestrySA Chief Executive Julian Speed.

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