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Light Regional Council Native Plant Giveaway a Growing Success

Light Regional Council's annual Native Plant Giveaway has once again proven to be a resounding success in 2026, with strong community participation highlighting residents' commitment to enhancing biodiversity and greening their properties.

Held at the Freeling Institute, this year's event saw **242 ratepayers** access up to **10 free native plants each**, with more than **3,000 plants** supplied by Barossa Bushgardens Nursery.

The program offered a diverse selection of native species suitable for both residential and rural properties, supporting the establishment of locally appropriate vegetation across the region.

A new online booking system was introduced in 2026, streamlining the process and ensuring equitable access for ratepayers. The system proved highly effective, with bookings reaching capacity within days and a substantial waitlist further demonstrating the program's popularity.

Following the event, remaining plants were distributed to waitlisted residents. Any surplus stock was allocated to revegetation projects on Council land, ensuring all plants contributed to environmental outcomes.

This initiative forms part of Council's ongoing commitment to environmental sustainability. By encouraging native planting, the program supports local biodiversity, strengthens ecological resilience, and fosters community involvement in greening the Light region.

Light Regional Council thanks all participants for their enthusiasm and looks forward to continuing the program in future years.



Figure 1: Light Regional Council's Native Plant Giveaway - Freeling Institute - Saturday 9 May 2026

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