



Community Action Ideas (Pledge ideas)

It's time to take action as tree champions

Join your community in taking tree action now. Don't forget to download your pledge card, add your action/s and print it off, then take a photo of/with your pledge card and post it to our Pledge Storyboard! We want to share our Tree Champion's commitment with the broader community.

Plant More Trees or Care for Trees

I pledge to:

- ☐ Propagate trees for planting and share them with others.
- ☐ Plant one or more trees in my yard, at a school, or at a/my business.
- ☐ Request a street tree to be planted in front of my house by the City of Charles Sturt.
- ☐ Adopt/care for the street tree in front of my home (watering, weeding, cleaning leaf fall).
- ☐ Encourage others to care for the street tree in front of their house.
- ☐ Adopt/care for other trees in my street to support those less able or willing to do so.

Tree Appreciation & Education

I pledge to:

- ☐ Encourage young people to name a tree in their street and form a personal connection.
- ☐ Visit a school and present to students about the benefits of trees and importance of preserving trees.
- ☐ Develop a list of ways to help people engage with trees in creative ways.
- ☐ Promote trees for local action to address climate change.
- ☐ Create and promote local tree trails in my neighbourhood/the city (walking trails and driving trails).
- ☐ Create or share tree content on social media that explains the benefits of trees, encourages support for trees or promotes planting of trees.
- ☐ Build networks between the Tree Champions and local schools/business/private community groups to promote tree-related activity.
- ☐ Promote mini forests (Miyawaki method) eg identifying and building community support for planting urban forests on small, uninhabited blocks.
- ☐ Lead by example and open my garden in the Open Gardens SA Scheme to showcase ways of using trees in a home garden and inspiring others.
- ☐ Promote positive action being taken in the community that will or does result in increases to tree canopy.



Community Action

I pledge to:

- ☐ Organise working bees to help streets clean up leaf fall and debris from trees, or to remove leaves from gutters.
- ☐ Share information with Tree Champions and other active, community groups about tree-related community grant funding opportunities.
- ☐ Host a session with interested groups on writing or making grant funding applications and submissions for tree-related funding and activity.
- ☐ Establish a community group that can help others in the community to take care of their fruit trees.
- ☐ Promote and participate in National Tree Day.
- ☐ Promote and offer my tree expertise by conducting site visits and providing advice to other residents on how to best establish and care for their trees to maturity and beyond.
- ☐ Connect with other tree champions and take a role in leading/driving community-led tree initiatives.
- ☐ Create relationships with city businesses, community groups or schools to establish community planting days on their private lands, with support from other tree champions.

Community Activism

I pledge to:

- ☐ Lobby Local Members of Parliament to change planning legislation to reduce/stop tree loss and make tree canopy an urgent priority.
- ☐ Lobby big business (hardware stores, supermarkets, shopping precincts etc) to plant more trees.

Training*

**Dependent on the level of interest, Council will consider how we can support community training.*

I would like training so that I can pledge to:

- ☐ Run a 'Citizen Science' program to train community on canopy assessment, recoding, and monitoring.
- ☐ Offer advice to community on trees, including how to care for street trees and trees on private land.
- ☐ Train other tree champions to run education sessions at our libraries, community centres, schools, sporting clubs and local businesses.



Promote & Support Existing Council Programs

Council will work in the background to create and share some tools to support these activities.

I pledge to:

- ☐ Letterbox my local street to raise awareness and encourage more trees to be planted.
- ☐ Promote the City of Charles Sturt's 'Request a Street Tree' program, within your street or city-wide.
- ☐ Attach tree tags to trees with information about their benefits and, if desired, tree champion contact details for advice and support with trees.
- ☐ Promote the Heritage Incentive Scheme.

Recognition

I am willing to be publicly recognised as a tree champion in my local neighbourhood, which might encourage others to get involved or ask me questions about trees.

- ☐ I am willing to be publicly recognised as a tree champion through Charles Sturt Council media.
- ☐ I am willing to be publicly recognised as a tree champion with a badge, sticker or similar that I can display on my front fence, letterbox or verge.

YOUR DETAILS

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Contact Number: _____

Email address: _____

Residential Address: _____

If preferred, you can print off this hardcopy Pledge Form to complete by hand, and return to us at:

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OR

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