Bess Price
Minister for Local Government and Community Services

4000 Tree Project in Central Australia gets green light from Minister Price

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Minister for Local Government and Community Services and Parks and Wildlife Bess Nungarrayi Price has provided a $100 000 grant to MacDonnell Regional Council (MRC) for their 4000 Trees project.

The 4000 Trees project is a two year tree planting re-vegetation program across the 13 communities under the MRC – Amoonguna, Aputula, Areyonga, Kaltukatjara, Ikuntji, Ntaria, Imanpa, Kintore, Mt Liebig, Papunya, Santa Teresa, Titjikala and Wallace Rockhole. The project will bring much needed shade, shrubs and ground cover plants to provide a more pleasant outdoor environment in this arid zone.

Minister Price says “This is a great opportunity for communities to get involved in landscaping their living spaces. This can lead to ongoing gardening projects which have potential business outcomes and real jobs on the ground for the future. “

Council is making a matching in-kind contribution of labour, tools and machinery.

The 4000 Trees project will extend over two years so council can manage the planting and maximise the survival of seedlings.

“This is a great council and community collaboration and our government is happy to be able to help facilitate this initiative” Minister Price said.

Council’s civil works team will dig and prepare the holes, provide fertiliser and construct water retention beds where necessary.

This community-driven project is a great example of Local Authorities, local government and the NTG working together on community priorities.

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