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## **GREENING AUSTRALIA AND OFFICEWORKS LAUNCH FIFTH YEAR OF TREE-PLANTING PARTNERSHIP**

Officeworks' tree planting initiative, Restoring Australia, will begin planting its next million trees when its fifth season commences in partnership with Greening Australia on World Environment Day (June 5).

Launched in 2017 as part of Officeworks' commitment to make positive difference to people and the planet, the Restoring Australia initiative has a goal to plant two million trees nationally by 2025 and plants two trees for every one 'used' to make paper-based products, based on the weight of products customers purchase at Officeworks.

In 2022 more than 240,000 native trees will be planted in three regions between June - November, helping to restore Australia's natural landscape and biodiversity; helping threatened species and; supporting Indigenous land management practices, local communities and landholders.

The partnership celebrated planting its one millionth tree last year and Officeworks Head of ESG and Corporate Affairs, Ryan Swenson said the next million trees will help restore Australian landscapes and make a positive impact for people and the planet.

"We have a huge goal to plant two million trees by 2025 with the help of our customers, our team members and planting partner Greening Australia. We were thrilled to reach the million tree mark last year and now we are ready to start planting our next million trees. Through our five years of partnership with Greening Australia we've also been able to support local landholders and communities to regenerate land where some of these natural landscapes have been lost," Mr Swenson said.

"We're focused on supporting people and the planet, and, like our customers, we recognise the important role that tree planting and large scale land restoration can play in taking meaningful climate action. Through Restoring Australia, Officeworks is committed to helping customers make more sustainable choices when they shop with us and to help create lasting, positive change for people and the planet.

"We want our customers to know that by buying their paper and wood-based products from Officeworks, they're helping to restore Australia's natural environment."

This year's theme for World Environment Day is Only One Earth which calls for collective, transformative action on a global scale to celebrate, protect and restore our planet.

The new Restoring Australia planting season will focus on sites including the West Australian Wheatbelt, the Victorian Otways and the Tasmanian Midlands. Plantings will support the rehabilitation of vulnerable, threatened and endangered species including Carnaby's Black Cockatoo in WA; the Swamp Antechinus in Victoria; and in Tasmania the Tasmanian Devil, Spotted-Tail Quoll, Wedge Tailed Eagle, Masked Owl and the Eastern Barred Bandicoot.

Greening Australia CEO, Brendan Foran, said: "We know that overcoming our biggest environmental challenges – climate change and biodiversity loss – will require ambitious cross-sector collaboration. Partners like Officeworks enable Greening Australia to complete vital restoration work that wouldn't otherwise be possible, helping to protect Australia's unique and diverse landscapes. Together, we are working to create transformative change that benefits people and the planet, now and in the future."

Restoring Australia is part of Officeworks' [People & Planet Positive 2025 commitments](#) that support the aspirations of its team members and communities, reducing environmental impacts, and sourcing products in sustainable and responsible ways.

For more information on the initiative visit: [www.officeworks.com.au/restoringaustralia](http://www.officeworks.com.au/restoringaustralia).

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**About Officeworks:**

Established 28 years ago in Richmond, Victoria, Officeworks is committed to making bigger things happen for its customers, team, the community and stakeholders. It operates 168 stores across Australia, a website that is home to more than 40,000 products, a national call centre, and a business team that helps micro, small and medium-sized businesses start, run and grow. Officeworks offers customers a wide range of office supplies, technology, furniture, art supplies, education resources and helpful services like print & copy and on-site and remote tech support through Geeks2U – delivering an experience that is easy and engaging, no matter how customers choose to shop. Officeworks is focused on the safety, wellbeing and career progression of the more than 9,000 team members it employs. It's also dedicated to operating in a sustainable manner, including building and maintaining meaningful connections with the communities in which it operates, fundraising for its national partners and local community groups, continuing to reduce its impact on the environment and source responsibly.

**About Greening Australia:**

Greening Australia has been restoring Australia's unique landscapes and protecting biodiversity at scale through collaborative, science-based programs for 40 years. Greening Australia is committed to tackling Australia's greatest environmental challenges in ways that work for communities, economies and nature; planting millions of native trees and plants, protecting hundreds of native species, and supporting Traditional Owners' aspirations for restoring Country. For more information, visit [www.greeningaustralia.org.au](http://www.greeningaustralia.org.au).