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ROTARY CLUB OF

ARE YOU UP TO THE CHALLENGE ??

Districts 9500 & 9520, via the dual-district Calperum & the Environment Committee, invite all Rotary Clubs to take up RIPE Ian Riseley's tree planting challenge for 2017/18. This initiative is only limited by Rotarians not believing that there is much we can do to improve the environment for future generations.

The keystone project is the creation of the "RISELEY FOREST @ CALPERUM, a former sheep station of 240,000 hectares on the River Murray, now run by the Australian Landscape Trust for environmental purposes that the two Districts have been involved with for the past 20 years. It's the largest environmental project in Rotary within Australia and many thousands of trees have already been planted by Rotarians since 2000, and we have many more to plant.

Seedlings are being propagated in the Calperum nursery from seeds collected locally for planting at Stage one of the project throughout May to September 2017 – the ideal planting season. Stage two will be over the same period in 2018. We're inviting Clubs and Districts to become engaged in this project by;

1. Sponsor trees. Just \$5.00 will see a seed grown to a seedling, put into the ground and then regularly watered over at least its first summer to give it the best chance to get established and go it alone.
2. Plan a club event, come over to Calperum and get your hands dirty by helping with the tree planting – a great team building exercise.

Here's your chance as an individual Rotarian, as a Club or as a District to show support for Ian's commendable call to make an Environmental difference.

As an adjunct, local schools will also become engaged in planting the RISELEY FOREST in conjunction with Calperum's extensive education program to provide students with practical Landcare knowledge and skills regarding outback river floodplain and mallee country.

For more information on the project or to get involved contact D 9520 AG Don Will at will4444sa@gmail.com, or phone 0414 645 402.



TO: CALPERUM & THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

We proudly declare that the

ROTARY CLUB OF IS UP TO THE CHALLENGE !!



We have accepted your challenge to be involved in the RISELEY FOREST @ CALPERUM, and have agreed to finance one tree (\$5 each) for every Rotarian in our Club. An amount of \$..... will be transferred into the Calperum Account (BankSA BSB 105-159 and Account 027 671 640) before 30 June 2017 for which we request a receipt.



In addition, we wish to donate \$..... to support Rotary's work at Calperum.



We wish to be kept informed when our Club can visit Calperum to assist in tree planting, or become involved in other environmental projects.



We intend to promote this project to our local schools to also become engaged in the RISELEY FOREST @ CALPERUM.



We intend to create a "branch" of the RISELEY FOREST within our local community to honour RIPE Ian Riseley's environmental initiative. (NB This can be in addition to, or in lieu of involvement of the RISELEY FOREST @ CALPERUM)

Please scan this sheet and email to Don Will will4444sa@gmail.com

OR

Fax to Don on (08) 8232 4446

Signed **Date**
PRESIDENT / SECRETARY