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**An Early Boost for the Community Nursery Project in Mt Gambier –
Project Co-ordinator Appointed and Site Confirmed**

On Friday 4th May, the Australian Government released details of projects that were successful in gaining funding under Round 1 of the Biodiversity Fund. One of these projects, called **“Growing our future: Cross-border community nursery and seed collections”**, has been given an early boost with the announcement that Becky McCann has been appointed by Nature Glenelg Trust to co-ordinate the project. Becky commences in the role on Monday July 16th 2012.

Nature Glenelg Trust’s Manager, Mark Bachmann, said “many people in the South East of SA and Western Districts of Victoria will be familiar with Becky through her work for the South Australian Department for Environment, Water and Natural Resources, and prior to that, for the Heytesbury and District Landcare Network. Becky’s passion for involving the community in environmental programs will be a real advantage for getting this project up and running.”



Becky McCann

The community nursery project aims to complement the great job that commercial native plant nurseries do in the region, by focussing on growing species that are not economic for commercial growers to collect seed from and/or propagate, but are required for people undertaking revegetation projects seeking extra plant diversity.

The first step towards getting the nursery operational has also been taken, with the City of Mount Gambier agreeing to lease a portion of the former Council nursery site at Vansittart Park to Nature Glenelg Trust for the project.

Commenting on this recent development Mark said “the level of interest being shown in this concept and practical support offered by the City of Mount Gambier and its staff is absolutely fantastic, and will go a long way towards ensuring the project is a big success. Mount Gambier is situated at the centre of our regional home in SA and Victoria, so this is the beginning of a really important partnership for Nature Glenelg Trust”.

Nature Glenelg Trust, a not-for-profit environmental organisation based in the South East of South Australia and South West Victoria, will make further information available about how local residents can become involved over the coming months through its website: www.natureglenelg.org.au and the regional media.