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New nursery offers town-rural 'connection'

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A new community nursery in Mount Gambier is aiming to help give urban dwellers more connection with those in rural areas.

The Nature Glenelg Trust's nursery, which will grow a range of native plants, will officially open at Vansittart Park this afternoon.

It is part of the cross-border community nursery and seed collections project, funded by the Federal Government.

Trust manager Mark Bachmann says it is an opportunity for those living in the city to be involved.

"The actual end results happens out in the rural/regional areas but because we're growing plants in town here it actually gives people a connection that wouldn't probably otherwise exist I guess," he said.

"We think that's a really nice touch that this project actually creates that connection between our urban and rural community in the region."

He says it will benefit revegetation projects across the region.

"Trying to increase the diversity of plants that are being grown to go back out into the bush in the region for improving the diversity of revegetation works that happen across both sides of the border, as well as supporting other growers with the project because there are a whole range of species that aren't currently being put out in revegetation mixes because they're not economic for commercial growers," he said.

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