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## **Mayor's morning tea to celebrate 40,000km milestone**

Bedford and the City of Salisbury will unite in celebration on Thursday, 5 May to recognise a special partnership spanning 11 years and more than 40,000 kilometres covered - on a lawnmower.

Mayor of Salisbury Gillian Aldridge will join Bedford Chairman Colin Dunsford and Bedford's horticulture and landscaping team over a morning tea at Bedford's site in Pooraka to recognise and showcase the contribution that people with disability or disadvantage have provided to the community.

Bedford, the state's most diverse provider of services to people with disability or disadvantage, has been tending the City of Salisbury's parks, gardens and roads for over a decade.

In that time it has provided verge mowing for half the total Council area (750 lineal kilometres) – cutting on average 5 times per year and so in effect Bedford employees have mowed around Australia a remarkable 1.5 times.

“Our Bedford employees have made an outstanding contribution to this community for many years while in return the City of Salisbury has been instrumental in recognising the capabilities of people with disability or disadvantage,” Bedford Chief Executive Max Dyason said.

“The morning tea will celebrate an established and successful partnership that we see continuing to develop into the future.”

There are 132 people with disability at Bedford's Northern sites, current contracts include all horticultural maintenance services at Mawson Lakes, mulching programmes in open space areas and, of course, verge maintenance as well as an impressive range of packaging and assembly.

Across the City of Salisbury and Adelaide's north, Bedford's Australian Disability Enterprises (ADEs) boast a number of successful business partnerships with major organisations including Pernod Ricard Pacific (Orlando), Codan and Drug and Alcohol Service, Delfin Lend Lease and CIC Australia.

Bedford also provides mail out services for Holden as well as employment assistance for disadvantaged jobseekers through CareerSystems, Bedford's employment services division.

### **PHOTO OPPORTUNITY**

**Who:** Bedford landscaping employees meet Mayor of Salisbury for morning tea to showcase the equipment and skills that has taken the partnership to 40,000km over 11years

**When:** Thursday, May 5, 2011 - **11am**



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