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Traditional Owners return to Country for Silva Capital's first plantings at Cooplacurripa Station

Sydney, 06 August 2025: The first trees have been planted at Cooplacurripa Station in New South Wales as part of Silva Capital's flagship carbon project, marking a significant milestone in both landscape restoration and community engagement with Traditional Owners.

In partnership with the Purfleet-Taree Local Aboriginal Land Council (PTLALC), Silva Capital has officially launched its "Working on Country" program — a hands-on, community-led initiative that brings cultural knowledge and environmental landcare together to restore Biripi Country and support local Aboriginal employment pathways.

"This is more than the start of a carbon project — it's the beginning of a long-term collaboration that respects Country and culture," said Raf Wood, Co-Managing Director at Silva Capital. "Our vision is to create projects that regenerate the land and empower local communities, and the Working on Country program at Cooplacurripa sets a strong foundation for that future."

Program participants, Elders, and trainee Aboriginal Rangers from the Purfleet-Taree community joined Silva Capital and delivery partners Covalent Land Australia (CLA) and NSW Local Land Services to plant the first 200 seedlings — part of over the 2.5 million trees that will be planted over the next five years under the Cooplacurripa Environmental Planting Project.

Lillian Mosely, CEO of PTLALC, said the project represents a new model for how land stewardship and cultural restoration can work together.

"The PTLALC is proud to partner with Silva, CLA and LLS on this exciting program. It means we can care for Country the way our ancestors did, while creating pathways for the next generation. It's about healing—environmentally and culturally," Ms Mosely said.

"This is a groundbreaking program where the carbon industry is engaging with the local community, providing training and capability-building opportunities for Aboriginal youth to engage in cultural practices that protect Country and heritage."

The program, co-designed with PTLALC and delivered by on-Country training specialists Walan Miya, supports eight community members to undertake a Certificate III in Land Management. Trainee Rangers gain formal qualifications in ecosystem restoration, environmental planting, cultural heritage management, and cultural burning practices.

Beyond skills development, the program also supports cultural mapping and the protection of significant heritage sites on Cooplacurripa Station. PTLALC and Silva Capital have worked together to survey culturally sensitive areas, ensuring these are identified and protected as part of the project's long-term stewardship goals.

Background on Cooplacurripa Environmental Planting Project

The Cooplacurripa Environmental Planting Project is a seed asset of the Silva Carbon Origination Fund and is located on over 23,000 hectares of Biripi/Birpai Country in the Upper Manning Catchment. The property borders national parks, forest reserves, and productive farmland — making it a critical link for restoring biodiversity, connecting fragmented ecosystems, and enhancing habitat for native species.

Importantly, this initiative places the Biripi people at the heart of healing and caring for their Country, with interest already growing among local youth to join future intakes of the program.

By integrating carbon sequestration, environmental restoration, and cultural heritage protection, the project presents a model for regenerative land use that benefits both people and the planet.

Background on Silva Capital and Silva Carbon Origination Fund:

Silva Capital - a joint venture between investment managers Roc Partners and C6 Investment Management – combines deep carbon experience and agricultural investment expertise to provide carbon market participants and investors access to institutional grade financial carbon investment products at scale. Silva Capital is led by Raphael (Raf) Wood, a highly respected expert and thought leader in the Australian carbon market and Brad Mytton, an experienced investor in the Australian private equity agricultural sector.

The Silva Carbon Origination Fund – one of the first funds in Australia to provide investors with access to large-scale, high-integrity carbon credits from land reforestation projects, integrated with sustainable agriculture is designed for financial investors seeking attractive risk-weighted returns and carbon market participants looking for high-integrity Australian Carbon Credit Units (ACCUs) to complement their decarbonisation efforts and meet their regulatory compliance obligations. The Fund will enter the Australian market in the early part of its growth phase, prior to its maturity, through a targeted carbon credit creation strategy, directly investing in projects that bring food and fibre production together with carbon sequestration and provide scale to the industry more broadly.

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