

MEDIA RELEASE

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Sir Joseph Banks Park benefits from World Environment Day

Sir Joseph Banks Park in Botany has thousands more native trees and shrubs thanks to a community tree planting challenge completed for World Environment Day on Tuesday 5 June.



"I am pleased Council joined with Greater Sydney Local Land Services and

Conservation Volunteers to deliver this year's event at Sir Joseph Banks Park. The 28-hectare park is an important natural habitat for native flora and fauna species and is a significant open space for the local community to enjoy. I hope Council continues working with Conservation Volunteers on environmental projects like this," Bayside Mayor Bill Saravinovski said

Over one hundred volunteers from Sydney's corporate community joined forces with Bayside Council, Greater Sydney Local Land Services and Conservation Volunteers Australia for the day that saw company teams from AMP, Aon, Fuji Xerox, ING Bank, NIB, Origin, Tibra and Ventia Boral Amey Joint Venture competing against each other to plant as many native plants as possible in a two-hour period.

During the event over 3000 native trees and shrubs were planted in bushland areas of the park to increase native species diversity, provide habitat for native animals and suppress weeds.

The contribution from corporate sector volunteers at this event has helped Council's environmental restoration and Bushcare volunteer programs in the park.

For more information regarding Bayside Council's Bushcare volunteer and Natural Areas Restoration programs please call Council's Natural Resources Management Officer on 9562 1703 or email bushcare@bayside.nsw.gov.au

Enhancing habitat at Sir Joseph Banks Park is supported by Local Land Services through funding from the NSW Government.

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