

MEDIA RELEASE

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Improving Bayside's biodiversity

Bayside Council is again participating in National Tree Day and planting 2500 native plants to dramatically increase the biodiversity and ecological sustainability of two priority natural areas.

"Residents can help improve our tree canopy and important natural areas by getting involved in these events. National Tree Day is a great opportunity for residents to do something positive for our natural environment and learn about our bushcare volunteer program," Mayor Bill Saravinovski said.

Council, in partnership with Planet Ark, is holding community tree plantings on Sunday 29 July at:

- Hawthorne Street Natural Area, Ramsgate from 9am – 11:30am
- Sir Joseph Banks Park, Botany from 1pm – 3:30pm.

All tools and native plants will be provided and participants are encouraged to bring gloves and wear appropriate clothing and footwear. Morning/Afternoon tea and refreshments will be provided.

For further details and to register for these events:

- Hawthorne St Natural Area <https://treeday.planetark.org/site/10018363>
- Sir Joseph Banks Park <https://treeday.planetark.org/site/10018377>

The plants will directly benefit the local community by converting carbon dioxide and filtering pollution into oxygen, reduce the concentration of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere and actively reduce the temperature of these areas through evaporation and shading. These natural areas will also provide sanctuary and food sources for native wildlife and form an important biodiversity corridor in the Rockdale and Botany wetland areas.

For 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

National Tree Day is Australia's largest tree-planting and environmental education event where each year over 350,000 people participate in events at over 3,500 sites.

Since Planet Ark launched National Tree Day in 1996, more than four million participants have planted 24 million native trees, shrubs and grasses to enhance and protect Australians natural environment.

For more information:

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