

MEDIA RELEASE

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Bayside community support National Tree Day

Bayside Council's National Tree Day events attracted a passionate group of local residents, families, corporate groups and Bushcare volunteers who helped plant about 2400 native plants in local parks.

Bayside Council's two native tree planting events were held on Sunday 29 July at Sir Joseph Banks Park, Botany and at Hawthorne Street Natural Area, Ramsgate.

Over 100 volunteers assisted Council staff to plant 2400 native plants at the sites to support bush regeneration work being undertaken by volunteer Bushcare groups and council as part of Bayside Council's Natural Areas Restoration Plan.

Volunteers planted a range of locally endemic native trees, scrubs and groundcovers to increase biodiversity and create wildlife habitat in the locally significant bushland areas. Sir Joseph Banks Park and the Hawthorne Street Natural Area contain three Endangered Ecological Communities and are important links in the Rockdale and Botany Wetlands biodiversity corridors.

The events were undertaken in partnership with Planet Ark as part of the Australia wide annual National Tree Day program. Since 1996 more than four million participants have planted 24 million native trees, shrubs and grasses to enhance and protect Australian's fragile natural environment. This year Planet Ark estimates that over 300,000 people participated in events at over 3,000 sites and that nearly a million native plants were planted in bushland areas, schools and local parks.

The planting events at Sir Joseph Banks Park and Hawthorne St Natural Area were also supported by the NSW Office of Environment & Heritage and Greater Sydney Local Land Services who assisted Council to deliver these activities by provided grant funding to complete a range of environmental rehabilitation and community engagement projects at the sites.

Bayside Council would like to thank all the volunteers who attended the planting events for making the day such a great success and their ongoing support of environmental rehabilitation and Bushcare programs in the area.

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

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