

MEDIA RELEASE

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Bayside Celebrates Living Cities National Tree Day

Bayside Council is partnering with Planet Ark to encouraging residents to plant trees, maintain green spaces and connect with nature for National Tree Day on Sunday 29 July.

"I encourage residents to get involved. You can help protect and improve our important natural areas. This is a great opportunity for residents to connect with nature and learn about our Bushcare volunteer and Natural Areas Restoration programs," Mayor Bill Saravinovski said.

The theme this year is *Living Cities* which highlights the benefits trees and green spaces have on our personal health and wellbeing, the liveability of our cities and the effects of climate change.

Bayside Council has organised two community tree planting events this year where approximately 1800 native plants and trees are expected to be planted.

Coolibah Reserve
Bardwell Valley from 9am to 12 noon
Register: <https://treeday.planetark.org/site/10021177>

Sir Joseph Banks Park
Botany from 1pm to 4pm
Register: <https://treeday.planetark.org/site/10021178>

The native plantings will significantly increase the biodiversity and ecological sustainability of the areas and provide additional wildlife habitat in the parks.

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

Funding for the ongoing Bayside Council Natural Areas Restoration Plan comes from grants received from:

- NSW Government Crown Reserves Improvement Fund Program
- Greater Sydney Local Land Services.

For more information regarding Bayside Council's Bushcare Volunteer and Natural Areas Restoration programs 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 300,000 people participate in events at over 3,000 sites. Since Planet Ark launched National Tree Day in 1996, more than four million participants have planted **25 million** native trees, shrubs and grasses to enhance and protect Australians natural environment.

For more information visit treeday.planetark.org

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