

MEDIA RELEASE

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HELP CREATE A WILDLIFE CORRIDOR FOR NATIONAL TREE DAY

Local families are invited to help create a wildlife corridor by improving habitat for native animals and birds to mark this year's National Tree Day on Sunday 26 July.

The Mayor of Ryde, Clr Bill Pickering, will be rolling up his sleeves to take part in the mass planting and is urging local families to get involved.

"Improving the local environment and watching over time as the plants flourish into a haven for native birds is a great hands-on way to be part of creating a better community and future for our kids.

"You can bring the family along and join other members of the community to improve the local environment and see your work bloom over time.

"Your contribution will help to enhance a habitat corridor linking the Parramatta and Lane Cove Rivers, which is vital for a range of native birds and animals."

The activity will include planting a selection of locally indigenous trees, shrubs and groundcovers. A free BBQ and refreshments will be provided at the end of the activity. All participants will also go in the draw to win one of 20 family passes to the Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre.

National Tree Day Community Planting details:

Ryde's Olympic Park Tree Day event runs from 10.00am – 12.00 midday, on Sunday 26 July. Ryde's Olympic Park is a small reserve located at the rear of the Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre, just below the tennis courts, on the corner of Margaret and Potts Streets. Parking is available in nearby streets. All tools, gloves and training provided. Please wear long pants, a long sleeved shirt, enclosed shoes and a hat.

RSVP online at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/treeday or phone Customer Service on 9952 8222.

Photo Opportunity: Details TBA

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