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NATIONAL TREE DAY SEEDS COMMUNITY GROWTH

The City of Ryde is calling on local families to roll up their sleeves and get their hands dirty in Australia's biggest community tree planting and nature care event.

The local National Tree Day event will take place on Sunday 31 July at Bremner Park (cnr Morrison Road & Tyagarah Street, Gladesville) between 10.00am and 12 noon. Families can plant a tree, help to reconnect wildlife corridors between the Lane Cove and Parramatta Rivers and get tips on water-wise gardening. Note: All tools, gloves and training supplied. Please wear sturdy, enclosed shoes, long pants, long sleeved shirt and a hat.

"National Tree Day is an opportunity for everyone to get involved in a fun and friendly community event to look after their parks, schools and bushland," says City of Ryde Mayor, Clr Artin Etmekdjian. "It's easy and a small investment of time for great environmental and community benefits."

Schools Tree Day is part of the national event giving children the chance to learn about trees and the role they play in our environment in a fun and practical way.

"It's fantastic to see younger generations inspired by getting outside and planting trees," the Mayor said. "Such simple actions have positive flow-on effects such as the ever increasing numbers of children entering our City of Ryde Spring Garden Competition."

In the last 5 years the City of Ryde has supplied more than 6,300 plants for National Tree Day and will add a further 1,500 this year.

Photo Opportunity: 50 students from St Ignatius School will join Mayor Clr Artin Etmekdjian in a mass tree planting event.

Monday 1 August 2011. 12 noon. Bremner Park, Morrison Road, Gladesville (cnr Tyagarah)

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