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## NATIONAL TREE DAY CALLS ON AUSTRALIANS TO GET GROWING

**Planet Ark** needs your help to **get growing** for *National Tree Day*. The environmental organisation is calling on schools, community groups, businesses and individuals to plant native trees and shrubs at *National Tree Day* sites around the country to help combat some of Australia's serious environmental issues like salinity, erosion and loss of habitat for native bird and animal species.

Now in its 13<sup>th</sup> year, *National Tree Day* is Australia's largest community tree-planting event. Thanks to people from all walks of life coming together to green up Australia, the total number of native trees and shrubs planted at *National Tree Day* sites since 1996 is almost 12 million!

Kelvin Thomson, Federal Member for Wills, is taking part in National Tree Planting Day at an event arranged by the Moonee Ponds Creek Co-ordination Committee in Westmeadows on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July.

"Growing native plants and trees in Wills is a great way for the local residents to make a positive contribution to the environment and the community," Mr Thomson said.

To celebrate *National Tree Day* numerous events are taking place across Wills.

"I encourage all Wills residents to get involved on the day. Planting begins at 10am and the site is located in Westmeadows" (Meet at Wright Street and follow the flags to the planting site. Melways Ref 5 G6).

This year, 1600 trees will be planted at the site with other activities such as indigenous weaving, education activities for the kids, waterwatch, creaky creatures and an African BBQ lunch to be provided for all who attend.

"The Moonee Ponds Creek Co-ordination Committee has held National Tree Day at this site for 12 years".

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*National Tree Day* is being held on Sunday 27 July, with *Schools Tree Day* on Friday 25 July and other planting dates available throughout the year. For further information contact the *National Tree Day* Hotline on 1300 88 5000 or visit [treeday.planetark.org](http://treeday.planetark.org).

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