

Friends of Mt Majura July 2012 Media Release

National Tree Day grows closer on Mt Majura

Australia's largest community tree planting event is coming up on **Sunday 29 July**. The **Friends of Mount Majura (FoMM)** and **Watson Woodland** parkcare groups are calling on residents of North Canberra to join the campaign to plant a million new native trees and shrubs across Australia.

Our National Tree Day planting event will be held between 1 and 3 pm at a new site in Mt Majura nature park, behind the new residential development 'The Fair' off Antill Street in North Watson. Hot drinks and a BBQ will be available for volunteers.

"Planting trees and shrubs on National Tree Day is a simple and lasting way to make a positive contribution to our community and a great opportunity for families" says FoMM coordinator Waltraud Pix.

"New and old neighbours of Mount Majura can work together, get to know each other and enjoy our local bush environment."

"The holes are already dug. All you need is a positive attitude and a willingness to get your hands dirty. We provide you with the know-how and resources you need to get involved."

The focus of National Tree Day 2012 on Mount Majura will be planting shrubs, ground cover plants and trees to restore native diversity to a part of Mount Majura that has become degraded. Planting local species such as Yellow box, Native Boxthorn and Clustered Everlasting will provide habitat for a range of native wildlife and a link with nearby conservation sites.

There will be a School Tree Day on Friday 27 July for students of the local Blue Gum Community School. "The future of our planet really lies in the hands of our children. Getting them outdoors and involving them in a fun and simple activity such as planting a tree, will hopefully develop into a life filled with positive environmental actions," says Mrs Pix.

National Tree Day on Mount Majura is supported by the North Canberra Community Council, Hackett Community Association, Greening Australia, Majura Mountain Scouts, Conservation Council ACT Region, ACT Parks and Conservation Service and the Village Building Company.

National Tree Day is an Australia wide event held annually by **Planet Ark** to encourage mass plantings of trees and shrubs and to communicate the merit of trees. For further information, visit the Friends of Mount Majura website at www.majura.org.

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