



National Tree Day Mount Majura

Sunday 28 July 1pm-3:30pm

Mount Majura Nature Reserve will benefit from the community coming together for a National Tree Day planting event on Sunday 28 July. This will build on last year's spectacular effort next door to the new residential development 'The Fair', and is a great opportunity for the community to get outside and make a real difference to the bush in their backyard.

"New and old neighbours of Mount Majura can work together, get to know each other and enjoy our local bush environment. 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," said Friends of Mount Majura's, Waltraud Pix.

Territory and Municipal Services Minister and MLA Shane Rattenbury will be kicking off the event at 1pm with a how-to-plant session. Volunteers will be able to decorate their tree guards and adopt their newly planted trees. Hot chocolate and a free BBQ will be available to warm up afterwards.

Mount Majura is home to a large patch of nationally endangered Yellow Box - Red Gum Grassy Woodland. Now rare outside of the ACT, this type of ecosystem supports a range of precious plants and animals such as Sugar Gliders, Swift Parrots and the Canberra Spider Orchid.

Rebecca Palmer-Brodie, the Bush on the Boundary Coordinator for the Conservation Council ACT Region said, "New and existing suburbs put significant pressures on local areas of ecological value such as Mount Majura. Lending a hand at events like National Tree Day is a great way to improve the health of these areas.

Healthy local environments provide us with clean air, water and essential habitat for a range of precious plants and animals," she said.

National Tree Day Mount Majura is part of a community program designed to provide opportunities for residents of 'The Fair' development and the surrounding suburbs of Watson and Hackett to learn about and better protect their local environment. Those interested in planting a tree at National Tree Day can find out more at <http://treeday.planetark.org/site/54733>.

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