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Camden Council Demonstrates Commitment to Environment

Current and future residents will benefit from the community's efforts over the weekend, with Council hosting a successful planting activity at Camden's Rotary Cowpasture Reserve to mark National Tree Day.

The activity on 31 July 2016 was part of Council's Nepean River Trail Habitat Corridor and Extension project, which commenced in 2015 to revegetate the bushland area with local native species.

The Federal Department of the Environment provided funding for revegetation via the national 20 Million Trees Program, which aims to have 20 million trees planted across Australia by 2020.

Located in the Nepean River Habitat Corridor, the Rotary Cowpasture Reserve contains endangered River-flat Eucalypt Forest, which is home to threatened fauna such as the Powerful Owl, Little Eagle and Eastern Freetail Bird.

Mayor of Camden, Councillor Lara Symkowiak, said she was thrilled to see how enthused the community was to plant native trees at the Reserve.

"I would like to thank the community for their participation in Council's activity for National Tree Day 2016. It was heart-warming to witness the level of care that so many residents have for the local environment."

"They will be pleased to know that they have made a substantial difference to Council's overall goal to restore native habitat in the area."

"By the conclusion of the Nepean River Trail Habitat Corridor and Extension project later this year, the community will be able to enjoy enhanced views and biodiversity."

"Council also recognises the importance of doing our part at the local level to contribute to a wider cause. We are immensely proud to have participated in the 20 Million Trees Program, which is one of the four strategic objectives outlined in the broader National Landcare Program."

"We plan to extend our contribution through the Camden Council Bushcare Program, where more volunteers will be recruited to provide long-term environmental maintenance in the area."

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“I would like to thank Angus Taylor MP, Member for Hume for joining us for our National Tree Day in Camden” she said.

The success of National Tree Day 2016 follows last year’s remarkable accomplishment, where Elderslie Public School students, Bushcare Volunteers and community members replanted over 4,500 plants from the Eucalypt Forest vegetation community.

The Camden LGA can look forward to more community planting for Threatened Species Day 2016, which will be held on 7 September.

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