

Media Release



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Celebrate National Tree Day with Council

Camden Council is hosting a **tree-planting day on Sunday 28 July, 9am-1pm, at Camden Town Farm**, in celebration of National Tree Day.

The FREE event is open to residents of all ages. Participants will need to bring a hat and wear sturdy shoes and Council will provide gloves and the necessary tools and equipment. A barbeque lunch will be provided for all participants.

Mayor of Camden, Cr Theresa Fedeli, said the event was part of Council's *20 Million Trees: Creating Habitat for Camden White Gum* project.

"We've committed to planting 22,000 native trees and shrubs to extend the Endangered Ecological Community 'River-flat Eucalypt Forest' which is located in the Camden area," Cr Fedeli said.

"Camden is home to even more incredible biodiversity. Cumberland Plain Woodland and Elderslie Banksia Scrub Forest can both be found right here and are listed as Critically Endangered Ecological Communities. Not to mention the 557 native flora and 225 native fauna species that call Camden home, many of which are either regionally significant, threatened in NSW or threatened nationally.

"All this beautiful wildlife is in constant need of maintenance and protection, which is why we hold events like this one."

Council runs, and supports, a number of programs and initiatives, aimed at looking after the natural environment in the Camden area. They include:

- Council's Bushcare program, with groups who manage and maintain Camden's natural environment;
- Council's Save Power Kit, free to borrow from Camden or Narellan Library to show residents what uses the most power in their home and provide ideas and easy steps to save money, power and reduce their impact on the environment; and
- Council is a member of the NSW Government's Sustainable Advantage program, which provides guidance and support to identify and deliver sustainability improvements that have environmental, social, financial and cultural benefits.

For more information, or to register your interest in participating in National Tree Day, call 4654 7777 or email bushcare@camden.nsw.gov.au

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