

Media Release



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Council encourages local schools to celebrate World Environment Day

Local high school students can celebrate World Environment Day with Camden Council, by getting involved in two exciting initiatives.

The first is a **tree-planting event on Wednesday 5 June, 9am-2.30pm, along the Nepean River**. Council, along with local high schools, will plant 2,000 trees, including 200 Camden White Gums which are identified as a nationally threatened species.

This event is part of Council's 20 Million Trees: Creating Habitat for Camden White Gum project. It includes the staged removal of four hectares of woody weeds along the Nepean River, allowing for the replacement planting of 22,000 native trees and shrubs to extend the Endangered Ecological Community 'River-flat Eucalypt Forest'.

The second is the Speaking 4 the Planet event on **Friday 7 June, 9am-2.30pm, at the Bowden Centre at the Australian Botanic Garden, Mount Annan**.

Made possible by Speaking 4 the Planet and Camden, Liverpool, Campbelltown and Wollondilly Councils, the event brings together students in Years 7-12 from the four local government areas to compete in the areas of public speaking, drama, art and video. This year's Speaking 4 the Planet competition will focus on air pollution, which is the theme of this year's World Environment Day.

Mayor of Camden, Cr Theresa Fedeli, said the two events were vital in looking after the beautiful natural environment across the Camden area.

"From the 557 native flora and 225 native fauna species that call Camden home, and so much more, Camden is home to some incredible biodiversity," Cr Fedeli said.

"They are both fantastic opportunities for our young residents to brainstorm, learn from one another, encourage worldwide awareness and action to protect our environment and work together to achieve tangible results."

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Council runs, and supports, a number of programs and initiatives, aimed at looking after our local environment. 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 Choice program, which provides guidance and support to procure products and services that have environmental, social, financial and cultural benefits.

World Environment Day is an initiative of the United Nations and is observed yearly on 5 June.

Local schools can find more information on:

- Being involved with Council's tree-planting event, by contacting 4645 5663;
- Attending the Speaking 4 the Planet event, by contacting Speaking 4 the Planet Director, Phil Smith, on 0412 338 687; and
- Council's sustainability initiatives, by visiting camden.nsw.gov.au and searching 'sustainable programs'.

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