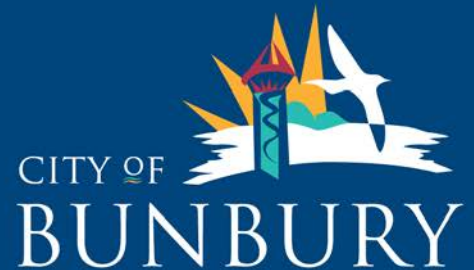


# MEDIA STATEMENT



Friday, 20 July 2018

## **City celebrates National Tree Planting Day**

Sunday 29 July is National Tree Planting Day and Bunbury residents are invited to a community planting event at Hay Park.

The City will also host a Schools Tree Day on 23 July at Kelly Park with Carey Park Primary School students.

National Tree Day and Schools Tree Day combine to make Australia's largest community tree planting and nature care event.

It is an opportunity to do something positive for your local environment and community and to reconnect with nature. National Tree Day started in 1996 and since then more than 4 million people have planted more than 24 million trees and plants and it's still growing.

The day aims to inspire, educate and recruit Australians to actively care for our unique land and create future generations of committed environmental custodians.

Bunbury residents can take part by coming along to Hay Park to help provide a potential habitat it could provide for native fauna.

Manager Landscaping and Open Space Kristy Tillett said the City was aiming to regenerate the area.

"We are looking to increase biodiversity, provide habitat for our local fauna and also beautify the area," Ms Tillett said.

"Please join us in this opportunity to create a greener and more liveable City and meet like-minded members of your local community."

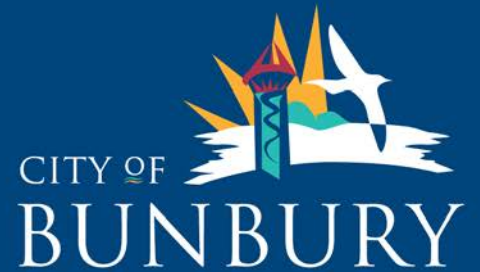
The City has significantly increased the number of trees being planted in recent years.

During the 2016/17 financial year, the Landscape and Open Space team planted about 500 trees and more than 14,000 plants.

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In the 2017/18 financial year, close to 850 trees were planted along with tens of thousands of plants at various locations across the City.

The community planting will begin at 8am to 12pm with tools and equipment for planting provided.

Please park your vehicle on the corner of Parade Road and Wallabies Way, Withers which is behind Hay Park.

**ENDS**

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