

Trees not a crowd at Ridge

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THE vegetation in Cranbourne South will get a vital boost on Schools' Tree Day.

Residential development 'Botanic Ridge' is joining Cranbourne South Primary School and Planet Ark to give the environment a helping hand.

Almost 80 pupils aim to plant 1000 native trees on Friday, July 25.

Conservation experts from the City of Casey will also be on hand, teaching pupils about tree planting and the importance of trees within the environment.

Botanic Ridge development manager, Joe Cassera, said Schools' Tree Day provided a great opportunity to engage the local school children in tree planting.

"The planting on Schools' Tree Day aims not only to re-vegetate the area and preserve the natural surrounds of Botanic Ridge but provide a fun day out for the school children living in and among this beautiful area."

Schools' Tree Day and National Tree Day are organised by Planet Ark in partnership with Toyota and the AMP Foundation.

Since 1996, almost 12 million native trees and shrubs have been planted at National Tree Day sites Australia-wide.

Planet Ark has called on schools, community groups and individuals to get involved on



Green thumb: Jemma, 4, Bailey, 8, Emalee, 5, and Mollie, 6, get planting.

the day to help combat some of Australia's serious environmental issues such as salinity, erosion and loss of habitat for native bird and animal species.

Lend a hand at Botanic Ridge on Schools' Tree Day, Friday, July 25 from 1-3.30pm at Pearce Dale Road, Cranbourne South. Details: 9785 9339.

GET INVOLVED

THE Friends of Frog Hollow are holding a tree planting on Sunday, July 27, from 10am-noon at Frog Hollow Reserve, corner of Hallam North and Belgrave-Hallam roads.

Endeavour Hills. Details: 0419 104 124.

AMP Financial Planner will host a planting site on Sunday, July 27, from 9.30am-4.30pm at 430 Evans Road, Cranbourne.

The City of Casey is hosting a site on Sunday, August 3, from 11am-1pm at Essex Reserve, Essex Park Drive, Endeavour Hills. For details on National Tree Day, call 1300 885 000.

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