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### **Come and have a dig this National Tree Day**

Goulburn Mulwaree Council, in partnership with the Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Management Authority (HNCMA), will hold a National Tree Day event at Lansdowne Creek, near the corner of Bourke and Combermere streets, Goulburn

Council's Parks Technical Officer Jason Moroney said the creek rehabilitation project at Lansdowne Creek involves the removal of exotic weeds and replacement with native trees shrubs and grasses.

"We encourage the planting of trees and plants native to the local community, because those species are best suited to local conditions, they use far less water than exotic species, they help restore the natural character of an area, and they provide food and shelter for local native wildlife," Mr Moroney said.

"The aim of National Tree Day is to increase the environmental, educational and community development outcomes of mass plantings of indigenous plant species and bush regeneration to benefit Australia's eco systems."

The first National Tree Day was held in 1996 and in the event's 14-year history more than two million Australians have planted over 13 million native trees and shrubs at National Tree Day sites Australia-wide.

Last year, 312,000 people planted 1.6 million native trees and shrubs at 3,500 sites around Australia, with 229,000 of these volunteers Australian school children from 2,100 schools that took part in Schools Tree Day. This year Planet Ark aims to plant its 15 millionth seedling.

All interested residents are invited to participate in the Tree Day event on 2 August, with some 500 tubestock trees to be planted at Lansdowne Creek. A barbecue lunch will be provided after all the trees have been planted

"Residents should come at 9.30am with appropriate clothing and basic tree planting shovels or trowels, however some will be supplied," Mr Moroney said.

Any residents who would like to take part at the Tree Day planting are requested to RSVP to Jason Moroney on 4823 4473 by Thursday 30 July.

For more information about National Tree Day, visit [www.treeday.planetark.org](http://www.treeday.planetark.org)

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***Goulburn Mulwaree Council's Jason Moroney and Catchment Officer Joanna Willmott from Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Management Authority with the mulch which will be used to plant 500 trees on 2 August for National Tree Day.***