

HANDS-ON

Greening Australia volunteer newsletter, September 2008



Lower Cotter Tree Tally

Community and corporate volunteers have planted 41,500 native trees and shrubs in the Lower Cotter this year. Our target of 50,000 is within reach! But we need you at our last planting on 21 September to get there. At our *Grow for Gold* planting on 24 August, 150 volunteers planted 4,000 trees and shrubs. Many 'gold medals' were handed out on the day to volunteers who planted a whole bucket of plants. Thank you to all volunteers who attended. Below are two of the volunteers who enjoyed the planting at Pierces Creek Forest.



Father's Day Planting

110 people celebrated Father's Day last Sunday by planting 1500 native trees and shrubs at Stromlo Forest Park, Canberra's world class cycling facility. Special thanks to dads who came out to plant, and to Amith Attygalle for his contribution on the day. There will be several more plantings at Stromlo Forest Park in 2009, so keep an eye out for details in our newsletters and on the GA website.



Mad Hatter's Planting, 21 Sept

Put on your craziest hat to ward off the ultraviolet rays and plant in style as we go for our target of 50,000 trees planted in the Lower Cotter Catchment in 2008. This is our last community planting for 2008.

When? Sunday 21 September, **9:00am - 1:00pm**, followed by a delicious lunch.

Where? Pierces Creek Forest (off Paddy's River Rd). The planting site is about 5 minutes' drive from the Cotter Reserve.

How to get there? Head west on Cotter Rd, cross the Murrumbidgee and Cotter Rivers, head past the Cotter Reserve (picnic area) towards Tidbinbilla, turn right onto Vanity's Crossing Rd, then follow the GA signs.

Is there free bus transport? Yes! A Transborder bus will depart the bus terminal on Marcus Clarke St at City West (between University Ave and Allsop St) at **8:30am**. A second bus will depart the car park at Deeks Forest Park, Uriarra Rd IF THERE IS ENOUGH DEMAND. RSVP essential for bus.

What to bring/wear? Hat, gloves, long pants, sturdy boots, spade/mattock for digging, water bottle

What to expect? Gentle slopes, some weeds, portaloos

RSVP essential: Phone 6253 3035 or email admin@act.greeningaustralia.org.au



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Weekend Green Team

Members of the Green Team, which meets every Thursday, are enjoying the opportunity to experience a range of NRM activities at different sites around the Capital Region. We are looking at the feasibility of organizing an additional Green Team that meets on Saturdays, for volunteers who work full time. If you are interested in volunteering for a few hours once or twice a month, please contact Haydn Burgess on 6253 3035.

Join The Seed Squad

We need to propagate 200,000 native plants for the 2009 planting season and it all starts with seed. We are now recruiting for a Seed Squad to track down provenance seed over the summer months. If you are serious about seed and like an outdoor challenge, then this is the job for you. Activities include seeding old roadways in the Lower Cotter (there is 8km to do!), collecting provenance seed, and cleaning and storing seed in GA's seed banks. Please contact Stephen Thompson on 6253 3035.

Spread The Good News

If you enjoy volunteering with Greening Australia, why not tell a family member or friend about your experience? Research suggests that a good proportion of people take up volunteering on the recommendation of a family member or friend. We need you to tell others about how much fun volunteering for the environment can be. We can also send you extra copies of HANDS-ON to distribute at your work place. Get in touch with Jemma or Haydn on 6253 3035.

Stay In Touch

Greening Australia prefers to communicate with supporters via email where possible. This saves time, money and paper. If you have an email address, can you please advise Jemma by sending an email to admin@act.greeningaustralia.org.au.

Another way of finding out about upcoming GA activities is the GACR web page at <http://www.greeningaustralia.org.au/community/capital-region>

Event Reminder

See you all at the Mad Hatter's Planting on Sunday 21 September, our last community planting for 2008. We need all the help you can muster to reach our target of 50,000 trees, so please invite your family, friends, work colleagues and total strangers.



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