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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### North East to support Schools Tree Day

Planet Ark is calling on schools, community groups and individuals in the North East to get down and dirty and help plant trees on National Tree Day's. Last year, 350,000 volunteers planted over 1.5 million native trees at more than 4,000 sites.

This year's National Tree Day falls on Sunday 30 July with Schools Tree Day taking place on Friday 28 July.

On Friday (28 July), the Indigo Shire in conjunction with the North East CMA's Waterwatch program will assist with planting and carry out environmental educational activities at schools in Beechworth and Tangambalanga;

- 9.10 -11.00am: planting at the Spring Creek site – St Josephs Primary School, Beechworth
- 11.30- 12.30pm planting at Beechworth Child Care Centre
- 1.30 -3.00pm planting at Tangambalanga, Kiewa Valley Primary School

"Planting native trees beautifies our area and also helps the environment. It's also a great day out for our community," said Carolyn Humby, the North East CMA's Regional Waterwatch Coordinator.

Shay Simpson from the Indigo Shire said one thousand five hundred (1,500) trees will be donated by the Shire to schools for planting on or near their grounds with the aim of improving local biodiversity. A further 200 plants donated by the Shire will be planted by community groups to help stabilise creek banks.

National Tree Day is organised by Planet Ark in association with Toyota and AMP Foundation. If you'd like to volunteer or register your own site, please call the Planet Ark Tree Day Hotline on 1300 88 5000 or go to [www.planetark.com/treeday](http://www.planetark.com/treeday)

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For interviews or to organise pics of tree planting activities at Beechworth or Tangambalanga, please contact:

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