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Plans for Tree-mendous National Tree Day

Riverina Highlands Landcare Network in conjunction with Snowy Valleys Council, Riverina Local Land Services and Mountain Landcare is inviting local residents to take part in National Tree Day week, marking the 21st anniversary of the much-loved campaign.

Throughout the week there are a number of opportunities for residents to take part in Australia's biggest community tree planting and nature-care event including 1500 locally native plants being given away to residents for their farm or home.

From Monday the 25th of July to Saturday the 30th of July local residents, can visit the Landcare Nursery in Tumut and collect a free native tree, shrub or understorey plant. Residents are encouraged to come down to the Landcare Nursery during the week to miss the weekend rush and have first pick at the plants on offer. The Landcare Nursery is located on Gocup rd (opposite Snowy Works and Services).

For residents in the Tumbarumba area, Mountain Landcare will be providing free native trees, shrubs and understorey plants at a street stall in the main street of Tumbarumba on Friday the 29th of July.

Residents will also be given a copy of the "Your Guide to Creating a Native Garden in the Riverina Highlands" to help them make better decisions about what to plant and where.

"The wet weather we have been enjoying will help kick start the little plants, helping make sure that they are well established before the summer heat sets in" says Snowy Valleys Council officer, Ken Fletcher.

Community groups and local schools will also benefit with a box of free plants and guards available for planting at community sites and school grounds.

A 'Tree-mendous' nature based art competition is also underway with categories for Preschool, Primary and Secondary students to provide a further opportunity for students to participate in National Tree Day.

"By taking part in National Tree Day, you'll be contributing to Australia's largest community tree planting and nature-care event and joining thousands of individuals in making a difference, connecting people with nature, beautifying neighbourhoods and inspiring positive environmental change" said Nick Austin, Chairman of Riverina Highlands Landcare Network.

To find out more about the National Tree Day week of giveaway information please contact Steve Hamill, Landcare Nursery Coordinator on 0427 568 131.

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