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National Tree Day 2022 - Growing plants for life

Despite the less than ideal weather conditions on Sunday 31 July, 28 families and groups came along to Springs Wetlands in Mount Barker to plant trees to provide habitat for native fauna as part of National Tree Day.

Mount Barker District Council's Environmental Project Officer, Emma Montgomery said it was a fabulous day. Even though it was quite wet and windy many people, including the Mount Barker Scouts and Cubs stayed for all or most of the day.

"We planted about 1200 native plants and the atmosphere was friendly, vibrant and had a great community feel," Ms Montgomery said.

The plants were all native to the Mount Barker area and were grown by environmental groups including Goolwa to Wellington Local Action Planning Group (GWLAP), Trees For Life (TFL) and Hills Biodiversity.

"This is a just such a fantastic annual event that enriches the local environment and biodiversity and contributes positively to the community and district, Mayor Ann Ferguson said,

"Volunteers who came along really appreciated the delicious barbecue provided by the Nairne Lions Club and everyone, no matter how old, loved spending some time, between planting, with the fluffy and scaly creatures from Animals Anonymous."

Beginning in 1996, National Tree Day, held on 31 July every year, is now the largest community tree planting and nature care event in Mount Barker and Australia.

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