

# VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY - NATIONAL TREE DAY, SUNDAY 31<sup>st</sup> JULY 2022

**National Tree Day** is an annual Australia-wide event promoted by **PLANET ARK**, a Not-for-Profit environmental organisation. PLANET ARK has invited community organisations, including local councils, to host a group activity with the choice of an appropriate location for the plantings of small trees, shrubs, and local grasses as a mark of recognition of National Tree Day.

District 9800 Rotary members have an opportunity to volunteer in one of two community organised plantings. The two locations are at:

- ⇒ **Canning Street Reserve** along the Maribyrnong River at 2a Canning Street; Avondale Heights hosted by **MOONEE VALLEY COUNCIL**
- ⇒ **Scotchmans Creek** at 40 Fairway Avenue; Mt Waverley hosted by the **CITY of MONASH COUNCIL** and **FRIENDS OF SCOTCHMANS CREEK and VALLEY RESERVE.**

The **Scotchmans Creek** planting is from 10:00am-1:00pm. and includes 8,000 seedlings – 500 to 600 trees, 1,000 shrubs and the remainder understory plants.

The **Canning Street Reserve** planting is next to the oval, from 10.00am-1.00pm and includes a combination of seedlings with trees and ground cover pollinator friendly understory plants to improve biodiversity.

Flemington Kensington, and Keilor East Club members will be volunteering at this site as they have done on previous plantings along the Maribyrnong River organised by Moonee Valley Council.

## IMPORTANT DETAILS

- **PLANTS/TOOLS/EQUIPMENT:** will be supplied and volunteers are welcome to bring their own small trowels as they could come in handy. Plants are in tubes and there should be no heavy digging.
- **Scotchmans Creeks** has a **BBQ 'Sausage Sizzle' lunch.** Bring a mid-morning snack and a water bottle.
- **Canning Street Reserve - complimentary coffee and snacks** will be available. Recommended to bring a water bottle. **Facilities** are nearby at both locations.
- **CLOTHING:** it is important to wear appropriate clothing for the weather conditions especially strong footwear. Certainly, bring outdoor gloves especially if the ground is damp and a hat, if needed.
- Each volunteer **must register** on the day with the host organisers. This is important within the context of eligibility under the Planet Ark public liability insurance policy.
- **Health and safety** protocols will need to be followed as outlined by the organisers.
- Children **must be accompanied** by a parent or grandparent.

**For the purpose of collating Rotary Club Member numbers at both sites, members volunteering need to advise Peter Berg, Rotary Melbourne at [pberg8@bigpond.net.au](mailto:pberg8@bigpond.net.au)**