



MEDIA STATEMENT

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LOCAL SCHOOLS PLANT FOR THE FUTURE ON NATIONAL SCHOOLS TREE DAY

Local Member for West Swan Rita Saffioti visited local schools on Friday to take part in National Schools Tree Day, Australia's largest community tree-planting event.

On Friday more than 200,000 primary and secondary students from over 1,500 schools across Australia were out of their classrooms helping make a positive impact on the environment.

Ms Saffioti offered a tree to all schools in her electorate and this year the initiative was taken by Ballajura Primary School, South Ballajura Primary School, Beechboro Christian School and Ballajura Community College. Each school received a 'Little Gem Magnolia' from Ms Saffioti, who helped plant the trees with students during her visit.

"Schools Tree Day is a wonderful opportunity for children to make a contribution to Australia's natural environment and have lots of fun at the same time," Ms Saffioti said.

"I am very proud of our local schools for being involved in the initiative and help educate school children on the benefits of tree planting."

Now in its 16th year, National Tree Day has seen more than 2.5 million volunteers plant over 16 million trees, shrubs and grasses.

Ms Saffioti said it was great fun planting trees with the students, whilst teaching them that tree planting helps address important environmental issues.

National Schools Tree Day is organised as part of Sunday's National Tree Day by Planet Ark in partnership with Toyota.

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