



## **TODAY IS NATIONAL TREE DAY**

All around Australia, green thumbs great and small are gathering their gardening gear in anticipation for **National Tree Day**.

More than 300,000 volunteers are expected to turn out for tree-planting and maintenance activities at more than 3,000 sites nationwide and event organiser **Planet Ark** expects one of these participants to plant the 15 millionth native seedling since the event began in 1996.

Entering its 14<sup>th</sup> year, **National Tree Day**, has seen more than 13.4 million native trees and shrubs planted around Australia to date.

“National Tree Day has literally grown to new heights this year”, says Planet Ark’s spokeswoman Rebecca Gilling. “The planting of the 15 millionth native seedling represents a wonderful result for the environment”.

More than a mass tree-planting exercise, National Tree Day is an event for communities and families to come together and get growing for the future.

Planet Ark encourages all Australians to get growing on National Tree Day. To find your nearest site visit <http://treeday.planetark.org> or call the National Tree Day hotline on 1300 88 5000.

National Tree Day is organised by **Planet Ark** in partnership with **Toyota** and its Dealer network which provide on-the- ground support at local and community tree-planting sites Australia wide.

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