



**Brighton
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Media Alert and Release for Tomorrow Sunday August 1, 2021

Green Point Landcare's first event a National Tree Day Planting

BRIGHTON Municipality's new Landcare group will conduct its first event tomorrow – a community tree planting on the Derwent River foreshore at Bridgewater – to mark National Tree Day.

The Green Point Landcare Group has been launched by Brighton Council, in partnership with Landcare Tasmania. The inaugural event is being supported by MONA's Institute Botanica as well as volunteers from Landcare Tasmania and students from the University of Tasmania.

It becomes Landcare Tasmania's 300th Landcare group member and aims to improve the local environment and particularly the Derwent River foreshore by connecting like-minded people and undertaking activities such as planting, weeding, mulching and citizen science activities.

Tomorrow's event will officially launch the Landcare Group and comprise planting demonstrations, an outline of the importance of Landcare, a short walk to identify local ecologically significant areas with Landcare Tasmania representatives, and a lunch for participants provided by 24 Carrot Gardens.

Brighton Council General Manager James Dryburgh said Council had set improving the local environment as a key commitment in its recently released 2050 Vision for the Municipality.

Mr Dryburgh said as part of this Vision, Council looked forward to building stronger connections in the Brighton community with those passionate about the environment and with groups such as Landcare Tasmania and Institute Botanica.

"We see this as a positive means of bringing the vision to a reality. Getting outdoors and caring for the environment has multiple benefits for people's health and wellbeing, as well as improving the amenity of the area and increasing awareness of the value of biodiversity," he said.

"Brighton Council is already heavily involved in undertaking foreshore walking trails works and the Cheswick Living Stream project to improve the creek next to Institute Botanica to enhance the community's connection with the beauty of the foreshore."

Landcare Tasmania's Acting Chief Executive Officer Peter Stronach said: "We are supporting a growing Landcare movement across the State and to have Brighton council initiating a Landcare group at Green Point is a huge boost for the local community and the environment."

Mr Dryburgh said National Tree Day was a fitting time to launch the new Green Point Landcare Group.

"It provides the opportunity for the community to come together to recognise the importance of the natural environment, to learn more and join in doing something to improve the local area by planting, weeding and mulching. We look forward to a successful launch."





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MEDIA OPPORTUNITY NOTE: News editors, Chiefs of Staff

The news media is invited to cover the National Tree Day event.

WHEN:

Tomorrow, Sunday August 1, 2021 at 10am - 1pm

WHERE:

2A Eddington St
Bridgewater, TAS 7030

