



**Sharon Grierson MP**  
Federal Member for Newcastle

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**Supporting National Tree Day**

Federal Member for Newcastle, Sharon Grierson MP, today joined a group of dedicated volunteers planting trees in King Edward Park to mark National Tree Day.

"This is a great way to promote environmental sustainability at a local level," said Ms Grierson.

"By getting out and becoming practically involved with tree and shrub planting, these volunteers are doing their own part to help our community move towards environmental sustainability," said Ms Grierson.

Ms Grierson commended the volunteers for getting involved.

"It is vital to remind the general community about the importance of increasing our native tree stocks, and getting out here to plant seedlings is a great way of doing so."

This is the tenth year of planting trees as part of National Tree Day in Newcastle.

Since she was elected in 2001, Sharon has donated 100 trees to be planted each year for National Tree day.

This year Trees in Newcastle hope to plant their 50,000<sup>th</sup> tree in Newcastle for National Tree Day

National Tree Day was co-founded by Olivia Newton-John and Planet Ark in 1996, and since then more than 2 million volunteers have planted over 15 million native trees and shrubs across Australia.

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