



Media Release

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GIRL GUIDES HAVE TREE-MENDOUS FUN!

Girls from many Guide Units across the country will be having lots of fun getting dirty and planting trees for **National Tree Day** during the last week of July.

“Growing native plants in their local area is a great way for the Guides to make a positive contribution to the environment and our local community,” says Chief Commissioner, Lynne Price. “At Guides we love to get outdoors, these girls are passionate about the environment and this is a fantastic way to do something practical.”

“National Tree Day is about so much more than just planting trees,” says **Planet Ark** Ambassador Jamie Durie. “It’s about growing habitat for Australia’s native wildlife. It’s about growing communities, growing an appreciation for our environment, and growing a future for our children, these girls are doing a great job.”

Guides is a safe, fun place for girls to try new things, make great friends, develop new skills and gain confidence. Girl Guides is the largest organisation for girls and young women in Australia, with 10 million Girl Guides and Girl Scouts from diverse cultures and religions in 144 countries worldwide.

To find out more about joining Guides or becoming a Guide Leader **visit** www.girlguides.org.au or call your State Office.

National Tree Day is celebrated on the last Sunday of July each year. Guides have been planting trees and caring for the environment since the organisation started in 1910.

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Photo opportunity: Please contact the PR Coordinator in your State office to arrange photos can be arranged on the day, or in advance

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