

# NATIONAL TREE DAY AND SCHOOLS TREE DAY CASE STUDIES

## A Great Day on the Green!

Volunteers at the 2004 Tree Day site at Lakelands Golf Course in Queensland planted native trees, shrubs and grasses to provide food and habitat for local indigenous birds.

These plantings are a key part of their participation in the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program, which recognises golf courses around the world that work towards a high degree of environmental quality for people and wildlife.

Darren Moore, Course Superintendent, states:

“One of our main aims is to further diversify our habitat areas and continue to plant appropriate native species within and around the golf course. Participating in National Tree Day is critical as it gets people involved in our project – including community representatives, school children, staff and members of the club.”

Organisers were also helped by a hoard of local businesses: Hinterland Toyota helped with the sausage sizzle, McDonalds supplied cordial and the Nike Zelus Store provided stickers and tattoos. Balloon Kings sent out a face painter for the kids, Northern Rivers Rural Buying Turf donated wetting agent and fertilizer and ClubCorp donated funds for plants and equipment.

So what about this year? With 600 seedlings on order, and the coordination of a Schools Tree Day planting event already on the list, Lakelands Golf Course is all set for Tree Day in 2005! Are you?

## Environmental Education in Action

Students from Kalbarri District High School's Bush Rangers Unit worked hard on Schools Tree Day 2004, helping staff from the Department of Conservation and Land Management (CALM) to plant native species around Chinaman's Lookout, near Kalbarri Beach in WA.

The CALM Bush Rangers program is a state-wide cadet scheme through which high school students can gain practical experience and qualifications while contributing to nature conservation through a variety of exciting hands-on projects.

The school has a policy of community involvement, and through Schools Tree Day was able to involve local botanical experts Don and Barbara Bellairs. With the additional help of David Pratt from Townscape, the students planted 300 indigenous species among the sand dunes and along the walking tracks including beach spinafex, pigface, scaveola, halganina, acanthus, alearia and saltbush. The children also installed barriers to prevent access to fragile areas and brush-matting with native vegetation bearing seeds.

It is hoped that the addition of more plants to areas that have been brush-matted will increase the diversity of indigenous plants and ameliorate damage caused by vegetation loss.

The planting was organised by Kalbarri Townscape Committee with funding supplied by Envirofund, a Federal Government initiative to facilitate revegetation projects around Australia.



Planting for Tree Day as part of the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program.



Local families get a lesson on planting native trees to help local native birds.



Kalbarri District High School CALM Bush Rangers Tim Saville and Joshua Paxman planting native species at Chinaman's Lookout.

