



Connect with Nature



on National Tree Day

At Home

A guide to planning your
National Tree Day



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The true meaning of life is to
plant trees under whose shade
you do not expect to sit.

- Nelson Henderson

01 About

National Tree Day started in 1996 and has grown into Australia's largest community tree-planting and nature care event. It's a call to action for all Australians to get their hands dirty and give back to the community.

Each year, hundreds of thousands of people volunteer their time to plant seedlings and restore thousands of hectares of unique Australian landscape.

Over **28 million trees, shrubs and grasses** have been planted by more than **5 million people**, and this number continues to grow with the help of dedicated volunteers around the country.

While every or any day can be Tree Day, Schools Tree Day and National Tree Day are held on the last Friday and Sunday of July, respectively. Our community up in the Northern part of Australia celebrate Tropical Tree Day on the first Sunday in December, each year.

National Tree Day is an opportunity to recognise the hard work of communities around Australia and celebrate their ongoing commitment to the environment.

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The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now.

- Chinese Proverb

02 Why get involved



Why get involved

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If you're not able to host or attend a National Tree Day event, there are still many ways you can get involved at home!

Take some time to connect with nature and bring more green into your space or get curious and creative with some nature based activities.



How to get involved

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Plant a tree at home



Try our [nature activities](#) at home



Learn about trees with our at home [lesson plans](#)



Enter our annual Schools Competition



Read about the inspiring Tree Day community in [Tree Talk](#)



Donate to [The Seedling Bank](#)



Visit your local native plant nursery

How to get involved at home



If you can't host or volunteer at a site here's a few ideas on how to get involved:



Plant a tree at home

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If you aren't able to get out to a big planting event, host one at home! Bring some green to your garden to attract birds and other pollinators, or bring the green indoors by potting up a new plant baby or two.

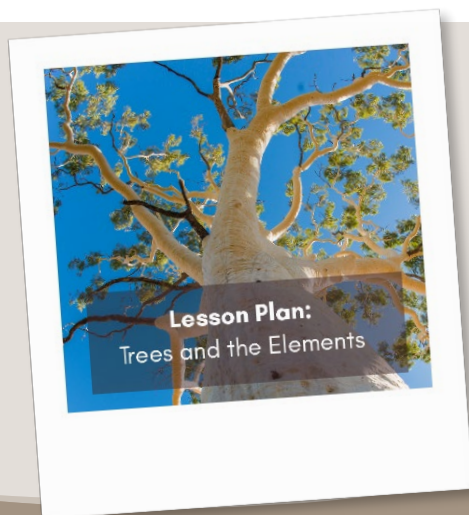
PLEDGE YOUR TREE

No matter how many trees, grasses or shrubs you have planted, your efforts count. You can simply pledge the number planted without having to register an event.

Get crafty

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Get crafty and challenge yourself or the kids with our **activity sheets** – from word searches to treasure hunts and colouring in sheets, we have nature themed fun for all ages.



Learn about trees

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We have a range of **lesson plans**, created in partnership with Deadly Ed. Lessons will help you to embed Aboriginal perspectives into your National Tree Day initiatives.

How to get involved at home



Enter the Schools or Community Competition

Our annual Schools Competition and Community Competition are a fun, educational and creative way to get involved in National Tree Day and there are some great prizes to be won!



Read our reports

Settle in and read our **research reports** – learn about the importance of trees and how schools and community groups around Australia are working to improve their local environments.

Donate to Planet Ark's Seedling Bank

Donate to Planet Ark's Seedling Bank to enable schools and community groups with their planting projects across Australia. Your contribution supports the community in restoring our unique Australian Landscape.



Visit your local nursery

Head down to your local native nursery to see what's available and learn about planting best practice in your area.



Planting Tips

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Planet Ark recommends that you plant local natives. Local natives are perfectly suited to the local soil type and climate, and they're also great for wildlife.

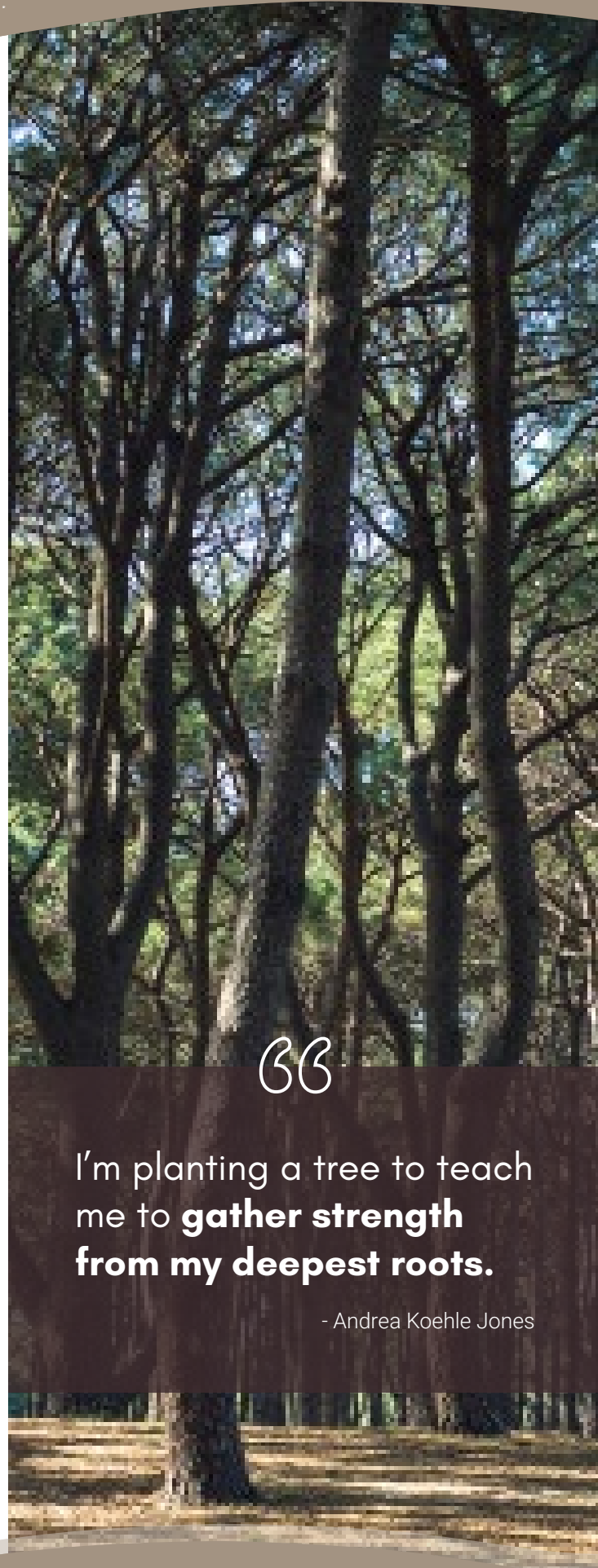
Need some extra advice? Visit the National Tree Day [website](#).

Extra Resources

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We have loads of resources to help make your National Tree Day a success. Please [visit the toolkit on our website](#) to access:

- Posters
- Certificates
- Web graphics
- Activity sheets
- Lesson plans



I'm planting a tree to teach me to **gather strength from my deepest roots.**

- Andrea Koehle Jones




Here I sit.
Beneath a tree.
Heartbeat calm.
Soul hums free.

- Angie Weiland-Crosby

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