## CAMDEN COUNCIL Media Release



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## HELPING HAND FOR NEPEAN RIVER TRAIL CORRIDOR

A portion of the Nepean River Habitat Corridor in Camden will be enhanced and extended with assistance from an Australian Government under the 20 Million Trees Program, and a helping hand from the community.

Today on World Environment Day, 30 students from Elderslie Public School joined the Camden LGA Tree Planting Committee in planting almost 2,000 trees in Rotary Cowpasture Reserve, Camden in order to restore endangered ecological community River-flat Eucalypt Forest at this site.

Mayor of Camden, Cr Lara Symkowiak is delighted that Camden is involved in this important initiative to re-establish green corridors and urban forests in communities and engaging the community in the process.

"This funding will help towards restoring local native vegetation to this part of the Nepean River Corridor. There will be 10,000 trees planted at the site by late next year with the help of members of our community."

"It is fitting that the first plantings under the program have taken place on World Environment Day, a day that encourages people to undertake positive actions for the environment."

"Council is committed to conserving and enhancing our natural environment and I encourage the community to get involved and attend a planting event."

"Council works closely with all levels of Government in delivering best outcomes for our community. I would like to thank the Federal Government for providing funding to enhance this important site."

"I would also like to acknowledge and thank the students and community members involved in this first planting event and for their commitment to our environment."

Further planting events will be conducted in 2015 and 2016 to complete the revegetation of the site. The next planting event is set to coincide with Threatened Species Day, in September 2015, and will be open for the Camden community to attend.

For more information or to register your interest in future community planting events please contact Sara Ormond on 4645 5159.

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