



# Media Release

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## Project to save threatened Camden White Gum

A large scale project to reinstate a nationally threatened species of native gum will begin in Camden this year.

Council has successfully secured \$91,600 in Federal Government Funding to extend the endangered River-flat Eucalypt Forest and create habitat for the Camden White Gum.

“This is an intensive project to replenish the spectacular natural biodiversity of our area and create habitats for native animals and bird life,” said Mayor Lara Symkowiak.

“We are fortunate to have plant and animal species that are endangered living in our area and we want to conserve and enhance their delicate environment and secure their future,” Cr Symkowiak said.

“This project will involve the collaboration of community and government to make it a real success,” she said.

The remediation program involves planting 22,000 native trees and shrubs, including 200 white gums, along a portion of the Nepean River at the Camden Town Farm.

The first phase will involve the removal of four hectares of woody weeds, which will begin next month. Once complete, planting will start and community invited to join in for planting events to be held on National Tree Day (29 July) and in 2019 on World Environment Day (June) and Threatened Species Day (September).

*The Creating Habitat for Camden White Gum project has been funded by the Australian Government's 20 Million Trees Program through the Department of Environment and Energy.*

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