

Media Release



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Exercise your green thumb and celebrate National Threatened Species Day

Residents are encouraged to flex their green thumbs at **Camden Council's community planting event on Saturday 7 September, 9am-noon, at Camden Town Farm.**

The event will celebrate National Threatened Species Day and will involve:

- Planting habitat to support our iconic, nationally threatened eucalypt species, Camden White Gum;
- Talks from local experts about the importance of the species and our local environment; and
- Activities for children, including face painting and a scavenger hunt, with eco packs to be won.

It will also form part of Council's *Creating Habitat for Camden White Gum* project. This project, which commenced in February 2018, has seen the removal of four hectares of woody weeds along a portion of the Nepean River, at Camden Town Farm. This has allowed the replacement planting of 22,000 native trees and shrubs to extend the endangered River-flat Eucalypt Forest and create habitat for Camden White Gum. This project will re-instate 200 Camden White Gum along the Nepean River.

Mayor of Camden, Cr Theresa Fedeli, said there were many other threatened species across the Camden area.

"Most of our residents know they share their suburbs with their neighbours, sometimes their family and friends, but not very many would know the threatened species that call the Camden area home," Cr Fedeli said.

"For example, the endangered Cumberland Plain Land Snail. It is a very rare species of native snail, smaller than the common garden snail. It is under threat due to habitat loss and requires the messy leaf litter, rocks and logs that surround our eucalypt trees for food and shelter.

"It's so important we're educated on the incredible biodiversity around us and do whatever we can to protect and enhance it."

Other local threatened species throughout the Camden area include:

- Painted honeyeater, a native bird that is under threat due to habitat loss, especially with the removal of large trees;
- Swift parrot, another native bird that is endangered due to habitat loss; and
- Spiked rice flower, a native plant that is threatened due to habitat disturbance, including mowing.

For more information on the community planting event, or on what you can do to help take care of Camden's natural environment, visit camden.nsw.gov.au/environment

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