

Scouts join Landcarers for National Tree Day

Last Sunday, Bairnsdale Urban Landcare Group joined with Bairnsdale Scout Group for National Tree Day to plant seedlings along the north bank of the Mitchell River.

The two groups meet each year to plant in the scout plot and this year more than 65 Scouts, Cubs and parents joined Landcare members to plant more than 500 seedlings.

Sarah Lamble, Scout leader, said National Tree Day was an important environmental event on the Scout calendar.

"Everyone needs to understand the importance to our environment of planting more trees. It also allows Scouts to work towards their Landcare badge," Ms Lamble said.

"Scouts are taught how important it is to plant the seedlings correctly, to guard them for protection, to water them properly and then surround them with mulch to assist moisture retention in the summer months.

"After four years of planting here the area really is growing well."



Ashley Bagust, Leo Harvey, Jordy Neville and Alex Harvey planting new seedlings among the already established plants previously planted by Landcare and Scout members along the Mitchell River on Sunday. K1079-4



Seven-year-old Melissa Caille was planting for her future. K1079-12



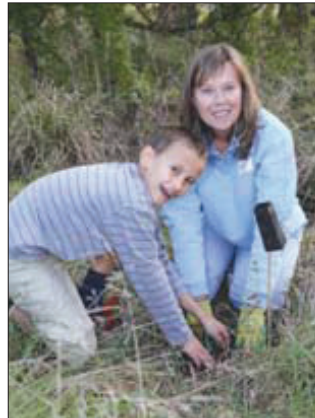
Ian Robson, Harry Kool, Darcy Wiles and Ronan Moors. K1079-14



Leaders Bridgett van Rooij and Dave Rees with Joey Scouts Maggie and Ned Sheridan, Thomas Caire, Matilda Rees and Jack van Rooij. K1079-6



John Burns and Alex Bagust get down to business on National Tree Day. K1079-1



Oscar Sloss with Landcarer Ann Robson. K1079-17



Ethan and Dave Pitt, Daniel Payne, Oliver Lambert and Landcare's Paul Harvey. K1079-10



Hard-working volunteers towards the end of their productive morning. (es)