

Wednesday, 23 July 2014

Planting for the Future

Over the next two days students from local Launceston primary schools will swap pens and computers for gardening gloves and trowels as they team up with Bell Bay Aluminium to plant 4000 trees at locations near Tailrace Park and Rocherlea in Launceston.

As part of Bell Bay Aluminium's Biodiversity Action Plan the smelter has donated 4000 trees to the Launceston community and is hosting two tree planting days in partnership with Launceston City Council. Students from schools including East Tamar Primary, St Finn Barr's, Mowbray Heights, West Launceston, Trevallyn Primary Schools and St Anthony's Catholic School will help plant the 4000 trees.

For the past four years Bell Bay Aluminium has donated trees to the Launceston community and staged tree planting days with Launceston schools.

Schools Tree Day 2014 is on Friday 25 July.

Bell Bay Aluminium General Manager, Ray Mostogl said "Our annual tree planting project is a great initiative to get students involved in helping the environment and this year we have timed our tree planting days to coincide with Schools Tree Planting Day.

"The students learn about threatened plant ecosystems as well as learning about proper planting practice. Every tree that the students plant with Bell Bay Aluminium this week will have a positive impact on the future of our planet and help to preserve the current environment in the Launceston Tamar Valley region."

Rotary Clubs of West Tamar and Evandale will cook a BBQ for students at each tree planting day.

As part of Bell Bay Aluminium's Biodiversity Action Plan, students from Grade 1-6 will be planting a mix of:

- Swamp Gum (Euc Ovata)
- Swamp Paperbark (Melaleuca Ericifolia)
- Australian Blackwood (Acacia Melanoxyton)

Forestry Tasmania has grown beautiful, healthy seedlings for Bell Bay Aluminium from locally sourced seed for this annual planting project.

Bell Bay Aluminium has planted in excess of 20,000 trees with the assistance of local school children in the Launceston and Tamar Valley region over the past four years

Media are welcome to attend.

Thursday 24 July, 2014 9.40am-2.30pm

Planting Site – from Georgetown Road, Newnham turn left into Notley Street and then right into Wallace Street. The park is located where Wallace Street joins Bishops Drive.

Friday 25 July 2014, 9.40am-1.30pm

Planting Site – Tailrace Park

Ends

For further information, please contact:

Lou Clark
Community Relations Specialist
Bell Bay Aluminium

Mobile: +61 (0) 419 326 023

www.bellbayaluminium.com.au