

## ROTARY DISTRICT 9620

### D9620 TREE PLANTING CHALLENGE – APRIL 2022

TO: D9620 Club Presidents

#### BACKGROUND – D9600

In Ian Riseley's year as RI President (2017-2018), he encouraged Rotarians to focus on environmental sustainability, particularly with regard to degraded land areas. As such, he challenged every Rotary Club throughout the world to plant at least one tree per Rotary member.

With DG John Lane's approval, D9600 easily achieved this target by planting 1,414 trees at the first D9600 Coordinated Tree Planting Day, in association with Brisbane City Council, at John Sprent Reserve in Moggill Brisbane in April 2018. Another 1,750 trees were planted at John Sprent Reserve during DG Wendy Protheroe's year.

Unfortunately, COVID restrictions caused the cancellation of the Tree Planting Day in DG Darryl Iseppi's year.

Last year, DG Neil Black agreed to have another District Tree Planting Day, again in association with Brisbane City Council and 2,500 trees were planted at Upper Kedron.

#### THIS YEAR

This year, DG Wendy Protheroe has asked for a D9620 Tree Planting Day Challenge and this is planned for **Sunday 10 April**. DGE Tim Keeler has already indicated that he is keen to have a District Tree Planting Day in his year.

The intent is to ask every Club in the new D9620 team to take part in a tree planting project of some sort on that day.

This event allows all Clubs to contribute to Rotary's new area of focus "**Supporting The Environment**" in their area.

For Brisbane and surrounding area Clubs, Brisbane City Council's Offsets and Restoration Team has offered a new venue for this year's planting at the **cul-de-sac end of Dividend Street, Mansfield** for Clubs in Brisbane and surrounding areas. The target for the day is to plant 5000 trees. Some information about this site is attached for your general interest.

If any of your Club members happen to be in Brisbane on the day, they would be more than welcome to join the team at Mansfield.

Let me know if you need any further information or I can be of any assistance in planning or promoting your D9620 Tree Planting Day Challenge project.

Could you please let me know at [rclubkd@gmail.com](mailto:rclubkd@gmail.com) what project your Club has planned for the day?

I look forward to hearing about the success of your project on 10 April.

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