

# Social Story™

## National Tree Day





# What is a Social Story™?

A Social Story™ uses storytelling to explain new experiences and environments, helpful for people feeling nervous about attending a new place or event.

- Read the social story two weeks before the visit.
- If reading to someone, help them understand key points.
- After the visit, re-read the social story to celebrate achievements.



National Tree Day started in 1996 and has grown into Australia's largest community tree planting/nature care event. It's a call to action for all Australians to get their hands dirty and give back to the community.

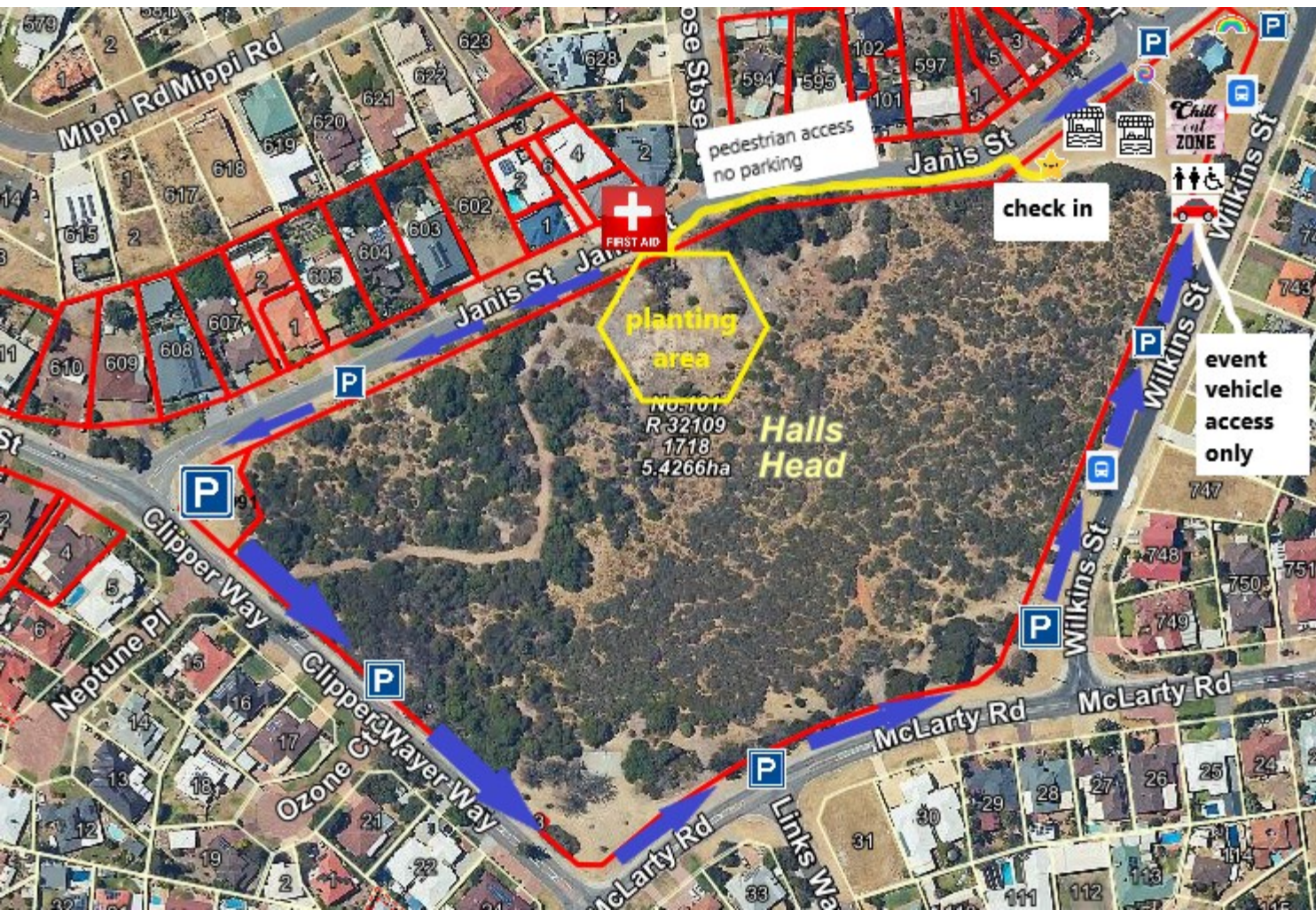
While every day can be Tree Day, we dedicate the celebration of National Tree Day on the last Sunday in July for community to be involved in tree planting events Nation-Wide.

The 26<sup>th</sup> July is dedicated for Schools planting days.

The City of Mandurah Event at Janis Street Reserve is for all community members so will be on **Sunday 28th July 2024.**



- Janis Street Reserve is nestled not far from the beaches of Halls Head, a triangle of slightly degraded natural land that is surrounded by houses, but it provides an important patch of habitat for native animals, including kangaroos, lizards, birds and insects.
- Planting seedlings will improve the quality of the ecosystem/ refuge for native fauna for generations to come.
- There is plenty of mulch at the planting site and where possible holes will be pre-drilled so please just bring a trowel and gloves to plant your seedlings (though we will have some trowels there).



- There is no formal parking area at Janis Street Reserve, so if driving to the event – please follow the signs and stay out off the roped off areas by parking on the roadside/verge of reserve and walking to the site.
- Please do not park on nearby houses verges/driveways. The site is also accessible by public transport on bus route 591.
- If Acrod/mobility issues, see event staff in orange high-vis for directions/assistance to closest drop off point.
- I can print the event map and bring it with me, or I can download it onto my phone or iPad. The event map can be found on the National Tree Day event webpage on the City of Mandurah Website.
- When on site and after check in at the marquee on Western side, follow signs from the check in area to the main event (marked in yellow on map).
- I will stay safe by only walking on the allocated path.



- There will be an All-Terrain walking frame available for people to borrow to get around the event. The All-Terrain walking frame has large wheels to help people move across uneven surfaces.
- There will be different activities that I can do at the National Tree Day event including tree planting, tents with local community groups, games and art activities.
- Some of the activities might be busy with other people and could be noisy.
- I can borrow a set of noise reduction earmuffs from the Chill Out Zone to use while I am at the event where there will be bean bags, fidget toys and mindful colouring in sheets which I can use to help me to feel calm.



- When I am at the National Tree Day event I may like to plant a tree. I don't have to do this. I can watch other people doing this if I prefer.
- I should wear clothing for the weather (likely to be cold), enclosed shoes, and if I prefer I can wear gloves when planting a tree or helping put stakes and guards around the seedling to protect my hands.
- I will bring my own gloves and trowel.



- For all Mandurah Residents helping to plant trees at this year's National Tree Day, the Peel Men of the Trees will be giving out your own free seedlings!! Note our seedling giveaway trees are not the ones we are planting they are a gift for your gardens to take home with you as a thank you.
- I can also visit the other environmental related information tents if I want to. I don't have to do this. The people at the information tents enjoy talking with people about the information in their tent. This year we will have info on Black Cockatoos among others.





- There will be a free BBQ at the event. There will be sausages, vegetarian options, onion and sauces. The volunteers at the BBQ will ask me about what I want to eat.
- They will also have soft drinks for sale.
- There may also be some other food options at the event including coffee and donuts if you prefer.
- There is no running water at site, so please BYO water bottle from home or re-useable cup if you want to buy coffee to minimize waste.



- There will be portable toilets at the event including a wheelchair accessible toilet.
- These will be near the information and food stalls end of the event.
- There will be a first aid officer on duty from St John Ambulance right next to the tree planting area.
- Be mindful that this area particularly has mulch and is uneven ground so high risk for tripping over.
- You may ask someone to assist if needed when you are planting to prevent any accidents.
- If anyone needs help at the National Tree Day event we can ask an Event Volunteer or staff member.
- They will have a high viz orange vest on and are more than happy to help make this day awesome for everyone!

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