

# BHP

## PLANTING WITH A PURPOSE



Friends of Yellagonga (FOY) is a volunteer organisation that aims to promote and participate in the conservation, rehabilitation, and protection of Yellagonga Regional Park to ensure long-term environmental sustainability and compatible human use. FOY was formed in 1993 and works in tandem with the Department of Parks and Wildlife (DPAW). FOY manages a number of sites within the park and works on ongoing tasks which include planting local endemic species, removal of introduced species, and site maintenance.

On 5 May, a combined BHP team, led by Racheal and Ashleigh contributed their Thursday in assisting FOY at Yellagonga Regional Park. After an introduction from Jan, Guy, and Anna, the team put on their gloves, and gumboots and collected the tools, and was ready to get straight to work. Jan and Guy took turns demonstrating how to plant the native seedlings, and then the team followed instructions and started planting in the middle of the park and along the wetlands. The aim of the planting project is to restore, rehabilitate, and prevent weeds from investing in the area. The team was lucky enough to learn about the history of the land they were working on, as Guy had prepared a small presentation for the team.

FOY couldn't be more delighted with the team's efforts and was amazed at the work that had been completed in such a short amount of time. Thanks to this wonderful team. FOY can't wait to have you back!

