

Alliance helps primary schools plant trees



Alliance environmental officer Charlie Dutra helps Jai (left) and Riley of Yarra Glen Primary School plant a tree

Sugarloaf Pipeline workers have been helping hundreds of local school children plant more than 200 trees to celebrate National Tree Day.

Alliance Community Relations Coordinator, Claire Garth, said Sugarloaf Pipeline workers recently joined about 250 students from Yarra Glen, Toolangi and Christmas Hills primary schools to prepare the soil and plant trees.

Volunteers from local community groups, council, parents and staff also joined the National Tree Day working bee, organised by Yarra Glen Primary School chaplain, Mike Baimbridge.

Ms Garth said pipeline workers enjoyed the opportunity to work with the children and community groups for the benefit of the local region.

“Some of our environmental officers also shared information with school children about the types of plants used in the pipeline’s environmental restoration program and explained how sustainability principles could be similarly applied to everyday gardening and major construction projects,” she said.

Mr Baimbridge said the day was a great success with hundreds of trees being planted and hundreds more given away for people to plant throughout the region.

Some of the plants were donated by a local nursery while the Alliance contributed a further \$1500 for plants.

Ms Garth said the Alliance was keen to assist local communities and schools along the pipeline route.

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About the Sugarloaf Pipeline Alliance

The Sugarloaf Pipeline project is part of the Victorian Government’s plan to save, create and share water in the face of drought and climate change. Melbourne Water, GHD, SKM and John Holland are working as an alliance to deliver this \$750 million project, which will link the Goulburn River near Yea with the Sugarloaf Reservoir.