

## Tree planting to restore Koala habitat – Saturday 18 May 2024

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We will be planting eucalypts out on the Yanakie Isthmus to restore koala habitat.

The original habitat, along with its population of koalas, was lost about 100 years ago when the early settlers cleared the area for farming. For the past 6 years, Friends of the Prom has been planting trees in this area and protecting them from grazing animals using our steel mesh tree-guards.

The tree-seedlings were propagated from seed at the Friends of the Prom Nursery in Tidal River and the tree guards have been re-cycled from earlier plantings.

### Activity details

**Date:** Saturday 18 May 2024

**Meet:** 9:30am at the wildlife viewing area (on the left-hand side of the Wilsons Promontory Road, 13 km in from the Park entrance gate). You can locate this on Google maps as the start of the **Prom Wildlife Walk**.

**Duration:** Normally finished by 3:00 pm

**Bring:** Your own food and drink; gloves and eye protection (sunglasses, glasses or safety glasses) but we do have some available on the day if you forget). All tools and equipment for planting are provided by Friends of the Prom.

**Wear:** Clothes suitable for changeable Prom weather including wet weather gear and strong footwear.

**Site conditions:** We can drive our cars close to the site on a management track. Therefore, the amount of walking involved is not large and the site is flat.

**Type of work:** We will form into several teams to plant the seedlings. This involves - clearing weeds and scrub (moderate), planting seedlings (easy), and where available, handling tree-guards (easy), and tethering tree-guards with steel picket and tie wire (moderate).

**Toilet facilities:** None available at the worksite – be prepared to use the surrounding bush.

**Free camping:** Parks have offered free camping for volunteers on Friday and Saturday nights. The location is yet to be confirmed. No booking required for volunteers.

**Registering:** Register on ParkConnect – Parks Victoria's online volunteering portal.

**Working with Children Check:** All volunteers in Victoria's national parks must now have a valid *Working with Children Check*. Please note that the application process is not difficult and is free when you apply as a volunteer with Parks Victoria – refer instructions in separate document attached.

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