Haere Mai,

As the temperatures plummet and we contemplate the short days winter has to offer, you are no doubt feeling warm and fuzzy in the knowledge that this marks the start of the tree planting season! Yes, once again our friends at Auckland Council Southern Parks have set a schedule of tree planting days for us to experience one of the most rewarding volunteer activities you and your whole family can get involved in.

Click here for a short video showing one of last year's tree planting days at Waitawa Regional Park

Here is the information you need, also available on our website.

Sunday June 7th – Waitawa Regional Park

Sunday June 14th – Tapapakanga Regional Park

Sunday June 21st – Tapapakanga Regional Park

Sunday June 28th - Waitawa Regional Park

Sunday July 5th – Tapapakanga Regional Park

Coordinator and Southern Parks contact for tree planting activities is Mags Ramsey ph: 021 489 046 or email mags.ramsey@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

All plantings start at 10 am with a sausage sizzle provided at lunchtime. And we are keeping Sunday July the 19th up our sleeve in case we need another one at Waitawa. We did try a Saturday planting last year but it wasn't that well attended so we have gone back to only Sundays, however if you have a group, for example church, sports or whatever that you can only bring them on a Saturday, get in touch with Mags and we'll see what we can do. The same goes for a mid-week planting, if you want to bring a group of work mates along.

Previous experience is not necessary and park rangers will be on site to show you how to give the trees the best chance of survival. There are tasks to accommodate all ages and levels of fitness.

Please bring your own:

drink

spade (if possible) and gloves

sturdy footwear (jandals are not suitable)

a raincoat and warm clothing - dress for our wonderfully unpredictable Auckland weather

sun hat, sunscreen and sunglasses (let's be positive eh?!)

So we look forward to seeing you there - please do try and give Ranger Mags an indication of your intentions to attend and we encourage you to pass this email on to any friends or family you think might also like that warm fuzzy feeling of contributing to their city and giving back to Planet Earth.