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Landcare Tasmania and Kingborough Council invite everyone to get their hands dirty at a community planting event on Sunday, July 28.

The event will celebrate Landcare Tasmania’s 25th birthday and National Tree Day for 2019. This year the group will be planting a native corridor, which will connect Nautilus Drive in Huntingfield with the Peter Murrell Reserve. The event starts at 10.30am and will be opposite the St Aloysius Catholic College, next to the Tarremah Steiner School. The Mayor of Kingborough, Cr Dean Winter is looking forward to the day and plans to plant a few trees of his own. “The partnership we have with Landcare Tasmania and the Landcare groups across Kingborough are important for our natural areas and

we are delighted to be celebrating with them at this event,” Mayor Winter said.

“The partnership recognises that each organisation makes a strong but distinct contribution to supporting Landcare in Kingborough, which has the greatest number of Landcare groups of any Tasmanian Council.”

Landcare Tasmania CEO, Rod Knight, said ‘This tree planting is an opportunity for the local community to make a meaningful difference to the local environment along Coffee Creek’.

‘Kingborough Council is a big supporter of Landcare groups in the municipality and it’s great for Landcare Tasmania, local Landcare groups and the local community to be working together on this project’, Mr Knight said.

Several Landcare groups will be coming on the day and there will be a big birthday cake to share with everyone.

Landcare Tasmania has also organised a lucky door prize.

Along with the festivities and planting, there will be a tour through a local reserve in the afternoon.

Council has celebrated National Tree Day for the past 10 years, and partnered with several organisations for each one.

One of their most enduring partnerships is with the local Guides and Scouts, where one of these dedicated young people gives each participant a planting demonstration and safety instructions for the site.

The Scouts and Guides are able to use this experience to add to their environment and community badges.

Another long-term and important partner is the Lions Club of Kingborough, who make sure all planters are well fed each year, rain or shine.

The site is home to the critically endangered Forty-spotted Pardalote, a small bird with a total population of just 1500.

The planting will expand the area of the colony and also contribute to improved water quality, amenity and a wildlife corridor.

Kingborough Council and Landcare Tasmania signed the first Memorandum of Understanding in Tasmania between a local government authority and Landcare.

The partnership identifies a range of mutual aims, shared objective and joint activities the Council and Landcare Tasmania will use to further grow the culture of community Landcare in Kingborough.

Pictured, Meg Alexander, Chloe Weatherhead and Bronwyn Crean at the 2018 National Tree Day planting event. This year’s event will Sunday, July 28 and will be planting a native corridor, which will connect Nautilus Drive in Huntingfield with the Peter Murrell Reserve. (PS)

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