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NEW TREES FOR PARRAMATTA NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL

Class was held outside today as Parramatta North Public School kids got their hands dirty planting trees donated by the Parramatta Light Rail project.

Member for Parramatta, Dr Geoff Lee said that the four lemon myrtle trees, planted in honour of School Trees Day on 26 July, will flourish on the grounds of Parramatta North Public School.

“Today is a wonderful opportunity for our local kids to learn about our native trees and participate in the planting process,” said Dr Lee.

“These trees will provide shade during those extremely hot Parramatta summers and make a real difference to the playing environment for our schoolchildren.”

Transport for NSW donated the trees as part of the Parramatta Light Rail Tree Planting program that will see more than 3500 trees planted over four years in streets, parks and reserves to help offset any trees removed as part of the light rail construction.

New trees – including crepe myrtle, spotted gum, brush box and magnolia trees – are also being planted in Westmead and North Parramatta as part of the project’s broader planting program, which will also involve landscaping and bushcare works.

Eighty trees have been planted in nearby North Parramatta streets including Harold Street, Barney Street and Dunlop Streets. Transport for NSW will plant around four trees, on average, for every tree removed.

Geoff said the tree planting program will see trees planted in areas they’re needed most.

“We are planting trees where they’ll bring a long-term community benefit. This includes the trees planted today to celebrate Schools Tree Day,” said Geoff.

Schools Tree Day is part of National Tree Day – Australia’s largest community tree planting event held annually in the last weekend in July.

Parramatta Light Rail Stage 1 will connect Westmead to Carlingford via Parramatta CBD and Camellia, and is expected to open in 2023.

For more information, visit www.parramattalightrail.nsw.gov.au/trees