



# Media statement

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## Local school supports Basslink tree planting initiative

More than 70 children from Churchill North Primary School have worked with the Basslink team to successfully plant more than 300 trees at Basslink's Loy Yang Converter Station.

As part of Planet Arks National Tree Day sponsored by Toyota, a range of native trees were planted near the site entrance and car park areas.

Basslink CEO Malcolm Eccles described the initiative as a win on a number of levels. "It's a win-win-win," said Eccles. "Our team love the opportunity to engage with the local community, we understand the clear environmental benefits to planting trees and the end result is better looking site!"

"Our staff had a great time working with the kids, and it's been a great success all round. We now look forward to watching the trees mature and grow around the site."

The Churchill & District Lions Club were on hand with the BBQ to ensure no one went hungry, and Gippsland Water & Toyota (Traralgon Automotive Group) provided all students with gift packs. Animals of Oz were also on site with a native wildlife presentation.

Basslink is no stranger to tree planting. As part of its establishment over a decade ago, Basslink purchased a 230ha property (Seamist Park) adjacent to the Mullundung State Forest (Vic). Basslink partnered with Greening Australia to develop a landscape plan and undertake a complete revegetation project on the property. Now a mature native forest, Basslink is preparing to hand the property over to the Victorian Government, after which it will become part of the Mullundung State Forest.

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