

Earth conscious volunteers plant 600 shrubs

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Rubi Gerrard and mum Hannah Stove help plant on Earth Day. .Anne-Maree Reardon

REGATTA Lake is reaping the benefits of generous people digging in to help stabilise it's banks on Earth Day.

Springfield Lakes Nature Care group president Luise Manning said about 30 people from surrounding suburbs and as far away as Jimboomba helped get 600 plants in the ground, weed and water on April 22.

"Thirty people travelled from far and wide to help restore this popular recreational walking track and lake," she said.



Mrs Manning said the event was great for the local community and students like Allen Channel who is studying a certificate three in horticulture.

It took about three hours to plant, fertilise and water the plants and the volunteers took away six garbage bags of weeds.

Soil Scientist Dr David Manning said whilst the large trees present will hold some soil back you need small ground cover like shrubs to stop the heavy drops of rain from hitting the soil directly and stop sediment run-off into the lake.

"Special thanks to Adam Barnes, Peter Michael and David Manning for helping to prep the area weeding and cutting overgrown grass. Joe Guthrie for digging 85 holes, Malcolm Russell for cutting open all the root bound tube stock, to the Girl Guides and all the residents who helped plant, fertilise, water and mulch the tubestock, Becky for making the cup cakes and Jacinta Dungey for cutting up fruit for morning tea provided by Coles Orion and Anne Reardon for the photographs. We certainly couldn't have done this without your support."

Residents will now water the plants until they are established.