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## **COMMUNITY PLANTING AT MACGREGOR PLAY SPACE**

Minister for Territory and Municipal Services (TAMS), John Hargreaves, today announced a community planting event at Macgregor play space.

“I am pleased to promote the community planting event which will allow the community to further participate in the renewal of Macgregor play space,” said Mr Hargreaves.

“Parks, Conservation and Lands in TAMS in conjunction with Macgregor Landcare has organised a community planting event in the area adjacent to the play space.

“Households and/or individuals who live in the area are invited to come along and sponsor a plant. All plants will be provided by TAMS, but will need to be cared for by the Macgregor community after planting.

“You can select your plant on the day and Macgregor Landcare will provide the gardening tools to help with the planting to ensure your plant has the best chance of survival.

“Plants will need a little ongoing care from their ‘planters’ by watering during dry spells and the occasional removal of weeds so that it grows to be strong and healthy.

“The Macgregor play space is being renewed this year and will be upgraded in play space category from local play space to central play space.

“Information gathered during the public consultation period in 2007 assisted with the design of the play space. Final Sketch Plans for the play space can be found on the Territory and Municipal Services website and at Kings Swimming Centre in Macgregor.

“The existing play space location near shady eucalypt trees and in close proximity to a barbeque area remains, with all of the existing play equipment being replaced with new play equipment designed for young and older children.

“A contemporary and exciting climbing and sliding structure will provide fun and challenging play opportunities for older children, while younger children will enjoy the swings, rocks and wood carvings that encourage exploration, creative and imaginary play.

“Artwork in the form of carved timber Australian animals, created by a local Canberra artist, will be located within and outside the play space providing imaginary play opportunities. The animals will compliment the natural character of the park.

“A new path connection from the existing pedestrian path will provide improved access to the new play space and seating will be provided under the shade of new trees.

Construction of the play space is due to commence in July 2008. For more information about the Macgregor play space renewal visit [www.tams.act.gov.au](http://www.tams.act.gov.au) or call Canberra Connect on 13 22 81.

<p><b>WHAT:</b>      <b>Community Planting at Macgregor play space</b> <b>WHEN:</b>      <b>Saturday 17 May 2008</b> <b>WHERE:</b>     <b>Ginninderra Creek off Berne Crescent, Macgregor</b> <b>TIME:</b>      <b>10.00am</b></p>
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