Man's pleas to save trees

LEAFY LIVES UNDER THREAT

Kimberley Seedy

AN ENVIRONMENTALIST is on a mission to save trees in the eastern suburbs.

Jordan Crook, 23, has organised the Outer East Tree Forum in The Basin on June 24 and has invited state and federal politicians, as well as mayors and chief executives from Knox. Maroondah and Yarra Ranges councils, to attend.

He said he was worried about the area's tree cover.

"It takes a long time for a tree to grow and I don't moved to the area because it know if we're keeping up had a lot of beautiful trees. with the replanting of trees that we're taking out," Mr image and I'm just worried Crook said.

Mr Crook attributed declining tree cover to people not realising the importance of trees

as hazards - and some can be," Mr Crook said.

"But they're so important, and we need to get the word out about why trees are important and how they

DETAILS:

WHERE: St Bernadette's Primary School Hall, 1264 Mountain Highway

WHEN: 7.30pm, June 24 DETAILS: jcrooka@gmail.com

Mr Crook, who is study ing conservation land management at Swinburne Wantirna, said many people

"It's got that leafy green we're going to lose it sooner than we think," he said.

Melbourne University's Dr Greg Moore and Ian Shears from Melbourne "Lots of people see trees City Council will be speakers at the forum.

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