Man's pleas to save trees

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Kimberley Seedy

An environmentalist is on a mission to save trees in the eastern suburbs.

Jordan Crook, 22, has organised the Outer East Tree Forum in The Basin on June 21 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 know if we're keeping up with the replanting of trees that we're taking out," Mr Crook said.

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

"Lots of people see trees as hazards - and some can," Mr Crook said.

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

A MOOROOLBRAK mum is looking for costs to help keep babies and children warm this winter.

Not-for-profit group St Kilda Mums is holding its annual Costs for Kids campaign to find 2000 winter warmers for young families experiencing hardship.

Stephanie Sheldon, who became a volunteer after the birth of her first child, encouraged Yarra Ranges locals to get involved.

"With St Kilda Mums, you know what you're doing or giving is specifically helping people in need, rather than you just giving money and not really knowing where it is going," Mrs Sheldon said.

"I know that what we give is going to go towards people in our direct community."

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