



Environment to celebrate

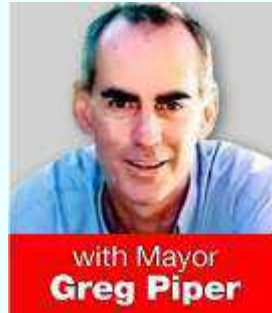
LAST Sunday we celebrated World Environment Day, an annual event aiming to be the biggest global day for positive environmental action.

While it's well-recognised Lake Macquarie residents are keen to look after our environment, it's always good to take stock and look at how we can do more.

It is particularly important to engage children and youth in looking after the environment.

It was a pleasure last Friday to be able to welcome students and teachers from 12 local schools to a celebration of World Environment Day, held in conjunction with our own Catchment Connections Carnival at the Life Education Centre at Edgeworth.

The event was a chance for students to talk with professionals and highly skilled volunteers involved in a range of conservation activities



throughout the city.

We had students planting trees, spotting noxious weeds, learning about recreational fishing and building their own worm farms.

It is always a fun event and I'm sure the students came away knowing more about the local environment than they did before.

This year's World Environment Day theme was Forests: Nature at your service.

We are very lucky that we have some beautiful bushland and forests in our city.

If you have not been out there recently, I encourage you to go and take a look.