

# Zingel Place transformed

THERE was an excellent response last Saturday to the call by the Beautiful Bega committee for volunteers to plant the new civic carpark in Zingel Place with trees and shrubs.

In fact, the response was so good that the work, which was expected to take all day, was completed before lunch.

Apart from most of the service organisations who turned out in force and a strong contingent from Rural Youth, there was a good cross section of the community involved, both young and old.

The oldest was Mr Jack Nichols, 91, who, armed with his stake driving implements, was an inspiration to all concerned.

The chairman of the Beautiful Bega committee, Mr John Matthews, said the car park had been extensively planted with a selection of trees and shrubs.

"These will provide colour and contrast in all seasons, shade in the summer and allow sunshine in the winter," he said.

"They range from flowering cherries along Zingel Place, flowering crabapples along Gipps Street to golden ashes in the islands, all interspersed with sasanqua camellias."

This initial planting is stage one of the overall plan.

Because of the extent of the kikuyu and couch grass, stage two which involves the planting of natives including callistemons, grevilleas and hardenbergas, has been delayed until the invasive grasses have been eradicated.

Mr Matthews thanked all those who participated in the working bee.

"I trust that the people of Bega will indeed take pride in this new garden which, when fully developed, will add so much to the beauty of the civic centre."

To mark the completion of stage one, the shire president, Cr Edna Duncanson, will plant the remaining golden ash tree today, Tuesday, at 1.15pm.



Chairman of the Beautiful Bega committee, Mr John Matthews, and Mr Kim Treveton stake one of the flowering cherries during Saturday's working bee.