

Your 2018 guide to  
**free** workshops,  
tours and events.

Reduce your waste and look after your pocket, health and the environment.





## Preserving Workshop

Learn how to turn your excess fruit and vegetables into tasty preserves.

Book online at [trybooking.com/TGMR](https://trybooking.com/TGMR)

**Saturday 3 March**

**10am - 1pm**

Council Chambers, 296 Peats Ferry Rd (formerly Pacific Highway), Hornsby

## War on Waste Library event: Buy, Swap Sell on Gumtree

Learn how to sell locally, and get rid of your unwanted items quickly. Help reduce landfill by passing things along to a new owner, and make some money in the process.

Ticketed event. Bookings essential. Book online at [hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library](https://hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library) or at any Hornsby Shire library branch. Cost: \$5.00

**Saturday 3 March**

**1pm - 3pm**

Hornsby Central Library, 28-44 George St, Hornsby (Entry via Hunter Lane)

## Introduction to Solar

Sick of paying high electricity bills? Thinking of getting solar panels and want to know how they work? Come along to this free workshops.

Presented by Solar Analytics.

Book online at [trybooking.com/TGMK](https://trybooking.com/TGMK)

**Saturday 17 March**

**10am - 12pm**

Council Chambers, 296 Pacific Highway Hornsby

## Sensational Spiders Talk

Dr Helen Smith from the Australian Museum will present fascinating facts about our local spiders. Helen is one of our Bushcare volunteers and has a passion for spiders and their engineering feats.

Bookings essential: [trybooking.com/336505](https://trybooking.com/336505) or phone the library on 9847 6814.

**Saturday 24 March**

**2pm - 4pm**

Hornsby Library, 28-44 George St, Hornsby (Entry via Hunter Lane)

## Bushcode Workshop

An essential workshop for anyone wishing to join Council's Volunteer Bushcare Program. You will learn about habitat restoration, bush regeneration techniques and what volunteering is all about. At the end of the workshop you will go on a nursery tour and receive a voucher for three native plants for your garden.

Book online at [hornsby.nsw.gov.au/whatson](https://hornsby.nsw.gov.au/whatson)

**Saturday 17 February**

**9am - 3pm**

**Friday 20 July**

**9am - 3pm**

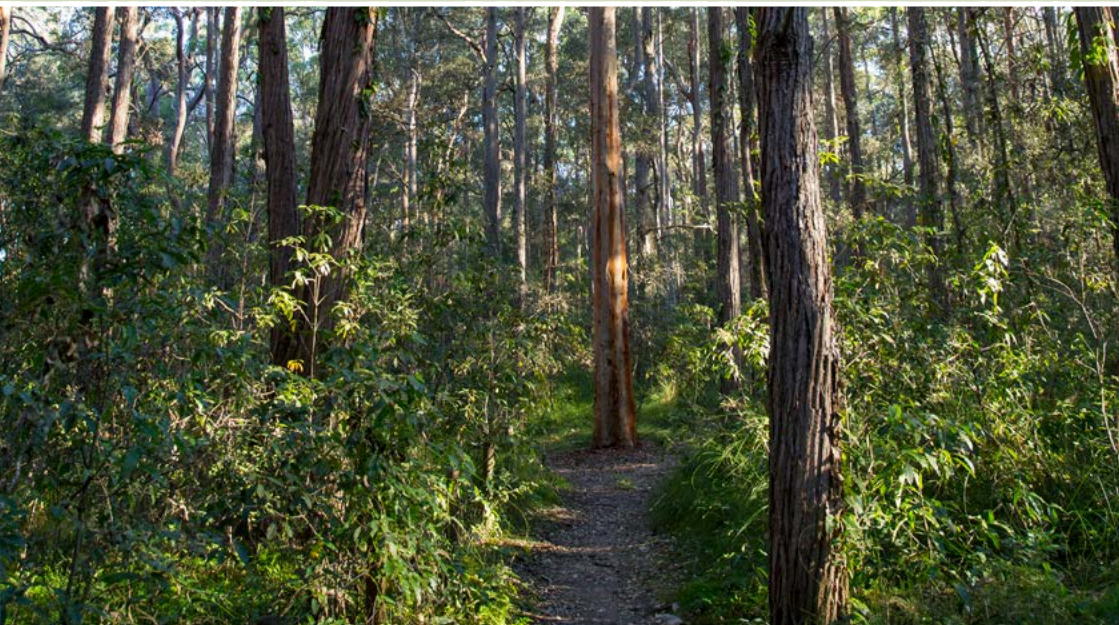
**Thursday 11 October**

**9am - 3pm**

**Saturday 24 November**

**9am - 3pm**

Earthwise Cottage, Pennant Hills Community Nursery  
28 Britannia Street, Pennant Hills





## Kimbriki Tour and Eco Garden talk

On the tour of the Kimbriki site you will see how your green waste is transformed into a usable garden product. We will then stop at the Eco Garden and hear a short talk on eco gardening.

Bookings essential, spaces limited. Book online at [trybooking.com/TGFP](https://trybooking.com/TGFP) or call the Waste Hotline on 9847 4856.

### **Tuesday 27 February**

Bus leaves Hornsby Park bus stop, Hornsby

**9.00am - 2pm**

### **Wednesday 9 May**

Bus leaves Hornsby Park bus stop, Hornsby

**9.00am - 2pm**

### **Tuesday 7 August**

Bus leaves Hornsby Park bus stop, Hornsby

**9.00am - 2pm**

### **Thursday 25 October**

Bus leaves Hornsby Park bus stop, Hornsby

**9.00am - 2pm**

## Recycling Tour

Have you ever wondered what happens to the mix of recyclables in your yellow bin? Come on a tour of the Materials Recycling Facility and find out how everything in your yellow lid recycling bin is sorted. Bookings essential, spaces limited. Book online at [trybooking.com/TGNB](https://trybooking.com/TGNB)

### **Tuesday 13 March**

Bus leaves Hornsby Park bus stop, Hornsby

**9am - 12.30pm**

### **Monday 4 June**

Bus leaves Hornsby Park bus stop, Hornsby

**9am - 12.30pm**

### **Wednesday 22 August**

Bus leaves Hornsby Park bus stop, Hornsby

**9am - 12.30pm**

### **Thursday 15 November**

Bus leaves Hornsby Park bus stop, Hornsby

**9am - 12.30pm**

## Compost and Worm Farming workshop

Composting is a fun and easy way to recycle your garden and kitchen waste. Compost improves your garden soil, saves space in your red or green bin and saves you money. Bookings essential, spaces limited. Book online at [trybooking.com/TGMW](http://trybooking.com/TGMW) or call the Waste hotline on 9847 4856.

### Wednesday 7 March

10am - 12pm

Wallarobba Garden, Edgeworth David Ave, Hornsby

### Saturday 7 April

10am - 12.30pm

Thornleigh Community Recycling Centre, 29 Sefton Rd, Thornleigh

### Saturday 19 May

10am - 12.30pm

Gazebo, Eco Garden, Fagan Park, Galston

### Friday 17 August

10am - 12pm

Wallarobba Garden, Edgeworth David Ave, Hornsby

### Saturday 22 September

10am - 12.30pm

Thornleigh Community Recycling Centre, 29 Sefton Rd, Thornleigh

### Saturday 10 November

10am - 12.30pm

Gazebo, Eco Garden, Fagan Park, Galston





## Native Plant Giveaway

Hornsby Shire Council holds several native plant giveaways each year, to enhance the biodiversity of our Bushland Shire.

Come along and collect your FREE native plants.  
(Hornsby Shire rate payers only)

**Sunday 11 March**

**10am - 12pm**

Hornsby Community Nursery, 28-30 Britannia Street, Pennant Hills

**Sunday 3 June**

**10am - 12pm**

Hornsby Community Nursery, 28-30 Britannia Street, Pennant Hills

**Sunday 23 September**

**10am - 12pm**

Hornsby Community Nursery, 28-30 Britannia Street, Pennant Hills

## Catchment Tour

Want to know how Council manages the health of our local waterways? Celebrate World Water Day or National Water Week by joining us on a three hour bus and walking tour exploring local creeks, catchments and stormwater quality improvement devices.

Free. For Hornsby Shire residents aged 15 years and over. Bookings essential, spaces are limited. Book online at [hornsby.nsw.gov.au/whatson](https://hornsby.nsw.gov.au/whatson)

### **Thursday 22 March**

**9am - 12pm**

Various locations around Berowra

### **Saturday 20 October**

**9am - 12pm**

Various locations around Hornsby Shire

## Maximising your Solar

Find out how to make the most of your solar production, look at your consumption patterns, monitoring and battery storage.

Book online at [trybooking.com/TGMD](https://trybooking.com/TGMD)

### **Saturday 7 April**

**10am - 12pm**

Council Chambers, 296 Peats Ferry Road, Hornsby

## Less Mess Less Clutter Workshop

Do you have cupboards that are bulging, a garage that's overflowing or general clutter and mess you'd like to tame? Join Susanne Thiebe from Less Mess for a workshop to help you conquer clutter. Susanne believes that 'Organising is a skill that everyone can learn' and takes a holistic approach to help us identify the reasons behind why we accumulate and gives practical solutions and routines for maintenance.

Ticketed event. Book online at [hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library](https://hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library) or at any Hornsby Shire library branch. Cost \$5.00

### **Wednesday 11 April**

**6.30pm - 8:30pm**

Hornsby Central Library, 28-44 George St, Hornsby (Entry via Hunter Lane)



## The Photo Competition Winners 2017: Exhibition

2017 Bushcare photo competition winners will be on display at the library for your enjoyment.

**Thursday 12 April - Wednesday 2 May**

Hornsby Central Library, 28-44 George St, Hornsby (Entry via Hunter Lane)

## Native Bees - kids get to build their own bee hotel

Featuring a vibrant, awe inspiring presentation, interactive display and each child will make a native bee hotel. Suitable for children 5-12 years.

**Tuesday 17 April**

**10am - 12pm**

Earthwise Cottage, Pennant Hills Community Nursery  
28 Britannia Street, Pennant Hills

Bookings essential, spaces limited. Book online at [hornsby.nsw.gov.au/whatson](http://hornsby.nsw.gov.au/whatson)

## Grasses Workshop

For new and experienced volunteers. This workshop is a great way to view grasses in situ. As we wander around the paddocks we will learn how to identify at least 15 different native grasses. This is an outdoor event, please wear suitable clothing.

Book online at [trybooking.com/349132](http://trybooking.com/349132) or phone 9847 6362

**Saturday 21 April**

**1.30pm - 4.30pm**

St Benedict's Monastery, 121 Arcadia Road, Arcadia

## Bushcode Refresher Workshop

The Bushcode Refresher Training Workshop is a requirement to renew your membership in the Bushcare program, for experienced volunteers only.

Book online at [hornsby.nsw.gov.au/whatson](http://hornsby.nsw.gov.au/whatson)

**Thursday 17 May**

**6pm - 9pm**

**Wednesday 19 September**

**6pm - 9pm**

Earthwise Cottage, Pennant Hills Community Nursery , 28 Britannia Street,  
Pennant Hills





## Birds in Backyard Talk

Do you want more birds in your garden? If you do, Judy Christie can advise you on what elements you need in your garden to encourage native birds. Whether your garden is shady or in full sun, you will pick up tips on how to make your garden attractive to the beautiful birds of the Hornsby Shire.

Book online at [hornsby.nsw.gov.au/whatson](https://hornsby.nsw.gov.au/whatson)

**Saturday 26 May**

**2pm**

Hornsby Library, 28-44 George St, Hornsby (Entry via Hunter Lane)

## Non Toxic Cleaning Workshop

Using less chemicals around your home is better for your health and the environment. Get easy and inexpensive tips on how to use non toxic cleaning products in your home.

**Saturday 23 June**

**10am - 1pm**

Earthwise Cottage, Pennant Hills Community Nursery, 28 Britannia Street, Pennant Hills

Book online at [hornsby.nsw.gov.au/whatson](https://hornsby.nsw.gov.au/whatson) or call the Waste Hotline on 9847 4856.

## Bushwalk - Marramarra National Park

For Bushcare and Community Nursery volunteers only. Join us on a delightful walk in the wilderness of Marramarra National Park. We will walk along the fire trail towards Berowra Creek. This is a 10km easy bushwalk.

Book online at [hornsby.nsw.gov.au/whatson](https://hornsby.nsw.gov.au/whatson)

**Saturday 4 August**

**9am - 1.30pm**

Fiddletown



## Brush Turkey Talk

Join expert Ann Goeth for a closer look at the Australian Brush Turkey. Discover fascinating facts about their foraging habits, breeding and why they build those mounds!

Book online at [hornsby.nsw.gov.au/whatson](https://hornsby.nsw.gov.au/whatson)

**Saturday 11 August**

**2pm - 4pm**

Hornsby Library, 28-44 George St, Hornsby (Entry via Hunter Lane)

## Photo Competition 2018: Exhibition

This is your opportunity to see the *Our Beautiful Bushland* photos entries. Voting will take place at the annual Bushcare Christmas Party

**Tuesday 25 September - Tuesday 30 October**

Hornsby Central Library, 28-44 George St, Hornsby (Entry via Hunter Lane)

## Bird Survey - Citizen Science

Join one of our bird survey groups as they go onto the local reserves to monitor bird activities. Each group will have a local bird expert who can identify common bird calls and most local birds by sight. At the end of the session you can tuck into a gourmet picnic hamper.

Book online at [hornsby.nsw.gov.au/whatson](https://hornsby.nsw.gov.au/whatson)

**Saturday 13 October**

**8am - 11am**

Various locations within Hornsby Shire.

## Chipping for mulch days

Bring along your garden prunings and branches to our free chipping service and take home free mulch. For further information regarding conditions of acceptance see Council's website for full details.

Free. No bookings necessary.

### Give your Christmas Tree another life

#### **Sunday 21 January**

**7.30am - 12.30pm**

Council Depot, 5 Beaumont Road, Mt Kuring-gai

#### **Sunday 18 February**

**7.30am - 12.30pm**

Council Depot, Johnson Road, Galston

#### **Sunday 25 March**

**7.30am - 12.30pm**

The Old Dog Pound, next to 8 Warrigal Drive (RFS), Westleigh

#### **Sunday 12 August**

**7.30am - 12.30pm**

Council Depot, 5 Beaumont Road, Mt Kuring-gai

#### **Sunday 16 September**

**7.30am - 12.30pm**

The Old Dog Pound, next to 8 Warrigal Drive (RFS), Westleigh

#### **Sunday 21 October**

**7.30am - 12.30pm**

Council Depot, 5 Beaumont Road, Mt Kuring-gai

#### **Sunday 18 November**

**7.30am - 12.30pm**

Council Depot, Johnson Road, Galston

#### **Sunday 9 December**

**7.30am - 12.30pm**

Council Depot, 5 Beaumont Road, Mt Kuring-gai



# Important booking information

## Here's how to make your booking

- The workshops, tours and activities are provided for Hornsby Shire residents only.
- Limited places are available so bookings are essential unless otherwise specified.
- Wear sunscreen and a hat for outdoor workshops.
- Please bring water and a snack on all tours.
- Wear appropriate fully enclosed footwear, long sleeved top and long pants on all tours and workshops.
- The recycling tour is not suitable for you if you are hearing impaired, scared of heights, have a pace maker or have difficulty walking up or down stairs.
- Please notify staff when booking of any disabilities or impairments as appropriate.



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### Hornsby Shire Council

Telephone 9847 6666  
8.30am-5pm Monday to Friday

[hornsby.nsw.gov.au/whatson](https://hornsby.nsw.gov.au/whatson)