

BUSHCARE CALENDAR 2024





Image: *Bogong moth from above* by Andrew Hordern
Cover Image: *Pelican in the mist, Fagan Park* by Marie Kobler

JANUARY 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1 New Year's Day Public Holiday	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Australia Day	27	28
29	30	31	Weather Cycles of the D'harawal People Gadalung Marool (hot and dry) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Eat only fruit and seeds, no meat ■ Burran (kangaroo) start having their joeys ■ Weetjellan blooms (<i>Acacia implexa</i>) 			

School Holidays
 Nursery Volunteers Day



Image: *Banksia and variegated fairywren* by Marie Kobler

FEBRUARY 2024

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5	6	7	8	9	10 Lunar New Year	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29			

■ Nursery Volunteers Day



Image: *Parasitic wasp on my lawn, Cherrybrook* by Marie Kobler

MARCH 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Weather Cycles of the D'harawal People Bana'murrai'yung (wet, getting cooler) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Time to make cloaks and start the journey to the coast Time of ripening of lilly pilli fruit (<i>Syzygium paniculatum</i>) Marrai'gang (tiger quoll) seeks her mate 				1 Bushcode Workshop	2	3 World Wildlife Day Clean Up Australia Day
4	5	6	7	8	9 Learn to Weave! Basket weaving with foraged fibres	10
11	12	13	14	15 Native Plant Giveaway	16 Native Plant Giveaway	17
18	19	20	21	22 World Water Day Ride2School Day	23 Earth Hour	24
25	26	27	28	29 Good Friday	30 Easter Saturday	31 Easter Sunday

 Nursery Volunteers Day



Image: *Berowra Valley* by Stuart Jackson

APRIL 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1 Easter Monday	2	3	4	5	6 Creeks & Critters eDNA Sampling Day	7 Daylight Saving ends 3am
8	9	10	11	12	13 Creeks & Critters eDNA Sampling Day	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 Earth Day	23	24	25 Anzac Day	26	27	28
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 iNaturalist City Nature Challenge

 School Holidays  Nursery Volunteers Day



Image: *Young rufous fantail* by Marie Kobler

MAY 2024

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6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Mother's Day
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 World Bee Day	21	22 International Day for Biological Diversity	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

National Reconciliation Week
 National Volunteer Week

International Compost Awareness Week
 Nursery Volunteers Day



Image: *Dazzling dance fly* by David Hooper

JUNE 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Weather Cycles of the D'harawal People Tugarah tuli (cold and frosty) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Time to gather the nectar for ceremony Time of the flowering of the Burringoa (<i>Eucalyptus tereticornis</i>) Burrugin (the echidna) begin their gatherings 					1	2
3	4	5 World Environment Day	6	7	8 World Oceans Day	9
10 King's Birthday	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 World Rainforest Day	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

National Reconciliation Week
 Nursery Volunteers Day



Image: *Male rose robin at Crosslands* by Kelly Bollinger

JULY 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1 Bushcare Photo Competition opens	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Final Creeks & Critters eDNA Project Presentation	26 World Mangrove Day Schools National Tree Day	27	28 National Tree Day
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Note: Plastic Free July

NAIDOC Week
 School Holidays
 Nursery Volunteers Day



Image: *Reed bee at nursery* by Kelly Bollinger

AUGUST 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Weather Cycles of the D'harawal People Tugarah gunya'marri (cold and windy) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Time to build shelters facing the rising sun, time to begin the journey to the highlands along the rivers, plenty of fish Time of the flowering of the Marrai'uo (<i>Acacia floribunda</i>) Boo'gul (antechinus) mates and dies Wiritijiribin (the lyrebird) builds his display mound when the season ends 			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples	10 Bushcode Workshop	11
12	13	14	15	16 Native Plant Giveaway	17 Native Plant Giveaway	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	


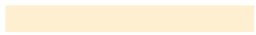

Note: Platypus Month

National Science Week
 Nursery Volunteers Day



Image: *Tawny frogmouth chick, Appletree Park* by Marie Kobler

SEPTEMBER 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
30  			Weather Cycles of the D'harawal People Murrai'yunggory (cool, getting warmer) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Time of the flowering of Miwa Gawaian (<i>Telopea speciosissima</i>) Time for major ceremony Gathering of the Ngoonuni (flying fox) 			1 Father's Day National Wattle Day
2	3	4	5	6	7 National Threatened Species Day	8
9 Sustainable House Day	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 	22 World Rivers Day
23	24 World Car-free Day	25	26	27	28	29

Note: National Biodiversity and Save the Koala months  Get Ready Weekend

 Great Southern Bioblitz  School Holidays  Nursery Volunteers Day



Image: *Eriostemon australasius* by Kelly Bollinger

OCTOBER 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	1 Bush Fire Danger Period begins	2	3	4	5	6 Daylight Saving begins 2am
7 Labour Day	8	9 Bushcare Photo Competition closes	10	11	12 World Migratory Bird Day	13
14	15	16 Ride2Work Day	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	Weather Cycles of the D'harawal People Murrai'yunggory (cool, getting warmer) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Time of the flowering of Miwa Gawaian (<i>Telopea speciosissima</i>) Time for major ceremony Gathering of the Ngoonuni (flying fox) 		

Aussie Backyard Bird Count
 National Water Week

School Holidays
 Nursery Volunteers Day



Image: *Peek-a-boo* by Janelle Marr

NOVEMBER 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Weather Cycles of the D'harawal People Goray'murrai (warm and wet) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Time of the flowering of Kai'arrewan (<i>Acacia binervia</i>) Do not camp near rivers Parra'dowee (the Great Eel spirit) calls his children to him 				1	2 Bushcode Workshop	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 World Fisheries Day	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

Frog ID Week
 Australian Pollinator Week
 Nursery Volunteers Day

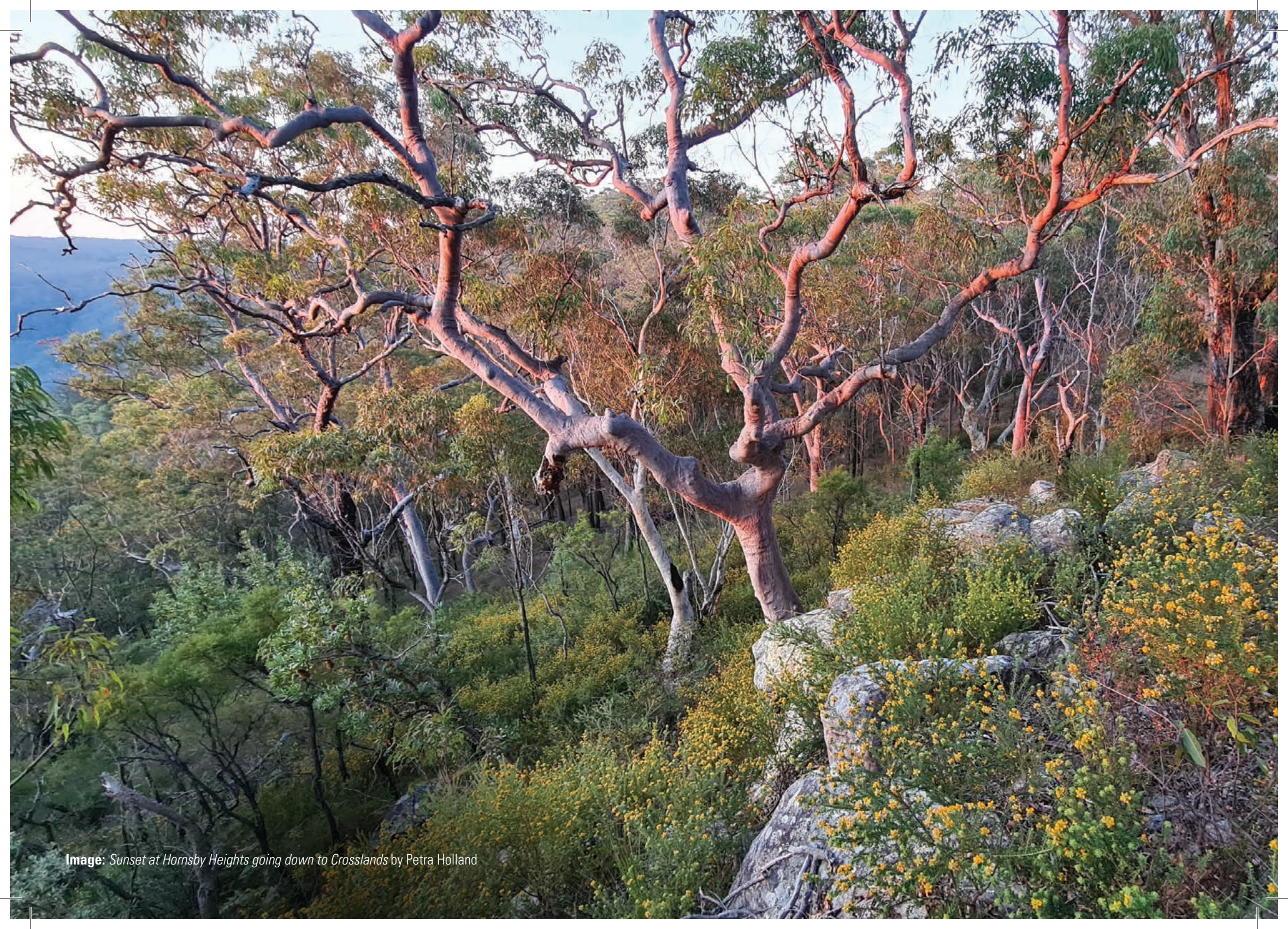


Image: *Sunset at Hornsby Heights going down to Crosslands by Petra Holland*

DECEMBER 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
30	31 New Year's Eve	Weather Cycles of the D'harawal People Goray'murrai (warm and wet) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Time of the flowering of Kai'arrewan (<i>Acacia binervia</i>) ■ Do not camp near rivers ■ Parra'dowee (the Great Eel spirit) calls his children to him 				1
2	3	4	5 International Volunteer Day	6	7 Bushcare and Nursery Volunteers Christmas Party	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day	27	28	29

School Holidays
 Nursery Volunteers Day

2024 EVENTS

EVENT	DATES	DESCRIPTION	BOOKING INFORMATION
Basket weaving with foraged fibres – Learn to Weave	9 March	Learn to make a fantastic small basket, bowl or tray using a traditional coiling technique. In this workshop, we share an inspiring range of design possibilities with a simple coiling stitch, and you'll leave with a fantastic finished small piece to take home or give away as a gorgeous handmade gift. What you'll learn: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ How to work with raffia ■ The tools you'll need ■ How to start your basket ■ A strong, versatile coiling stitch ■ Shaping and finishing your basket This fun-filled workshop is great for beginners and intermediate weavers. Cost: \$50 Hornsby Shire Council subsidises this workshop.	Link to be provided to Bushcare and Community Nursery volunteers in early 2024. Visit: hornsby.nsw.gov.au/bushcare
Bushcode Workshop	1 March 4 May 10 August 21 September 2 November	All Bushcare volunteers must complete this workshop within six months of joining the program. Morning tea is provided.	Bookings open January 2024. Visit: hornsby.nsw.gov.au/bushcare
eDNA project presentation – Creeks and Critters	25 July	Presentation of the Creeks and Critters project.	Visit: hornsby.nsw.gov.au/bushcare
eDNA sampling – Creeks and Critters	6 April 13 April	eDNA sampling in local creeks.	Visit: hornsby.nsw.gov.au/bushcare
Gum Trees of Hornsby Workshop	3 February	This walk and talk will take us around Pennant Hills Park looking at the different gum trees and learning more about their distinguishing features.	Visit: hornsby.nsw.gov.au/bushcare
Native Plant Giveaways	15 and 16 March 16 and 17 August	Pick up your four free native plants per year.	Visit: hornsby.nsw.gov.au/npg
Tree Day – National	28 July	Planet Ark's national tree planting day.	Visit: hornsby.nsw.gov.au/bushcare
Tree Day – Schools	26 July	All schools within the Shire are eligible to pick up 30 free plants for their school.	Contact: nursery@hornsby.nsw.gov.au Orders close 1 July.



Image: *Tipper Lookout – Muogamarra Nature Reserve* by Soo Kuan



WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Take a walk through the unique Sydney Turpentine-Ironbark Forest in Carrs Bush at Fagan Park, Galston and at Reddy Park, Hornsby. For more forest locations visit our website.
- If you live near the forest, plant some of the forest's native species to attract birds, mammals and butterflies.
- Participate in a guided bushwalk.
- Come along to a community planting event.
- Remove weeds from your garden to stop them spreading.
- Keep your pets under control and never let them wander into bushland.
- Join a Bushcare group.



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PROTECTING OUR FORESTS