

# BUSHCARE CALENDAR 2023







**Image:** *Metallic Shield Bug nymph* by Janelle Marr

**Cover Image:** *Crimson Rosella on Acacia* by Marie Kobler

# JANUARY 2023

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





Image: *Silvereye on wattle* by Marie Kobler



# FEBRUARY 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
		1	2 World Wetlands Day	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 International Polar Bear Day
27	28					Weather Cycles of the D'harawal People <b>Gadalung Marool (Hot and Dry)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Eat only fruit and seeds, no meat</li> <li>■ Burrans (kangaroos) start having their joeys</li> <li>■ Weetjellan (<i>Acacia implexa</i>) blooms</li> </ul>

**Notes:** Native Plant Giveaway dates to be announced

 Nursery Volunteers Day





Image: *Chasing his tail* by David Hooper



# MARCH 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Weather Cycles of the D'harawal People <b>Bana'murrai'yung (Wet, getting cooler)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Time to make cloaks and start the journey to the coast</li> <li>Time of ripening of Lilly Pilly fruit (<i>Syzygium paniculatum</i>)</li> <li>Marrai'gang (tiger quoll) seeks her mate</li> </ul>		1	2	3 World Wildlife Day	4	5 Clean Up Australia Day
6	7 International Women's Day	8	9	10	11 Bushcode Workshop	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Autumn Equinox	21	22 World Water Day	23	24	25 Earth Hour	26
27	28	29	30	31		



Image: Common Bronzewing by Marie Kobler



# APRIL 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Weather Cycles of the D'harawal People <b>Bana'murrai'yung (Wet, getting cooler)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Time to make cloaks and start the journey to the coast</li> <li>Time of ripening of Lilly Pilly fruit (<i>Syzygium paniculatum</i>)</li> <li>Marrai'gang (tiger quoll) seeks her mate</li> </ul>					1	2 Daylight Saving ends 3am
3	4	5	6	7 Good Friday	8 Easter Saturday	9 Easter Sunday
10 Easter Monday	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 Earth Day	23
24	25 Anzac Day	26	27	28	29	30





Image: *Romeo* by David Hooper



# MAY 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Mother's Day
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Bushcode Workshop	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> International Day for Biological Diversity	<b>23</b> World Turtle Day	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	Weather Cycles of the D'harawal People <b>Bana'murrai'yung (Wet, getting cooler)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Time to make cloaks and start the journey to the coast</li> <li>■ Time of ripening of Lilly Pilly fruit (<i>Syzygium paniculatum</i>)</li> <li>■ Marrai'gang (tiger quoll) seeks her mate</li> </ul>			





Image: Still Creek nature photography by Petra Holland



# JUNE 2023

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





Image: Metallic Carpenter Bee on *Grevillea buxifolia* by Marie Kobler



# JULY 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
31	Weather Cycles of the D'harawal People <b>Tugarah tuli (Cold)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Time to gather the nectar for ceremony</li> <li>Time of the flowering of the Burringoa (<i>Eucalyptus tereticornis</i>)</li> <li>Burrugin (the echidna) begin their gatherings</li> </ul>				1	2
3 Bushcare Photo Competition opens	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 World Mangrove Day	27	28	29	30 National Tree Day

**Notes:** Plastic Free July

NAIDOC Week
School Holidays
Nursery Volunteers Day





**Image:** *Cobwebs at Fagan Park* by Marie Kobler



# AUGUST 2023

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





Image: *Out of my way please* by Helen Curry



# SEPTEMBER 2023

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

Get Ready Weekend
Emergency Preparedness Week
Biodiversity Month

School Holidays
Nursery Volunteers Day





Image: Peach Blossom Tea-tree (*Leptospermum squarrosum*) by Petra Holland



# OCTOBER 2023

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

Water Week Aussie Backyard Bird Count

School Holidays Nursery Volunteers Day







# NOVEMBER 2023

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





**Image:** *White-faced Heron on a hunt* by Cara Devey



# DECEMBER 2023

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





## 2023 EVENTS

EVENT	DATES	DESCRIPTION	BOOKING INFORMATION
<b>Bushcode Workshop</b> Warada Ngurang Cottage, 28 Britannia Street, Pennant Hills.	11 March 19 May 17 June 11 August 4 November	All Bushcare volunteers are required to complete this workshop within 6 months of joining the program. Morning tea provided.	Open January 2023, see webpage for details. Book online: <a href="https://hornsby.nsw.gov.au/bushcare">hornsby.nsw.gov.au/bushcare</a>

Image: Top view and close-up (*Conospermum longifolium*) by Danny Burkhardt





Image: *Burst of happiness* by Helen Curry





## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Take a walk through the majestic Blue Gum High Forest at Dog Pound Creek Reserve, Westleigh and Kenley Park, Normanhurst. 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 in bushland.
- Join a Bushcare group.



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## PROTECTING OUR FORESTS