Campbelltown City Council’s Environmental Program

January to June 2016

your connection to
our natural environment
Campbelltown City boasts pristine bushland, unspoilt waterways and prolific wildlife – all within a stone’s throw of our urban centres.

The Georges and Nepean Rivers, which help to naturally define our local area, also provide limitless opportunity for getting outdoors and connecting with nature. Whether it’s quietly bird-watching or spotting platypus by the creek, ripping down some serious mountain biking trails, or set-your-own-pace activities like swimming, trekking and fishing – it’s all right here in our collective backyard!

So whether you’re into getting hands on with one of our free environmental workshops, getting creative at our arts centre or being part of a local, national or international environmental event, this environmental program is for you!

The calendar is divided up into four sections that detail events, workshops, activities and environmentally significant dates occurring from January to 30 June 2016:

- **= Awareness day / week / month /**
- **= Macarthur Centre for Sustainable Living (MCSL) workshop**
  - Enquiries / bookings, phone 4647 9828
- **= Campbelltown City Council community events / programs and workshop**
  - Enquiries / bookings, phone 4645 4000
- **= Bushcare activity**
  - Enquiries / registration, phone 4645 4601

If you are interested in finding out more about a certain event / workshop and are keen to get involved, get in touch via the contact details above!
We are fortunate to live in an area with abundant natural beauty, including pristine bushland and meandering waterways.

If you have a passion for the outdoors and would like to know more about local waterways, birds, insects, plants and wildlife, and pick up some new skills while you’re at it, then why not join one of our Bushcare volunteer groups?

We are always looking for enthusiastic residents to join our Bushcare program to help rejuvenate bushland areas of Campbelltown. You don’t need experience – we will provide you with all the training you need.

As a Bushcare volunteer, you will do your bit for the environment while rubbing shoulders with interesting and like-minded people. Bushcare groups participate in activities such as tree planting, erosion control, litter removal, weed management, and of course, wildlife spotting.

There are currently Bushcare groups operating at the following locations:

- Noorumba Reserve, Rosemeadow
- Redfern Creek, Macquarie Fields
- Campbelltown Golf Course, Glen Alpine
- Scattergood Reserve, St Helens Park
- Spring Creek, St Helens Park
- Georges River Corridor, Kentlyn
- Smith’s Creek, Georges River Road

Simply visit campbelltown.nsw.gov.au/bushcare or phone 4645 4601 to find out how you can become involved in Bushcare.
Earth Hour 19 March 2016

Earth Hour is a worldwide grassroots movement, uniting people to become more sustainable and protect the planet. Earth Hour famously started as a lights-off event in Sydney in 2007, and has since grown to engage more than 7000 cities and towns worldwide.

It is more than an annual event – it is a movement that culminates in an hour of inspiration across the world, held towards the end of March each year.

This year’s Earth Hour event will take place on Saturday 19 March between 8.30pm and 9.30pm.

Earth Hour aims to encourage an interconnected global community to share the opportunities and challenges of creating a sustainable world, not just for one hour of the year, but for every hour of your life!

To take part in this year’s Earth Hour, the first thing you can do is turn off any lights that do not need to be on and any lights that you can manage to live without for one hour. However, this is just the start!

Many people take action beyond the hour. If you are interested in taking further action, you can check out earthhour.org to see what campaigns people are already running that you could get involved in, or how YOU could start your own campaign.

Jump onto Council’s website to find some sustainable activities and information that will help you help the Earth beyond Earth Hour - campbelltown.nsw.gov.au/OurEnvironment

If you want to join Earth Hour and register your event visit earthhour.org and click on ‘Join the Hour’. You will receive the ‘Earth Hour Starter’s Kit’ that will give you all the necessary information and tools to make your event an environmental success!
World Environment Day
5 June 2016

The well being of humanity, the environment, and the functioning of the economy, ultimately depend upon us, as one whole community, managing the planet’s natural resources responsibly.

World Environment Day occurs every year on 5 June, and each year highlights a different environmental theme for the world to focus on.

The theme for 2015 was “Seven billion dreams, one planet, consume with care”.

The 2016 theme is yet to be released, however, the concept of living within the planetary boundaries, being aware of what we do in our daily lives and how that can affect the surrounding environment, both positively and negatively, is the most promising strategy for ensuring a healthy future.

Living sustainably is about doing more, and better, with less.

There are many things you can do around your home and in your day to day life that will help you to consume sustainably and do more with less!

Check out campbelltown.nsw.gov.au/Yoursustainablehome to find out all you need to know on:

- green cleaning
- water wise tips
- smart shopping
- FREE sustainable education workshops
- composting, worm farming, no-dig gardens and many other sustainable initiatives.

So make sure you keep an eye out for the 2016 WED theme and take a step forward in uniting for the environment.
Tree Swap
Campbelltown City Council

Under the ‘Tree Swap’ program, residents can swap a weed tree for a local native tree.

Council is committed to the protection of our natural environment. Weeds are a threat to our native biodiversity and way of life. It is estimated that weed control costs Australian agriculture around $4 billion a year.

In an effort to assist the community in controlling weeds on their property and promote local biodiversity, we offer a trial ‘Tree Swap’ program. Under the program, residents who remove a recognised weed tree can swap it for a native tree.

The ‘Tree Swap’ program is targeting privet and African olive trees, which are common garden trees within the Campbelltown area.

To apply for Council’s Tree Swap program, or to find out more, visit Council’s website campbelltown.nsw.gov.au/TreeSwap or phone 4645 4000.

The real cost of weeds to the environment is difficult to calculate, however, it is likely to at least equal this cost.
CALENDAR OF EVENTS
5 January
National Bird Day
nationalbirdday.com

11 January
Kids and Parents clay Workshop
4645 4100

11 January
NIDA Summer Story at Campbelltown Arts Centre
9697 7626

12 January
Taronga Zoo Mobile
4645 4100

12 January
NIDA Summer Story at Campbelltown Arts Centre
9697 7626

13 January
NIDA Summer Story: Screen acting at Campbelltown Arts Centre
9697 7626

14 January
Lolly-Fruity-Suity costume making by Rosie Deacon
4645 4100

14 January
Insects at the Gallery
4645 4100

15 January
Lolly-Fruity-Suity costume making by Rosie Deacon
4645 4100

15 January
NIDA Summer Story: Screen acting at Campbelltown Arts Centre
9697 7626

16 January
Lolly-Fruity-Suity costume making by Rosie Deacon
4645 4100

20 January
Baby Wednesday
4645 4100

20 January
Kids and Parents clay workshop

21 January
Kids cooking - school holiday workshop for 5-10 years
Free

21 January
Art Explorers
4645 4100

22 January
Einsteinz Music
4645 4100

22 January
Zine Making
4645 4100

26 January
Australia Day
australiaday.gov.au

30 January
Keeping chickens at home
Free

30 January
Small space or balcony herb gardening
Free

30 January
Garden to table
- Summer salads and stir fries
Free
**2, 9, 16 and 23 February**
Georges River Corridor, Kentlyn
Tuesdays
9am-12noon

**2 February**
World Wetlands Day
‘Wetlands take care of water’
ramsar.org

**2 February**
Dharawal National Park Guided
Indigenous Walking Tour
Bookings: 1800 655 991
macarthur.com.au

**6 and 13 February**
Noorumba Reserve
1st and 3rd Saturday
8am-12noon

**7 February**
Redfern Creek
1st Sunday
8am-12noon

**13 and 27 February**
Scattergood Reserve
2nd and 4th Saturday
8am-12noon

**13 February**
Preparing for Autumn
vegetable gardens
10am-12noon
Free

**13 February**
Gardening for beginners
Introduction to no dig gardens
1-3pm
Free

**14 February**
Campbelltown Golf Course
2nd Sunday
8am-12noon

**20 February**
SE Asian Food Culture
- A mix of gardening and cooking
10am-12noon
Free

**20 February**
Basic guide to good and bad bugs in your garden
1-3pm
Free

**20 February**
Garden to table
– Solar cooking
1-4pm
Free

---

**Did you know?**
All MCSL workshops in this calendar are free!

---

To find out the meeting sites for each location or if you are interested in starting up a Bushcare site around your local area, please get in touch with Council’s Bushcare Coordinator on 4645 4601
**MARCH**

**1 March**
Business Clean Up Day  
1800 CUA DAY  
cleanupaustraliaday.org.au

**4 March**
Schools Clean Up Day  
1800 CUA DAY  
cleanupaustraliaday.org.au  
Phone: 1800 282 329

**6 March**
Clean Up Australia Day  
1800 CUA DAY  
cleanupaustraliaday.org.au  
Phone: 1800 282 329

**6 March**
Catch a Carp  
campbelltown.nsw.gov.au/catchacarp

**1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 March**
Georges River Corridor  
Kentlyn  
Tuesdays  
9am-12noon

**5 March**
Garden to table  
– Cooking with honey  
9am-12noon  
Free

**5 March**
Garden to table  
– Hot cross buns and Easter treats  
1-4pm  
Free

**5 and 19 March**
Noorumba Reserve  
1st and 3rd Saturday  
8am-12noon

**6 March**
Redfern Creek  
1st Sunday  
8am-12noon

**12 March**
Scattergood Reserve  
2nd and 4th Saturday  
8am-12noon

**13 March**
Campbelltown Golf Course  
2nd Sunday  
8am-12noon

**19 March**
Garden to table – Cooking for special diets from the garden (Diabetics, Celiac)  
1-4pm  
Free

**19 March**
Ride2School Day  
bicyclenetwork.com.au

**19 March**
Earth Hour  
Switch off at 8.30pm  
earthhour.org

**21 March**
World Forestry Day  
Department of Primary Industries (NSW)  
dpi.nsw.gov.au

**22 March**
World Water Day  
‘Water and Food Security’  
unwater.org  
worldwaterday.org

**27 March**
Smith’s Creek Reserve  
(Georges River Road)  
4th Sunday  
8am-12noon

---

To find out the meeting sites for each location or if you are interested in starting up a Bushcare site around your local area, please get in touch with Council’s Bushcare Coordinator on 4645 4601.
2 April
Garden to table – Asian finger foods from the garden
1-4pm
Free

2 and 16 April
Noorumba Reserve
1st and 3rd Saturday
8am-12noon

3 April
Redfern Creek
1st Sunday
8am-12noon

5, 12, 19 and 26 April
Georges River Corridor, Kentlyn
Tuesdays
9am-12noon

9 and 23 April
Scattergood Reserve
2nd and 4th Saturday
8am-12noon

9 April
Dharawal National Park Guided Indigenous Walking Tour
9am-10.30am
1800 655 991
Bookings: macarthur.nsw.gov.au

10 April
Birdlife Australia
‘Bye-bye birdies: Help us farewell the shorebirds’
Follow their journey from 10 April to 10 May
farewellshorebirds.org.au

10 April
Campbelltown Golf Course
2nd Sunday
8am-12noon

16 April
Gardening for beginners and introduction to no dig gardens
1-3pm
Free

16 April
Garden to table – Fondue dishes
1-4pm
Free

16 April
The four keys to organic gardening
10am-12noon
Free

18 April
World Heritage Day
gdrc.org

19 April
Kids cooking – School holiday workshop for 5-10 years
10am-12noon
Free

24 April
Smith’s Creek
(Georges River Road)
4th Sunday
8am-12noon

30 April
The four keys to organic gardening
10am-12noon
Free

30 April
Garden to table – Preserving
1-4pm
Free

30 April
Using herbs and edible weeds from your garden
1-3pm
Free

To find out the meeting sites for each location or if you are interested in starting up a Bushcare site around your local area, please get in touch with Council’s Bushcare Coordinator on 4645 4601
1-7 May
International Composting Awareness Week (ICAW)
Better Soil, Better Life, Better Future
9922 1591

1 May
Redfern Creek
1st Sunday
8am-12noon

3, 10, 17, 24 and 31 May
Georges River Corridor
Kentlyn
1st and 3rd Saturday
8am-12noon

8 May
Campbelltown Golf Course
2nd Sunday
8am-12noon

11 May
Garden to table – Cooking on a budget with leftover’s
10am-1pm
Free

13 May
Gardening for beginners and introduction to no dig gardens
10am-12noon
Free

14 and 28 May
Scatteredgood Reserve
2nd and 4th Saturday
8am-12noon

14 May
Preparing for a winter vegetable garden
10am-12noon
Free

14 May
Middle Eastern food culture – A mix of gardening and cooking
1-3pm
Free

18 May
Garden to table – Cooking on a budget with leftover’s
10am-1pm
Free

22 May
International Day for Biological Diversity
cbd.int/ibd

23 May
Walk Safely to School Day
walk.com.au
unep.org

25 May
Garden to table – Cooking on a budget with leftover’s
10am-1pm
Free

To find out the meeting sites for each location or if you are interested in starting up a Bushcare site around your local area, please get in touch with Council’s Bushcare Coordinator on 4645 4601.
JUNE

27 May
Small space or balcony herb gardening
10am-12noon
Free

28 May
Build a bee or insect hotel
10am-12noon
Free

28 May
Basic native gardening and attractive wildlife
1-3pm
Free

28 May
Garden to Table – Preserving
Saturday
1-4pm
Free

29 May
Smith’s Creek Reserve
(Georges River Road)
4th Sunday
8am-12noon

4 June
Garden to table - Slow food cooking
1-4pm
Free

4 and 18 June
Noorumba Reserve
1st and 3rd Saturday
8am-12noon

5 June
World Environment Day
unep.org

5 June
Redfern Creek
1st Sunday
8am-12noon

7, 14, 21, 28 June
Georges River Corridor, Kentlyn
Tuesdays
9am-12noon

8 June
World Oceans Day
thegoceanproject.org

11 June
Dharawal National Park
Guided Indigenous Walking Tour
Bookings: 1800 655 991
macarthur.com.au

11 and 25 June
Scattergood Reserve
2nd and 4th Saturday
8am-12noon

12 June
Campbelltown Golf Course
2nd Sunday
8am-12noon

26 June
Smith’s Creek Reserve
(Georges River Road)
4th Sunday
8am-12noon

To find out the meeting sites for each location or if you are interested in starting up a Bushcare site around your local area, please get in touch with Council’s Bushcare Coordinator on 4645 4601.

May - continued

27 May
Small space or balcony herb gardening
10am-12noon
Free

28 May
Build a bee or insect hotel
10am-12noon
Free

28 May
Basic native gardening and attractive wildlife
1-3pm
Free

28 May
Garden to Table – Preserving
Saturday
1-4pm
Free

29 May
Smith’s Creek Reserve
(Georges River Road)
4th Sunday
8am-12noon

4 June
Garden to table - Slow food cooking
1-4pm
Free

4 and 18 June
Noorumba Reserve
1st and 3rd Saturday
8am-12noon

5 June
World Environment Day
unep.org

5 June
Redfern Creek
1st Sunday
8am-12noon

7, 14, 21, 28 June
Georges River Corridor, Kentlyn
Tuesdays
9am-12noon

8 June
World Oceans Day
thegoceanproject.org

11 June
Dharawal National Park
Guided Indigenous Walking Tour
Bookings: 1800 655 991
macarthur.com.au

11 and 25 June
Scattergood Reserve
2nd and 4th Saturday
8am-12noon

12 June
Campbelltown Golf Course
2nd Sunday
8am-12noon

26 June
Smith’s Creek Reserve
(Georges River Road)
4th Sunday
8am-12noon

To find out the meeting sites for each location or if you are interested in starting up a Bushcare site around your local area, please get in touch with Council’s Bushcare Coordinator on 4645 4601.

May - continued

27 May
Small space or balcony herb gardening
10am-12noon
Free

28 May
Build a bee or insect hotel
10am-12noon
Free

28 May
Basic native gardening and attractive wildlife
1-3pm
Free

28 May
Garden to Table – Preserving
Saturday
1-4pm
Free

29 May
Smith’s Creek Reserve
(Georges River Road)
4th Sunday
8am-12noon

4 June
Garden to table - Slow food cooking
1-4pm
Free

4 and 18 June
Noorumba Reserve
1st and 3rd Saturday
8am-12noon

5 June
World Environment Day
unep.org

5 June
Redfern Creek
1st Sunday
8am-12noon

7, 14, 21, 28 June
Georges River Corridor, Kentlyn
Tuesdays
9am-12noon

8 June
World Oceans Day
thegoceanproject.org

11 June
Dharawal National Park
Guided Indigenous Walking Tour
Bookings: 1800 655 991
macarthur.com.au

11 and 25 June
Scattergood Reserve
2nd and 4th Saturday
8am-12noon

12 June
Campbelltown Golf Course
2nd Sunday
8am-12noon

26 June
Smith’s Creek Reserve
(Georges River Road)
4th Sunday
8am-12noon

To find out the meeting sites for each location or if you are interested in starting up a Bushcare site around your local area, please get in touch with Council’s Bushcare Coordinator on 4645 4601.
Keep an eye out on Council’s website: campbelltown.nsw.gov.au for more information about upcoming events