



Spring Veggie Gardening workshops

Presented by Sustainable Gardening Australia and Nillumbik Shire Council

Learn from a passionate SGA presenter how to set up and run a spring/summer vegetable garden that suits your busy lifestyle. Learn about suitable plants to get you going this spring and discover the secrets to growing healthy and nutritious food sustainably. Limited to 50 participants per workshop.

Saturday 11 September, 10am-12noon

Cost: free

Where: Edendale Farm, Gastons Road, Eltham (Melway 22 A1)

Bookings: Georgia Ramsey, Nillumbik Shire Council on 9433 3210

Sunday 3 October, 10am-12noon

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Compost and Worm Farm workshops

Presented by Nillumbik Shire Council

Learn the secrets of making compost and happy worm farms! Compost improves your soil, saves water, promotes healthy plant growth and is all about fun in the garden. Find out how to set up a compost bin or worm farm and gain some handy tips to help you create wonderful, healthy compost.

Monday 13 September, 7pm-9pm

Cost: free

Where: Edendale Farm, Gastons Road, Eltham (Melway 22 A1)

Bookings: Nillumbik Waste Education on 9433 3516

Saturday 9 October, 10am-12noon

Cost: \$15 (includes morning tea)

Where: The Food Farm, St Andrews (more details on booking)

Bookings: Living & Learning Nillumbik on 9433 3744

Sunday 7 November, 2pm-4pm

Cost: free

Where: Eltham Library, corner Panther Place and Main Road, Eltham (Melway 21 J6)

Bookings: Nillumbik Waste Education on 9433 3516

All residents from Banyule City Council, Manningham City Council and Nillumbik Shire Council are welcome to attend any of the events listed in this program.

Bookings are essential for most events so please book early to avoid disappointment. Please consider others and inform the relevant booking contact if you are unable to keep your booking, as there is often an event waiting list.

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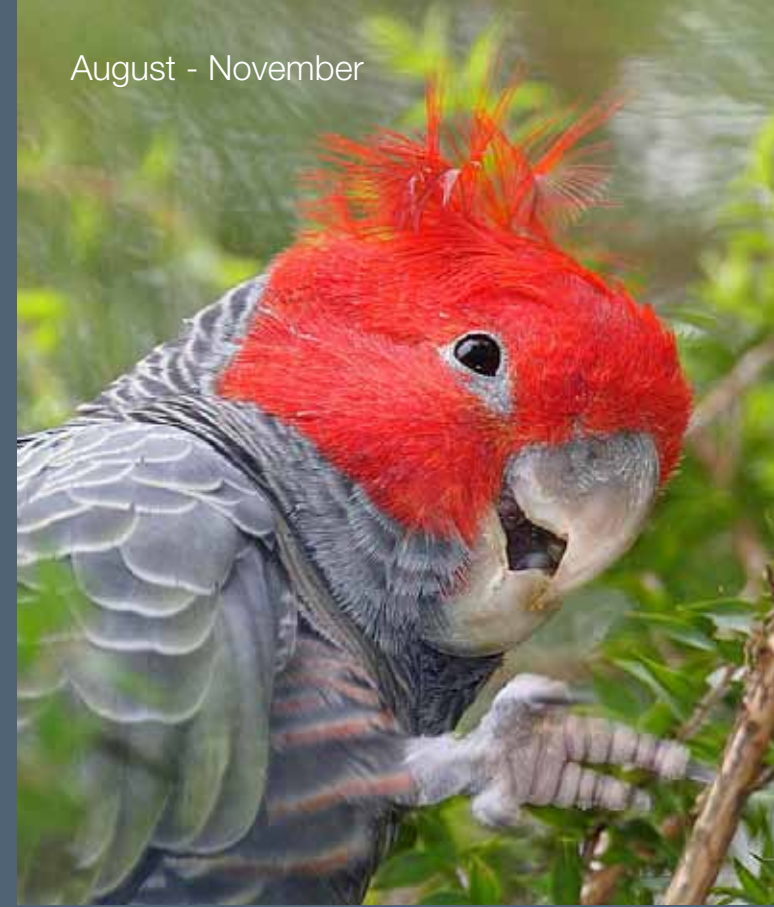
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A regional program of environmental events brought to you by Banyule City Council, Manningham City Council and Nillumbik Shire Council.



Sunday 22 August, 9.30am-4pm

Waterwatch River Health Training

Presented by Melbourne's Healthy Waterways Waterwatch

Improve your river health monitoring skills by learning how to regularly test the water quality in your local creek, wetlands or river. Techniques include aquatic macroinvertebrate sampling (waterbugs) and identification. Equipment, lunch and training manuals are provided.

Cost: free

Where: Darebin CMC Environment Centre, end of Separation Street, Alphington (Melway 31 C9)

Bookings: Julia Vanderoord on 9457 9885 or email Julia.Vanderoord@banyule.vic.gov.au

Sunday 29 August, 10am-12noon

Indigenous Garden Design

Presented by Nillumbik Shire Council

Learn how to design a beautiful, functional and water-efficient garden in any style using indigenous plants with Therese Scales. Limited to 50 participants.

Cost: free

Where: Edendale Farm, Gastons Road, Eltham (Melway 22 A1)

Bookings: Georgia Ramsey, Nillumbik Shire Council on 9433 3210

Sunday 5 September, 2.30pm-4.30pm

Platypus

Presented by Australian Platypus Conservancy

The Platypus is well loved but rarely seen. Geoff Williams from the APC will talk about their work monitoring Platypus and the types of habitats that allow their survival in the urban environment. Talk followed by an optional short walk.

Cost: free

Where: Old Shire Offices, Beverley Road, Heidelberg (Melway 32 3D)

Bookings: Banyule City Council on 9490 4222

Saturday and Sunday 11-12 September, 10am-4pm

Australian Plants Expo 2010 – Native Landscaping, Bush Food and Wildlife

Presented by Australian Plants Society Yarra Yarra

See the huge display of native flowers and indigenous plants and learn from expert speakers. There will also be native plant sales, product displays, prizes, refreshments and ample parking.

Cost: Adults \$5, Seniors/Concession \$4

Where: Eltham Community and Reception Centre, Eltham (Melway 21 J6)

Information: Elaine on 9435 7786 or email apsyarrayarra@gmail.com or visit home.vicnet.net.au/~sgapvic

Sunday 12 September, 10am-12.30pm

Wildflower Walk and Discovery Day at Yirrip Reserve

Presented by Nillumbik Shire Council

Enjoy the 'Wildflower Walk' which inspired the late local artist Felix Borsari. Learn about the rare and beautiful orchids and their relationship to fire. Bring a picnic lunch or harvest fruit from the old orchard.

Cost: free (morning tea provided)

Where: Yirrip Reserve, end of Koos Road, Panton Hill (Melway 271 H3)

Bookings: Georgia Ramsey, Nillumbik Shire Council on 9433 3210

Thursday 16 September, 6pm-7.30pm

Frog Discovery Night at Challenger Street Wetlands

Presented by Melbourne's Healthy Waterways Waterwatch

Join Waterwatch for a night of discovery. Identify different frog calls and help collect data for the Melbourne Water Frog Census 2010. Learn more about the wetlands' animal life and see some of its inhabitants up close! Limited to 30 participants.

Cost: free

Where: Challenger Street Wetland Reserve. Access the site via Challenger Street, Diamond Creek (Melway 11 J7)

Bookings: Georgia Ramsey, Nillumbik Shire Council on 9433 3210

Friday 17 September, 7pm-9.30pm

Training for the Melbourne Water Frog Census

Presented by Sam Harrison, Melbourne Water

Learn more about frogs and waterways along with how to record clear information for the Melbourne Water Frog Census. Learn about identifying Melbourne's frogs – both by their calls and what they look like. Includes a visit to a local wetland. Sturdy covered boots or shoes preferable, a torch and warm clothing a must.

Cost: free

Where: Veneto Club, Bulleen Road, Bulleen

Bookings: Manningham City Council on 9840 9348.

Sunday 19 September, 10am-1pm

Wetland to Wetland Bike Ride

Presented by Darebin Froggers, Darebin CMC and Waterwatch

Celebrate World Water Monitoring Day with a 15 kilometre bike ride sampling waterbugs, discovering frogs and testing the water along the Darebin Creek. Lunch will be provided at Darebin Parklands on return. Please BYO bike and helmet and water bottle. Families are welcome but need to be mindful of distance and time.

Cost: free

Where: Start from Darebin Parklands Environment Centre, end of Separation St, Alphington (Melways 31 C9)

Bookings: Banyule City Council on 9490 4222

Sunday 19 September, 1pm-5pm

Vegetable Seed Saving with Wendy Mather (Food Farm)

Presented by Nillumbik Shire Council

Wendy will discuss the techniques used to grow vegetable seeds true-to-type. Learn about seed selection, harvesting, processing and storing to ensure the conservation of genetic heritage in our heirloom vegetable varieties. Limited to 15 participants.

Cost: \$20 (includes afternoon tea)

Where: Edendale Farm, Gastons Road, Eltham (Melway 22 A1)

Bookings: Living & Learning Nillumbik on 9433 3744

Friday 24 September, 7.30pm-9pm

Park in the Dark

Presented by Friends of Ruffey Lake Park

Friends of Ruffey Lake Park will celebrate their 5th anniversary with a twilight wildlife hunt. Free supper provided after the walk. Bring sturdy shoes, torch and your family/friends!

Cost: free

Where: The Boulevard Entrance, Ruffey Lake Park, Doncaster (Melway 33 F10)

Bookings: Tom Dowsley, Manningham City Council on 9846 7601 or email tom.dowsley@manningham.vic.gov.au

Sunday 26 September, 10am-2pm

Temple Ridge Reserve Community Event – Connect with Your Environment

Presented by Nillumbik Shire Council

Learn about the complexities of managing this wonderful site; help to conserve biodiversity; and simply enjoy spending some time with nature. Involves some difficult walking on steep slopes – please bring sturdy walking shoes, a water bottle, sunscreen and a hat.

Cost: free (morning tea and light lunch provided)

Where: Temple Ridge Reserve, corner of Lynnbrae Avenue and Hillcrest Road, Hurstbridge (Melway 185 J11)

Bookings: Georgia Ramsey, Nillumbik Shire Council on 9433 3210

Sunday 3 October, 10am-2pm

Discovery Walk with Cathy Willis

Presented by Manningham Council

Discover one of the least accessible sections of Warrandyte State Park. Includes some steep sections, rough foot track, and a small creek to cross. BYO lunch, water and hat. This 8km walk is for experienced and able walkers. Limited to 15 participants.

Cost: free

Where: Sandy Bay car park, Jumping Creek Reserve, off Jumping Creek Road, Wonga Park (Melway 24 A11) – limited parking.

Bookings: Essential, Manningham City Council on 9840 9124



Saturday 9 October, 9am-10am

Ecology of the Rosanna Parklands

Presented by Banyule City Council

Learn about the species of birds and plants that call this reserve home with naturalist Michael Cincotta. Limited to 20 participants.

Cost: free

Where: Rosanna Parklands, Lower Plenty Road end, Rosanna (Melway 20 A12).

Bookings: Banyule City Council on 9490 4222

Saturday 9 October, 10am-12noon

Weedbusters with Friends of Salt Creek

Presented by Friends of Salt Creek Associated Parklands

Learn about the weeds of bushland and gardens at the Rosanna Parklands. The first 100 people to bring a weed from their garden will receive an indigenous plant to replace it.

Cost: free, bookings not required

Where: Rosanna Parklands, Lower Plenty Road end, Rosanna (Melway 20 A12)

Tuesdays and Thursdays 12, 14, 19, 21 and 26 October, 6.30pm-8.30pm

Sustainable Garden Seminar Series

Presented by Sustainable Gardening Australia and Manningham City Council

Spring is time to green up your garden, so let get started with SGA's ground breaking gardening program. These seminars will cover all aspects of sustainable gardening including garden design, water & soil management, garden plant selection and summer food harvest.

This program will get you and your garden trim and terrific as you learn essential tips from the professionals before creating your own ultimate summer garden.

Cost: free

Where: Manningham City Council, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster (Melway 33 F12)

Bookings: Essential, Manningham City Council on 9840 9124

Wednesday 13 October, 10.30am-12noon

Reusable Nappy Information Session

Presented by Nillumbik Shire Council

Learn about the latest alternatives to disposable nappies. Modern cloth nappies are easy to use, easy on your budget, comfortable for your baby and easy to clean (no soaking required).

Cost: free (morning tea provided)

Where: Diamond Valley Library, Civic Drive, Greensborough (Melway 11 A10)

Bookings: Nillumbik Waste Education on 9433 3516

Sunday 17 October, 10am-2pm

Blackberry Information Session

Presented by Nillumbik Shire Council

Blackberry is a Weed of National Significance. It is regarded as one of the worst weeds in Australia because of its invasiveness, potential for spread and economic and environmental impacts. On farms, blackberries reduce pasture production, restrict access to water and land, and provide food and shelter for pest animals such as foxes. Come along to a session to learn how to tackle this weed and hear from experts in different control methods.

Cost: free

Where: St Andrews Hall, Proctor Street, St Andrews (Melway 250 E11)

Bookings: Georgia Ramsey, Nillumbik Shire Council on 9433 3210

Sunday 17 October, 10am-1pm

Discover the Beautiful Parklands of Banyule

Presented by Banyule City Council in conjunction with Catholic Walking Victoria and Bush Walking Victoria

Starting at Warringal Park (car park), visitors will enjoy the serenity and beauty of Banyule Flats, spotting the diverse wildlife and plant life found in the region. Leave the car at home, as every registered participant will receive a Metro card to encourage sustainable leisure activities. There will be giveaways on the day including free water bottles and snacks to keep the energy up! Bring comfortable walking shoes. Water and snacks provided.

Cost: free

Where: Meet at Warringal Park, Beverley Road, Heidelberg (Melway 32 C4)

Bookings: Banyule City Council on 9490 4222

Wednesday 20 October, 8pm

Melbourne Wildlife Sanctuary Spotlighting Walk

Presented by the Melbourne Wildlife Sanctuary

Enjoy a spotlight walk through the Melbourne Wildlife Sanctuary at La Trobe University. A high proportion of Australia's unique wildlife is nocturnal, so if you want to see them you need to go out at night. It is a whole different world – possums, microbats, birds and the odd gecko, plus insects, spiders and other mini beasts, can all be seen in the bush.

Cost: \$10 per person payable on the night.

Where: Melbourne Wildlife Sanctuary at La Trobe University, Bundoora. (Melway 19 G5), meet in the carpark off La Trobe Avenue

Bookings: Banyule City Council on 9490 4222

Thursday 21 October, 7pm-8.30pm

Composting and Worm Farming Seminar

Presented by Manningham City Council

Have you been wondering how to set up a compost bin or worm farm but unsure of where and how to start? This workshop will assist you to set up and maintain a compost bin or worm farm.

Limited to 30 participants.

Cost: free

Where: Manningham Council Depot, Blackburn Road, Doncaster East (Melway 34 D2)

Bookings: Manningham City Council on 9846 0579.

Saturday 23 October, 8.45am-10.30am

Bird Week Bird Walk

Presented by Friends of Ruffey Lake Park

Calling all novice and life-long ornithologists! Come on down to Ruffey Lake Park during Bird Week and discover the diverse selection of birds that call the park home. Free breakfast before the walk. Bring sturdy shoes, camera, binoculars and your family/friends!

Cost: free

Where: The Boulevard Entrance, Ruffey Lake Park, Doncaster (Melway 33 F10)

Bookings: Tom Dowsley on 9846 7601 or email tom.dowsley@manningham.vic.gov.au

Sunday 24 October, 10am-4pm

Practically Green – Eco-building and Lifestyle Festival

Presented by Nillumbik Shire Council

Celebrate sustainable living and green building technologies in a fun, family atmosphere. Showcasing the very best in sustainable building technologies, the festival features demonstrations, trader's displays, kid's entertainment, food, music and much more!

Cost: free

Where: Edendale Farm, Gastons Road, Eltham (Melway 22 A1)

Information: Georgia Ramsey, Nillumbik Shire Council on 9433 3210



Sunday 24 October, 7.30am

Breakfast with the Birds

Presented by Banyule City Council

Join the Bird Observation and Conservation Australia (Bird Observers' Club of Australia) for an early morning walk with experienced guides who will help to identify over 70 species of birds. The walk will be followed by a light breakfast at Banyule Flats reserve. BYO binoculars and wear comfortable walking shoes. Please don't be late. Limited to 150 people.

Cost: free

Where: Meet at car park, Banyule Flats Reserve, Somerset Drive, Heidelberg (Melway 32 F2)

Bookings: BOCA on 9877 5342

Thursday 28 October, 10am-1pm

Mullum Mullum Waterwatch Walk

Presented by Manningham City Council

Join Nigel Philpot and Cathy Willis as we walk 6km cross country down the Mullum Mullum Creek testing water quality as we go. This walk is for experienced and able walkers only! There will be numerous creek crossings and difficult creek sections to navigate. All in a day's work for intrepid bush trekkers. Sturdy waterproof boots are preferable. This walk will not proceed if rain affected. Limited to 15 participants.

Cost: free

Where: Location on booking. A car shuttle may be required.

Bookings: Manningham City Council on 9840 9348

Wednesday 3 November, 7.30pm-8.30pm

Restoring Connections: We are all ONE

Presented by Manningham City Council with Adriana Simmonds, Wildlife Victoria

Part of Manningham City Council's Environmental Seminars. In this talk we will explore ways in which we can reconnect with the earth, searching for more sustainable, responsible and compassionate ways of living with nature.

Cost: free

Where: Currawong Bush Park, 277 Reynolds Road, Doncaster East (Melway 34 H6)

Information: Lyn Meredith, Manningham City Council on 9840 9124

Saturday 6 November, 10am-12.30pm

Keeping Chooks for Beginners

Presented by Nillumbik Shire Council

Want to keep a few chooks in the backyard but are not sure where to start? Maria Chiavarella will show how to keep these most versatile of pets for eggs, manure and chooky antics! Aimed at beginners to chook keeping, this workshop will cover housing, breeds, feeding and pest control. Limited to 50 participants.

Cost: free

Where: Edendale Farm, Gastons Road, Eltham (Melway 22 A1)

Bookings: Georgia Ramsey, Nillumbik Shire Council on 9433 3210

Saturday 6 November, 11am-4pm

Manningham Artists' Studios Tour

Presented by Manningham City Council

Join Manningham cultural services staff for a guided bus tour visiting some of Manningham's resident artists at work in their studios. Visit six well-known Manningham artists. Limited to 20 participants.

Cost: \$15

Where: Departing from Manningham Gallery, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster (Melway 33 F 12)

Bookings: Manningham Gallery on 9840 9367

Friday 12 November, 8.30pm-11pm

Star Gazing Night at Westerfolds Park

Presented by the Astronomical Society of Victoria

ASV astronomers will be on hand with telescopes and demonstrators. Bring torch covered with red cellophane, and warm clothes. Please reverse your car into parking space to reduce headlight shine on exit. Located at the picnic area opposite the park office. Limited to 150 participants.

Cost: free

Where: Westerfolds Park, Fitzsimons Lane, Templestowe (Melway 33 F2)

Bookings: Manningham City Council on 9840 9124

Saturday 13 November, 10am-1pm

Rabbit Control Field Day

Presented by Banyule City Council and Nillumbik Shire Council

This practical and informative workshop will provide landowners with the tools to develop an effective rabbit control program. Learn about rabbit behaviour, lifecycle and impact; identify options for control; learn how to plan an integrated control program and see practical demonstrations of control methods.

Cost: free

Where: Edendale Farm, Gastons Road, Eltham (Melway 22 A1)

Bookings: Georgia Ramsey, Nillumbik Shire Council on 9433 3210

Saturday 20 November, 9.30am-11am

Sustainability with a Punch – Second Hands Goods Exchange Market

Presented by Manningham Youth Sustainability Group

SWAP (Sustainability with a Punch) is a goods exchange market with the aim of reducing waste, saving precious resources and easing the burden on landfills. Simply register bring along any unwanted items in good condition and swap them for something of equal value.

Cost: free

Where: Doncaster Senior Citizens Centre, Doncaster Road, Doncaster East (Melway 47 K 1)

Bookings: Manningham City Council on 9840 9124 or email tom.dowsley@manningham.vic.gov.au

Sunday 21 November, 10am-12noon

Catch a Carp Day

Presented by the Greensborough Angling Club

Join volunteers from the Greensborough and District Angling Club and Jane from Waterwatch to rid the Kalparrin Lake of a few carp. Help our waterways stay healthy and have a relaxing fishing experience close to home. Basic equipment is provided but feel free to bring your own.

Cost: free

Where: Kalparrin Gardens, Yando Street, Greensborough (Melway 10 H12)

Bookings: Banyule City Council on 9490 4222

Saturday 27 November, 10am-1pm

Native Grass Pasture Management Session

Presented by Nillumbik Shire Council and the Department of Primary Industries

Come to this session to learn more about managing native pastures. Native grasses are often overlooked or regarded as inferior quality compared to exotic grasses for pasture; however many native grasses provide comparable food value and tolerate grazing well. They can also be more drought resistant, require minimal fertilisers, grow through the summer and are adapted to local soil types and conditions.

Cost: free

Where: Hurstbridge Community Centre, end of Greys Harps Road, Hurstbridge (Melway J9)

Bookings: Georgia Ramsey, Nillumbik Shire Council on 9433 3210