

LIVING SUSTAINABLY WORKSHOP SERIES

January - June 2012

All workshops are free unless specified. Some workshops have size limits.
Bookings are essential for all workshops.
Avoid disappointment and book early.
Contact Gerard Nolan on 9843 0533 or gnolan@thehills.nsw.gov.au to book your place!



INTRODUCTION TO PERMACULTURE

Saturday 10 March | 9.30am to 11.30am | Community Environment Centre, Annangrove

An explanation and history of this after misunderstood topic, the basic concepts and how to apply them in your backyard, presented in an interactive and practical way.

ATTEND THIS WORKSHOP AND GO IN THE DRAW TO WIN A FREE GARDENING PACK!



BIODIVERSITY WALK

Saturday 17 March | 9.30am to 11.30am | Meet at end of Murray Park Road, Kenthurst

Explore the bush along Blue Gum Creek. Identify and admire the many flowering local plants that make up the different vegetation communities. Local guide Jennifer Farrer will lead this 2 hour walk. There will be opportunities to capture some great photos. Note there are some steep sections on this walk and there are no toilet facilities.

BRING: Hat, sunscreen, water, sturdy shoes and maybe a camera (optional).



YOUR LAND AND WATER

Thursday 22 March | 6.30pm to 7.30pm | Community Environment Centre, Annangrove

A timely and relevant workshop to support World Water Day. Come along to learn how to best manage your property to gain improvements in water quality for the benefit of your land, livestock and the environment. Bring along your aquatic plant species for identification.

ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE A COPY OF THE FARM DAM HANDBOOK.



BASIC BUSHLAND PHOTOGRAPHY FOR ADULTS

Saturday 24 March | 9.30am to 11.30am | Community Environment Centre, Annangrove

Want to take more professional looking nature photographs? This workshop will provide both formal and practical advice on achieving quality photos in a bushland setting. This will be followed by a bush walk and a hands on session in bushland photography. Gain useful tips to enter Council's 'Our Shire: Our Story' Natural Environment Photography Competition. See Council's website for competition details.

BRING: Digital camera, hat, sunscreen, water and sturdy shoes.



SAVE POWER AND MONEY

Thursday 29 March | 6.00pm to 8.00pm | Sonya Phillips Room, Castle Hill Library

Has your latest power bill delivered you a shock?!? Then attend this informative workshop on practical ways to reduce your household energy consumption and costs. This workshop will give a practical demonstration on using the NSW Save Power Kits that are available for loan from Council Libraries. ATTEND THIS WORKSHOP OR BORROW THE SAVE POWER KIT BEFORE 29 JUNE 2012 TO GO IN THE DRAW TO WIN A HOME SAVER PACK TO HELP YOU START SAVING AT HOME! CONDITIONS APPLY.



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COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT CENTRE

In Annangrove Park
Currie Avenue, off Annangrove Road
Annangrove
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SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES RAINFOREST AND BUSH TUCKER ADVENTURE

Thursday 12 April | 10.00am to 11.00am | Boongala Native Garden & Rainforest
76 Pitt Town Rd, Kenthurst

Join in this fun school-holiday adventure tour of a local rainforest and search for some unusual plants. Learn the special uses of these plants from a very knowledgeable local guide, Malcolm Johnston, and taste some bush tucker food. This is a free tour involving an easy grade walk suitable for families (however no pram or wheelchair access).

BRING: Hat, sunscreen, water, sturdy shoes, and maybe a camera (optional)

BASIC BUSHLAND PHOTOGRAPHY FOR KIDS

Monday 16 April | 10am to 12noon | Eric Mobbs Reserve, carpark off Ferguson Ave

Want to learn how to achieve more professional looking photographs in a bushland setting. Young and budding photographers are encouraged to attend this specially tailored school holiday workshop. Gain some useful tips and inspiration to enter Council's 'Our Shire: Our Story' Nature Photography Competition. See Council's website for competition details.

BRING: Digital camera, hat, sunscreen, water, sturdy shoes

AGE LIMIT: 12-18 years of age, plus parent/guardian to supervise



BUSHLAND BUS TOUR AND WALKS

Saturday 28 April | 9.00am to 12.00pm | Meet at Council Chambers
129 Showground Rd Castle Hill, enter from Carrington Road

A great chance to get outdoors and explore some local bushland sites. Gain some inspiration for entering Council's 'Our Shire: Our Story' Natural Environment Photography Competition (see Council's website for details). Two walks are included and although both are relatively short (about one hour each) they are both in quite rugged country so a certain level of fitness is required. There are no toilet facilities on these walks.

BRING: Hat, sunscreen, water, sturdy shoes, and maybe a camera (optional).



COMPOSTING AND WORM FARMING

Thursday 10 May | 10.00am till 12.00pm | Community Environment Centre, Annangrove

Keep your soil moist and save water, add organic material and nutrients to your soil, suppress weeds in the garden, reduce waste in your red bin and lower your greenhouse gas emissions. ATTEND THIS WORKSHOP AND GO IN THE DRAW TO WIN A WORM FARM!



KITCHEN GARDEN IN A BOX

Saturday 19 May | 9.30am to 11.30am | Community Environment Centre, Annangrove

This is a beginner workshop in container vegetable gardening for small spaces. Learn what, where and how to grow veggies in containers. Find out how you can grow your own food in your courtyard, balcony or backyard.

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SAVE POWER AND MONEY

Thursday 24 May | 6.30pm to 8.30pm | Vinegar Hill Library, William Bernard Room

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WISE WAYS WITH WATER

Saturday 26 May | 9.00am to 11.00am | Community Environment Centre, Annangrove

Saving, slowing the flow, reusing, recycling, and storing water in the home and garden. Design tips for reducing water consumption and getting more from what you do use. This workshop incorporates permaculture principles.

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