



2024

Environment Calendar


FairfieldCity
Celebrating diversity

Fairfield City Council’s Free Environmental Workshops

To book a free weekend workshop, visit www.fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au/events and go to the date the workshop is on or contact Fairfield City Council on 9725 0222. Booking for each event opens one month before the scheduled date.

Workshops	Date and time	Location	Description
In the Night Sky	23 January 2:00 – 4:00 pm	Gough Room in Whitlam Library	Here is a chance to find out about the creatures that are flying around in our night skies. This workshop will focus on microbats and mega bats. This workshop is your opportunity to get up close and personal with these animals. The workshop concludes with fun activities relating to all the creatures that you have just encountered.
Grow Me Instead – Weed Identification and Control	24 February 9:00 – noon	Horsley Park Community Hall	Did you know our gardens are the greatest source of environmental weeds? Learn what plants in your garden can spread to our precious natural areas, how they spread and how we can prevent this from happening. Look at alternative plants that serve the same function as those classified as environmental weeds. You will also receive some free native plants for your garden.
Nocturnal Mini Beasts	1 March 6:30 – 9:30 pm	Fairfield Park	Join us on a citizen science project. A guided adventure through Fairfield Park. We will investigate the mini beasts within the park, using a UV insect light trap, we will also go spotlighting to see what else comes out at night. Learn how to record the information in Australia’s fauna data bases.
Breakfast with the Birds workshop	23 March 7:30 – 11:00 am	Upper Prospect Creek	Join Aimee from Ecohort on a walk and talk as he highlights the variety of birdlife that abounds. Please wear comfortable shoes, sun smart clothing, and bring water and binoculars. Please note that this walk is on uneven ground. Brunch will be provided.
Backyard Habitat for Kid’s workshops	13 April 9:00 – noon	Nalawala	A fantastic workshop designed to introduce kids to the local animals and bugs that live alongside us. Workshop includes building nest boxes for a variety of local animals.
Fairfield’s Hidden Nightlife – Spotlighting	19 April 6:00 – 9:00 pm	TBA	Have you ever wondered what creatures come out at night? Come for a night walk along one of Fairfield City’s creeks and use your senses to explore what Fairfield City has to offer. You will need to wear warm clothes, mosquito repellent and bring a spotlight or torch.
Guided Walk – Cabramatta Creek	15 June 9:00 – 11:00 am	Irelands Bridge Reserve	Come and be inspired with our natural biodiversity along Cabramatta Creek as well as the past management practices around creek lines of Fairfield City. Learn about the Aboriginal and European history of the river with Jennifer Farrer from Boronia Tours.
Backyard Habitat for Kid’s workshops	11 July 9:00 – noon	Nalawala	A fantastic workshop designed to introduce kids to the local animals and bugs that live alongside us. Workshop includes animal presentation.
Propagation for Kids workshop	18 July 9:00 – noon	Nalawala	A terrific workshop focused on teaching kids how to propagate and grow their own vegetables. Learn to grow herbs and vegetables – grow your own instant veggie garden.
Breakfast with the Birds workshop	31 August 7:30 – 11:00 am	End of Bowden Street	Join Aimee from Ecohort on a walk and talk as he highlights the variety of birdlife around us. Please wear comfortable shoes, sun smart clothing, and bring water and binoculars. Please note that this walk is on uneven ground. Brunch will be provided.
Frogs of Fairfield City	20 September 6:00 – 9:00 pm	Upper Prospect Creek, Park on Davis Road	Come and listen to a talk on frogs in the local area and learn how frogs are the indicators of the health of the environment. The evening will conclude with a stroll to see what frogs we have in Fairfield City.
Propagation for Kids workshop	5 October 9:00 – noon	Nalawala	A terrific workshop focused on teaching kids how to propagate and grow their own local native plants - grow your own micro forest.
Guided Walk	26 October 9:00 – 11:00 am	Cutler Road	Learn about the natural biodiversity along the river as well as the past management practices around creek lines of Fairfield City. Learn about the Aboriginal and European history of the river with Jennifer Farrer from Boronia Tours. The walk will start at the end of Cook Avenue, Canley Vale.
Volunteer Christmas Party	23 November 10:00 am – 1:00 pm	Nalawala	Christmas Party and guided walk for Fairfield City Council’s Environmental Volunteers – Save the Date!



St Andrew's Cross Spider
(*Argiope keyserlingi*)



Echidna
(*Tachyglossus aculeatus*)



Wattle
(*Acacia sp.*)



Brushtail Possum and Joey
(*Trichosurus vulpecula*)

Front cover photo:
Judy Tester (Tawny Frogmouth)

Photos by:
Paul Jones (St Andrew's Cross spider),
Anna Milenou (echidna),
Michael Kacprzak (Wattle),
Daniel Flood (Brushtail possum and joey)

Events	Date and time	Location	Description
Clean Up Australia Day	3 March All day	Various sites in Fairfield City	Be a part of the largest community based environmental initiative in the country by cleaning up your local area. Visit www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au to find a site or register your own.
Community Nursery Open day	9 March 9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Fairfield Community Nursery, Nalawala Sustainability Centre Fairfield Showground	Come and explore our community nursery and gardens site, meet the volunteers, pick up some free native plants plus get some plant and gardening advice, enjoy the native animal display and so much more. Gates will be open from 9am. A great experience for the whole family.
Earth Hour	25 March 8.30 – 9.30 pm	Your house	Join millions of people worldwide by turning off all lights and non-essential electrical appliances such as TVs, computers and phone chargers for one hour.
National Tree Day	28 July 9:00 – noon	Baragoola Street, Fairfield West	National Tree Day is Australia's largest community tree planting event. By planting trees, you will be joining thousands of individuals in making a difference, connecting people with nature, beautifying neighbourhoods and inspiring positive environmental change. BBQ lunch will be provided.
Fairfield Community Nursery Open Day	21 September 9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Fairfield Community Nursery, Nalawala Sustainability Centre Fairfield Showground	Come and explore our community nursery and gardens site, meet the volunteers, pick up some free native plants plus get some plant and gardening advice, enjoy the native animal display and so much more. Gates will be open from 9am. A great experience for the whole family.
Spring Clean Drop Off Day	TBC	Fairfield Showground	Bring along your unwanted bulky household items and garden waste to Council's free collection day. This event is for Fairfield City Council residents only.
Asbestos Collection Week	TBC	Your property	Register with Fairfield City Council to have asbestos removed from your property. The asbestos must be appropriately packaged.
Chemical Clean-Out Drop Off Day	TBC	Fairfield Showground	Safely dispose of your hazardous and electronic materials at Council's free drop off day.

Environmental Volunteer Group workdays

Volunteer Group	Date and time	Location/ Venue	Description
Fairfield Community Nursery	Every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9 am – noon	Fairfield Community Nursery, Nalawala Sustainability Centre Fairfield Showground	Fairfield Community Nursery offers volunteers a variety of experiences including plant identification, using different propagation methods, nursery maintenance and seed collecting. Come and be involved with a community group of like-minded residents.
Fairfield Indigenous Flora Park	3 rd Saturday of each month 9 am – noon	Christie Street, Prairiewood at the entrance to the Flora Park	The Fairfield Indigenous Flora Park Group was the pioneer environmental volunteer group in Fairfield City, established in 1991. The group are at a stage where native regeneration is greater than weed regeneration. They need your help to maintain this area and continue this regeneration. Tasks will include hand weeding, track maintenance, seed collecting and monitoring.

Sustainable Living Tips

Visit www.fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au/sustainableliving for tips on how to make your home more sustainable and save money.

As an added incentive to reduce your food waste, Fairfield City sells discounted composting and worm farming systems at the Administration Centre and online via Compost Revolution.

For more information, visit www.compostrevolution.com.au/fairfield or contact Council.



Hover Fly



Boobook Owl
(*Ninox boobook*)



(*Marasmius* sp.)



Sulphur Crested Cockatoo
(*Cacatua galerita*)

Photos by:
Rob Stevenson (Hover fly),
Eddie Ferry (Boobook Owl),
Helen Pollard (mushrooms),
Farid Shahbazi (Sulphur Crested Cockatoo)

January 2024



Australian White Ibis
(Threskiornis molucca)



Juvenile Australian Raven
(Corvus coronoides)



Pacific Black Duck
(Anas superciliosa)



Australian Emerald
(Hemicordulia australiae)

Mon	1	New Year's Day
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Sat	20	Fairfield Indigenous Flora Park Group
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Tue	23	In the Night Sky
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Fri	26	Australia Day
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Tue	30	School resumes
Wed	31	

Photos by: Bob Ward

February 2024

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Sat	17	Fairfield Indigenous Flora Park Group
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Sat	24	Grow Me Instead - Weed Identification and Control Lunar New Year
Sun	25	
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(Brunoniella australis)



Orchard Butterfly
(Papilio aegeus)



Sacred Kingfisher
(Todiramphus sanctus)



Australian Gipsywort
(Lycopus australis)

March 2024



Grey Goshawk
(Accipiter novaehollandiae)



Fiery Skimmer
(Orthetrum villosivittatum)



Golden-headed Cisticola
(Cisticola exilis)



Peron's Tree Frog
(Litoria peronii)

Fri	1	Nocturnal Minibeasts
Sat	2	
Sun	3	Clean up Australia Day World Wildlife Day
Mon	4	
Tue	5	
Wed	6	
Thu	7	
Fri	8	International Women's Day
Sat	9	Fairfield Community Nursery Open day
Sun	10	
Mon	11	Seniors week
Tue	12	
Wed	13	
Thu	14	
Fri	15	
Sat	16	Fairfield Indigenous Flora Park Group
Sun	17	
Mon	18	
Tue	19	
Wed	20	March equinox
Thu	21	Harmony Day
Fri	22	World Water Day
Sat	23	Breakfast with the Birds National Eucalyptus Day
Sun	24	
Mon	25	Earth Hour
Tue	26	
Wed	27	
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Fri	29	Good Friday
Sat	30	Easter Saturday
Sun	31	Easter Sunday

Photos by: Martin Ratcliff



Red-bellied Black Snake
(*Pseudechis porphyriacus*)



Little Pied Cormorant
(*Microcarbo melanoleucos*)
and
Little Black Cormorant
(*Phalacrocorax sulcirostris*)



Eastern Long-necked Turtle
(*Chelodina longicollis*)



Eucalyptus Tip-wilter
(*Amorbus alternatus*)



Buff-banded Rail
(*Hypotaenidia philippensis*)

April 2024

Mon	1	Easter Monday
Tue	2	
Wed	3	
Thu	4	
Fri	5	
Sat	6	
Sun	7	Daylight saving ends
Mon	8	
Tue	9	
Wed	10	
Thu	11	Youth Week
Fri	12	Last day of school
Sat	13	Bring It On! festival Backyard Habitat for Kids
Sun	14	
Mon	15	
Tue	16	
Wed	17	
Thu	18	World Heritage Day
Fri	19	Fairfield City's Hidden Nightlife
Sat	20	Fairfield Indigenous Flora Park Group
Sun	21	
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Thu	25	ANZAC Day
Fri	26	
Sat	27	
Sun	28	
Mon	29	School resumes
Tue	30	

May 2024



Bee Hawk Moth
(*Cephonodes kingii*)



Eastern Blue-tongue
(*Tiliqua scincoides*)



Common Crow Butterfly
(*Euploea core*)

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Sat	18	Fairfield Indigenous Flora Park Group
Sun	19	
Mon	20	National Volunteer Week
Tue	21	
Wed	22	International Day of Biological Diversity
Thu	23	
Fri	24	
Sat	25	Culinary Carnival
Sun	26	
Mon	27	Reconciliation Week
Tue	28	
Wed	29	
Thu	30	
Fri	31	

Photos by: Michael Kacprzak

June 2024

Sat	1	
Sun	2	Free Community Bike Rides WSCN, Fairfield Showground
Mon	3	
Tue	4	
Wed	5	World Environment Day
Thu	6	
Fri	7	
Sat	8	World Oceans Day
Sun	9	
Mon	10	King's Birthday
Tue	11	
Wed	12	
Thu	13	
Fri	14	
Sat	15	Guided walk – Cabramatta Creek Fairfield Indigenous Flora Park Group
Sun	16	
Mon	17	World Desertification and Drought Day
Tue	18	
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Fri	21	June solstice
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Photos by: Reiner Davies

Sydney Golden Wattle
(Acacia longifolia)



Gold Christmas Beetle
(Anoplognathus aureus)



Stinkhorn Fungus
(Aseroe rubra)



Plastic Free July

Mon	1	
Tue	2	
Wed	3	
Thu	4	NAIDOC week
Fri	5	Last day of school
Sat	6	
Sun	7	Free Community Bike Rides WSCN, Fairfield Showground
Mon	8	
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Wed	10	
Thu	11	Backyard Habitat for Kids
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Thu	18	Propagation for Kids
Fri	19	
Sat	20	Fairfield Indigenous Flora Park Group
Sun	21	
Mon	22	School resumes
Tue	23	
Wed	24	
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Sun	28	National Tree Day
Mon	29	
Tue	30	
Wed	31	

Photos by: Suzanne Sivieng



Eastern Grey Kangaroo
(Macropus giganteus)



Epicormic growth



Shearer Park,
Lansvale



Buff-banded Rail
(Hypotaenidia philippensis)

August 2024



Corymbia Hybrid



Grey Myrtle
(*Backhousia myrtifolia*)
and
Fiddler Beetle
(*Eupoecila australasiae*)



Artist's Fungus
(*Ganoderma applanatum*)



Eastern Long-necked
Turtle
(*Chelodina longicollis*)

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Sat	17	Fairfield Indigenous Flora Park Group
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Sat	31	Breakfast with the Birds



Coral Fungi
(*Clavulina cinerea*)

Tawny Frogmouth
(*Podargus strigoides*)

Grey Myrtle
(*Backhousia myrtifolia*)

Sieber's Parrot-pea
(*Dillwynia sieberi*)

September 2024

National Biodiversity Month

Sun	1	Free Community Bike Rides WSCN, Fairfield Showground Wattle Day
Mon	2	
Tue	3	
Wed	4	
Thu	5	
Fri	6	
Sat	7	National Threatened Species Day
Sun	8	Moon Festival
Mon	9	
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Sat	14	Local Government elections
Sun	15	
Mon	16	
Tue	17	
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Fri	20	Frogs Indicators of a Healthy Environment
Sat	21	Fairfield Community Nursery Open day Fairfield Indigenous Flora Park Group
Sun	22	September equinox
Mon	23	
Tue	24	World Rivers Day
Wed	25	
Thu	26	
Fri	27	Last day of school
Sat	28	
Sun	29	
Mon	30	

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Grey Headed Flying Fox
(*Pteropus poliocephalus*)



Blue Banded Bee
(*Amegilla cingulata*)



Superb Fairy-wren
(*Malurus cyaneus*)



Grass Dart
(*Ocybadistes* sp.)



October 2024

Tue	1	
Wed	2	
Thu	3	
Fri	4	World Animal Day
Sat	5	Propagation For Kids
Sun	6	Free Community Bike Rides WSCN, Fairfield Showground Daylight Saving starts
Mon	7	Labour Day World Habitat Day
Tue	8	
Wed	9	
Thu	10	
Fri	11	
Sat	12	
Sun	13	
Mon	14	School resumes
Tue	15	
Wed	16	Aussie Backyard Bird Count World Food Day
Thu	17	
Fri	18	
Sat	19	Fairfield Indigenous Flora Park Group
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Sat	26	Guided Walk – Prospect Creek
Sun	27	Grandparents Day
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Common Crow
Butterfly
(*Euploea core*)



Ringtail Possum
(*Pseudocheirus peregrinus*)



Giant Burrowing
Cockroach



Peron's Tree Frog
(*Litoria peronii*)

November 2024

Asbestos Awareness Month

Fri	1	
Sat	2	
Sun	3	Free Community Bike Rides WSCN, Fairfield Showground
Mon	4	
Tue	5	
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Sat	9	Australian Pollinator Week
Sun	10	
Mon	11	Remembrance Day
Tue	12	
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Fri	15	
Sat	16	Fairfield Indigenous Flora Park Group
Sun	17	
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Sat	23	Volunteer Christmas Party
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December 2024



Spiked Rice-flower
(*Pimelea spicata*)



Dusky Woodswallow
(*Artamus cyanopterus*)



Woolly Frogmouth
(*Philydrum lanuginosum*)



Sun	1	Free Community Bike Rides WSCN, Fairfield Showground
Mon	2	
Tue	3	
Wed	4	
Thu	5	International Volunteer Day World Soil Day
Fri	6	
Sat	7	
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Fri	13	
Sat	14	
Sun	15	
Mon	16	
Tue	17	
Wed	18	
Thu	19	
Fri	20	Last day of school
Sat	21	December solstice
Sun	22	
Mon	23	
Tue	24	
Wed	25	Christmas Day
Thu	26	Boxing Day
Fri	27	
Sat	28	
Sun	29	
Mon	30	
Tue	31	New Year's Eve

Photos by: Helen Pollard



Leaden Flycatcher (female)
(*Myiagra rubecula*)



Nankeen Night Heron
(*Nycticorax caledonicus*)



Silver Orb Spider
(*Leucauge*)



Ringtail Possum
(*Pseudocheirus peregrinus*)



Swamp Mahogany
(*Eucalyptus robusta*)

January 2025

Wed	1	New Year's Day
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Sun	26	Australia Day
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COUNCIL WASTE SERVICES

Below are the items **ACCEPTED** in Council's Waste Services

YES these can go in your **recycling bin**



NO these do not go in your **recycling bin**

WEEKLY **GARBAGE** SERVICE



HOUSEHOLD CHEMICAL CLEANOUT AND E-WASTE



Or visit www.cleanout.com.au

KERBSIDE CLEAN-UP

Book online a kerbside collection service when it suits you.
Visit www.fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au/kerbsidecleanup



COUNCIL'S RECYCLING DROP OFF CENTRE

Open Saturday 8am – 3.30pm
Cnr Davies & Widemere roads, Wetherill Park



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which bin?

Scan to view an A to Z
guide on recycling or
call 02 9725 0222.



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