



2023

ENVIRONMENT
CALENDAR

FAIRFIELD CITY COUNCIL'S FREE ENVIRONMENTAL WORKSHOPS

To book a free 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
Seed Collecting for our Future	10 – noon Saturday 25 February 2023	Nalawala	Have you ever wanted to collect seeds from your plants to propagate and did not know how? Then come along to this workshop to learn how to collect seed, when seed is ready to be collected, seed cleaning and storage.
Insects in the Garden	1 – 3 pm Saturday 25 February 2023	Nalawala	Identification of insects and diseases in the garden can be hard. Come along to this workshop to find out what are the good insects in your garden, how to promote them and what are the pests in your garden and how to control them.
Breakfast with the Birds workshop	7:30 – 10:30 am Saturday 25 March 2023	Upper Prospect Creek	Join Andrew Patrick from Zest for Birds on a walk and talk as he highlights a variety of birdlife. Please wear comfortable shoes, sun smart clothing and bring water and binoculars. Brunch will be provided. The walk will start at the beginning of the walking track on Widemere Road. Best parking is on Davis Road. Please note that we will be walking on uneven ground.
Guided Walk Orphan School Creek	9 – 11 am Saturday 13 May 2023	Orphan School Creek	Learn about the features of the natural biodiversity along with the origin of the name of Orphan School Creek as well as the past management practices around creek lines of Fairfield City. The walk will start at the corner of Arrawatta Close and Glen Elgin Crescent.
Weed Identification and Control	9 - noon Saturday 3 June 2023	Nalawala	Did you know our gardens are the greatest source of bushland weeds? Learn what plants in your garden can spread to our bushland reserves, 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.
Propagation for Kids workshop	9 - noon Monday 3 July 2023	Nalawala	A terrific workshop focused on teaching kids and the young at heart how to propagate and grow local native plants via a variety of techniques
Fairfield's Hidden Nightlight – Spotlighting workshop	6 – 9 pm Friday 11 August 2023	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 all 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.
Breakfast with the Birds workshop	7:30 – 10:30 am Saturday 2 September 2023	Cabramatta Wetland	Join Andrew Patrick from Zest for Birds on a walk and talk as he highlights the variety of birdlife. Please wear comfortable shoes, sun smart clothing and bring water and binoculars. Brunch will be provided. We are meeting at the end of Bowden Street.
Frogs in Fairfield	6:30 – 9:30 pm Friday 15 September 2023	Upper Prospect Creek	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 through a wetland to see what frogs we have in Fairfield City. The walk will start at the beginning of the walking track on Widemere Road. Best parking is on Davis Road. Please note that we will be walking on uneven ground.
Backyard Habitat for Kids workshops	9 - noon Thursday 5 October 2023	Nalawala	A fantastic workshop designed to introduce kids to the local animals and bugs that live alongside us. Workshop includes animal presentation and building different types of bird nesting boxes.
Guided Walk Prospect Creek	9 – 11 am Saturday 4 November 2023	TBA	Come and be inspired with the features of natural biodiversity along the Prospect Creek as well as the past management practices around creek lines of Fairfield City. Learn about the Aboriginal and European history of the creek with Jennifer Farrer from Boronia Tours.



Sweet scented doubah
(*Marsdenia suaveolens*)



Lace monitor
(*Varanus varius*)



Chocolate lily
(*Arthropodium strictum*)

Clematis
(*Clematis aristata*)



Front cover photos:
Suzanne Sivieng - Kangaroos
Martin Ratcliff - City scape
Photos by: Helen Pollard

Events	Date and time	Location	Description
Community Nursery Open Day	9 am – 3:30 pm Saturday 16 February 2023	Fairfield Community Nursery	Come to learn what native plants would suit your property, and take some home.
Clean Up Australia Day	All day Sunday 5 March 2023	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.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au to find a site or register your own.
Creeks and Wetland Group Meeting	6 – 9 pm Thursday 9 March 2023	Nalawala Sustainability Hub	Micro-plastic in our environment – Come and join the creeks and wetlands group to learn how micro-plastics are measured in the environment, learn the scientific methods and how you can help.
Flying Fox Reserve Planting Day	9 – noon Saturday 29 April 2023	Flying Fox Reserve Cabramatta	This project will help to restore 1.8 ha of native vegetation canopy and midstory at the rear of Flying Fox Reserve, as well as creating a suitable microclimate similar to that of the existing camp area to favour the flying fox's long-term survival within this heavily urbanised area. Canopy and midstory restoration will focus on the area that the camp occupied in 1995, to encourage the flying foxes to reoccupy this area, further away from residential properties, commercial premises as well as the Warwick Farm Racecourse.
National Tree Day	9am - noon Sunday 30 July 2023	Karoon Avenue, Canley Heights	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.
Chemical Clean-Out and e-waste Drop Off Day	August TBC	Fairfield Showground	Safely dispose of your hazardous and electronic materials at Council's free drop off day.
Spring Clean Drop Off Day	September 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 residents only.
Community Nursery Open Day	9 am – 3 pm Saturday 16 September 2023	Fairfield Community Nursery	Come to learn what native plants would suit your property, and take some home.
Creeks and Wetland Group	6 pm – 9 pm Wednesday 4 October 2023	Nalawala Sustainability Hub	This group is committed to the restoration of Fairfield City's waterways. The group formed in 1996 and has worked in partnership with Council to conserve our creeks, wetlands and wildlife. The group holds meetings at Council every six weeks and holds working bees and/or tree planting days on a regular basis.
Volunteer Christmas Lunch	10 am – 1 pm 25 November 2023	Cherrybrook Park	Come and be inspired with the features of natural biodiversity along the Cabramatta Creek and the Georges 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.

Community Groups	Date and time	Location/Venue	Description
Fairfield Community Nursery Open Days	9 am – noon Every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday	Fairfield Community Nursery, cnr Greenfield and Moonlight roads, Prairiewood	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 likeminded residents.
Indigenous Flora Park Bushcare Group	9 am – noon 3 rd Saturday of each month	Christie Street, Prairiewood at the entrance to the Flora Park	The Flora Park Bushcare Group was the pioneer environmental community group in Fairfield City, established in 1991. The Flora Park Bushcare group are at a stage where all major weed removal has been completed. Native regeneration is high within the park. 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 or contact Council.



Iridescent Leaf Cylinder Beetle (*Aporocera iridipennis*)



Spotted Harrier (*Circus assimilis*)



Orb Spider

Eastern Water Skink (*Eulamprus quoyii*)



January 2023

Common Crow Butterfly
(*Euploea core*)



Grey Butcherbird (juvenile)
(*Cracticus torquatus*)

Banksia "Bird Song"
(*Banksia cultivar*)



Teddy Bear Bee
(*Amegilla bombiformis*)



Eastern Rosella
(*Platycercus eximius*)

Sun	1	New Year's Day
Mon	2	Public holiday for New Year's Day
Tue	3	
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Fri	20	
Sat	21	Indigenous Flora Park Bushcare Group
Sun	22	
Mon	23	
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Wed	25	
Thu	26	Australia Day
Fri	27	School resumes
Sat	28	
Sun	29	
Mon	30	
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Fringe lily
(*Thysanotus tuberosus*)



Australian Duskhawker
(*Austrogynacantha heterogena*)

Garden Orb-weaver spider
(*Araneus* sp.)

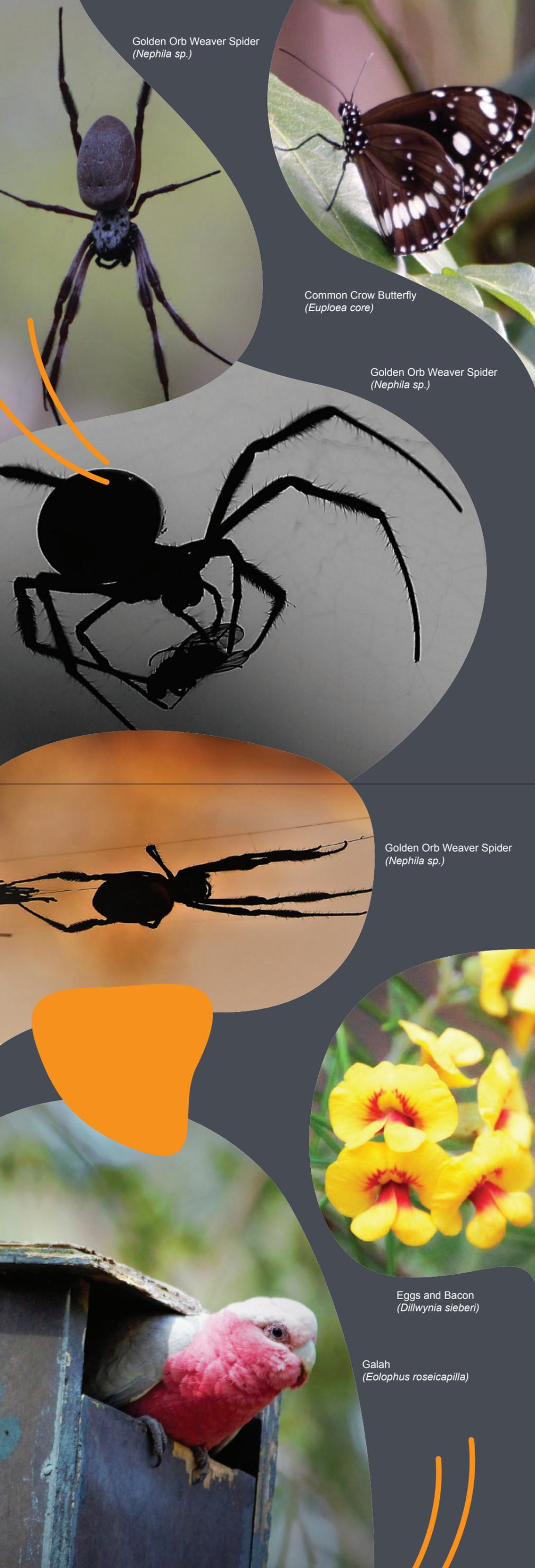
Blue Tongue Lizard
(*Tiliqua scincoides*)



February 2023

Wed	1	
Thu	2	
Fri	3	
Sat	4	Cabramatta Lunar New Year
Sun	5	Community Bike Ride WSCN, Fairfield Showground
Mon	6	
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Sat	18	Indigenous Flora Park Bushcare Group
Sun	19	
Mon	20	
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Fri	24	
Sat	25	Insects in the garden Seed collecting for the future Nursery Open Day
Sun	26	
Mon	27	
Tue	28	

March 2023



Golden Orb Weaver Spider
(*Nephila* sp.)

Common Crow Butterfly
(*Euploea core*)

Golden Orb Weaver Spider
(*Nephila* sp.)

Golden Orb Weaver Spider
(*Nephila* sp.)

Eggs and Bacon
(*Dillwynia sieberi*)

Galah
(*Eolophus roseicapilla*)

Wed	1	
Thu	2	
Fri	3	World Wildlife Day
Sat	4	
Sun	5	Community Bike Ride WSCN, Fairfield Showground Clean up Australia Day
Mon	6	
Tue	7	
Wed	8	International Women's Day
Thu	9	Creeks and Wetlands Group - Microplastics
Fri	10	
Sat	11	
Sun	12	
Mon	13	
Tue	14	
Wed	15	
Thu	16	
Fri	17	
Sat	18	Indigenous Flora Park Bushcare Group
Sun	19	
Mon	20	
Tue	21	Harmony Day March Equinox
Wed	22	World Water Day
Thu	23	
Fri	24	
Sat	25	Breakfast with the Birds Earth Hour Seniors Week
Sun	26	
Mon	27	
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April 2023

Pig Face
(*Carpobrotus glaucescens*)



Golden Orb Weaver Spider
(*Nephila sp.*)



Short-finned Eel
(*Anguilla australis*)

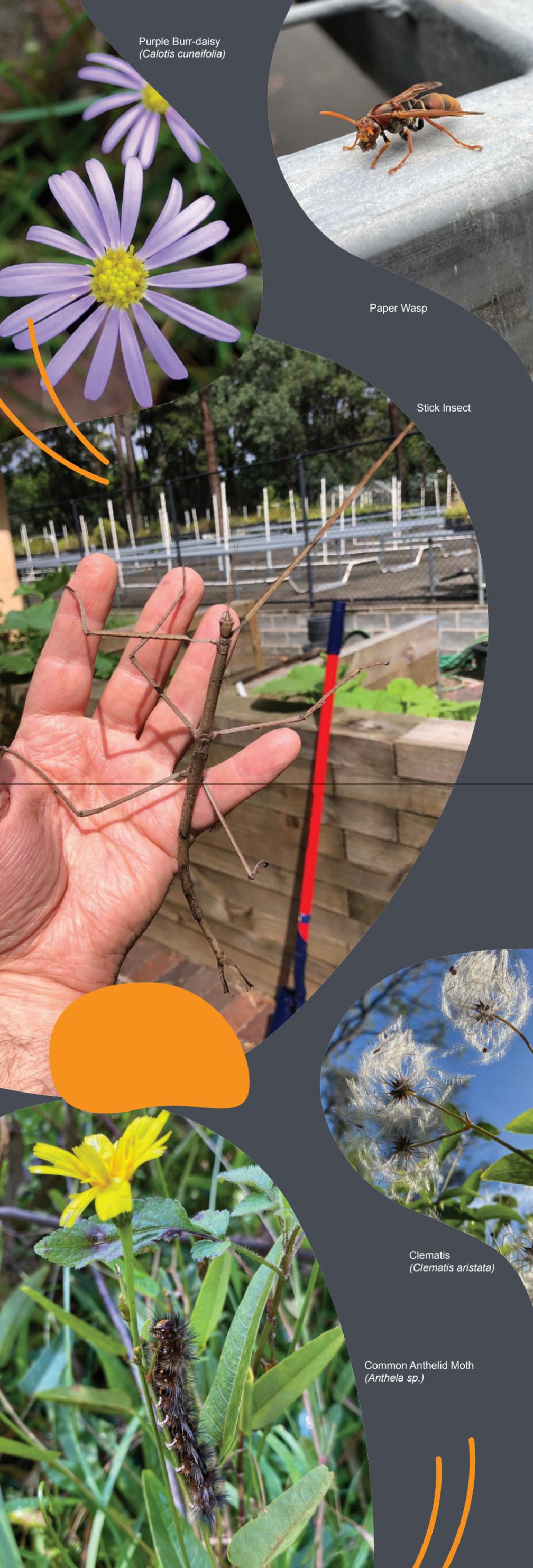


Orchard Butterfly
(*Papilio aegaeus*)



Sat	1	
Sun	2	Community Bike Ride WSCN, Fairfield Showground Daylight Saving ends
Mon	3	
Tue	4	
Wed	5	
Thu	6	Last day School
Fri	7	Good Friday
Sat	8	Holy Saturday
Sun	9	Easter Sunday
Mon	10	Easter Monday
Tue	11	
Wed	12	
Thu	13	
Fri	14	
Sat	15	Backyard Habitat for Kids
Sun	16	
Mon	17	
Tue	18	World Heritage Day
Wed	19	
Thu	20	
Fri	21	
Sat	22	Indigenous Flora Park Bushcare Group
Sun	23	Bring it on Festival
Mon	24	School resumes
Tue	25	ANZAC Day
Wed	26	
Thu	27	
Fri	28	
Sat	29	Flying Fox Planting Day
Sun	30	

May 2023



Purple Burr-daisy
(*Calotis cuneifolia*)

Paper Wasp

Stick Insect

Clematis
(*Clematis aristata*)

Common Antherid Moth
(*Anthela* sp.)

Mon	1	
Tue	2	
Wed	3	
Thu	4	
Fri	5	
Sat	6	The Coronation of King Charles III
Sun	7	Community Bike Ride WSCN, Fairfield Showground
Mon	8	
Tue	9	
Wed	10	
Thu	11	
Fri	12	
Sat	13	Guided walk - Orphan School Creek
Sun	14	
Mon	15	National Volunteer Week
Tue	16	
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Fri	19	
Sat	20	Indigenous Flora Park Bushcare Group
Sun	21	
Mon	22	International Day of Biological Diversity
Tue	23	
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Sat	27	Culinary Carnival
Sun	28	Reconciliation Week
Mon	29	
Tue	30	
Wed	31	

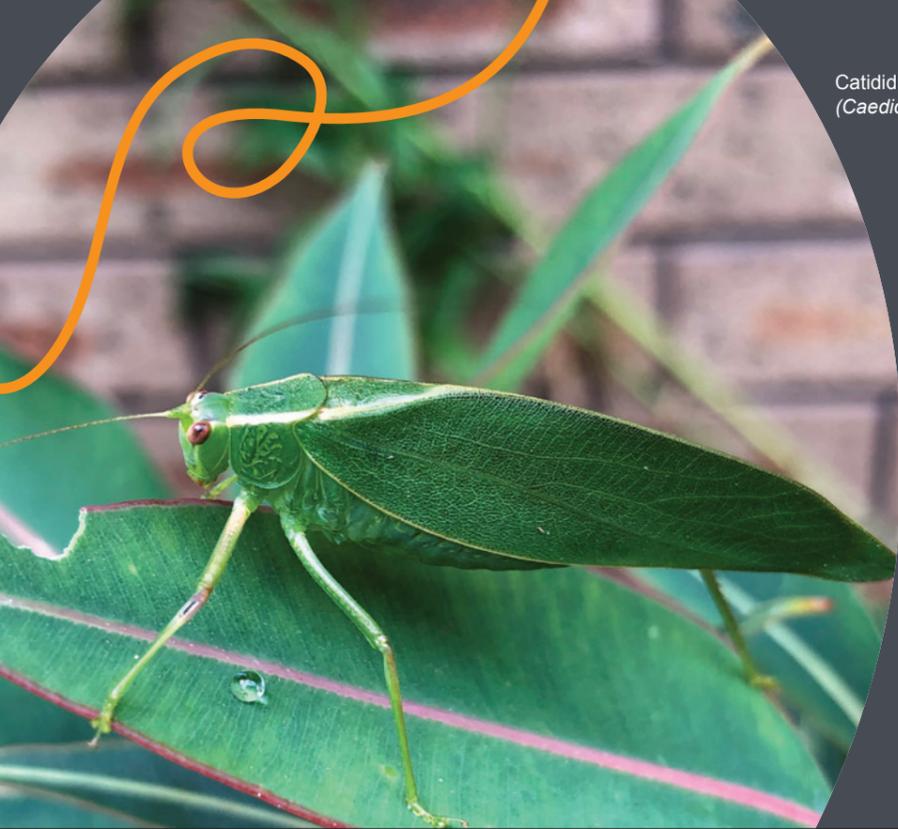
Blue Tongue Lizard
(*Tiliqua scincoides*)



Grass Dart
(*Ocybadistes* sp.)



Catidid
(*Caedicia* sp.)



Hawkmoth
(*Theretra latreillei*)

Fiery Bottlebrush
(*Callistemon* sp.)



June 2023

Thu	1	
Fri	2	
Sat	3	Weed Identification and Control
Sun	4	Community Bike Ride WSCN, Fairfield Showground
Mon	5	World Environment Day
Tue	6	
Wed	7	
Thu	8	World Oceans Day
Fri	9	
Sat	10	
Sun	11	
Mon	12	King's Birthday
Tue	13	
Wed	14	
Thu	15	
Fri	16	
Sat	17	Indigenous Flora Park Bushcare Group World Desertification and Drought Day
Sun	18	
Mon	19	
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Thu	22	Flying Fox Evening June Solstice
Fri	23	
Sat	24	
Sun	25	
Mon	26	
Tue	27	
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Thu	29	
Fri	30	Last day School

Photos by:
Finnian Tyler Morey (Blue-tongue liard and moth)
Judie Sutcliffe (grasshopper)
Rob Stevenson (caterpillar)
Margharita Facchinello (Netted Bottle Brush)

July 2023

Plastic Free July

Sat	1	
Sun	2	Community Bike Ride WSCN, Fairfield Showground
Mon	3	Propagation for Kids NAIDOC Week
Tue	4	
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Sat	15	Indigenous Flora Park Bushcare Group
Sun	16	
Mon	17	School resumes
Tue	18	
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Sun	30	National Tree Day
Mon	31	

Superb Fairy-wren
(*Malurus cyaneus*)



Striated Pardalote
(*Pardalotus striatus*)

Grey Goshawk
(*Accipiter novaehollandiae*)

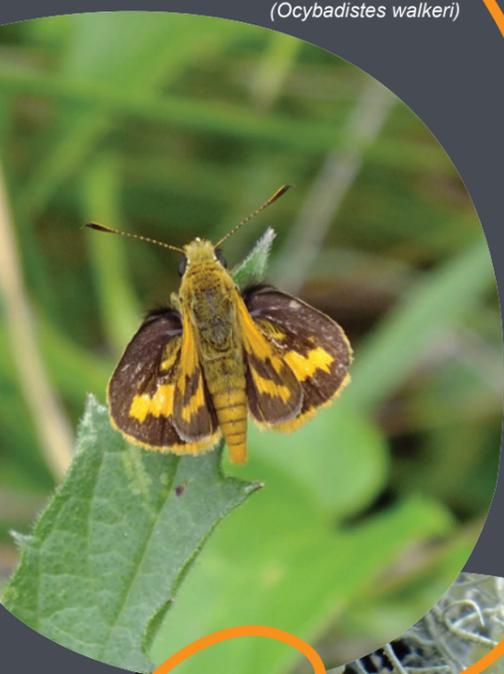


Leafcutter Bee
(*Megachile sp.*)

Spotted Harrier
(*Circus assimilis*)



Southern Grass Dart
(*Ocybadistes walkeri*)



Slender mint
(*Mentha diemenica*)



Hairy Clerodendrum
(*Clerodendrum tomentosum*)



August 2023

Tue	1	Local Government Week
Wed	2	
Thu	3	
Fri	4	
Sat	5	
Sun	6	Community Bike Ride WSCN, Fairfield Showground
Mon	7	New South Wales Bank Holiday
Tue	8	
Wed	9	
Thu	10	
Fri	11	Fairfield's Hidden Nightlife
Sat	12	
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Sat	19	Indigenous Flora Park Bushcare Group
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September 2023



Bottle Brush
(*Callistemon* sp.)

Hairpin Banksia
(*Banksia spinulosa*)



Fan flower
(*Scaevola albida*) with cicada



Blue Tongue Lizard
(*Tiliqua scincoides*)



Native Olive
(*Notelaea longifolia*)

Flax Lily
(*Daniella longifolia*)

Fri	1	
Sat	2	
Sun	3	Community Bike Ride WSCN, Fairfield Showground
Mon	4	
Tue	5	
Wed	6	
Thu	7	National Threatened Species Day
Fri	8	Frogs Indicators of a Healthy Environment
Sat	9	
Sun	10	
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Tue	12	
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Thu	14	
Fri	15	
Sat	16	Nursery Open Day Indigenous Flora Park Bushcare Group
Sun	17	Moon Festival
Mon	18	
Tue	19	
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Thu	21	
Fri	22	Last day School
Sat	23	September Equinox
Sun	24	
Mon	25	
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Fri	29	
Sat	30	

October 2023

Masked Bee
(*Hylaeus sp.*)



Black-tipped
Orange
Ichneumon Wasp
(*Ctenochares
bicolorus*)



Silver Orb Weaving Spiders
(*Leucauge sp.*)



Double-barred Finch
(*Taeniopygia bichenovii*
race: eastern)



Sun	1	Community Bike Ride WSCN, Fairfield Showground Daylight Saving Starts
Mon	2	Labour Day
Tue	3	
Wed	4	Backyard Habitat for Kids World Animal Day
Thu	5	Creeks and Wetlands Group
Fri	6	
Sat	7	World Habitat Day
Sun	8	
Mon	9	School resumes
Tue	10	
Wed	11	
Thu	12	
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Mon	16	World Food Day
Tue	17	
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Sat	21	Breakfast with the Birds Indigenous Flora Park Bushcare Group
Sun	22	
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Sun	29	Grand Parents Day
Mon	30	
Tue	31	

Australian Water Dragon
(*Intellagama lesueurii*)



Yellow burr-daisy
(*Calotis lappulacea*)



Blue Bells
(*Wahlenbergia communis*)



Swamp Bindweed
(*Polymeria calycina*)



Forest Fern
(*Cheilanthes distans*)



November 2023

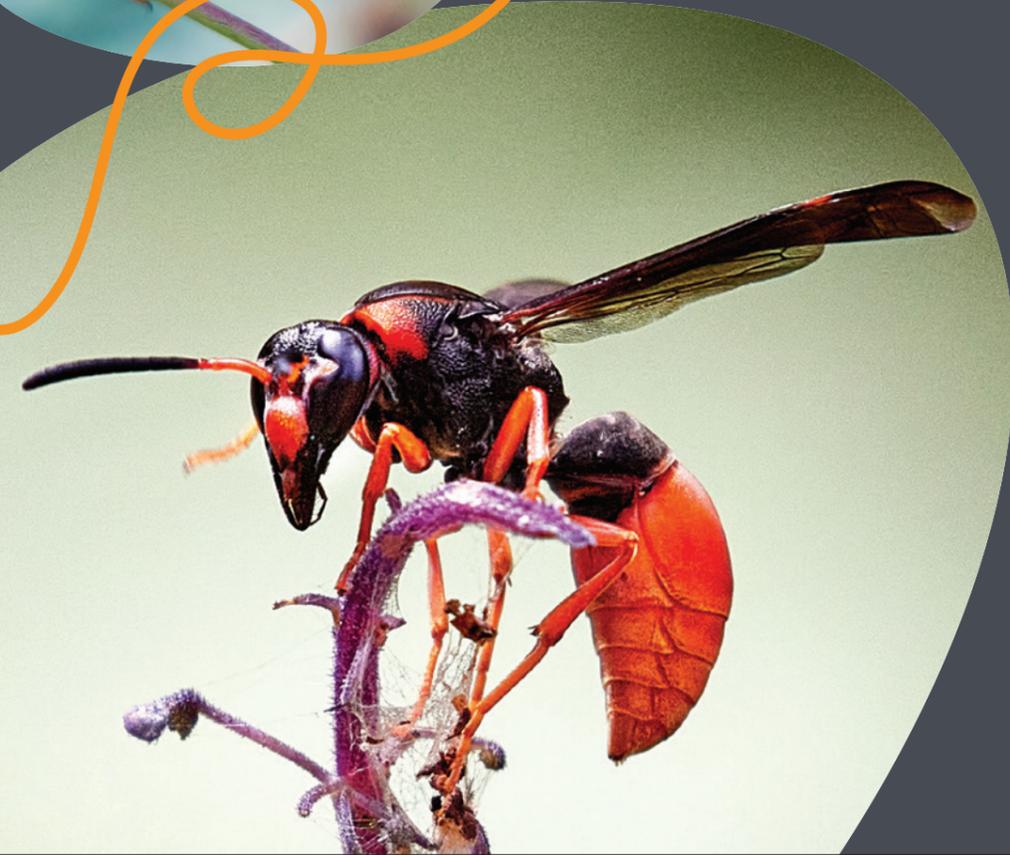
Asbestos Awareness Month

Wed	1	
Thu	2	
Fri	3	
Sat	4	Guided walk - Prospect Creek
Sun	5	Community Bike Ride WSCN, Fairfield Showground
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Sat	11	Remembrance Day
Sun	12	
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Sat	18	Indigenous Flora Park Bushcare Group
Sun	19	
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Sat	25	Volunteer Christmas Party
Sun	26	
Mon	27	
Tue	28	
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Thu	30	

Jewel Bug or Metallic Shield Bug
(*Lampromicra aerea*)



Galah
(*Eolophus roseicapilla*)



Fire-tailed
Mud-nesting Wasp
(*Bidentodynerus* sp.)



Laughing Kookaburra
(*Dacelo novaeguineae*)
eating an Eastern Water Skink (*Eulamprus quoyii*)

Australasian Figbird
(*Sphecotheres vieilloti*)



December 2023

Fri	1	
Sat	2	
Sun	3	Community Bike Ride WSCN, Fairfield Showground
Mon	4	International Volunteer Day World Soil Day
Tue	5	
Wed	6	
Thu	7	
Fri	8	
Sat	9	
Sun	10	
Mon	11	
Tue	12	
Wed	13	
Thu	14	
Fri	15	
Sat	16	Indigenous Flora Park Bushcare Group
Sun	17	
Mon	18	
Tue	19	
Wed	20	Last day School
Thu	21	
Fri	22	December Solstice
Sat	23	
Sun	24	Christmas Eve
Mon	25	Christmas Day
Tue	26	Boxing Day
Wed	27	
Thu	28	
Fri	29	
Sat	30	
Sun	31	Illuminate New Year's Eve New Year's Eve

Grey Butcherbird
(*Cracticus torquatus*)



Striated Pardalote
(*Pardalotus striatus*)

Yellow-tailed
Black-Cockatoo
(*Zanda funerea*)



Galah
(*Eolophus roseicapilla*)



Tawny Frogmouth
(*Podargus strigoides*)

January 2024

Mon	1	New Year's Day
Tue	2	
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Fri	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



Not sure which bin?

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



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