



Gardening workshops and seminars

**Mondays and Wednesdays 7, 9, 14 and 16 November,
6.45pm-8.45pm**

The Ultimate Australian Garden Seminar Series

Presented by SGA and Manningham Council

Spring is time to green up your garden, so let's get started with SGA's ground up gardening program. These seminars will cover all aspects of sustainable gardening.

Cost: Free

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

Bookings: Essential, Manningham City Council on 9840 9124

Thursday 20 October, snacks 6.45pm, workshop 7pm-9pm

Create a Sustainable Garden workshop

Presented by Banyule Council's Sustainable Homes and Communities Program

Come along and hear from expert presenters and local stories on how poultry, fruit trees, growing your own vegetables, composting and mulching can all be used to create a fantastic small urban garden. Learn how to complement your food producing garden with a stunning indigenous garden that is waterwise and creates food for both you and local wildlife. This workshop will give you practical information and includes hands-on activities.

Cost: Free

Where: Banyule Community Health, 21 Alamein Road, Heidelberg West (Melway 19 E12)

Bookings: Essential, visit www.sustainablecommunities.vic.gov.au or call 8470 8373.

Thursday 13 October, 7pm-8.30pm

Composting and Worm Farming Seminar

Presented by Manningham City Council

Learn how to set up a compost bin or worm farm from start to finish.

Limited to 30 participants.

Cost: Free

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

Bookings: Essential, Manningham City Council on 9846 0579.

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



Sunday 14 August, 10am-3pm

Grafting fruit trees with Ross Mather (Food Farm)

Presented by Nillumbik Shire Council

See a demonstration of techniques used to graft your favourite varieties onto fruit trees. Participants should bring gloves, secateurs, grafting knife (if you have one) and lunch.

Cost: \$20 (includes morning tea)

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

Bookings: Living & Learning Nillumbik on 9433 3744

Saturday 20 August, 2pm-4.30pm

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? Aimed at beginners only, this workshop will cover housing, breeds, feeding and pest control. Limited to 50 participants.

Cost: \$10 (includes morning tea)

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

Bookings: Nillumbik Shire Council on 9433 3316

Saturday 10 September, 10am-12pm

Spring veggie gardening

Presented by SGA and Nillumbik Shire Council

Learn from a passionate SGA presenter how to set up and run a spring/summer vegetable garden and discover the secrets to growing healthy and nutritious food sustainably. Limited to 50 participants.

Cost: \$10 (includes morning tea)

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

Bookings: Nillumbik Shire Council on 9433 3316

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

Australian Plants Expo 2011

Presented by Australian Plants Society Yarra Yarra Group

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

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

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

Information: Email apsyarrayarra@gmail.com or phone 9439 7228

Saturday and Sunday 10, 11 and 17, 18 September 2011

The 14th Mullum Mullum Festival

Presented by the Mullum Mullum Festival Inc.

Celebrate the ecological and cultural values of the Mullum Mullum Creek Valley at the 14th Mullum Mullum Creek Festival. Run over two weekends the festival incorporates nature walks and talks covering indigenous cultural heritage and biodiversity.

More information: A full list of activities can be found on the festival website: www.vicnet.net.au/~mulfest Monique Decortis 9719 7661

Saturday 17 September, 7pm-8.30pm

Indigenous Flora for Frogs

Presented by the Mullum Mullum Festival

Local naturalist David De Angelis will talk about creating frog habitat using indigenous plants and provide a brief overview of the biology and conservation of frogs living in and around the Mullum Mullum Valley. Includes a short wetland walk. A torch and warm clothing are essential.

Cost: \$2.00 donation

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

Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 September, 9am-5pm

Walk the whole Mullum Mullum Valley in One Weekend

Presented by the Mullum Mullum Festival

Join local naturalist Ken McInnes as he walks the entire Mullum Mullum Creek Valley (20km over 2 days) Wear sturdy footwear, appropriate clothes, and a small day pack. A shuttle bus will take people to the start of each morning's walk. Visit www.vicnet.net.au/~mulfest for more information.

Cost: Free

Where: location on booking

Bookings: Essential, Monique on 9719 7661 or David De Angelis 0409 519 829.

Sunday 18 September, 9.30am-12noon

Planning an indigenous garden

Presented by Nillumbik Shire Council

Planning a new indigenous garden or rejuvenating one, Judy Allen will provide you with the knowledge about site preparation, selection of plants and on-going care so that you can have a beautiful and practical indigenous garden.

Cost: \$20 (includes morning tea)

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

Bookings: Living & Learning Nillumbik on 9433 3744

Wednesday 28 September, 1pm-3pm

Our bushland animals and birds

During the two hours, Michael from *Black Snake Productions* will provide an opportunity to families to look, touch and learn about a diverse range of our bushland animals and birds, their habitats, what they eat and where they live.

Cost: \$5 per family

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

Bookings: Essential, phone Edendale Farm on 9433 3711

Thursday 29 September, 6pm-7.30pm

Community Frog night with

Warringal Conservation Society

Event organised by Healthy Waterways Waterwatch

Interested in learning which frogs live in Banyule and how important they are to our waterways health? Join Banyule's Healthy Waterways Waterwatch Coordinator at the Warringal Wetlands and Swamp for a night of discovery. This is a family fun event with some walking involved. Limited to 20 participants.

Cost: Free

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

Bookings: Banyule City Council, Belinda Moody on 9457 9821

Sunday 2 October, 10am-12pm

Gardens for Wildlife

Presented by SGA and Nillumbik Shire Council

Learn how to control common garden pests using organic and chemical free techniques and in doing so, create a more friendly garden for local wildlife. Limited to 50 participants.

Cost: Free

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

Bookings: Nillumbik Shire Council on 9433 3316

Friday 7 October, 8pm-9.30pm

Park in the Dark

Presented by Friends of Ruffey Lake Park

Ever wondered what lies in the dark down at Ruffey Lake Park? It's more exciting than you could ever have imagined! Free supper provided after the walk.

Cost: Free

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

Bring: sturdy shoes, torch and your family/friends!

Bookings: Essential, Manningham City Council on 9840 9124



Sunday 9 October, 10am-12noon

Watsonia Pull

Presented by Friends of Ruffey Lake Park

Come on down to Ruffey Lake Park and help us to remove the Watsonia weed. Enjoy a free BBQ afterwards.

Cost: Free

Where: Church Road North Car Park, Ruffey Lake Park, Doncaster (Melway 33 H9)

Bring: Sturdy shoes, gardening gloves and your family/friends!

Bookings: Essential, Manningham City Council on 9840 9124

Wednesday 12 October, 8pm

La Trobe Wildlife Sanctuary Spotlighting Walk

Presented by the La Trobe Wildlife Sanctuary

Enjoy a spotlight walk through the La Trobe Wildlife Sanctuary under a full moon. Possums, microbats, the odd gecko plus insects and spiders can be seen at night amongst the hollow bearing River Red Gums.

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

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

Bookings: La Trobe Wildlife Sanctuary 9479 1206 or email wildlife@latrobe.edu.au

Thursday 13 October, 7pm-9pm

Evening walk – the sugar glider experience

Presented by Nillumbik Shire Council

Join Richard Francis of Abzeco and learn more about local nocturnal wildlife, including micro bats, tawny frogmouths, brushtail and ringtail possums, and with a bit of luck, watch sugar gliders glide straight over your head at dusk.

Cost: Free

Where: Wingrove Park, Main Road, Eltham (Melway 21 J8)

Bookings: Nillumbik Shire Council on 9433 3316

Friday 14 October, 7pm-9.30pm

Frog Detectives – Frog secrets and ways you can identify them

Presented by Melbourne Water Healthy Waterways Program

Learn all about our local frogs and how you can contribute vital information to the Melbourne Water Frog Census. This session is suitable for the whole family and will involve a visit to the nearby wetland.

Cost: Free

Where: Veneto Club, Bulleen Road, Bulleen

Bookings: Essential, Manningham City Council on 9840 9124

Saturday 15 October, 10am-12noon

Weedbusters with Friends of Salt Creek

Presented by Friends of Salt Creek

Join the Friends of Salt Creek and Associated Parklands for a Weedbusting Day in the Rosanna Parklands. Learn about the weeds of bushland and gardens. The first 100 people to bring a weed from their garden will receive an indigenous plant to replace it.

Cost: Free

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

Bookings: Not required

Saturday 15 October, Register from 10am, SWAP from 11am SWAP 4 Sustainability – Free Goods Exchange Market

Presented by Manningham Enviro Ambassadors

SWAP is a sustainable goods exchange market. Participants simply register and bring along any unwanted items to exchange for items of equal value.

Cost: Free

Where: Templestowe Memorial Hall, Corner Parker and Anderson Streets, Templestowe (Melway 33 E4)

Bring: Items such as clothes, shoes, bikes and books.

Bookings: Essential, Tom Dowsley on 9840 9124

Saturday 15 October, 9am-10.30am

Ecology of the Rosanna Parklands

Presented by Banyule City Council

Naturalist Michael Cincotta will guide you around this popular park highlighting the habitat value of a suburban reserve. You will learn about the species of birds and plants that call this reserve home. Limited to 20 participants.

Cost: Free

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

Bookings: Banyule City Council, Belinda Moody on 9457 9821

Saturday 15 October, 1pm-3.30pm

Attracting birds to your garden

Presented by Nillumbik Shire Council

Judy Allen will show you that with the right design, indigenous plant selection and plant density you can attract birds of various species to your garden.

Cost: \$20, includes afternoon tea.

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

Bookings: Living & Learning Nillumbik on 9433 3744

Sunday 16 October, 9am-6pm

Explore the Upper Yarra on the fourth “Yarra Yabber” tour

Presented by The Yarra Riverkeeper Association

Join the Yarra Riverkeepers on a journey to the Upper Yarra reservoir. Discover aspects of the region's rich gold, timber and railway history in stops at the Yarra Junction museum and at the Little Peninsula Tunnel. Limited to 50 participants.

Cost: \$38 (members) \$58 (non-members)

Where: Tour departs corner South Parade and Gardenia Street, Blackburn (Melway 47 K10) (Next to Blackburn Station)

Bookings: The Yarra Riverkeeper Association on 0448 927 720

Wednesday 19 October, 7pm-8.30pm

The platypus in our local waterways

Presented by Nillumbik Shire Council

Cesar Consultants, in collaboration with Melbourne Water, are involved in a project to monitor platypus populations throughout the greater Melbourne area. Josh Griffiths from Cesar Consultants will speak about his work on this project, our local waterways, the threats that platypuses face, and what you can do to help.

Cost: Free

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

Bookings: Nillumbik Shire Council on 9433 3316

Thursday 20 October, 6.45pm-9pm

Producing an Amazing Summer Harvest

Presented by Manningham City Council and SGA

An informative workshop on designing and maintaining a successful produce garden throughout the year. Bring your own grown produce for the big home grown food exchange program.

Cost: Free

Where: Manningham City Council Chambers

Bookings: Manningham City Council on 9840 9124.



Sunday 23 October, 7.30am

Breakfast with the Birds

Presented by Banyule City Council and BOCA

Join the Bird Observation & Conservation Australia (BOCA) 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 the Old Shire Offices, off Beverley Road. BYO binoculars and wear comfortable walking shoes. Please don't be late. Limited to 100 participants.

Cost: Free

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

Bookings: Essential, BOCA on 9877 5342

Sunday 23 October, 10am-5pm

Practically Green Festival

Presented by Nillumbik Shire Council

A family-friendly festival featuring sustainability demonstrations, traders and suppliers, kids entertainment, food, music and more. Practical ways to change your lifestyle and reduce your footprint.

Cost: Free

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

More information: Contact Nillumbik Shire Council on 9433 3316

Monday 24 October, 7pm-9pm

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. Geoff will also discuss the Rakali, a neighbour of the platypus and a common site in urban creeks and rivers.

Cost: Free

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

Bookings: Banyule City Council, Belinda Moody on 9457 9821

Saturday 29 October, 8.45am-10.30am

Breakfast with the Birds

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.

Cost: Free

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

Bring: Sturdy shoes, camera, binoculars and your family/friends!

Bookings: Essential, Manningham City Council on 9840 9124

Friday 4 November, 8.30pm-11pm

Star Gazing Night

Presented by the Astronomical Society of Victoria

Join the Astronomical Society of Victoria (ASV) with a stargazing evening at Westerfolds Park. 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: Essential, Manningham City Council on 9840 9124

Saturday 5 November, 11am-4pm

Manningham Artists Studios Tour

Presented by Manningham Council

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

Cost: \$15

Where: departing from Manningham Gallery, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster (Melway 33 F12)

Bookings: Essential, Manningham Gallery on 9840 9367

Saturday 5 November, 1pm-4pm

Rabbit Control Field Day

Presented by Banyule City Council and Nillumbik Shire Council

Are rabbits a problem on your property? This practical and informative workshop will provide landowners with the tools to develop an effective rabbit control program.

Cost: Free

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

Bookings: Nillumbik Shire Council on 9433 3316

Sunday 6 November, 9.30am-12noon

Attracting butterflies into your garden

Presented by Nillumbik Shire Council

Learn how to entice butterflies into your garden and give them a reason to stay. Judy Allen will show you that any garden, can provide essential habitat and attract many species of beautiful indigenous butterflies.

Cost: \$20 (includes morning tea)

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

Bookings: Living & Learning Nillumbik on 9433 3744

Thursday 24 November, 9.30am-1pm

Mullum Mullum Creek Walk

Presented by Manningham City Council

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. Limited to 15 participants.

Cost: Free

Where: Location on booking

Bookings: Essential, Manningham City Council on 9840 9124

Sunday 27 November, 10am-12noon

Catch a Carp Day

Presented by the Greensborough Angling Club

Join volunteers from the Greensborough and District Angling Club and Julia from Waterwatch to rid the Plenty River 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: Location map provided on booking

Bookings: Banyule City Council, Belinda Moody on 9457 9821