

Backyard chooks for beginners

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Come along to Edendale and learn the basics of backyard chicken keeping including bird selection, housing and care. Start to produce your own free range eggs!

Date 1

Date: Saturday 18 March
Time: 10am-12pm

Date 2

Date: Saturday 13 May
Time: 10am-12pm

Cost: \$35

Facilitator: Stephen Laurence

Venue: Edendale, 30 Gastons Road, Eltham (Melway 22 A1)

Bookings: 9433 3711 or www.edendale.vic.gov.au

Set up and maintain a worm farm

Turn your household food scraps into fabulous free fertiliser and soil for your garden. Discounted worm farms available at the session.

Date 1

Date: Saturday 18 March
Time: 1pm-2pm

Date 2

Date: Saturday 13 May
Time: 1pm-2pm

Cost: Free

Facilitator: Dianne Gordon

Venue: Edendale, 30 Gastons Road, Eltham (Melway 22 A1)

Bookings: 9433 3711 or www.edendale.vic.gov.au

Just Eat It (film screening)

We all love food. As a society, we devour countless cooking shows, culinary magazines and foodie blogs. So how could we possibly be throwing nearly 50 per cent of it as rubbish? 'Just Eat It' is a 74 minute documentary film about food waste and food rescue.

Date: Thursday 23 March
Time: 6.30pm-8.30pm
Cost: Free

Venue: Edendale, 30 Gastons Road, Eltham (Melway 22 A1)
Bookings: 9433 3711 or www.edendale.vic.gov.au

Love Food Hate Waste - cooking demonstration/tasting

Join local chef Duang from Real Food Catering for new ideas on how to use all of the food you buy. In this cooking demo you will learn how to use the entire vegetable and how to be creative with leftovers.

Date: Wednesday 29 March
Time: 6.30pm-8.30pm
Cost: Free

Venue: Edendale, 30 Gastons Road, Eltham (Melway 22 A1)
Bookings: 9433 3711 or www.edendale.vic.gov.au

Open Farm Day

Open Farm Day is your chance to visit working farms and meet local farmers. This year Open Farm Day is bigger than ever with farms from Nillumbik, Whittlesea and the Kinglake Ranges opening their gates to showcase farming on the fringe.

Date: Sunday 2 April
Time: 10am-4pm
Cost: Free (there may be charges for some farm activities, check the website)

Venue: Farms will be open across Nillumbik, Whittlesea and the Kinglake Ranges
For more information: 9433 3316 or www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/openfarmday

Build a raingarden

This practical session will cover the essentials of how to plan, design and create your own infiltrated raingarden at home. Note: Site access is hilly with steps so wear closed toes shoes and bring a hat and sunscreen.

Date: Saturday 22 April
Time: 2pm-4:30pm
Cost: Free
Facilitator: Romney Bishop

Bookings: 9433 3316 or www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/EnviroEvents
Venue: Address will be provided to those who register closer to the date.

Organic gardening for beginners (2-day workshop)

Want to grow your own healthy vegetables, herbs and fruits but don't know where to start? Then this workshop is for you! Part theory and part hands-on.

Date: Saturday 20 May and Saturday 27 May
Time: 10am-4pm
Cost: \$115

Facilitator: Donna Livermore
Bookings: 9433 3711 or www.edendale.vic.gov.au

Reconciliation indigenous cultural celebration

Join the celebration of indigenous culture through an ongoing project cultivating indigenous food, fibre and medicine plants.

Date: Sunday 28 May
Time: 10am-2pm
Cost: Free
Facilitator: Uncle Dave Wandin
Bookings: 9433 3316 or www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/EnviroEvents

Enquiries: 9433 3203
Venue: Bunjil Reserve, look for signs from Fire Fighters Memorial Park, Bishops Road, Pantan Hill (Melway 264 A9)



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Soil improvement workshop

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A hands-on workshop on improving soils naturally through worm farming and composting. Learn to recycle household and garden organic waste (including dog poo!) by setting up a worm farm or backyard compost system. Learn more about plants that can help improve soils too.

Date 1

Date: Saturday 4 March
Time: 2pm-4.30pm

Date 2

Date: Saturday 29 April
Time: 2pm-4.30pm

Cost: Free

Facilitator: Dianne Gordon

Venue: Edendale, 30 Gastons Road, Eltham (Melway 22 A1)

Bookings: 9433 3711 or www.edendale.vic.gov.au

Edendale outdoor cinema - FernGully, The Last Rainforest

Bring a picnic rug, bean bag or camp chair and spread out on the Edendale lawns to enjoy this family friendly screening of FernGully, The Last Rainforest.

Gates open at 6.30pm and movie commences at twilight (approximately 7.50pm).

Date: Saturday 4 March

Time: 6.30pm-9.30pm

Cost: \$10 per person, children under three are free

Venue: Edendale, 30 Gastons Road, Eltham (Melway 22 A1)

Bookings: 9433 3711 or www.edendale.vic.gov.au

Platypus creek clean up

The Diamond Creek is home to platypus and they need our help! Recent surveys show large amounts of litter are making their way in to the creek causing problems for the creatures that live there. Join us for Clean up Australia Day to remove litter from the creek area and find out more about the platypus. For more information, visit www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/EnviroEvents.

Date: Sunday 5 March

Time: 10am-12noon followed by a BBQ

Cost: Free

Bookings: 9433 3316 or www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/EnviroEvents

Venue: Diamond Creek and Hurstbridge. Meeting points to be provided on booking.

Beekeeping a taster

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Beekeeping is an enjoyable, relaxing and accessible hobby that has recently undergone resurgence. Learn what is involved keeping your own hive of bees during this informative session.

Date 1

Date: Sunday 5 March
Time: 1pm-3.30pm

Date 2

Date: Sunday 7 May
Time: 1pm-3.30pm

Cost: \$15

Facilitator: Bob Owen

Venue: Edendale, 30 Gastons Road, Eltham (Melway 22 A1)

Bookings: 9433 3711 or www.edendale.vic.gov.au

Introduction to Permaculture

(two day workshop)

Developed by Bill Mollison and David Holmgren, permaculture (permanent agriculture) is a whole system approach to ecological planning and design for sustainable living. This two day workshop will be beneficial to those new to the concept of permaculture or for those thinking of undertaking a permaculture design course. You will be introduced to permaculture and gain a basic understanding of the principles and design methods associated with permaculture.

Date: Friday 17 March and
Friday 24 March

Time: 10am-4pm

Cost: \$115

Facilitator: Donna Livermore

Venue: Edendale, 30 Gastons Road, Eltham (Melway 22 A1)

Bookings: 9433 3711 or www.edendale.vic.gov.au

Picnic in the dark and spotlight walk

Bring a picnic (and torch) and we'll provide the music with popular covers from 'The Booyans'. With your torch on and the lights off we'll have a good chance of spotting wildlife during a short walk along the Diamond Creek. Enjoy a low emissions evening under the stars in celebration of Earth Hour.

Date: Saturday 18 March

Time: 7pm-10pm

Cost: A gold coin donation will buy a plant to offset your transport emissions

Venue: Edendale, 30 Gastons Road, Eltham (Melway 22 A1)

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Cloth nappy information

Council runs frequent sessions to discuss the pros and cons of cloth nappies. The new styles of cloth nappies are a fabulous way to reduce family expenses and help the environment.

If you would like to attend one of these sessions, give us a call for the next available date on 9433 3316 or drop us an email at Environmental.Events@nillumbik.vic.gov.au



March is Harvest Month

Throughout the month of March, activities and events will be held in Nillumbik to celebrate the summer harvest launched by the Home Harvest FEASTival on **Sunday 26 February**.



Stay Connected

Nillumbik Environment Network (NEN)

Sign up to the NEN to stay up-to-date on environmental events, projects and grants. Join the NEN mailing list by emailing Environmental.Events@nillumbik.vic.gov.au



Edendale news

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