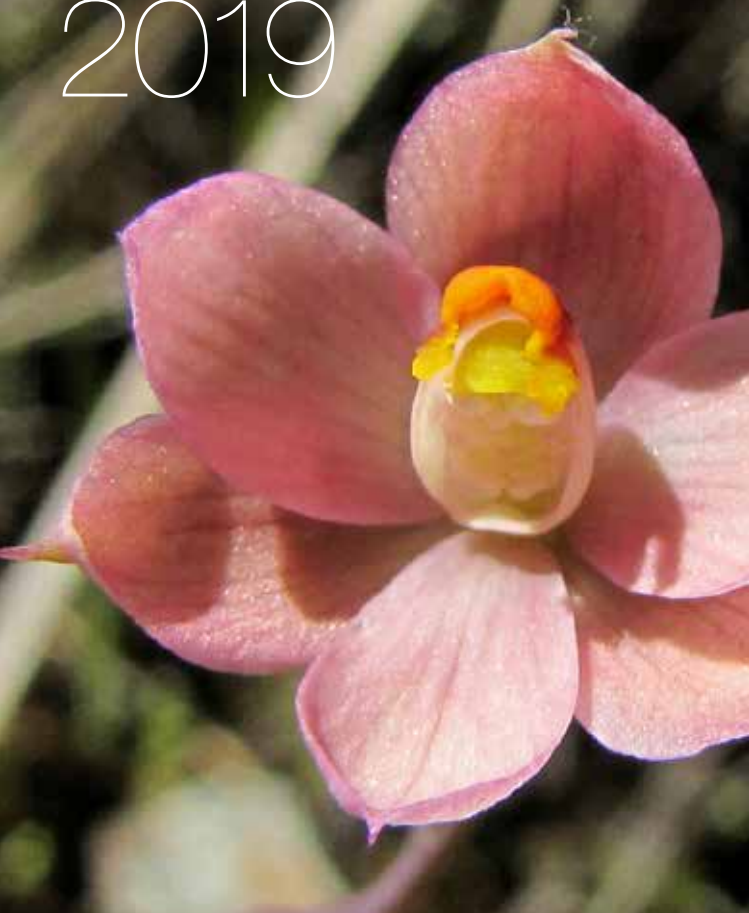


September/October/November

2019



Spring Outdoors

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



As the weather begins to warm, it's time to get outdoors into the environment and connect with nature.

Banyule, Manningham and Nillumbik Councils have brought together an array of events to encourage residents outside into the warmer Spring weather.

Bookings are essential for most events so get in early to avoid disappointment. If you are unable to attend, let the booking contact know as there are often waiting lists.



Enjoy





Wednesday 4 September, 7.30pm – 9pm

Environment Seminar – Ecological Costs and Benefits of Stormwater Wetlands

Presented by Manningham Council

Wetlands are increasingly being constructed around our cities. While the primary purpose of these wetlands is to manage stormwater, they also attract animals whose growth, survival and breeding may be otherwise compromised. Ecologist Dr. Robin Hale will discuss how urban stormwater treatment wetlands perform as habitats for aquatic animals.

Cost: Free

Where: Bull and Bush Room, Grand Hotel, Warrandyte

Bookings: Not required, Enquiries: 9840 9333



The first Saturday and Sunday of every month, 10am – 4pm

Artist Tim Read's Recycled Bush Sculpture Trail

Presented by Tim Read

Wander in a bush setting along the Yarra River in the Bend of Islands, at artist Tim Read's Sculpture Trail. Take in the beauty of this untouched part of the world and enjoy the recycled, installation art and sculptures along the way. Tim uses recycled material sourced from industry and farm sales.

An enjoyable way to spend a few hours with the whole family. You will come away feeling refreshed and inspired and the kids will love it.

Cost: Free

Where: 225 Catani Boulevard, Bend of Islands

Bookings: No booking required first Saturday and Sunday of every month. Call Tim Read 0405 101 001 by appointment only at other times

Saturday 7 September, 12pm – 2pm

Hollows for Habitat - Nesting Box Building Workshop

Presented by Banyule City Council

Many native animals require a hollow in a tree for their habitat. Much of this habitat has disappeared as suburbs expand across Melbourne. You can make a difference by creating suitable habitat in your back yard for Rosellas, Microbats, Sugar Gliders and more. In this workshop you'll learn about the importance of hollow habitat, by investigating and constructing a range of Nesting Boxes for native animals.

Cost: Free

Where: Wilson Reserve Ivanhoe. Enter at the end of Irvine Road

Bookings Essential: Limited to 20 participants. Register at www.trybooking.com/BDTFA



Saturday 7 September, 10am – 12 noon

Friends of Montmorcency Bushland Planting Day

Presented by Banyule Bushland Management Unit and Friends of Montmorcency Bushland

The Friend of Montmorcency and Banyule's bushland crew will be planting out areas of Rattray Reserve with indigenous plants. Meet some of your neighbours and learn more about the two conservations zones managed by Banyule's Bush Crew.

Cost: Free

Where: Rattray Reserve, Rattray Road, Montmorcency

Bookings: Not required





Fridays from 8am, Tuesdays from 10am

Walking Groups

Presented by Living & Learning Nillumbik

Want to improve your fitness or enjoy a social stroll and a chat? The walking groups suit all fitness levels. Departing from Pantom Hill on a Friday morning or join the group from Diamond Creek on a Tuesday.

Cost: One off payment of \$10 for attending any or all of the sessions

Where: Locations supplied on booking

Bookings: 9433 3744



Sunday 8 September, 10am – 12pm

Habitat Restoration Planting at the Frog Bog

Presented by Warringal Conservation Society and Banyule City Council Bushland Management Unit

Come along and help Warringal Conservation Society (WCS) plant indigenous tube stock to revegetate the Frog Bog. Situated on the banks of Banyule Billabong, WCS is increasing plant diversity and providing better habitat for native animals.

Cost: Free

Where: Banyule Flats Reserve, Viewbank, parking at Somerset Drive carpark.

Information: Email: kylie.damico@banyule.vic.gov.au

Sunday 8 September, 2pm – 4.30pm

Home Composting

Presented by Edendale

An informative 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.

Find out about plants that can help improve soils too.

Cost: Free

Where: Edendale Farm, 30 Gastons Road, Eltham

Bookings: Register at www.edendale.vic.gov.au



Wednesday 11 September, 7.45pm – 9pm

Home Gardening Seminar

Presented by Doncaster Garden Club

The Doncaster Garden Club meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. A 7.45pm food swap is followed by a gardening seminar.

Cost: Free

Where: Doncaster Seniors Citizen Centre, Dehnert Street Doncaster

Bookings: Not required. 9850 1710





Saturday 14 September, 2pm – 4pm

Backyard Chooks for Beginners

Presented by Edendale

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!

Cost: Free

Where: Edendale Farm, 30 Gastons Road, Eltham

Bookings: Register at www.edendale.vic.gov.au



Saturday 14 September, 11.30am – 12.30pm

Cooking Seasonal Produce with Julie French

Presented by Diamond Valley Library

Julie French demonstrates how to best use the produce in your garden this Spring to reduce food waste, and enjoy the tasty food she prepares in our kitchen garden.

Cost: Free

Where: Diamond Valley Library, Civic Drive, Greensborough

Bookings: Not required

**Saturday 14 September, Saturday 12 October
10am – 11am**

Food Swap

Presented by Diamond Valley Library

Bring your excess garden produce and swap for other great produce. This is a great way to meet others with similar gardening interests or save yourself some valuable cash.

Cost: Free

Where: Diamond Valley Library, Civic Drive, Greensborough

Bookings: Not required



Saturday 14 & Sunday 15 September, 10am – 4pm

Australian Native Plant Expo

Presented by the Australian Plant Society, Yarra Yarra Group

Come along to the Eltham Community and Reception Centre to learn about native and indigenous plants, source books and gifts, listen to talks by Kevin Ritchie on Creating hanging baskets (Sat 11am), Ron Litjens on Fauna-scaping your garden (Sat 2pm), Propagation demonstrations (Sun 11am), and landscape architect Emmaline Bowman on Garden Design with Australian Plants (Sun 2pm). Take advantage of new displays and exhibitors.

Cost: \$5 Adults, \$4 Concessions, children free.

Where: Eltham Community and Reception Centre, 801 Main Road, Eltham

Bookings: Not required





Sunday 15 September, 1pm – 2pm

Platypus eDNA collection

Presented by Melbourne Water

Join Melbourne Water and platypus ecologist Josh Griffiths to sample for platypus along the Diamond Creek using environmental DNA! Using a small sample of water, we can detect whether platypus are present in different areas of our waterways. Come along and see if they are living in your part of the river.

Cost: Free

Where: Edendale Farm 30 Gastons Road Eltham.
Meet at the Ironbark Shelter.

Bookings Essential:

Email: waterwatch@melbournewater.com.au or phone 131722.



**Sunday 15 September, Sunday 20 October,
Sunday 17 November, 11am – 3pm**

Omaru Alpaca Open Farm Days

Presented by Omaru Alpaca Stud

There are lots of fun activities for the family at Omaru. Feed the alpacas and see the babies. Bring a picnic and enjoy it on the veranda whilst viewing the alpacas in the paddock. Walk up the hill and along the laneways to view the farm and surrounding landscapes.

Cost: Adults \$10, Children \$5, Family \$20

Where: 190 Hildebrand Road, Cottles Bridge

Bookings: Not required

Sunday 15 September, 10am - 4pm

Sustainable House Day

Presented by Renew and Clean Energy Nillumbik

Looking for inspiration, ideas and the key to sustainable living? Come along to Sustainable House Day. See how others in Nillumbik have adapted their homes to make them more environmentally friendly, cheaper to run and more comfortable to live in.

Cost: Free although some houses may ask for a gold coin donation to assist with expenses.

Where: Throughout Nillumbik, Banyule and Manningham

Bookings: Register at www.sustainablehouseday.com



Saturday 14 September, 10am – 11am

Home Garden Vegie Swap

Presented by Bulleen Art and Garden

Come along to share your produce and compare notes with other food gardeners. Bring any vegies, fruit or herbs you have harvested, eggs or preserves. Recipes are welcome. Be inventive! This is a non-commercial event – no money changes hands.

Cost: Free

Where: Bulleen Art and Garden, 6 Manningham Road West, Bulleen

Bookings: Not required





Sunday 15 September, 10am - 12 noon

Friends of Salt Creek Park Care Day

Presented by Banyule Bushland Management Unit and Friends of Salt Creek

Help the Friends of Salt Creek care for the Rosanna Parklands by assisting with hand weeding activities in the garden beds and replacing weeds with indigenous plants to make habitat. It is also a chance to have a look at the new Rosanna Level Crossing landscaping and how it fits into the parklands landscape.

Cost: Free

Where: Rosanna Parklands, Lower Plenty Road.

Bookings: Not required



Tuesday 17 September, 10am – 3pm

Organic Gardening for Beginners

Presented by Edendale

Want to grow your own healthy vegetables, herbs and fruits but don't know where to start? Want to improve your family's food security and increase your skills and garden productivity? This workshop is for you! Part theory and hands-on, the workshop will assist the beginner organic gardener develop the skills and knowledge to start a thriving edible oasis at home.

Cost: \$45

Where: Edendale Farm, 30 Gastons Road, Eltham

Bookings: Register at www.edendale.vic.gov.au

Wednesday 18 September, 6:30pm – 7:30pm

Backyard Beekeeping

Presented by Benedict Hughes, the Backyard Beekeeper and Banyule City Council

Are you already beekeeping but want to know more? Maybe you're just looking to learn more about how to manage a beehive as part of your permaculture setup. This course provides an insight into the skills and experience required to safely and effectively manipulate a bee hive and carry out general management practices.

Suitable for participants aged 14 years onwards.

Cost: Free

Where: Darebin Parklands Community Centre, Gleeson Room, end of Separation Street, on the corner with Smith Street, Alphington

Bookings: Limited to 20 participants
Register at www.trybooking.com/522681





Thursday 19 September, 3pm – 4.30pm

Edible Weeds

Presented by Heide Museum of Modern Art

Join weed forager Adam Grubb and Heide Head Gardener David Murphy for a guided tour of edible weeds around the Heide gardens. Finish with weed inspired canapés and a glass of wine.

Cost: Adults \$43 Concession \$30 Members \$28

Where: Heide Museum of Modern Art

Bookings Essential:

Register at www.heide.com.au/whats-on/events-programs



**19, 24 & 26 September, 1, 3 & 15 October,
7 & 14 November, 5.45pm – 7.15pm**

La Trobe Wildlife Sanctuary Twilight tour

Presented by the La Trobe Wildlife Sanctuary

Come and experience one of the longest running ecological restoration projects in Australia. As the sun sets venture out into the Sanctuary and find out about its history and creatures that call it home! Using a spotlight, your guide will point out any wildlife you encounter.

Cost: \$25 per adult, \$10 per child – use code MICROBAT for \$5 off adult tickets

Where: La Trobe Wildlife Sanctuary, La Trobe University, Bundoora. Meet in the car park off La Trobe Avenue

Bookings: Call 9479 1206 or book via our online store tinyurl.com/LTWSTourTickets

Wednesday 19 & 26 September, 6:45pm – 8:15pm

**Wednesday 3 & 17 October, Wednesday 21 November
2019 – At Dusk**

Twilight Tours at the Sanctuary

Presented by La Trobe Wildlife Sanctuary

Come on an engaging walk through the La Trobe Wildlife Sanctuary at night. Discover this hidden treasures in the suburbs and learn about the wetlands, woodlands and wildlife of the Melbourne area, whilst immersing yourself in a relaxed stroll through La Trobe University's outdoor laboratory – 30 Hectares of woodlands, re-established from the 60's farming landscape.

Cost: \$10.00

Where: La Trobe Wildlife Sanctuary, La Trobe Ave, La Trobe University 3086

Bookings:

Register at www.latrobe.edu.au/wildlife/visit/tours
Enter the code SPRING18



Sunday 22 September, 10am – 2pm

Indigenous Plant ID

Presented by Nillumbik Shire Council

Find out about common indigenous plants found in Nillumbik and how to identify them using a few simple tips. Workshop includes a field visit to a bushland reserve in the afternoon to spot the studied plants in their natural environment. A light lunch will be provided.

Cost: Free

Where: St Andrews Hall, 1 Proctor Street, St Andrews

Bookings:

Register at <https://indigenous-plant-id.eventbrite.com.au>





Sunday 22 September, 9.30am – 11am

How to Build a Frog Pond/Bog

Presented by Friends of Warrandyte State Park and David De Angelis

Join local frog expert and ecologist David De Angelis as he tours the newly constructed Froglands in the Warrandyte State Park. David will discuss how you can construct frog ponds/bogs with plants at home. Staff from Friends of Warrandyte State Park Nursery will be available to assist you with water and pond fringing plants.

Cost: Free

Where: Warrandyte State Park Nursery, Pound Bend Road, Warrandyte.

Bookings Essential:

Register at manningham.vic.gov.au/spring-outdoors



Sunday 22 September, 2019, 10am – 12pm

Park Care Woody Weed Removal

Presented by Friends of Andrew Yandell Habitat Reserve and Banyule City Council Bushland Management Unit

Join Forces with the Friends of Andrew Yandell Habitat Reserve to remove invasive woody weeds from this beautiful and diverse area of remnant bushland.

Cost: Free

Where: Andrew Yandell Habitat Reserve, Community Drive carpark, 37 St Helena Rd, Greensborough

Bookings: Email: kylie.damico@banyule.vic.gov.au

Sunday 22 September 2019, 12:10pm – 1:10pm

Walk and Talk Through Andrew Yandell Habitat Reserve

Presented by Banyule City Council Bushland Management Unit

Come on a guided walk around Andrew Yandell Habitat Reserve and learn about the endangered Eltham Copper Butterfly and its lifecycle. Find out about the challenges the Bushland Management Unit face caring for this unique reserve, and how they conserve and protect endangered, threatened and locally significant plant species.

Cost: Free

Where: Andrew Yandell Habitat Reserve, Community Drive carpark, 37 St Helena Rd, Greensborough

Information: Email: kylie.damico@banyule.vic.gov.au



Tuesday 24 September, 10am – 12noon

Kids Garden Dance Plant

Presented by The Sage Garden & Manningham Council

This is a morning for the kids to plant vegetables and herb seedlings, mulch and water and have fun listening to music. We will discuss what has been planted and how the garden grows. Children will also take home their own decorated potted veggie plant.

Cost: Free

Where: Doncaster Hill Kids Community Garden, Hummel Way, Loop Track, Drop off zone to Doncaster Primary School.

Bookings Essential:

Register at manningham.vic.gov.au/spring-outdoors





Thursday 26 September, 9.30am – 12.30pm

One Tree Hill Nature Walk

Presented by Manningham Council

This is the jewel in the crown of the Warrandyte Kinglake Nature Conservation Link. Explore habitat for many species no longer found further south.

Cost: Free

Where: Location provided after booking

Bookings Essential:

Register at manningham.vic.gov.au/Nature-walks



Wednesday 25 September, 6pm – 8pm

Family Recycling Road Show

Presented by Manningham Council

Bring your family along to a fun-filled night for all ages to learn about all things recycling. This family friendly evening will be interactive with a range of hands on activities to take you on a journey of sustainability and recycling.

Cost: Free

Where: Function Room 1, Manningham Civic Centre, 699 Doncaster Road Doncaster.

Bookings Essential:

Register at manningham.vic.gov.au/smarter-living

Friday 27 September, 7pm – 9pm

Friends of Salt Creek Rosanna Parklands guided night walk

Presented by Friends of Salt Creek

Enjoy a guided night walk through the wonderful Rosanna Parklands. See the nocturnal animals that make use of that habitat they create and care for. You will be surprised by all of the nocturnal creatures that can be found in an inner suburban park.

Cost: Free

Where: Rosanna Parklands, Central playground near Ferrier Court

Bookings Essential: Limited to 30.

Register at www.trybooking.com/BDTGI



28 September – 21 October, 9am – 5pm

The Yow Yow Sisters Balancing Act

Presented by Bulleen Art and Garden

Andrea Tilley, Sue McCormick and Sharon Edwards founded Yow Yow Studio in St. Andrews in 2009, and they have been working together for 20 years. The “sisters” will present their functional pottery and quirky ceramic pieces for garden sculptures.

Cost: Free

Where: Bolin Bolin Gallery at Bulleen Art and Garden, 6 Manningham Road West, Bulleen

Information: gallery.baag.com.au





Sunday 29 September, 10.30am - 12.30pm

Phascogales and Chainsaw Hollows Information Session

Presented by Nillumbik Shire Council

Chainsaws are rarely associated with protecting habitat and animals – but that’s exactly what’s been happening around Nillumbik recently. Chainsaw hollows have been carved in trees to provide homes for one of Victoria’s most elusive and vulnerable marsupials, the Brush-tailed Phascogale.

Come along to this informative session and find out about how we’re helping to protect this vulnerable species.

Cost: Free

Where: Edendale Farm, 30 Gastons Road, Eltham

Bookings: Register at phascogales.eventbrite.com.au



Every Thursday during school term, 10am – 11am

Community Gardening

Presented by Diamond Valley Library

Meet the volunteer gardeners in the sustainable garden, share tips and ideas, as you contribute to the maintenance of the garden.

Cost: Free

Where: Diamond Valley Library, Civic Drive, Greensborough,

Bookings: Not required

Throughout October, 7.30pm and 9.30pm

Eltham Copper Butterfly larvae counts

Presented by Nillumbik Shire Council

The annual evening caterpillar counts are on again throughout October in bushland reserves in Eltham and Greensborough.

Volunteers will have the opportunity to learn about the ecology of the Eltham Copper Butterfly and work in groups searching the bushes to count and record their locations.

Cost: Free

Where: Various locations in Eltham and Greensborough

Bookings: Contact Nicole Drever, Environmental Works Officer
Nicole.drever@nillumbik.vic.gov.au or 9433 3202



Throughout October, 8:00pm – 10:00pm

Eltham Copper Butterfly larvae counts

Presented by Banyule City Council Bushland Management Unit

Come along and help conserve the threatened Eltham Copper Butterfly by joining in the annual larvae count. Help monitor the health of the population in Andrew Yandell Habitat Reserve with this vital conservation work.

Cost: Free

Where: Andrew Yandell Habitat Reserve, 37 St Helena Road

Bookings: Email: megan.lowe@banyule.vic.gov.au to register your interest in attending





Wednesday 2 October, 7.30pm – 9:00pm

Environment Seminar – Zoos Victoria: Fighting Extinction

Presented by: Manningham Council

Zoos Victoria is a zoo-based conservation organization fighting extinction for our most critically endangered animals. Join reproductive biologist, Dr Marissa Parrott, who will explain how Melbourne's Zoos are fighting extinction.

Cost: Free

Where: Bull and Bush Room, Grand Hotel, Warrandyte

Bookings: Not required, Enquiries: 9840 9333



Friday 4 October, 4pm – 6pm

Banyule Nature Adventures – Discover the Banyule Flats Reserve

Presented by Banyule City Council

Connecting with nature is good for our health, well-being and development. Join us in the Banyule Flats Reserve to discover the Banyule Swamp's birds and other wildlife that call the swamp home.

Cost: Free

Where: Somerset Drive, Heidelberg

Bookings: Limited to 120 participants
Register at www.trybooking.com/BDRXN

Friday 4 October, 5.35pm – 8.10pm

La Trobe Wildlife Sanctuary Stagwatch

Presented by the La Trobe Wildlife Sanctuary

Who lives in the hollow of that tree? Grab a friend and come along to help monitor the arboreal creatures that call the La Trobe Wildlife Sanctuary home.

Volunteers will be allocated a tree or 'stag' to watch for an hour at sunset, and record the animals observed emerging from nest boxes or natural tree hollows.

Cost: Free. Registration essential

Where: La Trobe Wildlife Sanctuary, La Trobe University, Bundoora meet in the car park off La Trobe Avenue.

Bookings: Register at <https://tinyurl.com/latrobewildlife>



Saturday 5 October, 10.30am – 1.30pm

Kids in the Garden

Presented by Eltham Library

Spring is a great time to refresh and replant in the garden, so come and join in! Edendale Farm will supply the native plants, and there will be other interactive activities.

Cost: Free

Where: Eltham Library, Panther Place, Eltham

Bookings: Not required





Saturday 5 October, 10.30am – 1.30pm

Eltham Repair Cafe

Presented by Eltham Library

Bring a treasured item that needs repairing and learn how to fix it yourself with people who have the knowledge and skills to help you. Roving Refills will be there for your cleaning needs, BYO containers.

Cost: Free

Where: Eltham Library, Panther Place, Eltham

Bookings: Not required



Wednesday 9 October, 7.45pm – 9pm

Home Gardening Seminar

Presented by Doncaster Garden Club

The Doncaster Garden Club meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. A 7.45pm food swap is followed by a gardening seminar.

Cost: Free

Where: Doncaster Seniors Citizen Centre, Dehnert Street Doncaster

Bookings: Not required. Enquiries: 9850 1710

Thursday 10 October, 11am - noon

Botanical Benefits: Health and Wellbeing in the Garden

Presented by Heide Museum of Modern Art

Join Heide gardener Luke Murchie for a guided walk and talk on the positive impacts of gardening and plants on wellbeing. Includes a herbal tea tutorial.

Cost: Free

Where: Heide Museum of Modern Art

Bookings Essential:

Register at www.heide.com.au/whats-on/events-programs



Friday 11 October, 7pm – 9:30pm

The Middle Yarra Frog Census

Presented by: Banyule, Manningham, Nillumbik Councils and Melbourne Water

Banyule, Manningham, Nillumbik and Melbourne Water are joining forces for a night of frogging along the Yarra River billabongs. Join expert guided walks, learn Frogging 101, help collect data for the Frog Census citizen science project and see frogs up close.

Cost: Free

Where: Banyule Flats Reserve, 36/38 Somerset Drive, Viewbank

Bookings Essential: Limited to 80

Register at www.trybooking.com/BDVXC





Saturday 12 October, 3pm – 4pm

Set Up and Maintain a Worm Farm

Presented by Edendale

Learn how to set up and maintain a home worm farm. An efficiently run worm farm can turn your household food scraps into fabulous free fertiliser and soil for your garden. Discounted worm farms available.

Cost: Free

Where: Edendale Farm, 30 Gastons Road, Eltham

Bookings: Register at www.edendale.vic.gov.au



Saturday 12 October, 10.30am - Noon

Gardening with the Plants of Nillumbik

Presented by Edendale

Join local plant expert Fiona Cross and learn about the indigenous plants of Nillumbik. Find out which plants best suit your garden and gain planting and care information.

Cost: \$10

Where: Edendale, 30 Gastons Road, Eltham

Bookings: Register at www.edendale.vic.gov.au

Saturday 12 October, 1.30pm – 4pm

Indigenous Plant Propagation workshop

Presented by Edendale

Propagating local native plants from seeds and cuttings is an excellent way to expand your garden. The workshop will include how to select suitable cutting materials, what species grow from seed, collecting seed and storage, the propagation medium, techniques and care for growing seedlings.

Cost: \$10

Where: Edendale Farm, 30 Gastons Road, Eltham

Bookings: Register at www.edendale.vic.gov.au



Saturday 12 October, 10am – 3pm

National Water Bug Blitz, Mullum Mullum Creek

Presented by: Waterwatch Waterbug Census - Melbourne Water

Discover the world of aquatic macroinvertebrates and learn about their sensitivities to pollution. Data collected will contribute to the National Waterbug Blitz. This is Australia's first nationwide, citizen science, waterway monitoring event. No experience required, training will be provided using techniques from the Melbourne Water Waterbug Census program. Please note this training is best suited to young adult and adult participants - it does involve identifying waterbugs in some detail.

Cost: Free

Where: Yarran Dheran Nature Reserve Visitors Centre, Ashburton Drive, Mitcham.

Bookings Essential: Register at www.waterbugblitz.org.au





Sunday 13 October, 2pm – 4pm

Speed Date a Sustainability Expert

Presented by Clean Energy Nillumbik

Get free advice from the experts in energy efficient products, green architects, solar, green roofs, and sustainable building when you Speed Date a Sustainability Expert.

Cost: Free

Where: Edendale Farm, 30 Gastons Road, Eltham

Bookings: Space is limited and you must register in advance. Go to www.sdse.ata.org.au to see the available experts and register.



Sunday 13 October, 10am – 12noon

Learn About Traditional Indigenous Burning

Presented by Nillumbik Shire Council

Join Wurundjeri Elder Uncle Dave Wandin to discover how traditional indigenous fire practices are being reintroduced into contemporary land management.

Note: This is an information session and no burning will take place.

Cost: Free

Where: Wadambuk: St Andrews Community Centre, 35 Caledonia Street, St Andrews

Bookings:

Register at <https://traditional-burn-info.eventbrite.com.au>

Monday 14 October, 2pm – 3pm

Seniors Month - Biodiversity Walk in Rosanna Parklands

Presented by Banyule City Council and Rosanna Library

Discover the biodiversity hidden in and around Rosanna Parklands with a guided walk around the beautiful Rosanna Parklands. Find out about some of the uses of indigenous plants by Wurundjeri people and the habitat value they provide for local fauna species.

Cost: Free

Where: Meet at Rosanna Library, Turnham Avenue Rosanna, opposite the Rosanna Station

Bookings: Limited to 20. For information contact Margaret Breare at Rosanna Library 9088 3415



Wednesday 16 & 23 October and 20 & 27, November, 7pm – 9pm

Manningham Home Harvest

Presented by: Manningham Council

The Manningham Home Harvest gardening seminar series is designed to teach you how to grow delicious fresh food at home. The five week series will guide you through growing and harvesting a bumper summer harvest in Manningham's soils and climate.

Cost: Free

Where: Function Room 2, Manningham Civic Centre, 699 Doncaster Road Doncaster.

Bookings: Not required

Register at manningham.vic.gov.au/spring-outdoors





Thursday 17 October, 7pm – 8.30pm

Growing and Reintroducing Native Orchids

Presented by Nillumbik Shire Council

Nillumbik Shire is rich with native orchids. Many of the orchid species are tiny, almost unnoticeable, but their dainty flowers and fascinating life histories capture amateur and professional naturalists alike. Come along and learn about the species that you can grow yourself and hear about the reintroduction of threatened orchids in local bushland.

Cost: Free

Where: Edendale Farm, 30 Gastons Road, Eltham

Bookings: Register at <https://native-orchids.eventbrite.com.au>



Thursday 17 October, 6.30pm – 8.30pm

Vegetable Seedling Propagation

Presented by Edendale

Spring is the time to propagate vegetable and herb seedlings to ensure a bumper summer harvest. Come and learn how easy it is to grow your own vegetables from seed.

Cost: \$10

Where: Edendale Farm, 30 Gastons Road, Eltham

Bookings: Register at www.edendale.vic.gov.au

Saturday 19 October, 2pm – 4.30pm

Home Composting

Presented by Edendale

An informative 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. Find out about plants that can also improve the soil.

Cost: Free

Where: Edendale Farm, 30 Gastons Road, Eltham

Bookings: Register at www.edendale.vic.gov.au



Saturday 19 October, 10am – 11am

Home Garden Vegie Swap

Presented by: Bulleen Art and Garden

Come and share your produce and compare notes with other food gardeners. Bring any veggies, fruit or herbs you have harvested, eggs or preserves. Recipes are welcome. Be inventive! This is a non-commercial event – no money changes hands.

Cost: Free

Where: Bulleen Art and Garden, 6 Manningham Road West, Bulleen

Bookings: Not required





Sunday 20 October, 10am – 4pm

Eltham Mudbrick Tour

Presented by the Eltham High School community

Discover Nillumbik's artisan and owner-built mudbrick house building heritage. Visit five beautiful and individual mudbrick homes in the rural St Andrews area and learn about their unique histories and construction from their passionate owners. Free parking and continuous shuttle bus service between houses. See Eltham High musicians performing in St Andrews.

Cost: Adults: \$30, Concessions \$25, Under 16s Free

Where: Start and finish at St Andrews Market Hall, 75 Kangaroo Ground - St Andrews Road, St Andrews

Bookings Essential: Register at www.elthammudbricktour.org



Sunday 20 October, 8am – 10am

How to Survey Birds for the Aussie Backyard Bird Count

Presented by Wildlife Experiences and Manningham Council

Learn how to survey birdlife in the idyllic Warrandyte State Park. Bring solid shoes, weather appropriate clothing and binoculars if possible. All levels of bird knowledge welcome. Event followed by a cup of tea and nibbles.

Cost: Free

Where: Gold Memorial Picnic Area, Gold Memorial Road, Warrandyte

Bookings Essential:

Register at www.manningham.vic.gov.au/spring-outdoors

Sunday 20 October, 10am – 3pm

Organic Gardening for Beginners

Presented by Edendale

Want to grow your own healthy vegetables, herbs and fruits but don't know where to start? Want to improve your family's food security and increase your skills and garden productivity? This workshop is for you! Part theory and hands-on, this workshop will help the beginner organic gardener develop the skills and knowledge to start a thriving edible oasis at home.

Cost: \$45

Where: Edendale Farm, 30 Gastons Road, Eltham

Bookings: Register at www.edendale.vic.gov.au



Sunday 20 October, 8am – 10am

Darebin Creek Bird Survey in Heidelberg West

Presented by Darebin Creek Management Committee and La Trobe Wildlife Sanctuary

Learn how to survey birdlife in bushland, grassland, and wetlands along the Darebin Creek. Michael Cincotta from La Trobe Wildlife Sanctuary will run through the survey method and help with identification of more difficult bird species. Bring solid shoes, weather appropriate clothing and binoculars if possible. All levels of bird knowledge, including beginners, are welcome. Morning tea available.

Cost: Free

Where: Meet at carpark corner of Dougharty Road and Liberty Parade, West Heidelberg. If driving, parking is available along Dougharty Rd.

Bookings Required: https://dc_bird_survey.eventbrite.com.au
For more information, call 9499 4454.





Thursday 24 October, 9.30am – 11.30pm

Hochkins Ridge Reserve Nature Walk

Presented by Manningham Council

In the peak of wattle flowering season learn how to identify many of the local wattles while enjoying a walk around the lovely wildflower rich reserve.

Cost: Free

Where: Location given after booking.

Bookings:

Register at www.manningham.vic.gov.au/Nature-walks



Friday 26 October, 5.15pm – 9.15pm

La Trobe Wildlife Sanctuary Frog Census

Presented by La Trobe Wildlife Sanctuary

Come see the Sanctuary after dark and learn about our local frog species. You do not need any specialised skills or knowledge to help us monitor frog populations in the Sanctuary. Your efforts will provide valuable information about the health of our wetlands and will assist us to better manage this environment.

Cost: Free

Where: La Trobe Wildlife Sanctuary, La Trobe University, Bundoora. Meet in the car park off La Trobe Avenue

Bookings: Register at <https://tinyurl.com/latrobewildlife>

Saturday 26 October, 10am to 1pm

Children's Day in the Macleod Community Garden

A Children's Week Event presented by Banyule Council and Macleod Organic Community Garden

Children and their families are invited to the Macleod Community Garden for a morning of gardening, healthy food and learning about sustainable living.

Cost: Free Event

Where: Somers Ave, Macleod (within Macleod College grounds. Directly across the oval from the end of Strathallan Road, Macleod)

Bookings: Register at www.trybooking.com/BDKPD



Saturday 26 October, 10am – 12noon

Wildflower Walk - Banyule Northern Grasslands

Presented by Banyule City Council Bush Management Unit

Take a guided walk through one of the last remaining patches of remnant grassland on the Victorian Volcanic plains alongside Darebin Creek. Find out how Banyule's Bushland Management unit are conserving the area with help from locals. Learn to ID rare grassland plant species and take photos of wildflowers in bloom. Follow it up with a chat and cuppa with like minded people.

Cost: Free

Where: Meet at the corner of Dougharty Rd and Liberty Parade, Heidelberg West

Bookings Essential: Limited to 25.

Register at www.trybooking.com/BDTFQ





Sunday 27 October, 7:30am – 11:30am

Breakfast with the Birds

Presented by Banyule City Council

Join experienced guides from Birdlife Melbourne for an early morning walk as they help to identify more than 70 species of birds. The walk will be followed by a light breakfast at the Old Shire Offices, off Beverley Road. Bring your own binoculars and wear comfortable walking shoes – please don't be late!

Cost: \$5.00 individuals, \$10 for family of 4

Where: Old Shire Offices, 60 Beverley Road, Heidelberg

Bookings Essential: Limited to 100.

Register at www.trybooking.com/BDSBL



October 21 – 27 October

Aussie Backyard Bird Count

Presented by Birdlife Australia

The #AussieBirdCount is a great way to connect with the birds in your backyard no matter where your backyard happens to be – the backyard, a local park, a patch of forest or the main street of town.

Cost: Free

Where: Your backyard

Bookings: No bookings necessary, register to get involved at www.aussiebirdcount.org.au



Sunday 27 October, 11am – 4pm

On the Hill Festival

Presented by the Pantom Hill community

The Festival is a day of free activities, nature, culture, music and fabulous food for the whole family. This year's theme is "Nature's local hidden treasures" and focuses on local endangered species. There will be presentations and treasure hunts to celebrate species such as the phascogale, an important part of the local ecosystem.

Cost: Free

Where: Pantom Hill township

Bookings: Not required





Friday 1 November, 8.30pm (Dusk)

Star Gazing Night

Presented by Astronomical Society of Victoria and Manningham Council

Join the Astronomical Society of Victoria with a stargazing evening at Westerfolds Park. Astronomers will be on hand with telescopes and demonstrators. Bring a 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.

Cost: Free

Where: Westerfolds Park, Fitzsimons Lane, Templestowe

Bookings Essential:

Register at manningham.vic.gov.au/spring-outdoors



Friday 8 November, 7pm – 8.30pm

Powerful Owls Information Session

Presented by Nillumbik Shire Council

Powerful Owls are the largest owls in Australia and are found naturally in many forested areas of Nillumbik including Warrandyte, Eltham, Panton Hill and Smiths Gully. Owl specialists Nick Bradsworth (PhD candidate -Deakin University) and Dr Bronwyn Isaac (Monash University) talk about the ecology and movement of this threatened species in the urban environment and ways you can help them survive now and for years to come. A light supper will be provided.

Cost: Free

Where: Hurstbridge Hub

Bookings: Register at <https://powerful-owls.eventbrite.com.au>

Friday 8 November, 4pm – 6pm

Banyule Nature Adventures - Nesting box building and twilight nature play afternoon

Presented by Banyule City Council and Friends of Wilson Reserve

This family friendly event caters for families with young children. Families can work together to build a nest box for some of Banyule's tree dwelling native birds and animals. Local environmental legend Robert Bender will lead a short walk and information talk around the bat boxes in Wilson Reserve that are monitored regularly by the Friends of group.

Cost: Free

Where: Wilson Reserve, Chelsworth Park Ivanhoe, enter via Irvine Road, Ivanhoe

Bookings Essential: Limited to 30.w

Register at www.trybooking.com/BDTFZ



Saturday 9 November, 3pm – 4pm

Set up and Maintain a Worm Farm

Presented by Edendale

Learn how to set up and maintain a home worm farm – it's easier than you think. An efficiently run worm farm can turn your household food scraps into free fertiliser and soil for your garden. Discounted worm farms available.

Cost: Free

Where: Edendale Farm, 30 Gastons Road, Eltham

Bookings: Register at www.edendale.vic.gov.au





Sunday 10 November, 10am – 12pm

Habitat Works – vegetation thinning for Eltham Copper Butterfly habitat

Presented by Friends of Andrew Yandell Habitat Reserve and Banyule City Council Bushland Management Unit

Vegetation thinning is vital in providing habitat for the endangered Eltham Copper Butterfly (ECB). The ECB needs open flight paths to be able to utilise this space. Without this work the ECB will not survive. There aren't many places left that the Eltham Copper can use.

Cost: Free

Where: Andrew Yandell Habitat Reserve, Community Drive carpark, 37 St Helena Rd, Greensborough

Information:

Kylie D'Amico via email kylie.damico@banyule.vic.gov.au



Wednesday 13 November, 7.45pm – 9pm

Home Gardening Seminar

Presented by: Doncaster Garden Club

The Doncaster Garden Club meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. A 7.45pm food swap is followed by a gardening seminar.

Cost: Free

Where: Doncaster Seniors Citizen Centre, Dehnert Street Doncaster

Bookings not necessary. Information 9850 1710

Thursday 14 November, 11am - noon

Heide's Indigenous Landscapes

Presented by Heide Museum of Modern Art

Join head gardener David Murphy and Manningham historian Jim Poulter for a guided tour around Heide's local area and a discussion about how Indigenous people managed the land pre-colonial settlement, their cultural knowledge of the area and the Indigenous seasons.

Cost: Adults \$15 Concession \$12 Member \$10

Where: Heide Museum of Modern Art

Bookings:

Register at www.heide.com.au/whats-on/events-programs



Saturday 16 November, 10.30am – 12noon & 1.30pm – 3pm

Farm Tour and Garlic Harvest/Spring Planting*

Presented by Sugarloaf Produce

Sugarloaf Produce invite you to a morning or afternoon farm tour and garlic harvest/spring planting. Sugarloaf Produce is a small non-certified organic farm located at the base of Mt. Sugarloaf and the Kinglake Ranges.

Learn how they grow vegetables, fruit, mushrooms and eggs without the use of synthetic chemicals, and how they produce compost using a mixture of farm green waste, manure, and other organic materials.

Cost: \$5 a person

Where: Sugarloaf Produce, 2/211 Chads Creek Road, Strathewen

Bookings: Limit of 30 participants.

- <https://sugarloafproducefarmtour2.eventbrite.com/>

- <https://sugarloafproducefarmtour.eventbrite.com/>





Saturday 16 November, 10am – 11am

Home Garden Vegie Swap

Presented by: Bulleen Art and Garden

Come along to share your produce and compare notes with other food gardeners. Bring any veggies, fruit or herbs you have harvested, eggs or preserves. Recipes are welcome. Be inventive! This is a non-commercial event – no money changes hands.

Cost: Free

Where: Bulleen Art and Garden, 6 Manningham Road West, Bulleen

Bookings: Not required



Sunday 17 November & Sunday 24 November, 10am – 4pm

Introduction to Permaculture Two Day Course

Presented by Edendale

Permaculture (permanent agriculture) developed by Bill Mollison and David Holmgren, is a whole system approach to ecological planning and design for sustainable living.

This two day workshop is beneficial to those new to permaculture or 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 it.

Cost: \$125

Where: Edendale Farm, 30 Gastons Road, Eltham

Bookings: Register at www.edendale.vic.gov.au

Sunday 17 November, 11am – 4pm

Malahang Festival

Presented by Banyule City Council

Malahang Festival offers a variety of cultural, environmental and musical events and activities for all ages. Food stalls, displays and roving performances give this event a great, local community feel.

Cost: Free

Where: Malahang Reserve, corner of Oriol Road and Southern Road West Heidelberg

Bookings: Not required



Saturday 23 November, 2pm – 4.30pm

Home Composting

Presented by Edendale

An informative 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.

Cost: Free

Where: Edendale Farm, 30 Gastons Road, Eltham

Bookings: Register at www.edendale.vic.gov.au



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Manningham Council

Sustainability Information

Visit www.manningham.vic.gov.au/spring-outdoors or www.manningham.vic.gov.au/environment-and-sustainability for more information on Manningham Council's environmental initiatives. You can phone Council on 9840 9333.

Banyule City Council

Greenwrap Quarterly Newsletter

Sign up to Banyule's Greenwrap quarterly environmental newsletter to stay up to date with local sustainability events, grants and activities.

To subscribe, go to <https://www.banyule.vic.gov.au/Home> and search for Greenwrap.

Nillumbik Shire Council

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