

# BUSHCARE CALENDAR 2025







Image: *Goanna* by Janelle Marr

Cover Image: *Waratah in the rain* by Kelly Bollinger



# JANUARY 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
		<b>1</b> New Year's Day	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Australia Day
<b>27</b> Australia Day Holiday	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Lunar New Year	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	Weather Cycles of the D'harawal People <b>Time of Burran</b> - Gadalung Marool (hot and dry) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Eat only fruit and seeds, no meat</li> <li>■ Burran (kangaroo) start having their joeys</li> <li>■ Weetjellan blooms (<i>Acacia implexa</i>)</li> </ul>	

School Holidays
  Nursery Volunteers Day





Image: Spotted pardalote taking food to his chicks by Marie Kobler



# FEBRUARY 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Weather Cycles of the D'harawal People <b>Time of Burran</b> - Gadalung Marool (hot and dry) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Eat only fruit and seeds, no meat</li> <li>■ Burran (kangaroo) start having their joeys</li> <li>■ Weetjellan blooms (<i>Acacia implexa</i>)</li> </ul>					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> World Wetlands Day
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Gum trees of Hornsby Shire walk and talk	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>		

 Nursery Volunteers Day





Image: *Yellow-tailed black cockatoo* by Marie Kobler



# MARCH 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<b>31</b>	Weather Cycles of the D'harawal People <b>Time of Burran</b> - Gadalung Marool (hot and dry) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Eat only fruit and seeds, no meat</li> <li>▪ Burran (kangaroo) start having their joeys</li> <li>▪ Weetjellan blooms (<i>Acacia implexa</i>)</li> </ul>				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Clean Up Australia Day
<b>3</b> World Wildlife Day	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Bushcode Workshop	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Ride2School Day	<b>22</b> Earth Hour World Water Day	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Native Plant Giveaway	<b>29</b> Native Plant Giveaway	<b>30</b>

<span style="color: #ADD8E6;">■</span> Sea Week	<span style="color: #FFDAB9;">■</span> Seniors Festival	<span style="color: #D9EAD3;">■</span> Nursery Volunteers Day
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Image: *Native bee hive* by Denise Hooper



# APRIL 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Carving spoons from woody weeds workshop	<b>6</b> Daylight Saving ends 3am
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Grasses and groundcovers walk and talk	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Good Friday	<b>19</b> Easter Saturday	<b>20</b> Easter Sunday
<b>21</b> Easter Monday	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Anzac Day	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	Weather Cycles of the D'harawal People <b>Time of Marrai'gang</b> - Bana'murrai'yung (wet, getting cooler) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Time to make cloaks and start the journey to the coast</li> <li>■ Time of ripening of lilly pilly fruit (<i>Syzygium paniculatum</i>)</li> <li>■ Marrai'gang (tiger quoll) seeks her mate</li> </ul>			

■ iNaturalist City Nature Challenge
 ■ Youth Week

■ School Holidays
 ■ Nursery Volunteers Day





Image: *Blue and brown* by Robert O'Leary



# MAY 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Weather Cycles of the D'harawal People <b>Time of Marrai'gang</b> - Bana'murrai'yung (wet, getting cooler) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Time to make cloaks and start the journey to the coast</li> <li>Time of ripening of lilly pilly fruit (<i>Syzygium paniculatum</i>)</li> <li>Marrai'gang (tiger quoll) seeks her mate</li> </ul>			1	2	3 Bushcode Workshop	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 World Migratory Bird Day	11 Mother's Day
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 World Bee Day	21	22 International Day for Biological Diversity	23	24	25
26 National Sorry Day	27	28	29	30	31	

National Reconciliation Week
  National Volunteer Week

International Compost Awareness Week
  Nursery Volunteers Day





Image: *Springing up* by David Hooper



# JUNE 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<b>30</b>	Weather Cycles of the D'harawal People <b>Time of Burrugin</b> - Tugarah tuli (cold and frosty) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Time to gather the nectar for ceremony</li> <li>Time of the flowering of the Burringoa (<i>Eucalyptus tereticornis</i>)</li> <li>Burrugin (the echidna) begin their gatherings</li> </ul>					<b>1</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> World Environment Day	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> World Oceans Day
<b>9</b> King's Birthday	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> World Rainforest Day
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>

National Reconciliation Week
  Nursery Volunteers Day





Image: *Robber fly on my clothes line* by Marie Kobler



# JULY 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	<b>1</b> Bushcare Photo Competition opens	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Schools National Tree Day	<b>26</b> World Mangrove Day	<b>27</b> National Tree Day
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	Weather Cycles of the D'harawal People <b>Time of Burrugin</b> - Tugarah tuli (cold and frosty) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Time to gather the nectar for ceremony</li> <li>Time of the flowering of the Burringoa (<i>Eucalyptus tereticornis</i>)</li> <li>Burrugin (the echidna) begin their gatherings</li> </ul>		

**Note:** Plastic Free July

NAIDOC Week
  School Holidays
  Nursery Volunteers Day





Image: *White-cheeked honeyeaters on banksia* by Marie Kobler



# AUGUST 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Weather Cycles of the D'harawal People <b>Time of Wiritjiribin</b> - Tugarah gunya'marri (cold and windy) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Time to build shelters facing the rising sun, time to begin the journey to the highlands along the rivers, plenty of fish</li> <li>■ Time of the flowering of the Marrai'uo (<i>Acacia floribunda</i>)</li> <li>■ Boo'gul (antechinus) mates and dies</li> <li>■ Wiritjiribin (the lyrebird) builds his display mound when the season ends</li> </ul>				<b>1</b> Bushcode Workshop	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Native Plant Giveaway	<b>30</b> Native Plant Giveaway	<b>31</b>

**Note:** Platypus Month

National Science Week
  Nursery Volunteers Day





Image: *Welcome to my trapdoor* by Daniel Burkhardt



# SEPTEMBER 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<b>1</b> Wattle Day	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Father's Day National Threatened Species Day
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> R U OK?	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Bushcode Workshop	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> World Rivers Day
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	Weather Cycles of the D'harawal People <b>Time of Ngoonungi</b> - Murrail'yunggory (cool, getting warmer) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Time of the flowering of Miwa Gawaian (<i>Telopea speciosissima</i>)</li> <li>■ Time for major ceremony</li> <li>■ Gathering of the Ngoonuni (flying fox)</li> </ul>				

**Note:** National Biodiversity and Save the Koala month

School Holidays
  Nursery Volunteers Day





Image: Threatened species - *Tetratheca glandulosa* by Petra Holland



# OCTOBER 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
		<b>1</b> Bush Fire Danger Period begins	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Daylight Saving begins 2am
<b>6</b> Labour Day	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> World Migratory Bird Day	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Ride2Work Day	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> iNaturalist workshop	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> Aussie Backyard Bird Count	<b>21</b> Aussie Backyard Bird Count	<b>22</b> Aussie Backyard Bird Count	<b>23</b> Aussie Backyard Bird Count	<b>24</b> Aussie Backyard Bird Count	<b>25</b> Aussie Backyard Bird Count	<b>26</b> Aussie Backyard Bird Count
<b>27</b> Great Southern Bioblitz	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	Weather Cycles of the D'harawal People <b>Time of Ngoonungi</b> - Murrai'yunggory (cool, getting warmer) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Time of the flowering of Miwa Gawaian (<i>Telopea speciosissima</i>)</li> <li>Time for major ceremony</li> <li>Gathering of the Ngoonuni (flying fox)</li> </ul>	

■ Aussie Backyard Bird Count
 ■ National Water Week

■ Great Southern Bioblitz
 ■ School Holidays
 ■ Nursery Volunteers Day





Image: *Eastern spinebill* by Marie Kobler



# NOVEMBER 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Weather Cycles of the D'harawal People <b>Time of Parra'dowee</b> - Goray'murrai (warm and wet) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Time of the flowering of Kai'arrewan (<i>Acacia binervia</i>)</li> <li>Do not camp near rivers</li> <li>Parra'dowee (the Great Eel spirit) calls his children to him</li> </ul>					<b>1</b> Bushcode Workshop	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> World Fisheries Day	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>

Frog ID Week
  Australian Pollinator Week
  Nursery Volunteers Day





Image: King parrot on personia by Marie Kobler



# DECEMBER 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	
1	2	3	4	5 International Volunteer Day	6 Bushcare and Nursery Volunteers Christmas Party	7	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day	27	28	
29	30	31 New Year's Eve	Weather Cycles of the D'harawal People <b>Time of Parra'dowee</b> - Goray'murrai (warm and wet) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Time of the flowering of Kai'arrewan (<i>Acacia binervia</i>)</li> <li>■ Do not camp near rivers</li> <li>■ Parra'dowee (the Great Eel spirit) calls his children to him</li> </ul>				

School Holidays
  Nursery Volunteers Day



# 2025 EVENTS

EVENT	DATES	DESCRIPTION	BOOKING INFORMATION
<b>Bushcode workshop</b>	8 March 3 May 1 August 20 September 1 November	All Bushcare volunteers must complete this workshop within six months of joining the program. Morning tea is provided.	Bookings open January 2025. <b>Visit:</b> <a href="https://hornsby.nsw.gov.au/lifestyle/events">hornsby.nsw.gov.au/lifestyle/events</a>
<b>Carving spoons from woody weeds workshop</b>	5 April 9am-12pm	Carve your spoon with master greenwood carver and bush regenerator Brad Van Luyt. Brad will introduce you to the wonderful world of spoon carving with woody weeds. No woodwork or carving experience is needed. All that is required is an open mind to the possibilities of working with wood to create a spoon and to increasing your skills and techniques whilst connecting with other wood lovers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ All materials and tools supplied</li><li>■ Morning tea is provided</li><li>■ Cost \$20</li></ul>	<b>Visit:</b> <a href="https://hornsby.nsw.gov.au/lifestyle/events">hornsby.nsw.gov.au/lifestyle/events</a>
<b>Gum trees of Hornsby Shire walk and talk</b>	8 February 9am-11.30am	This walk and talk will take us around Pennant Hills Park looking at the different gum trees and learning more about their distinguishing features.	<b>Visit:</b> <a href="https://hornsby.nsw.gov.au/lifestyle/events">hornsby.nsw.gov.au/lifestyle/events</a>
<b>Grasses and groundcovers walk and talk</b>	12 April 1.30-4pm		<b>Visit:</b> <a href="https://hornsby.nsw.gov.au/lifestyle/events">hornsby.nsw.gov.au/lifestyle/events</a>
<b>Native Plant Giveaways</b>	28 and 29 March 29 and 30 August	Pick up your four free native plants (per year).	<b>Visit:</b> <a href="https://hornsby.nsw.gov.au/lifestyle/events">hornsby.nsw.gov.au/lifestyle/events</a>
<b>iNaturalist workshop</b>	18 October	Learn how to use the citizen science app iNaturalist to record wild organisms around you.	<b>Visit:</b> <a href="https://hornsby.nsw.gov.au/lifestyle/events">hornsby.nsw.gov.au/lifestyle/events</a>
<b>Tree Day – National</b>	27 July	Planet Ark’s national tree planting day. See events page for time and location.	<b>Visit:</b> <a href="https://hornsby.nsw.gov.au/lifestyle/events">hornsby.nsw.gov.au/lifestyle/events</a>
<b>Tree Day – Schools</b>	25 July	All schools within Hornsby Shire are eligible to pick up 30 free plants for their school.	Orders close 1 July. <b>Contact:</b> <a href="mailto:nursery@hornsby.nsw.gov.au">nursery@hornsby.nsw.gov.au</a>

**We will have more events in the second half of the year.** Workshops include weaving with natural fibres, bird surveys and a pollinator count.





Image: *Tranquil morning mist at Crosslands* by Petra Holland





*Bushcare is  
self-care*



# New-Bub Bushcare

A Bushcare group with free babysitting

Mt Colah Community Centre and surrounding bushland  
<http://hornsby.nsw.gov.au/NewBubBushcare>

