

GEELONG NATURE FESTIVAL

Our Backyard 2023

15th Sept - 29th Oct

| ZONE | DAY | DATE | EVENT | VENUE | GROUP/CONTACT | DAY / TIME |
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| Week 1 Urban - Geelong Centre 15 September - 22 September 2023 | Fri | 15-Sep-23 | Nature Festival opening night - featuring Hannah Moloney from Gardening Australia | Geelong Library & Heritage Centre | Hannah Moloney | Fri 5.30pm |
| | Sat | 16-Sep-23 | Urban Hub Day - Geelong Botanic Gardens | Group displays: | | 10-Apr |
| | Sat | 16-Sep-23 | Nature gardening workshop with Hannah Moloney | Geelong Botanic Gardens | Hannah Moloney | Sat 10am - 12pm |
| | Sat | 16-Sep-23 | Botanic Gardens - nursery sales | Geelong Botanic Gardens | Friends of Geelong Botanic Gardens | 11 am-3pm |
| | Sat | 16-Sep-23 | Botanic Gardens - guided walk | Geelong Botanic Gardens | Friends of Geelong Botanic Gardens | 1pm |
| | Sat | 16-Sep-23 | Foraging Edible Weeds | Breakwater Barwon River, Gundog Lane | Ammie Jackson | Sat 2pm -3:30pm |
| | Sat | 16-Sep-23 | Marine Discovery Centre school holidays program | Marine Discovery Centre | Leanne Gunthorpe | School Holidays 2 weeks |
| | Sat | 16-Sep-23 | Discovering Nature and Citizen Science | Geelong Botanic Gardens | Naomi Wells - BCN , Rod Lowther - GFNC | Sat 2-3:30pm |
| | Sun | 17-Sep-23 | Discovering Nature and Citizen Science | Geelong Botanic Gardens | Naomi Wells - BCN , Rod Lowther - GFNC | Sun 2pm-3:30pm |
| | Sun | 17-Sep-23 | Wurriki Nyal and Johnstone Park - Scar tree | Wurriki Nyal | Julie Saylor-Briggs / Brett / Sarah Price W | Sun 10am-11am |
| | Sun | 17-Sep-23 | Friends of Bot Gardens - Nursery sales, tour and walk | Geelong Botanic Gardens | Friends of Geelong Botanic Gardens | Sun 11am - 3 pm |
| | Wed | 20-Sep-23 | Friends of Bot Gardens - Nursery sales, Tour and walk | Geelong Botanic Gardens | Friends of Geelong Botanic Gardens | Wednesday 9.30 - 12.30pm |
| | Wed | 20-Sep-23 | Geelong Moths and Bats | Geelong Botanic Gardens - Bats | Geelong Field Naturalists Club - Pete Crowcroft | 8pm |
| | Fri | 22-Sep-23 | Habitats of the Bellarine Art Exhibition - Exhibition Launch | Artisans of Australia Gallery Drysdale | Andrea Lindsay | 6-8pm |
| | Week 2 Wetlands - Sparrovale Ngubiti yooree 23 September - 29 September | Sat | 23-Sep-23 | Wetlands Hub Day - Sparrovale Ngubiti yooree | Group displays: | Mt Duneed Men's Shed - Nest boxes Friends of Barwon Heads |
| Sat | | 23-Sep-23 | Sparrovale Ngubiti yooree grand opening W - smoking ceremony | Sparrovale Nubiti yooree Wetlands | Donna Smithyman | Sat 23 10am-1pm |
| Sat | | 23-Sep-23 | Waterbugs | Sparrovale Nubiti yooree Wetlands | Diedre Murphy | |
| Sat | | 23-Sep-23 | Speaker - Wetlands habitat and OBP | Sparrovale Nubiti yooree Wetlands | Craig Morley | Sat 23 2-3pm |
| Mon | | 25-Sep-23 | Walk Talk Gawk | Friends of Barwon Heads | Lisa Powell | 10.30 am |
| Mon | | 25-Sep-23 | Lobster Pot (25/9 - 29/9) | Friends of Barwon Heads | Lisa Powell | 1.00-4.00 |
| Mon | | 25-Sep-23 | iNaturalist - Citizen Science | Friends of Barwon Heads | Lisa Powell | evening |
| Mon | | 25-Sep-23 | Ramsar Canoe Session | Queenscliff Yacht Club | Bellarine Catchment Network - Naomi Wells | 10am - 12pm |
| Mon | | 25-Sep-23 | Ramsar Canoe Session | Queenscliff Yacht Club | Bellarine Catchment Network - Naomi Wells | 12.30pm - 2.30pm |
| Tue | | 26-Sep-23 | Botanical Walk | Friends of Barwon Heads | Lisa Powell | |
| Wed | | 27-Sep-23 | Playground Pop Up | Friends of Barwon Heads | Lisa Powell | 10.00-11.30 |
| Wed | | 27-Sep-23 | Slide Night - Ship wrecks and Land Sea Sky | Friends of Barwon Heads | Lisa Powell | evening |
| Wed | | 27-Sep-23 | Ramsar Canoe Session | Queenscliff Yacht Club | Bellarine Catchment Network - Naomi Wells | 10am - 12pm |

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| | Wed | 27-Sep-23 | Ramsar Canoe Session | Queenscliff Yacht Club | Bellarine Catchment Network - Naomi Wells | 12.30pm - 2.30pm |
| | Thu | 28-Sep-23 | Walk Talk Gawk | Friends of Barwon Heads | Lisa Powell | Ebird - 9.30am Birds and photos 10.30am |
| | Fri | 29-Sep-23 | Explore the Estuary by Canoe | Friends of Barwon Heads | Lisa Powell | 10.30am - 12.30pm |
| | Fri | 29-Sep-23 | Trivia Night | Friends of Barwon Heads | Lisa Powell | evening |
| | Fri | 29-Sep-23 | Ramsar Canoe Session | Queenscliff Yacht Club | Bellarine Catchment Network - Naomi Wells | 10am - 12pm |
| | Wed | 27-Sep-23 | Sparrovale Nubitj yoorree - Wetlands wondering | Sparrovale | Craig Morley | Wed 10am-12pm |
| | Thu | 28-Sep-23 | Buckley Falls Guided Tour | Buckley Falls | Jan Calaby | 2pm - 3.30pm |
| Week 3 | Sun | 01-Oct-23 | Waterways Hub Day - Waurn Ponds Deakin | Group displays: | | |
| Waterway - Waurn Ponds | Sun | 01-Oct-23 | Main event - Deakin Tour and talk | Deakin Waurn Ponds | Andrew Harrison | Sun 1st Oct 10am-1pm |
| 30 September - 5 October | Sun | 01-Oct-23 | Friends of Waurn Ponds Creek - planting | Waurn Ponds Creek - Planting | Colin Kelly | Sun 1st Oct 2-4pm |
| | Sat | 30-Sep-23 | Friends of Waurn Ponds Creek - stand in shopping centre | Waurn Ponds Shopping Centre | Colin Kelly | Sat to Friday 10 - 4pm |
| | Sat | 30-Sep-23 | Mt Duneed Men's Shed - nest boxes | Waurn Ponds SC Display | Mt Duneed Men's Shed | All Week |
| | | | Indented Head Woodland tour | Indented Head Woodland | Nature Reserve Team - Matt Wills | mid week TBC |
| | Sun | 01-Oct-23 | Friends of Buckley Falls - Planting Day | Location to be confirmed | Jan Calaby | mid week day/time TBC |
| | Tue | 03-Oct-23 | Habitat restoration in Queenscliff | The Narrows, Queenscliff | Bellarine Catchment Network | Tues 10am -12pm |
| | Wed | 04-Oct-23 | Weeding at Murrk Ngubitj Yarram Yaluk (former Bellarine Basin) | Murrk Ngubitj Yarram Yaluk | Bellarine Catchment Network | Wed 10am-12pm |
| | Wed | 04-Oct-23 | CCMA Citizen Science - Waterbug Discovery | Waurn Ponds Creek | Corangamite Catchment Management Authority | 10am-11am |
| | Sun | 01-Oct-23 | Borough Habitat Restoration | Rip View Carpark | Eva Mutton | 9.30-11.30 |
| Week 4 | Sun | 08-Oct-23 | Coast Hub Day - Portarlington Hall | Group displays: | Swan Bay Environment Network Friends of the Hooded Plover Bellarine | |
| Coast - Bellarine | Sun | 08-Oct-23 | Coast Hub Day - Coastal Backyard Guest Speaker | Portarlington Parks Hall - Booked | Presentation by Kate Charlton-Robb | 10:00am |
| 7 October - 13 October | Sun | 08-Oct-23 | Coast Hub Day - Burrunan Watch Activity | Portarlington Waterfront | Marine Mammal Foundation - Matt | 11:00am |
| | Sun | 08-Oct-23 | Coast Hub Day - Coastal Backyard Guest Speaker | Portarlington Hall | Dr Corey Green - Victorian Fisheries Authority | 12:00pm |
| | Sun | 08-Oct-23 | Coast Hub Day - Marine Litter Education Activity | Portarlington Waterfront | Marine Mammal Foundation - Matt | 1:00pm |
| | Sun | 08-Oct-23 | Hub Day - Hooked on Bellarine VFA | Portarlington Waterfront | Victorian Fisheries Authority - Fish Bellarine -Jule Morgan | 10am-4pm |
| | Sun | 08-Oct-23 | Hub Display and Queenscliffe Indigenous Nursery Plant Sales | Portarlington Parks Hall | Swan Bay Environment Network | Sun 10am - 3pm |
| | Sat | 07-Oct-23 | Focus on Shorebirds | 40W 13th Beach Road, Barwon Heads | Friends of the Hooded Plover | 10am - 12pm |
| | Sat | 07-Oct-23 | Begola Scavenger Hunt | Begola Wetlands | Ocean Grove Coastcare | 9.30-11 |
| | Tue | 10-Oct-23 | Habitat restoration in Point Lonsdale | RipView Carpart, Point Lonsdale | Bellarine Catchment Network | 10am - 12pm |
| | Wed | 11-Oct-23 | We love plants! tour | Bellarine - landcare, school and basin | Andrew Quick and Bellarine Landcare | Wed 4 pm - 6pm |
| | Wed | 11-Oct-23 | Nature Art Activity | Point Richards Flora and Fauna Reserve | Bellarine Bayside, Port Arts Network and Friends of Point Richards Flora and Fauna Reserve | |
| | Fri | 13-Oct-23 | DELL Eco Reef Tour | The DELL | Ralph Roob | 8:30-10am |

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| | Fri | 13-Oct-23 | Guided walk and bee hotels | Point Richards Flora and Fauna Reserve | Jane, Hayley, Friends of Point Richards Flora and Fauna Reserve | 9am-11am |
| | Sun | 15-Oct-23 | Open Day at Queenscliffe Indigenous Nursery | Queenscliffe Indigenous Nursery | Eva Mutton | Sun 10am-12pm |
| Week 5 Plains - Northern Geelong 14 October - 20 October | Sat | 14-Oct-23 | Plains Hub Day - The fOrT | Group Displays: | Little River Community Landcare | |
| | Sat | 14-Oct-23 | Backyard Reptiles - making your backyard a home | The fOrT | Geelong Field Naturalists Club - Tracey Hinton | During the day |
| | Tue | 17-Oct-23 | Discovering Nature and Citizen Science | The fOrT | Geelong Field Naturalists Club | Tue 4.30-6pm - TBC w fOrT |
| | Thu | 19-Oct-23 | Discovering Nature and Citizen Science | The fOrT | Geelong Field Naturalists Club | Thur 4.30 - 6pm TBC w fOrT |
| | Sun | 15-Oct-23 | Little River Wildflower Walk | Little River Nature Conservation Reserve | Little River Community Landcare | Time TBC |
| | Sun | 15-Oct-23 | Nature Wands and Potions | Cowies Creek | Michaela - Friends of Cowies Creek | 10am - 11.30am |
| | Wed | 18-Oct-23 | Wurdi Youang and native grassland tour | Old Melbourne Road and Wurdi Youang | Reg Abrahams for Wurdi Youang and Nature Reserves Team for Old Melbourne Road | 9am - 1pm |
| | Thurs | 19-Oct-23 | Moorabool River and Dog Rocks Walk on Country | Dog Rocks Road | Ashleigh Skinner from Wadawurrung, Trust for Nature | 9:30am - 12:30pm |
| | Fri | 20-Oct-23 | Wildflower walk St Leonards | McCarthy Reserve, St Leonards | Nature Reserves Team - Darren Bird | Fri 2pm-3pm |
| | Week 6 Hills - Anakie 21 October - 27 October | Sun | 22-Oct-23 | Hills Hub Day - Anakie-Staughtonvale Hall | Group Displays: | Little River Community Landcare |
| Sun | | 22-Oct-23 | Main event - Koala Links | Anakie-Staughtonvale Hall - Booked | Janine Duffy from Koala Clancy Foundation | 10am-2pm? |
| Sun | | 22-Oct-23 | Gardens for Wildlife open garden - Newtown | Mary-Jane's 221 Noble St, Newtown | Mary-Jane, Georgina, Naomi | Sun 10am-2pm |
| Sat | | 21-Oct-23 | Wildflower walk | Brisbane Ranges National Park | Deirdre Murphy Friends of Brisbane Ranges | Sat - Time TBC |
| | | | Spotlight tour | Mt Rothwell | Mt Rothwell Biodiversity Interpretation Centre | night TBC |
| | | | Post burn tour | Mt Brandon Highton | Nature Reserves Team - Jon Park | mid week TBC |
| Sat | | 28-Oct-23 | Little River Community Day | Little River Mechanics Hall | Wyndham City Council, Parks Victoria, City of Greater Geelong | 10.30am - 12.00pm |
| Closing Geelong Botanic Gardens 28 October - 29 October 2023 | Sun | 29-Oct-23 | Closing Event - Geelong Botanic Gardens | Group Displays: | | |
| | Sun | 29-Oct-23 | Art display at the 21st Century Garden | Geelong Botanic Gardens | Mary-Jane | Sun time? |
| | Sun | 29-Oct-23 | Friends of Bot Gardens - Nursery sales, tour and walk | Geelong Botanic Gardens | Friends of Geelong Botanic Gardens | Sun 11am - 3pm |
| | Sat | 28-Oct-23 | Guided Walk at Geelong Botanic Gardens - Edible Plants | Geelong Botanic Gardens | Liz Bonetto | 1pm |
| | Sun | 29-Oct-23 | Friends of Botanic Gardens - Nursery Sales | Geelong Botanic Gardens | Liz Bonetto | 11am-3pm |
| | Sun | 29-Oct-23 | Guided Walk at Geelong Botanic Gardens - Australian Trees | Geelong Botanic Gardens | Liz Bonetto | 2pm |
| | Following Events | | | | | |
| Following Events | Fri | 24-Nov-23 | Great Southern Bioblitz | | Participants in the event will then have a further 14 days to upload and identify all their | |
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