
















## Calendar of Activities: FEBRUARY 2010

	Date	Time	Description of Activity/Workshop	Venue	For bookings
	Sunday 31 January	9:00am – 12:00pm <b>Bookings essential</b>	<b>FREE Sustainable Illawarra Bokashi and Advanced Composting workshop</b> – Would you like to improve your composting skills and knowledge? Come along and discuss the pros and cons of different composting styles, compost activators, compost creatures, temperatures and more. Learn about biodynamic composts, anaerobic compost systems, and how to make your own Bokashi mix. Please note you must have some experience composting to attend this workshop. If you're new to composting, keep your eye out for beginner composting workshops run by the Councils later in the year. Morning tea provided. <i>This is a Sustainable Illawarra activity and is open to residents of Wollongong, Shellharbour and Kiama Council areas only.</i>	Shellharbour	4221 6111
	Wednesday 3 February	10:00am – 12:30pm <b>Bookings essential</b>	<b>FREE Wollongong Council Ancient wonders of the Rainforest Walk and New Beginnings Composting Workshop</b> – Join us on a <i>Meet the Gardener</i> journey through the Botanic Gardens Rainforest led by the gardener in charge of the rainforest. Explore where the old forest meets the new, discover rainforest species, and discuss the natural cycles of the forest. After morning tea at 11.30am, take part in a <i>New Beginnings, Composting workshop</i> . See how nature composts, then learn how you can recreate this process in your own compost system. Soon you'll be composting grass clippings, weeds, fruit and vegetable scraps and much more! <i>This activity is targeted at adults, and children are welcome to attend if they are supervised by an adult. This activity is run by Wollongong City Council and is free for residents of Wollongong City Council Area.</i>	Discovery Centre, Wollongong Botanic Gardens. Enter via Madoline Street.	4229 2600
	Saturday 6 February	10am – 3pm <b>Bookings essential</b>	<b>FREE Sustainable Illawarra Backyard Chook Keeping workshop</b> - Increase your skills and knowledge in being able to keep happy, healthy chooks in your backyard with Jill Cockram, an expert in chook keeping and organic gardening. <i>This is a Sustainable Illawarra activity and is open to residents of Wollongong, Shellharbour and Kiama Council areas only.</i>	Kiama	4232 0419 or email pips@kiama.nsw.gov.au.

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	Saturday 13 February	9am – 12 noon <b>Bookings essential</b>	<b>FREE Sustainable Illawarra Frogs, Insects and Other Little Backyard Critters Workshop</b> - Explore the world of frogs, insects and other little backyard critters and find out how you can encourage them to stay around and enhance your backyard biodiversity. On the day you'll be able to view some specimens of these fascinating creatures, and join in a walk looking for critters in the native bushland. This fun and informative workshop is run by our local wildlife guru Pete Nolan from Habitat Ponds. <i>Children are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult. This is a Sustainable Illawarra activity and is open to residents of Wollongong, Shellharbour and Kiama Council areas only.</i>	Kiama	Byron 42320465
	Saturday 13 February	9am – 1pm approx <b>Bookings essential</b>	<b>FREE Macquarie Pass Waterfall Walk</b> – Follow the beautiful Macquarie Rivulet upstream and learn about the rainforest and the aquatic life of this special area. Visit the waterfalls and swimming holes of Clover Hill, where you can cool off with a dip in the pool before making the return journey through the forest. This walk contains steep sections and requires walkers to have a reasonable level of fitness. <i>This is a Sustainable Illawarra activity and is open to residents of Wollongong, Shellharbour and Kiama Council areas only.</i>	Macquarie Pass	4221 6111
	Sunday 14 February	9am – 1pm <b>Bookings essential</b>	<b>FREE Sustainable Illawarra Building a No-Dig Veggie Garden workshop</b> – Come along to this hands-on, practical workshop facilitated by passionate local gardening gurus, and find out all about how you can build and maintain a thriving no-dig veggie patch in your own backyard. <i>This is a Sustainable Illawarra activity and is open to residents of Wollongong, Shellharbour and Kiama Council areas only.</i>	Shellharbour	4221 6111




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	Saturday 20 February	9:30am – 12:30pm <b>Bookings essential</b>	<b>FREE Sustainable Illawarra Frogs, Insects and Other Little Backyard Critters Workshop</b> - Explore the world of frogs, insects and other little backyard critters and find out how you can encourage them to stay around and enhance your backyard biodiversity. On the day you'll be able to view some specimens of these fascinating creatures, and join in a walk looking for critters in the native bushland. This fun and informative workshop is run by our local wildlife guru Pete Nolan from Habitat Ponds. <i>Children are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult. This is a Sustainable Illawarra activity and is open to residents of Wollongong, Shellharbour and Kiama Council areas only.</i>	Wollongong	Lynne 4227 3859
	Sunday 21 February	9:00am – 12:00 noon <b>Bookings essential</b>	<b>FREE Sustainable Illawarra Bokashi and Advanced Composting Workshop</b> - Would you like to improve your composting skills and knowledge? Come along and discuss the pros and cons of different composting styles, compost activators, compost creatures, temperatures and more. Learn about biodynamic composts, anaerobic compost systems, and how to make your own Bokashi mix. Please note you must have some experience composting to attend this workshop. If you're new to composting, keep your eye out for beginner composting workshops run by the Councils later in the year. <i>This is a Sustainable Illawarra activity and is open to residents of Wollongong, Shellharbour and Kiama Council areas only.</i>	Discovery Centre, Wollongong Botanic Gardens. Enter via Madoline Street.	Fiona 4227 7105
	Saturday 20 February	8am – 12 noon <b>Bookings only required to book a space to sell goods</b>	<b>Kiama Council Second Hand Saturday Giant Community Garage Sale</b> – Second Hand Saturday is a giant community garage sale supported by Kiama Council. Kiama Council organises two Second Hand Saturday events annually, which are followed by a Council clean up. All residents of the Kiama Municipality are eligible to book a free space at the event, and everyone is welcome to come along and pick up a bargain. Gold coin donations will be collected for the Minnamurra Lions Club. <i>This event is organised by Kiama Municipal Council, and only Kiama Municipal residents are able to book a space to sell their second hand goods.</i>	"School Flat", Black Beach, Terralong Street, Kiama	To book a space at the event, fill out an interest form at <a href="http://www.kiama.nsw.gov.au">www.kiama.nsw.gov.au</a> or phone 4232 0400

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	Monday 22 February	5.30pm – 7:00pm <b>Bookings essential</b>	<b>FREE Wollongong Council Beginner Worm Farming and Composting Workshop</b> – In this hands-on fun workshop, learn how easy and economically viable it can be to reuse your food scraps by setting up a compost or worm farm. Compost improves the soil, helps control weeds, encourages worms and helps reduce pest and disease problems. Worm farms are a great alternative for people who live in a unit or apartment and the worm castings are a good natural fertiliser and soil conditioner. This workshop is targeted at families, and will include activities for adults and children. <i>This activity is run by Wollongong Council and is free of charge to Wollongong residents only. A fee applies to residents of suburbs outside of the Wollongong Local Government Area.</i>	Discovery Centre, Wollongong Botanic Gardens. Enter via Madoline Street.	Fiona 4227 7105
	Tuesday 23 February	5:30pm – 8:30pm <b>Please RSVP</b>	<b>FREE Sustainable Illawarra Solar Expo</b> – Come along and talk to a range of different suppliers of solar hot water and solar power systems, seek quotes and gain valuable insights into the different systems and government rebates available. The format for this event will be: <b>5:30pm - 6:30pm:</b> Opportunity to talk to local suppliers <b>6:30pm - 7:30pm:</b> Presentation about rebates and the federal government's Green Loans program by a representative of the Alternative Technology Association ( <a href="http://www.ata.org.au">www.ata.org.au</a> ), Australia's leading not-for-profit organisation dedicated to promoting sustainable technology and practices. <b>7:30pm - 8:30pm:</b> Opportunity to talk to local suppliers <i>This is a Sustainable Illawarra activity and is open to residents of Wollongong, Shellharbour and Kiama Council areas only.</i>	Woonona Bulli RSL Club, 455 Princes Highway, Woonona.	RSVP is preferred to assist in planning. Phone Adrienne on 0407930406

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	Wednesday 24 February	5.30pm - 7.30pm <b>Bookings essential</b>	<b>FREE Wollongong Council Advanced Composting Workshop</b> - Would you like to improve your composting skills and knowledge? Come along and discuss the pros and cons of different composting styles, compost activators, compost creatures, temperatures and more. Learn about biodynamic composts, anaerobic compost systems, and how to make your own Bokashi mix. Please note you must have some experience composting to attend this workshop. If you're new to composting, keep your eye out for beginner composting workshops run by the Councils later in the year. <i>This activity is run by Wollongong Council and is free of charge to Wollongong residents only. A fee applies to residents of suburbs outside of the Wollongong Local Government Area.</i>	Discovery Centre, Wollongong Botanic Gardens. Enter via Madoline Street.	Fiona 4227 7105
	Friday 26 February	7:30am – 2:30pm	<b>Wollongong Council GreenPlan Sale Day</b> – Wollongong City Council ratepayers only may purchase up to 50 plants per property at prices as marked until stocks last. Payment by cash, cheque or EFTPOS (no American Express accepted). A rates notice must be produced when payment made. <i>This activity is run by Wollongong Council and is available to Wollongong ratepayers only.</i>	Wollongong Botanic Gardens Nursery, Northfields Avenue, Keiraville	Bookings not required. For more info call 4225 2636
	Friday 26 February	5.30pm - 7.00pm <b>Bookings essential</b>	<b>FREE Wollongong Council Green Cleaning Workshop</b> - Reduce the amount of chemicals you purchase by learning the art of green cleaning. Discover basic natural cleaning ingredients which are available from the supermarket for very little money, and have the capability to remove dirt, neutralise odours and keep your home clean and green. <i>This activity is run by Wollongong Council and is free of charge to Wollongong residents only. A fee applies to residents of suburbs outside of the Wollongong Local Government Area.</i>	Discovery Centre, Wollongong Botanic Gardens. Enter via Madoline Street.	Fiona 4227 7105
	Saturday 27 February	9am – 12:30 <b>Bookings essential</b>	<b>FREE Sustainable Illawarra Preserving Workshop</b> – Come along to this hands-on workshop and learn some basic techniques for turning fresh fruit into preserves. <i>This is a Sustainable Illawarra activity and is open to residents of Wollongong, Shellharbour and Kiama Council areas only.</i>	Wollongong	4227 7453

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	Saturday 27 February	9:00am – 12 noon <b>Bookings essential</b>	<b>FREE Sustainable Illawarra Attracting Lizards, Reptiles and Frogs to Your Garden Workshop</b> - Come to this free, interactive workshop and learn more about the local species of reptiles such as lizards and snakes, as well as other creatures such as frogs that you might see in your garden or the local bushland. Find out how you can encourage them to stay around and enhance your backyard biodiversity. The workshop is run by our local wild life guru - Pete Nolan from Habitat Ponds. <i>Children are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult. This is a Sustainable Illawarra activity and is open to residents of Wollongong, Shellharbour and Kiama Council areas only.</i>	Shellharbour	4221 6111
	Saturday 27 February	8am – 1pm	<b>FREE Kiama Council Produce Markets</b> - Held on the 4th Saturday of every month, Kiama Produce Markets offers a wide range of produce to cater for everyone's tastes. Fresh fruit and vegetables, eggs, herbs, honey and a range of spices, oils and vinegars, dukkah, chutney and sauces are on offer, as well as organic vegetables, hot foods and sweets - definitely gourmet food in a gourmet setting! Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy a very delicious outing. <i>This event is organised by Kiama Council and is open to all.</i>	Black Beach, Shoalhaven Street, Kiama.	To book a stall or for more info contact the Produce Market Hotline on 4232 0464
	Saturday 27 February	9am – 12 noon	<b>FREE North Wollongong Community Garden Waste Not! Fruit and Veg Swap</b> - Do you have garden surplus? Are you concerned about issues of food quality, sustainability, fairness and waste? Join us! We meet on the 4th Saturday of every month to swap home-grown produce (herbicide/pesticide free). FairTrade coffee and sweets will also be available for purchase. <i>This event is run by the North Wollongong Community Garden and Cultural Development Association and is open to all.</i>	North Wollongong Community Garden, Ajax Avenue North Wollongong (at the back of the PCYC facility)	Bookings not required. For more details: <a href="http://www.thegar.dennorthgo.ng.blogspot.com">www.thegar.dennorthgo.ng.blogspot.com</a> , <a href="mailto:wastenotswap@gmail.com">wastenotswap@gmail.com</a> or 42440345

Sustainable Illawarra is a joint sustainability program run by Wollongong, Shellharbour and Kiama Councils with support from the NSW Governments Environmental Trust. As part of this program, a number of sustainability workshops and events are being held for residents of these Councils areas until June 2010.

This Sustainable Illawarra calendar of events advertises Sustainable Illawarra activities, as well as other sustainability events organised by Wollongong, Shellharbour and Kiama Council, and other local organisations. For more information on Sustainable Illawarra activities, or to subscribe or unsubscribe from this monthly update, please call 4227 7453 or email [mail@sustainableillawarra.com.au](mailto:mail@sustainableillawarra.com.au).