LIVING SUSTAINABLY WORKSHOP SERIES

SPRING 2012

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All events are free of charge, preference is given to Hills Shire residents.
Bookings are essential. Contact the Environmental Education Officer on 9843 0533 or gnolan@thehills.nsw.gov.au
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WILD FLOWERS **Thursday 6 September | 10am**
Enjoy a spring wildflower guided walk, morning tea and obtain a copy of the new "Seasonal Wildflower Identification" booklet.

THREATENED SPECIES DAY **Friday 7 September | All Day**
View the photos from the Local Shire, Local Stories natural photography exhibition at Castle Grand.
This exhibition is in support of the local Landcare Week activities.

SUSTAINABLE HOUSE DAY **Sunday 9 September | All Day | 33 Pebble Cres, The Ponds**
Visit the 3 specially designed Eco-Living sustainable display homes, including the net-zero emissions home, on exhibition at the Ponds. Phone 8814 5781 for details.

SUSTAINABLE HOUSE DESIGN **Tuesday 11 September | 6pm - 7:30pm | Castle Hill Library**
Update your ideas about sustainable house design, building principles, environmental efficiency, BASIX obligations and more.
This workshop conducted by Kalene Cassie.

BLUE GUM CREEK WALK **Saturday 15 September | 10am - 12noon**
Discover the wildflowers of the sandstone ridge and explore the remnant Blue Gum High Forest, a threatened ecological community, in the valley below. Conducted by Boronia Tours.

CONSERVING OUR WILDLIFE **Tuesday 25 September | 12noon - 1pm | Council Admin Building, 129 Showground Road**
Hear some inspiring stories about attempts to save endangered native animals from extinction. Presented by the Australian Wildlife Conservancy (AWC).

WILDLIFE SPLENDOUR **Saturday 29 September | 9:30am - 11:30am**
Enjoy learning the techniques of bushland photography with practical and hands on advice provided by an experienced and passionate photographer. Bring your camera and enthusiasm.

SETTING UP A GARDEN **Saturday 6 October | 10am - 12noon**
Organic Week is the perfect time to discover the answer to all your questions about what, where and how to establish a flourishing kitchen garden, including a no-dig garden.

COMPOSTING AND WORM FARMING **Thursday 11 October | 10am - 12noon**
Need help to get started? Learn how to turn food and garden waste into free organic fertiliser and how best to maintain these two very useful environmental systems at your home.

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SPRING/SUMMER IN THE GARDEN Saturday 13 October | 10am - 12noon
A seasonal workshop for vegetable gardeners about what to plant, tasks to undertake and opportunities to explore at given times of the year. A great workshop to finish Organic Week.

RIDE TO WORK Wednesday 17 October | 12noon - 1pm | Council Admin Building, 129 Showground Road
Get advice about bike maintenance, riding hints and equipment selection that will encourage you to get out and about on Council's network of Tracks and Trails

SAVING MONEY IN THE HOME AND GARDEN Saturday 25 October | 9:30am - 11am
Handy Hints for Water Week on saving water in the garden and for saving energy in the house. Win one of 10 energy efficiency packs worth $100.

COMPOSTING AND WORM FARMING Thursday 1 November | 10am - 12noon
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WATERFALL WALK, HUNTS CREEK Saturday 3 November | 10am - 12noon
This walk will explore the shady sandstone gullies along Hunts Creek, which after heavy rain, cascades down over a beautiful waterfall. Conducted by Boronia Tours.

HERB GARDEN AT HOME Saturday 10 November | 9:30am - 11:30am
Gain an understanding of the needs of common herbs, unusual herbs and edible flowers and on how to successfully produce them at home.

KEEPING CHICKENS IN YOUR YARD Saturday 17 November | 9:30am - 11:30am
Discover the benefits of rearing chickens, turning your left over food scraps into fresh free range eggs and great garden fertiliser. Learn how to keep your chickens happy and healthy, naturally and check out the latest council regulations.

NATURAL CLEANING Saturday 24 November | 9:30am - 11am
Avoid expensive and potentially hazardous chemical cleaning products and use safe, effective and environmentally friendly alternatives.

HEALTHY GARDENS Saturday 1 December | 9:30am - 11am
Are you tired of pests taking your ripening harvest? Find out about natural pest control, such as companion planting, and other organic methods to make your garden more productive and sustainable.

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