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	Date	Time	Description of Activity/Workshop	Venue	For bookings
	Saturday 6 March	9am – 1pm Bookings essential	FREE Sustainable Illawarra Building a No-Dig Veggie Garden workshop – 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>	Wollongong	4227 7453 or mail@sustainableillawarra.com.au
	Saturday 6 March	9:00am – 12:00pm	FREE Sustainable Illawarra Attracting Lizards, Reptiles and Frogs to Your Garden Workshop - 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. <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
	Sunday 7 March	Various	FREE Clean Up Australia Day - Every year thousands of Australians help clean up their environment on Clean Up Australia Day. It's fun, easy and everyone can get involved. Individuals and local groups can either organise a Clean Up site or volunteer to join an existing site. Many places across the Illawarra have registered a clean up sites already. There is also a Business Clean Up Day on Tuesday 2 March and a Schools Clean Up Day on Friday 5 March. <i>These national events are organised by the Clean Up Australia team.</i>	Various	To volunteer visit www.cleau paustaliada y.org.au or call 1800 282 329 or contact your local Council.

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	Monday 8 March	6:00pm – 7:30pm	<p>FREE Sustainable Illawarra and Oxfam Film Screening of 'Sisters on the Planet' – In celebration of International Women's Day, join us in viewing a compilation of short films of inspiration, hope, and the power of people to bring about change in the face of climate change. The 'Sisters On the Planet' films feature women from across the globe who share their stories about how climate change is affecting their communities, and how they are leading positive action to create more a sustainable future. On the night there will also be three special guest speakers - Doctor Pamela Abuodha from Kenya who is an expert in assessing the susceptibility of coastlines to climate change, Irina Bruckner an artist originating from Kazakhstan and Lindley Berrie who is passionate about sustainable living and an active member of the local BushCare program. This activity is run in partnership with Oxfam Australia, which produced the 'Sisters On the Planet' series.</p> <p><i>This is a Sustainable Illawarra activity and is open to residents of Wollongong, Shellharbour and Kiama Council areas only. This activity is being held in partnership with Oxfam Australia, which has produced the 'Sisters of the Planet' series.</i></p>	Level 9 function room, Wollongong City Council, 41 Burelli Street Wollongong (above the library). Catch the free Wollongong City Shuttle bus, or park in the car park behind the Council in Stewart Street.	Bookings are not required
	Sunday 14 March	9:00am – 1:00pm Bookings essential	<p>FREE Sustainable Illawarra Starting a Backyard Veggie Patch Workshop- Join in this hands-on, practical workshop facilitated by passionate local gardening gurus, and learn about organic gardening principles, building and maintaining a veggie patch, saving seeds and propagation.</p> <p><i>This is a Sustainable Illawarra activity and is open to residents of Wollongong, Shellharbour and Kiama Council areas only.</i></p>	Shellharbour	Community Services – 4221 6170

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	Saturday 13 and 14 March	10:00am- 4.30pm	<p>Australia Open Garden Scheme - Permaculturally Perfect! A Suburban Sanctuary in Port Kembla - Learn the secrets of permaculture design and planting in two inspiring small gardens featuring subtropical cassava, turmeric, bananas, jaboticaba and sapote as well as herbs, vegetables, poultry and guinea pigs. Both gardens rely on grey water diversion, composting and worm farms, and have used innovative methods to deal with contaminated soil. There'll be talks and guided tours throughout the weekend. The adjacent community garden and laneway planted with native rainforest is also available for viewing and the Port Kembla Men's Group will be selling fair trade coffee and treats there.</p> <p><i>This activity is run by the Australian Open Garden Scheme. Entry is \$6.00 per person for both gardens and there is no charge for children under 18. Entry fees will be donated to charity and used by the Australian Open Gardens Scheme for community grants.</i></p>	28 & 30 Third Ave, Port Kembla (access Third Avenue by turning off Military Road in Port Kembla)	Not required
	Monday 15 March	5:30pm – 7:00pm	<p>FREE Wollongong City Council Virtual tours of Whytes Gully landfill and Materials Recycling Facility - Would you like to find out where your recyclables go after they are collected, or perhaps learn how to tell which plastic products can be recycled and how rinsing recyclables can help our sorting facility? Take a behind the scenes look at the technologies and environmental measures which have been implemented to manage Whytes Gully landfill. Find out how waste is processed and how small actions can make a big difference.</p> <p><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></p>	Discovery Centre, Wollongong Botanic Gardens. Enter via Madoline Street.	Fiona 4227 7105
	Wed 17 March	5:30pm – 7:00pm	<p>FREE Wollongong City Council Waste Wise Living Workshop – Discover the science and art of living a greener life and learn how to make smarter product choices which are often better for the hip pocket and for your health. Gain understanding into the environmental costs associated with product choices. Discover the basic natural cleaning ingredients for general cleaning that are available from the supermarket for very little money. You will be able to start applying lots of the eco-tips and practical advice right away which can save you money and reduce the amount of waste in your bins.</p> <p><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></p>	Discovery Centre, Wollongong Botanic Gardens. Enter via Madoline Street.	Fiona 4227 7105

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	Friday 19 March	7:30am – 2:30pm	<p>Wollongong City Council GreenPlan Plant Collection Day in Wollongong – Plants are available to Wollongong City Council residents only at a minimum cost.</p> <p><i>This activity is run by Wollongong Council and is available to Wollongong ratepayers only.</i></p>	Wollongong Botanic Gardens Nursery, Northfields Avenue, Keiraville	Bookings not required. For more info call 4225 2636
	Friday 19 March	5.30pm – 7:00pm Bookings essential	<p>FREE Wollongong City Council Beginner Worm Farming and Composting Workshop – 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.</p> <p><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></p>	Discovery Centre, Wollongong Botanic Gardens. Enter via Madoline Street.	Fiona 4227 7105
	Saturday 20 March	9:00am – 12:00pm Bookings essential	<p>FREE Sustainable Illawarra Bokashi and Advanced Composting workshop – 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.</p> <p><i>This is a Sustainable Illawarra activity and is open to residents of Wollongong, Shellharbour and Kiama Council areas only.</i></p>	Kiama	Josephine 4232 0553
	Saturday 20 March	9:00am – 12:30pm Bookings essential	<p>FREE Sustainable Illawarra Preserving Workshop – Come along to this hands-on workshop and learn some basic techniques for turning fresh fruit into preserves.</p> <p><i>This is a Sustainable Illawarra activity and is open to residents of Wollongong, Shellharbour and Kiama Council areas only.</i></p>	Shellharbour	Community Services 4221 6170

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	Sunday 21 March	9:00am – 12:30pm Bookings essential	FREE Sustainable Illawarra Preserving Workshop – 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>	Kiama	4232 0419 or email pips@kiama.nsw.gov.au
	Thursday 25 March	6:00pm – 7:30pm	FREE Sustainable Illawarra Sustainable Living Showcase: From frog ponds to bokashi bins, water tanks to solar power, this event has it all. Come along and speak to a range of local businesses offering a diverse range of sustainable products. These local businesses are partners of the Sustainable Illawarra project and all offer discounts and offers on selected products. Register on the night to go in the draw to win one of 3 lucky door prizes or a major prize voucher to the value of \$500. <i>This is a Sustainable Illawarra activity and is open to residents of Wollongong, Shellharbour and Kiama Council areas only.</i>	Heininger Hall, Dapto Ribbonwood Centre, 93-109 Princes Hwy, Dapto. Parking available off Heininger Street, with alternate parking off Moombara Street behind McDonalds.	Bookings not required. For more info call 4227 7453
	Thursday 25 March	9:00am – 3:30pm Bookings essential	FREE Wollongong City Council Seniors Week Op Shop Tour with a Difference - Commence the day exploring hidden treasures at a number of local opportunity shops. Then head off to Whytes Gully for a guided tour of the landfill site, followed by a stop at the Revolve Centre. A great opportunity to understand the reasons why people need to reuse and recycle and the impact of disposing of items to landfill. Finish the day visiting another op shop prior to returning to Wollongong. Morning tea will be provided. <i>This activity is run by Wollongong Council as part of Seniors Week activities and is only open to Wollongong residents aged over 55 years.</i>	Pick up and drop off point is in Wollongong.	RSVP by 22 March to Fiona Netting on 4227 7105
	Saturday 27 March	10.00am - 12.00pm Bookings essential	FREE Sustainable Illawarra Water Wise Gardening Workshop in Shellharbour – Presented by John Gabriele, Horticulture teacher at Yallah TAFE, Kiama local and host of the Compost Heap on ABC radio, <u>this workshop will inform participants of the importance of plant selection, mulching and moisture retention techniques and building soil structure to make your garden as water efficient as possible.</u> <i>This is a Sustainable Illawarra activity and is open to residents of Wollongong, Shellharbour and Kiama Council areas only.</i>	Albion Park Community Centre	HACC Centre 4257 9036

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	Saturday 27 March	8:00am – 1:00pm	FREE Kiama Council Produce Markets - 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 March	9:00am – 12:00pm	FREE North Wollongong Community Garden Waste Not! Fruit and Veg Swap - 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 info: www.thegardennorthong.blogspot.com , or call 42440345
	Sunday 28 March	1:00pm – 4:00pm (gates open at 12:30pm)	Ecopella at the Wombarra Sculpture Garden - Enjoy the music of ecopella, an environmental a capella choir, and exciting range of local musicians. Relax under the trees with lunch. Bring a picnic, a blanket or a picnic chair. Food and coffee are available from Manic Organic. Wander around winding paths finding beautiful and quirky sculptures. Entry is \$10 or \$5 concession, with all money raised goes towards the Australia Seabird Rescue. <i>This event is run by Ecopella with support from Healthy Cities Illawarra, and is open to all.</i>	59 Morrison Avenue Wombarra. Wet weather alternative venue: Thirroul Railway Institute.	Bookings not required. For more information visit www.ecopella.org.au or call 4285 1714

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.