

Cumberland Plain Landcare Program

Mitchell Park, Cattai and Scheyville National Park Wild Weeding Weekends - MARCH 10 & 11, APRIL 14 & 15



Threatened Yellow bellied Glider

Hawkesbury Landcare Network is partnering with the National Parks and Wildlife Service's Bushcare Program and, Conservation Volunteers Australia for a fun-filled adventure conservation weekend in Mitchell Park, Cattai and Scheyville National Park, Scheyville. These Parks represent lovely aspects of sandstone and clay vegetation, similar to those that can be found across greater Sydney.

The weekend of 10 & 11 March / 14 & 15 April is open to anyone with an interest in the environment, who feels like a FREE weekend away, relatively close to Sydney city. The weekend will be made up of bush regeneration on each Parks most problematic weeds, namely Cats Claw Creeper and African Olive.

But it's not all hard work... we want you to experience the Wild beauty in these Parks too. A guided bush walk will be carried out in the afternoon of the 10th (Mitchell Park), followed by a fully catered dinner and, a spotlight for people to see a *Threatened* Yellow bellied Glider (photo above), found in the old growth trees of Mitchell Park.

Camping is available on the Saturday night, in the Environmental Education Centre in Mitchell Park, with all facilities. Alternatively, you can pitch a tent only a short walk away. You will need to arrange a floor mat and sleeping bag for camping, and a tent for the campsite.

We are organising these weekends in order to help the current Bushcare volunteers in both Mitchell Park and Scheyville National Park. Whilst Mitchell Park is rich in its own biodiversity with old growth trees that were here before the Europeans settled, Scheyville National Park is likewise special as it represents a large stand of the *Critically Endangered Ecological Community* known as the Cumberland Plain Woodland.

Both parks need extra help on the ground to rid them of problematic weed species so that they can regenerate into a resilient and well-functioning ecosystem.

You must be able to attend the entire weekend. Transport is available to and from the nearest train station at the start and end of the weekend. Times for Saturday pickup will be approximately 8am from Windsor Station. The weekend will finish after lunch on the Sunday, so people who need transport will be taken back to the station by 2pm that day.

This weekend is the first of four throughout the months of March, April, May and June 2018 - so if you can't make this weekend, consider reserving an alternative month. Or, if you enjoy the March weekend so much, come again another month!

This event is facilitated by the Hawkesbury Landcare Network, with support from Greater Sydney Local Land Services and financial assistance by the Federal Government.

For more information, please contact the Hawkesbury Landcare Network's Local Landcare Coordinator Xuela Sledge at landcare@hrcc.nsw.gov.au or Mobile: 0410 616 139.

Bookings are essential, as there are limited spots.

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