

# Mudcrabs Calendar 2014 January-June

The Mudcrabs are mainly involved in two types of activities:

1. **Clean-ups and litter removal** of sites along the Cooks River. This work is mainly done at Marrickville Golf Course (at end of Alfred St) and alongside Canterbury Race Course (at the end of Broughton St)

2. **Bush reconstruction and regeneration** including the planting of local, indigenous native plants and weeding & maintenance of selected sites along the river. This currently occurs at seven sites: Rosedale Reserve (Croydon Park), Foord Ave & Ewen Park (Hurlstone Park), Cup and Saucer Creek Wetlands (Canterbury), Gough Whitlam Park Saltmarsh (Earlwood), Wave Rock (Marrickville Golf Course), Thornley St. (Marrickville). Canterbury and Marrickville Councils support this work by providing some of the tools and plants. Our aim is to attract local people living near these sites to become involved in the planting and maintenance. See below for more details.

Some of the dates may change but people will be notified by email if this happens .

See next page for general information about Mudcrabs and location of all sites

## General Clean-ups

Sunday March 2.... CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY – various sites.....9.00-12.00

Saturday April 5.....CANTERBURY RACECOURSE SITE.....9.00-12.00

## Bush Reconstruction & Regeneration

### Foord Ave

Sunday February 9..... 8.00-10.00  
Sunday March 9 ..... 8.00-10.00  
Sunday April 13 ..... 9.00-11.00  
Sunday May 11 ..... 9.00-11.00  
Sunday June 8 ..... 9.00-11.00

### Rosedale Reserve

Sunday February 23 ..... 8.00-12.00  
Sunday March 23 ..... 8.00-12.00  
Sunday April 27 ..... 8.00-12.00  
Sunday May 25 ..... 8.00-12.00  
Sunday June 22 ..... 8.00-12.00  
(Come any time between 8-12)

### Ewen Park

Sunday February 16 ..... 3.30-5.30  
Sunday March 16 ..... 3.30-5.30  
Sunday April 20 ..... 2.30-4.30  
Sunday May 25 ..... 9.00-11.00  
Sunday June 15 ..... 9.00-11.00

### Gough Whitlam Saltmarsh

Saturday Feb 1 ..... 9.00-11.00  
Saturday March 1 ..... 9.00-11.00  
Saturday April 5 ..... 9.00-11.00  
Saturday May 3 ..... 9.00-11.00  
Saturday June 7 ..... 9.00-11.00

### Cup & Saucer Creek Wetlands

Saturday Feb 15 ..... 9.30-11.30  
Saturday March 15 ..... 9.30-11.30  
Saturday May 17 ..... 9.30-11.30

### Thornley Street – Marrickville

Saturday February 8 ..... 9.00-11.00  
Saturday March 8 ..... 9.00-11.00  
Saturday April 12 ..... 9.00-11.00  
Saturday May 10 ..... 9.00-11.00  
Saturday June 14 ..... 9.00-11.00

### Wave Rock Marrickville Golf Crse

Wed Feb 5 ..... 9.00 – 11.00  
Wed Mar 5 ..... 9.00 – 11.00  
Wed April 2 ..... 9.00 – 11.00  
Wed May 7 ..... 9.00 – 11.00  
Wed June 4 ..... 9.00 – 11.00



# General information about the Mudcrabs

- People are welcome to drop in at any time during the allocated sessions.
- There are a lot of sessions on the calendar but people are not expected to come to all sessions – pick what suits you.
- For the clean-ups, it's a good idea to wear gumboots or old shoes, as it can be pretty messy!!
- Tools, gloves, insurance cover and refreshments are always provided. Insurance cover is provided by the Cooks River Valley Association.
- **To be included on the email list or make enquiries, contact [mudcrabs.cooksriver@gmail.com](mailto:mudcrabs.cooksriver@gmail.com)**
- **Get general information from Mudcrabs page on CRVA website: [www.crva.org.au](http://www.crva.org.au)**

## Mudcrabs work sites

### **Marrickville Golf Club Wave Rock Bush reconstruction & General Clean Up:**

Meet on edge of golf course in small park at the end of Alfred St, Marrickville or next to 17<sup>th</sup> fairway.

### **Canterbury Race Course (General Clean Up)**

Meet beside bicycle track alongside the end of Broughton St, where it swings around to become Charles St, Canterbury.

### **Gough Whitlam Saltmarsh**

This is a tidal saltmarsh constructed by Canterbury Council about 4 years ago. It provides a saltmarsh environment when the river reaches a high tidal point and acts as a breeding ground for molluscs and other crustaceans. The Mudcrabs are working with Canterbury Council on weeding and planting. The site is located in Gough Whitlam Park, Earlwood between the cricket oval and Bayview Ave. It is very close to Tempe Railway station.

### **Rosedale Reserve**

This is the first revegetation site the Mudcrabs started about nine years ago. A lot of work over that time has produced a wonderful stretch of native bushland along the river. The site still needs ongoing maintenance and care. Access is via the pedestrian/cycle path, half way between the Brighton Ave and Burwood Rd Bridges, and via the footbridge at the end of Beamish St, Campsie. Car access is via Hampton St, Croydon Park.

### **Foord Ave**

This site was chosen as an example of a sandstone outcrop that was overrun by non-native plants. The site had been nominated as a good site needing regeneration and revegetation in Doug Benson's book "Missing Jigsaw Pieces: The Bushplants of the Cooks River Valley" and Doug has provided guidance and support for this project. It is on the pedestrian/cycle path at the end of Foord Ave, Hurlstone Park and car access is via Foord Ave.

### **Ewen Park**

Establishment of this site was a joint effort of Canterbury Council, Friends of Ewen Park and the Mudcrabs. It has involved the planting of several thousand native plants along the river's edge. The site is alongside the river, behind the main playing field in Ewen Park, Hurlstone Park. This is on the pedestrian/cycle path and accessible by car via Tennent Parade, Hurlstone Park (near the corner of Smith Ave).

### **Cup and Saucer Creek Wetlands**

The man-made wetlands were developed in partnership with Sydney Water, Sydney Metropolitan Catchment Management Authority, the Federal Government and Canterbury Council as part of the Cooks River Urban Water Initiative. The wetlands are located in Heynes Reserve. This is on the pedestrian/cycle path opposite the Sugar Mill.

### **Thornley Street**

Located next to the Sydney Water SWOOS pipe on the River's edge between Steel Park & Mackie Park. This site has been developed jointly by Mudcrabs, local residents, Marrickville Council & Sydney Water.