

Mudcrabs calendar: July-December 2021

Dates may change. Changes will be notified by email.
Each site is described on the following pages.

Bushcare working bees

Rosedale Reserve, Croydon Park

25 July 9-11am (Sunday)
29 August 9-11am (Sunday)
26 September 9-11am (Sunday)
31 October 8-10:30am (Sunday)
28 November 8-10:30am (Sunday)
19 December 8-10:30am (Sunday)

Cup and Saucer Creek, Canterbury

20 July 9:30-11:30am (Tuesday)
17 August 9:30-11:30am (Tuesday)
21 September 9:30-11:30am (Tuesday)
19 October 9:30-11:30am (Tuesday)
16 November 9:30-11:30am (Tuesday)
21 December 9:30-11:30am (Tuesday)

Sugar Mill, Hurlstone Park

4 July 9-11am (Sunday)
1 August 9-11am (Sunday)
5 September 9-11am (Sunday)
3 October 9-11am (Sunday)
7 November 9-11am (Sunday)
5 December 9-11am (Sunday)

Foord Avenue, Hurlstone Park

11 July 9-11am (Sunday)
8 August 9-11am (Sunday)
12 September 9-11am (Sunday)
10 October 8-10am (Sunday)
14 November 8-10am (Sunday)
12 December 8-10am (Sunday)

Ewen Park, Hurlstone Park

25 July 9:30-11:30am (Sunday)
29 August 9:30-11:30am (Sunday)
26 September 9:30-11:30am (Sunday)
31 October 9:30-11:30am (Sunday)
28 November 9:30-11:30am (Sunday)

Burnett St, Hurlstone Park

15 August 9-11am (Sunday)
19 September 8-10am (Sunday)
17 October 8-10am (Sunday)

Southbank, Earlwood

20 July 9-11am (Tuesday)
17 August 9-11am (Tuesday)
21 September 9-11am (Tuesday)
19 October 8-10am (Tuesday)
16 November 8-10am (Tuesday)
21 December 8-10am (Tuesday)

Wave Rock, Marrickville

7 July 9-11am (Wednesday)
4 August 9-11am (Wednesday)
1 September 9-11am (Wednesday)
6 October 8-10am (Wednesday)
3 November 8-10am (Wednesday)
1 December 8-10am (Wednesday)

Landcare, Marrickville Golf Course

25 July 9-12pm (Sunday)
25 August 9-12pm (Wednesday)
26 September 9-12pm (Sunday)
27 October 9-12pm (Wednesday)
28 November 8-11am (Sunday)
22 December 8-11am (Wednesday)

Gough Whitlam saltmarsh, Earlwood

3 July 9-11am (Saturday)
7 August 9-11am (Saturday)
4 September 9-11am (Saturday)
2 October 8-10am (Saturday)
6 November 8-10am (Saturday)
4 December 8-10am (Saturday)

River clean-ups

Close Street, Canterbury

3 July 9-11am (Saturday)
7 August 2-4pm (Saturday)
4 September 9-11am (Saturday)
9 October 2-4pm (Saturday)
6 November 2-4pm (Saturday)
4 December 2-4pm (Saturday)

Racecourse, Canterbury

1 August 9-12pm (Sunday)
31 October 9-12pm (Sunday)

Birdwatching

The Mudlarks group does a regular survey of birds between Marrickville golf course and Boat Harbour. Meet at the Lang Rd footbridge in Ewen Park.

13 July 7:30am (Tuesday)
10 August 7:30am (Tuesday)
14 September 7:30am (Tuesday)
12 October 7:00am (Tuesday)
9 November 7:00am (Tuesday)
14 December 7:00am (Tuesday)

Local walks

Cooks River walk, 16 October, 9am: – a celebration of our volunteers' work along the river at various sites. Start at our site at Rosedale and finish at our last site at Tempe. Bring suitable walking shoes, sun protection, water and snacks to eat along the way. The walk should take around 4 hours to complete.

The Crab Walkers

The Crab Walkers are a group of volunteers taking a different approach to cleaning up the Cooks River: collecting litter from streets in the river catchment. Each person chooses a specific area they'd like to clean, such as some streets near home. With lots of people doing this regularly we can have a big impact. Every bit helps. Each volunteer is provided with their own kit, including a pick-up tool, gloves, yellow vest and bags.
Contact: crabwalkingproject@gmail.com **Facebook:** www.facebook.com/crabwalkingproject/

About Mudcrabs working bees

No need to register. Drop in and leave at any time. Tools and insurance cover are provided for all working bees. For clean-ups, it's a good idea to wear gumboots or old shoes as it can be quite muddy!

Please do **not attend any event** if you have any of the symptoms of COVID-19 or if you have been told to stay in isolation. More information: [NSW Health](https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/COVID-19/Pages/default.aspx)

Mudcrabs work sites

River clean-up: Racecourse, Canterbury

Meet beside bicycle track alongside the end of Broughton St where it becomes Charles St, Canterbury.

River clean-up: Close Street, Canterbury

Meet at the end of Close Street, Canterbury near the off-leash dog park.

Rosedale Reserve, Croydon Park

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 or Riverside Rd, Croydon Park. Meet at the change rooms near Riverside Rd. This is the first re-vegetation site the Mudcrabs started in early 2000. Our aim is to develop a mixed canopy of native shrubs and low growing trees, with relatively open areas planted with a variety of grasses and rush-like plants. A lot of work over time has produced a great stretch of native bushland along the river, which provides a food source and wildlife habitat for native birds, animals and insects. The site needs ongoing maintenance and care.

Cup and Saucer Creek, Canterbury

Cup and Saucer Creek Wetland is located in Heynes Reserve, Berna Street Canterbury. The wetland filters water from Cup and Saucer Creek before it flows into the Cooks River. It helps to regenerate the wetland's vegetation that provides habitat for birds, frogs, lizards and turtles. The working bee is run by Canterbury Bankstown Council.

Sugar Mill, Hurlstone Park

Meet near the footbridge at the end of Sugar House Rd Hurlstone Park, which is a 5 minute walk from Canterbury train station. The goal is to continue mulching, weeding and plant at least 1,000 native plants/grasses this year on the site and nearby. Work at the Sugar Mill site will sometimes extend to an adjoining site at Boat Harbour.

Foord Ave, Hurlstone Park

Access is at the end of Foord Ave or Keir Ave, Hurlstone Park. This sandstone outcrop was nominated as a 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 the project.

Ewen Park, Hurlstone Park

The site is next to the cycle path, behind the goal posts on the soccer field. Sign-in is usually on the picnic table at the northern end of the site. This site has regular voluntary maintenance between working bees so sometimes only light duties are required.

Burnett Street Reserve, Hurlstone Park

Burnett Street Reserve is at the top of Duntroon Street down to Burnett Street. Work to be undertaken includes clearing non-native vegetation, erosion control, mulching, weeding and planting. Meet in front of Edgeware School, Burnett St (enter from Tennent Parade).

Southbank, Earlwood

Southbank is the newest Mudcrabs site. A series of crushed sandstone native gardens have been developed by Canterbury Bankstown Council as part of the Ewen Park - Lang Rd footbridge master plan. These native vegetation sites run beside the new crushed sandstone walking path on the opposite side of the River to Ewen Park. The Mudcrabs' goals will be to keep these sites weed free and to increase the density and diversity of appropriate native vegetation.

Wave Rock, Marrickville

Meet on the edge of the Marrickville golf course in small park at the end of Alfred St, Marrickville or next to the 17th fairway. The site was run by the Mudcrabs for the first 8 years up until mid-2021. It is now supervised by Innerwest Council with ongoing participation by the Mudcrabs

Landcare, Marrickville Golf Course

This is a Landcare group, supervised by Inner West Council with participation by some Mudcrabs members. The site is a revegetated bushland remnant behind the 18th hole and adjacent to the clubhouse. Entrance to the Golf course is at the corner of Wharf St and Beauchamp St, Marrickville.

Gough Whitlam saltmarsh, Earlwood

Meet at the main site, located near Gough Whitlam Park, Earlwood, near the pedestrian crossing over Bayview Ave on the south side of the bridge. It is very close to Tempe Railway Station. This is a tidal saltmarsh constructed by Canterbury Council in 2008. Salt marshes are very specific communities of plants, animals and other micro flora and fauna. They are formed on the margins of the coast and tidal rivers, in depressions which are subject to periodic flooding by tides. They are very important for the maintenance of healthy eco-systems. There are two sites managed by the Mudcrabs. We have an ongoing program of weeding and planting native shrubs to create an understorey to encourage birds and other wildlife.

Sites not currently in the calendar

Boat Harbour, Hurlstone Park

Following extensive clearing of this site by a high pressure oil pipeline maintenance crew we're holding off on further work while the issue of what can be planted over the pipeline is clarified. Boat Harbour is an extension of the Sugar Mill site with an established canopy of mature trees and some understory planting. Work includes weeding, maintaining edges and some planting to increase the diversity of species. The site is interesting as it is shady and moist allowing a wider variety of species than some other sites along the river.

Thornley Street Children's Garden, Marrickville

The native garden established by the kids at May Murray Early Childhood Centre is on the north side of the river, behind 66A Thornley St. We weed it every 2-3 months.