

WASTE GUIDE

2026/27

FREE PLANTS, BOOKABLE CLEAN-UPS,
AND SUSTAINABILITY TIPS START *HERE*.

YELLOW & GREEN BIN COLLECTION CALENDAR

JULY 2026							AUGUST 2026							SEPTEMBER 2026						
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WASTE, RECYCLING & SUSTAINABILITY SERVICES IN WOLLONDILLY

WEEK B

GREEN BIN

YELLOW BIN

FESTIVE SEASON

WASTE COLLECTION

SERVICE INFORMATION

- Always place your bins out the night before your collection day. Collection times can vary weekly
- Check there are no obstacles which would limit access to your bins by the collection vehicle
- Don't park cars in the turning areas of a cul-de-sac/road on a service day
- Place bins out up to 48 hours before collection and return them to your property within 24 hours after collection
- Bin lids need to be completely closed to ensure collection. Overfull bins may not be emptied.

KNOW YOUR OPTIONS →



Scan the QR code to learn about your waste service options or an additional bin



**Red Lid
Garbage Bin**
emptied weekly
120L or 240L

**Green Lid Garden
Organics Bin**
emptied fortnightly
240L

**Yellow Lid
Recycling Bin**
emptied fortnightly
240L or 360L

QUICK CONTACTS

Wollondilly Shire Council

wollondilly.nsw.gov.au

4677 1100

Wollondilly Environment Events

nursery@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au

WIRES

1300 094 737

Sydney Wildlife

02 9413 4300



FESTIVE SEASON RECYCLING



To help with extra recycling over the festive season, Council will collect yellow bins **weekly** for a limited time.

HOW IT WORKS

From **Monday 14 December 2026** to **Friday 8 January 2027**, place your yellow bin out with your red bin each week on your usual collection day.

Yellow bin collections return to regular fortnightly service from **Monday 11 January**. Check the front cover of this booklet for your collection dates.

Your green bin will continue to be collected fortnightly as normal during this period.

RECYCLING

WHAT TO PLACE IN YOUR YELLOW BIN

Your yellow bin is emptied fortnightly. (See calendar on cover).



Newspapers
& Magazines



Glass Bottles
& Jars
Remove lids



Plastic Bottles
& Containers
Remove lids



Metal Lids
& Bottle Tops



Aluminium
Trays & Foil



Steel &
Aerosol Cans



Clean Paper
& Cardboard



Scan the **QR CODE**
for more information
on Council's Waste &
Recycling Service



DID YOU KNOW?

Plastic garbage bags should never be placed into your yellow bin, even if they contain recyclable items. All garbage bags (& their contents) in recycling bins are removed during the sorting process & disposed into landfill without being opened. So if you have taken the time to separate out your recyclables, please place the loose items into your bin to ensure they can be recovered & made into new products.

Polystyrene foam cannot be recycled through your yellow bin.

Don't place these in your yellow bin



Polystyrene
Foam



Soft
Plastics



Recyclables
in Plastic Bags



Garbage



Gas
Cylinders



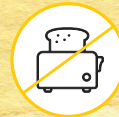
Batteries



Nappies



Paints
or Oils



Household
Appliances



Coffee
Cups



Pyrex, Mirrors
& Ceramics



Plate/Window
& Glass



Needles or
Medical Waste



Lids, Caps
& Nozzles



Shredded
Paper



Soiled Paper
or Cardboard



Car Parts



Food Waste



Dead
Animals



Clothing/
Textiles

GARDEN ORGANICS

WHAT TO PLACE IN YOUR GREEN BIN

Your green bin is emptied fortnightly. (See calendar on cover).

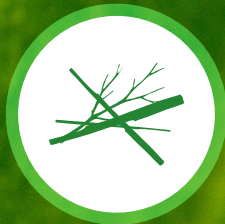


Lawn Clippings

Avoid over-compacting your bin so it can be emptied properly



Dry & Green Leaves



Sticks & Small Branches

Max 1m length & max 15mm thickness. For branches over 1m, refer to Wood Chipping Service



Palm Fronds

Cut in half & max length 1m



Flower Cuttings



All Types of Weeds



Branch Clippings

Scan the **QR CODE** for more information on Council's Waste & Recycling Service



DID YOU KNOW?

Council offers a Wood Chipping Service! Residents can drop off material which is too big for their green bin such as tree branches, trunks and large shrubs, to be chipped and recycled.



WOOD CHIPPING SERVICE

Scan for more information or please see the wood chipping service section of this booklet.

Don't place these in your green bin



Soft
Plastics



Garbage



Dead
Animals



Food
Waste



Rocks
& Soil



Sawdust



Paints
or Oils



Garden
Equipment



Gas
Cylinders



Tree Stumps
or Logs



Building &
Demolition Waste



Polystyrene
Foam



Painted or
Treated Timber



Chemicals
& Pesticides



Wollondilly
Shire Council

80kg
limit per bin

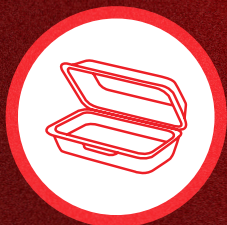
GARBAGE

WHAT TO PLACE IN YOUR RED BIN

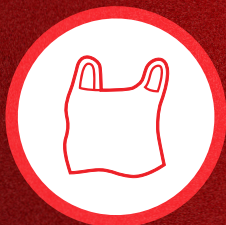
Your red bin is emptied weekly.



Food Waste



Polystyrene
Foam



Waste in
Plastic Bags



Pyrex, Mirrors
& Ceramics



Broken Glass



Lids, Caps
& Nozzles



Nappies



Scan the **QR CODE**
for more information
on Council's Waste &
Recycling Service



DID YOU KNOW?

Batteries cause fires in waste collection trucks. Never put these in general waste bins. Instead dispose of AA, AAA, C, D and 9V batteries responsibly at free drop off bins include Council's Civic Centre and retail stores such as Aldi, Woolworths, Coles and Bunnings.



DISPOSE OF YOUR BATTERIES SAFELY

Scan for more info about battery disposal

Don't place these in your red bin



Batteries*



Car Parts



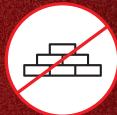
Recyclables



Paints*



Oils*



Building &
Demolition
Waste



Radioactive
Waste & Smoke
Detectors*



Fluorescent
Tubes/Globes*



Garden
Organics



Sharps or
Medical Waste*



Chemicals
& Pesticides*



Gas
Cylinders*



Large Quantities of
Animal Faeces

PLEASE TAKE NOTE

*Many of these hazardous items can be recycled. See the **Free Waste and Recycling Options Page** for more information.

COUNCIL CLEAN-UPS

SAME SIZE | SAME ITEMS

NOW BOOKABLE



LIMIT PER COLLECTION: 1.5 CUBIC METRES

For example, 1m high, 1m deep and 1.5m wide

CLEAN-UP INFORMATION

- Place items directly on the kerb in front of your property
- Items can be placed out up to 48 hours prior to your confirmed collection date
- Secure loose items (in boxes or bags) and avoid blocking mailboxes, footpaths and driveway
- Avoid placing materials under trees and low power lines
- Don't park vehicles in front of clean-up pile
- Keep scrap metal together so these items can be easily recycled
- Stick to the 1.5 cubic metre limit to avoid penalties or book a double collection
- Large items must be no longer than 1.8 metres in length
- Please remove fridge / freezer doors and locks
- Residents are eligible for two standard clean-ups (1.5m³ each) per year.

HOW TO BOOK

- Visit Council's Website call or Council on 4677 1100
- Make a booking for a date that suits you
- Check over the accepted and non-accepted items
- Place your items out within 48 hours of your collection date.

SCAN TO
BOOK



A QUICK GUIDE TO GET READY FOR COLLECTION

✔ ITEMS WE DO COLLECT



Household Furniture*

Broken or Unwanted Couches, Chairs, Rugs, Carpet, Vinyl/Linoleum Flooring, Cabinets, Drawers, Tables, Desks, Mattresses

**Items must be less than 1.8m in length and in rolls*



Household Goods/Loose Items*

Toys, Prams, Clothing, Linen, Crockery, Boxes, Bicycles, Sporting Equipment

**Loose items must be in boxes or bags*



Metal Appliances*

Stove, Washers, Dryers, Air Conditioners, Toasters, Hot Water Systems and Refrigerators

**Ensure fridges are empty and any doors/locks are taped or removed*



Electronics

Televisions, Computers, Kettles, Heaters, Lamps, Fans



Metal

Metal

**Metal items must be less than 1.8m in length*

Tree branches *Now accepted*



PLACE RECYCLABLE
ITEMS IN A
SEPARATE PILE

*(Metal Appliances,
Mattresses and Metal)*

✘ ITEMS WE DON'T COLLECT



Hazardous Materials

Medical Waste, Sharps Objects, Syringes, All Glass, Glass Tables or Furniture, Fish Tanks, Mirrors, Windows, Deceased Animals, Animal Waste



Building and Demolition Waste

Bricks, Concrete, Tiles, Masonry, Baths, Rocks, Gyprock Sheets, Insulation Batts, Items Containing Asbestos, or any Dangerous Waste *eg. Barbed Wire*



Heavy/Large Items

Tyres, Car Parts, Car Batteries, Tree Stumps or Roots, Large objects over 1.8m *eg. large dining tables or lounges*



Food and General Waste

Food Scraps, Household Kitchen Waste, Compost, Lawn Clippings, Leaves, Flower Cuttings, Tree Stumps, Thorny/Prickly Branches



Chemical Waste

Paint, Oil, Gas Bottles, Fire Extinguishers, Pesticides, Herbicides, House/Pool Cleaner Liquids of any kind, Hazardous Waste and Chemicals, Commercial or Industrial Waste



Batteries

See Dispose of Batteries Section in this Waste Booklet for disposal options.



Did you know our clean-up process diverts more than 90% of products from landfill, giving them a second life via multiple avenues. *Learn more about how we minimise landfill waste here* →



WOOD CHIPPING SERVICE

This **free** service is great for **off-cuts** from **larger vegetation** such as tree branches and large shrubs which are too big for the green lid garden organics bin.

WE WILL ACCEPT:

- Tree branches, trunks and large shrubs
- Length: one metre or more
- Diameter: maximum is 400mm.



Scan the QR CODE for more information or to make a booking

LOCATIONS & DATES

This service runs on a Saturday.

Warragamba Waste Management Centre

9 Production Ave, Warragamba

5 September 2026

24 October 2026

30 January 2027

17 April 2027

Bargo Hardstand

25 Government Rd, Bargo (*near closed Bargo WMC*)

12 September 2026

14 November 2026

27 February 2027

8 May 2027

Wilton Recreation Reserve

30 Broughton St, Wilton (*access via Hornby St*)

26 September 2026

5 December 2026

20 March 2027

29 May 2027

All items are chipped on-site and sent for composting.



LOCAL WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITIES

Many options are available for the drop off of waste and recycling within and close to the Wollondilly Shire.

REMONDIS Picton Resource Recovery Facility

Address: 67 Wonga Rd, Picton

Phone: 137 373

Opening hours: *Mon - Sun 7am - 3.30pm*

Moss Vale Resource Recovery Facility

Address: 177 Berrima Rd, Moss Vale

Phone: 1300 680 888

Opening hours: *Mon - Sat 7am - 4pm,
Sun 7:30am - 1pm*

Benedict Recycling Smeaton Grange

Address: 52 Anderson Rd, Smeaton Grange

Phone: 02 8761 0019

Opening hours: *Mon - Fri 6am - 4.30pm, Sat 6am - 2pm*

Veolia Spring Farm Resource Recovery Park

Address: 20 Barrow Rd, Spring Farm

Phone: 13 13 35

Opening hours: *Mon - Fri 6am - 4pm,
Sat 8am - 4pm, Sun 8am - 12pm*

Bowral Waste Centre

Address: 8 Kiama St, Bowral

Phone: 02 4211 4555

Opening hours: *Mon - Fri 7am - 4pm,
Sat 8am - 1pm*

Wollongong Waste & Resource Recovery Park

Address: 133 Reddalls Rd, Kembla Grange

Phone: 02 4227 7111

Opening hours: *Mon - Fri 7.30am - 4.30pm,
Sat & Sun 8am - 4pm*

FIND OUT MORE

For more information about
disposal options, scan the QR code
or call Council on 02 4677 1100.



Please note operating hours may change, contact the centres to confirm before visiting.

DON'T MAKE A HAZARD, KEEP THESE ITEMS GATHERED

Not all household waste can be disposed of in kerbside bins and council clean ups. **Hazardous items such as batteries can cause truck fires.**

HAZARDOUS ITEMS INCLUDE:



Chemicals
(toxic or
flammable)



Aerosols
(not completely
empty)



Fuel
Containers



Flares



Gas Bottles



Batteries



Vapes

HOUSEHOLD BATTERY DROP OFF LOCATIONS

Please tape up terminals to reduce fire risk during transport.

Wollondilly Civic Centre

Bargo IGA

Campbelltown City Council Civic Centre

Camden Library

Narellan Library

**Most Aldi, Coles, Woolworths &
Bunnings Stores**

Now also accepting button batteries

FREE WASTE & RECYCLING OPTIONS

COMMUNITY RECYCLING CENTRES

Paint, gas bottles, fire extinguishers, motor oil, other oils, car and household batteries, smoke detectors, fluorescent globes and tubes can all be dropped off **FREE** all year round to the following locations:

Wingecarribee CRC 177 Berrima Road, Moss Vale | 1300 680 888

Penrith CRC Gate 3, 96 Dunheved Circuit, St Marys | (02) 4732 7777

Camden CRC 5 Millwood Avenue, Narellan | (02) 4654 7777

Campbelltown CRC 2 Hephher Road, Campbelltown | (02) 4645 400

Opening hours vary across sites, please contact each site for details.

MOBILE PHONE & PRINTER CARTRIDGE RECYCLING

Free collection programs operate at:

Wollondilly Civic Centre

Australia Post Stores

Officeworks Stores

Bunnings Stores



FREE SHARPS & UNWANTED MEDICINES COLLECTIONS

A free collection service operates at all pharmacies for all sharps and unwanted medicines to ensure the safe and the environmentally responsible disposal of these chemicals. For more information please visit the **Medicine and Sharps Disposal page** on our website.

PARTICIPATING PHARMACIES

Appin Compounding Pharmacy
(02) 4631 1488

Bargo Caremore Pharmacy
(02) 4684 1657

Choice Pharmacy Silverdale
(02) 4629 7122

HealthSave Warragamba Pharmacy
(02) 4774 1013

Priceline Pharmacy Tahmoor
(02) 4681 8713

Picton Discount Drug Store
(02) 4677 1294

Pharmacy 4 Less Tahmoor
(02) 4681 0224

The Oaks Village Pharmacy
(02) 4657 1387

Thirlmere Pharmacy
(02) 4683 2866

Wilton Pharmacy
(02) 4630 9333



HOUSEHOLD CHEMICAL CLEANOUT

Help protect Wollondilly's environment by safely disposing of potentially hazardous household chemicals at free Chemical CleanOut events.

For information on free household chemical cleanouts and to see collection dates and locations, please visit **www.cleanout.com.au** or call the EPA Environment Line on **131 555**. Only household quantities are accepted.

Please transport your materials carefully and remain in your vehicle at the collection site.

Maximum container size of 20kg or 20L per item. Up to 100L of paint now accepted.

The following materials can be dropped off:

- Paint & related products
- Pesticides/herbicides
- Poisons
- Motor oils, fuels & fluids
- Batteries (household & car)
- Gas bottles
- Fire extinguishers
- Oils

- Solvents & household cleaners
- Ammonia based cleaners
- Fluorescent globes & tubes
- Hobby chemicals
- Smoke detectors
- Pool chemicals
- Acids & alkalis
- Vapes.



Keep an eye out for a letterbox flyer with the next Wollondilly FREE Chemical Cleanout date!

RETURN & EARN

Most drink containers between 150mL and 3L are accepted and can get a 10c refund when taken to an approved NSW collection point.

Containers should be empty, uncrushed, unbroken and have the original label attached. If a container isn't eligible for a refund it can still be recycled in your yellow bin.

APPROVED COLLECTION LOCATIONS IN WOLLONDILLY

Silverdale Shopping Centre
Silverdale

Dome Supermarket
The Oaks

Metro Petroleum
Appin

Picton Mall
Picton

REUSE, RECIRCULATE, DONATE SUSTAINABLE IS COOL

Divert more waste from landfill by giving any usable item a second chance at life where you can. Whether it be on-selling, giving away or purchasing second hand goods.

Check out **Wollondilly's Op Shops** for a variety of books, toys, jewellery, furniture, clothing and accessories. Op Shops raise funds to help people in need.

Vinnies Picton
02 4677 1705

Vinnies The Oaks
02 4657 1904

Lifeline Tahmoor
02 4683 0953



There are many ways to donate online too! Do what works for you.



Remember - if it is good enough to give to a friend then it is good enough to donate!



SELL

CLEAR OUT
& CASH IN

SHOP

FIND BARGAINS
NEAR YOU

LEARN

GET REUSE TIPS
& TRICKS

Garage Sale Trail is back in the Wollondilly Shire for 2026 over 2 weekends!

There are many benefits in participating such as:

- de-cluttering your home
- teach your kids how set up & operate a stall
- reduce landfill waste
- make some extra money
- look for treasures
- meet your neighbours and have fun!

The Garage Sale Trail is a weekend of garage sales held across Australia where everyone can get involved and it's **FREE** for sellers and shoppers. All are invited to host a sale or shop the trail.

7-8 & 14-15 November 2026

SCAN TO FIND OUT MORE



PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT

STOP ILLEGAL DUMPING IN OUR SHIRE

Help us to stop the illegal dumping of waste along roadsides and in the bush. Illegal dumping is the disposal of waste larger than litter on land or in water without the correct approvals.

Illegal dumping can include:

- Placing unwanted household items on the footpath when there is no council collection
- Dumping rubbish or garden organics in the bush or on the side of a road
- Dumping asbestos waste
- Businesses or contractors who are paid to correctly dispose of commercial waste but instead dump it on land without proper approvals.

REPORT LITTERING

Roadside litter is a significant problem. Litter damages our environment, harms wildlife and sea creatures, can injure people and is very expensive to clean up. If you see someone littering from a vehicle or materials blown or escaping from vehicles you can make a report to the EPA.

Fines issued from a report range from \$500 for an individual and \$1,000 for a business/corporation. To make a littering report contact the EPA Environment Line on **131 555** or go visit the EPA website epa.nsw.gov.au/reporttoepa

REPORT ILLEGAL DUMPING

Report illegal dumping if you see it occurring or as soon as it appears to Council's Customer Service Team on **(02) 4677 1100** or via the [Customer Portal](#) on Council's website.

You can also report using the RID Online page ridonline.epa.nsw.gov.au

WHAT TO DO IF YOU FIND

INJURED WILDLIFE

Please slow down and watch for wildlife, especially near bushland, rural roads and at dawn or dusk.

Wollondilly is home to a wide range of native animals. Sadly, many are injured or killed on our roads each year.

If you hit an animal, stop only if it is safe. Check the pouch and nearby area for young. Take care when approaching injured wildlife. Animals may be stressed, frightened and could injure you.

If you find injured wildlife, or young animals that have been left without an adult to care for them, contact WIRES or Sydney Wildlife as soon as possible.

Reporting injured or abandoned young wildlife can help save an animal's life and reduce suffering.

WILDLIFE CARERS NEED VOLUNTEERS

WIRES and Sydney Wildlife are run by volunteers and are often stretched for time and resources. Their work makes a real difference. If you would like to help, please contact these organisations to learn more about volunteering.

CONTACT DETAILS

WIRES | 1300 094 737
Sydney Wildlife | 02 9413 4300

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

Scan QR code to find out more about injured wildlife



SUSTAINADILLY

WORKSHOPS & EVENTS

Council provides a variety of *free workshops* to help Wollondilly residents live more sustainably and support the environment at home.

GROWING SEASONAL VEGETABLES

9:30am - 11:30am

Saturday 12 September 2026

Saturday 3 April 2027

WILDLIFE FIRST AID

5:00pm - 7:00pm

Thursday 9 July 2026

Thursday 4 March 2027

CREATING A HABITAT GARDEN

9:30am - 11:30am

Wednesday 7 October 2026

Saturday 20 February 2027

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

Sunday 7 March 2027

GROWING FRUIT TREES AT HOME

9:30am - 11:30am

Saturday 22 August 2026

Thursday 18 February 2027

LANDCARE FIELD DAY - OPERATION FOOD AND SHELTER

9:30am - 11:30am

Saturday 17 October 2026

COMPOSTING & WORM FARMING

9:30am - 11:30am

Saturday 19 September 2026

Saturday 5 December 2026

5:00pm - 7:00pm

Thursday 6 May 2027

NATURE WALK AND TALK AT LYN

GORDON RESERVE THIRLMERE

9:00am - 11:30am

Saturday 9 August 2026

COMPANION PLANTING WITH EDIBLE AND MEDICINAL PLANTS

5:00pm - 7:00pm

Thursday 13 August 2026

LANDCARE FIELD DAY - TREES ON FARMS

9:00am - 11:30am

Saturday 17 April 2027



JAMS AND PICKLES

5:00pm - 7:00pm

Thursday 26 November 2026

Thursday 29 April 2027

MAKE YOUR OWN BEES WAX WRAPS

9:30am - 11:30am

Saturday 19 December 2026

Wednesday 9 June 2027

FIRST NATIONS NATURE WALK AND TALK

9:30am - 11:30pm

Saturday 29 May 2027

AUSSIE BIRD COUNT LIN GORDON RESERVE THIRLMERE

8:30am - 10:30am

Wednesday 21 October 2026

INTRO TO BEE KEEPING AT HOME

5:00pm - 7:00pm

Thursday 12 November 2026

Thursday 20 May 2027



FRIENDLY WEEDS

5:00pm - 7:00pm

Thursday 11 February 2027

FIRST NATIONS WATERWAY WORKSHOP

09:30am - 11:30am

Saturday 6 February 2027

NATIONAL TREE DAY COMMUNITY PLANTING

Sunday 26 July 2026

COMMUNITY NURSERY OPEN DAYS

8:00am - 12:00pm

Saturday 26 September 2026

Saturday 28 November 2026

Saturday 27 February 2027

Saturday 10 April 2027



To book a spot or to find out more please go to **Council's website**, email nursery@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au or phone **(02) 4677 1100** or scan the **QR CODE**



COME AND JOIN US FOR STONEQUARRY CREEK

BUSHCARE

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Bushcare is a community-based program that plays an important role in the conservation and restoration of our environment. Bushcare relies on community volunteers, no experience is needed - our environment staff will guide you on how to manage natural areas to support biodiversity and restore the natural beauty of the creek. All tools and native plants are provided! All you need to do is turn up!

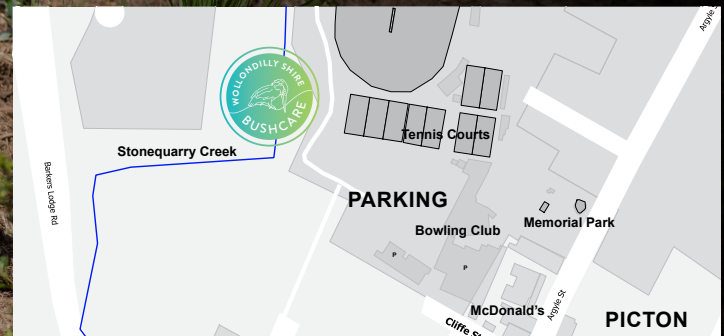
Volunteering is great for developing a sense of community, learning something new, promoting physical activity, reducing stress and making a positive difference in the local environment.

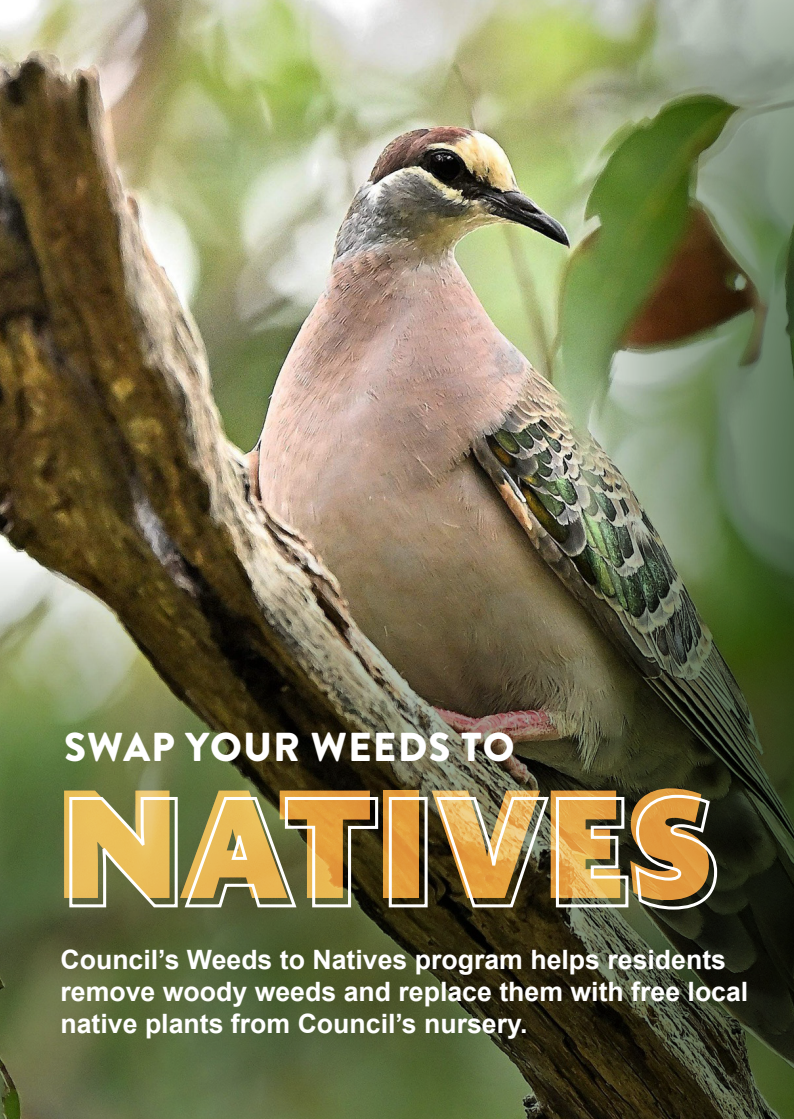
For further information on Wollondilly Shire Council's Bushcare program and sites, contact our Environment Team or scan the QR code.

Phone: (02) 4677 1100

Email: bushcare@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au

SCAN FOR
MORE





SWAP YOUR WEEDS TO

NATIVES

Council's Weeds to Natives program helps residents remove woody weeds and replace them with free local native plants from Council's nursery.

CHECK YOUR BACKYARD

Found woody weeds on your property? Swap them for local native plants that support birds and wildlife. Great options include bottlebrush, tea trees, banksias, acacias, and native fruiting shrubs such as native coffee bush and figs.

HOW IT WORKS

- Remove woody weeds like Lantana, Privet or African Olive
- Take a before and after photo
- Bring your photos to Council's nursery
- Choose your free native plants with our nursery team.

Conditions:

- Weed tree must be at least 2m tall
- Max 20 free natives per property per quarter
- Dispose of green waste responsibly
- Stumps for chipping must be under 400mm thick and at least 1m long.



African Olive



Bird loving native plants

If you need help identifying and treating the invasive weeds responsibly scan the QR code or ask one of our Environment Team Staff.



Eucalyptus
sideroxylo

Little
lorikeet

CREATE A HABITAT GARDEN

Got a bare or unused spot in your garden? With a few simple changes, you can create a habitat garden that supports local native wildlife. Use the guide below to help plan what to plant and where. You can use your free plant vouchers at the back of the booklet to get these native plants from the Robin Davies Wollondilly Community Nursery.

CANOPY

Hakea salicifolia

Yellow-tailed
black cockatoo

Acacia
longifolia

LARGE SHRUBS

Grevillea longifolia

Eastern spinebill

Leptospermum
polygalifolium

Fiddler beetle

Ringtail possum

Banksia spinulosa

MEDIUM SHRUBS

Melaleuca
thymifolia

Poa labillardierei

Red-browed
finch

Dianella caerulea

Blue-banded
bee

Blue tongue
skink

Isolepis nodosa

Eastern dwarf
tree frog

SMALL SHRUBS & GRASSES

Layered native planting for food and shelter

Rockery with hollow log refuge and basking

Small pond or water source

MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR FOOD

Did you know **roughly 30% of food waste goes to landfill?** If you've got extra fruit, vegetables or home-grown produce, these simple recipes from the *Picton District Country Women's Association* can help you preserve food, reduce waste and enjoy it for longer.

MARMALADE

Ingredients:

- 2kg oranges
- Juice of 1 lemon
- 2 litres water
- White sugar



Method:

- Remove zest from oranges with a peeler and cut into fine strips.
- Chop up oranges into small pieces and place in muslin bag (pith, pips and all). Tie firmly
- Put all ingredients except sugar into a pot and bring to boil.
- Simmer for about an hour with the lid slightly ajar (liquid will reduce by about half)
- Cover pot and leave overnight
- Next day squeeze the muslin bag (as much as you can), then discard the bag
- Weigh how much liquid you have as you will have to add the same weight in sugar (for this recipe about 2kg sugar)
- Bring liquid back to boil and add warmed sugar
- Stir until sugar is all dissolved. Boil briskly for 5-10 mins until it reaches setting stage
- Skim top with a spoon as you go to ensure a clear jelly
- When ready to bottle, leave it for 10mins before bottling – this will ensure peel is distributed evenly in jar
- Bottle in sterilised jars.

ZUCCHINI AND CAPSICUM PICKLES

Ingredients:

- 1kg chopped zucchini
- 2 chopped onions
- 1 chopped red capsicum
- ¼ cup of salt
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 cups white wine/cider/white vinegar
- 2 table spoons mustard powder
- 2 table spoons of turmeric
- 2 table spoons of cornflour mixed with a little extra vinegar



Method:

- Place vegetables in a pot and mix salt through. Strain after at least 3 hours
- Add remaining ingredients in a pot (minus the cornflour) and stir through whilst bringing to a boil
- Simmer for 25 minutes then stir through the cornflour mixture and simmer for another 3 minutes
- When ready to bottle, leave it for 10mins before bottling – this will ensure peel is distributed evenly in jar
- Bottle in sterilised jars.

Recipes provided by Picton District Country Women's Association



THE ROBIN DAVIES WOLLONDILLY COMMUNITY NURSERY

The Robin Davies Wollondilly Community Nursery grows a variety of local native plants including grasses, groundcovers, shrubs, climbers & trees.

Nursery staff can help you choose plants suited to your garden or farm that will look great, be waterwise, low maintenance and help support wildlife.

The plants are grown by our dedicated volunteers, the Wollondilly Regenerators and Propagators (WRAP). New volunteers are always welcome.

Residents of the Wollondilly Shire are entitled to 20 plants per year with the attached vouchers. Each voucher can be redeemed for 5 plants per quarter.

Plant stocks at the nursery vary seasonally throughout the year so it is always worth coming back for that special plant you haven't seen before.



Indigofera australis



Kunzea ambigua



Robin Davies Wollondilly Community Nursery