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The season of growth and renewal gives us lots of great reasons to get outside, to explore, learn and enjoy our magnificent bushlands. The flowers are in blossom, our wildlife are becoming more active and the new generations of native wildlife are beginning to appear. Look inside for all the details on our Spring program Bush Kids will be exploring Hobart with our favourite Flora the Explorer program, and discovering the creatures who call the gumtrees home.

Our 5-7 Bush Kids will be learning about animal homes with "Whose Habitat", dipping for "Wonderful Waterbugs" and exploring the bush on two wheels with "Wheel to the Waterfall".

We also have new activities for the 7-10s where they can search Hobart's bushland for its secretive fauna in both "The Arthropod Expedition" and "In Pursuit of the Platypus".

Go Wild, Go Solo will be blazing the trails with the "Kunanyi/Mt Wellington Peak to Park Hike" and testing their limits with "Bush Circus" at Waterworks Reserve.

This Spring we also have a fantastic family program for all ages. In September we're celebrating Threatened Species Day with some special threatened species of Tasmania programs. Join us in October for National Bird Week and Children's Week, where our special bird-tastic programs can get your family into a flutter! Pollinator Week and National Recycling Week in November will give your family the opportunity to buzz around the bush finding pollinators. There are activities and adventures for every age group to enjoy.

**Welcome to the Bush Adventures Spring Program 2017.**

*Spring's greatest joy beyond a doubt is when it brings the children out. —Edgar Guest*

**Colour coding system for activities**  
 Bush Kids 7-10 Years  
 Bush Kids 5-7 Years  
 Bush Kids 2-5 Years  
 Go Wild, Go Solo 10-14 Years  
 For the Whole Family  
 Just for Adults

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
25 SEP "Kunanyi/Mt Wellington Peak to Park Hike" "Wheel to the Waterfall"	26 SEP "Whose Habitat?" "Home Among the Gumtrees"	6 SEP "Missing Mammals Nocturnal Tour"	7 SEP "Bush Circus Advanced" "Where our Wild Things are"	8 SEP "Dogs Breakfast"	9 SEP "Dog's Breakfast"	10 SEP "Vanishing Birds Tour"
25 SEP "Kunanyi/Mt Wellington Peak to Park Hike" "Wheel to the Waterfall"	26 SEP "Whose Habitat?" "Home Among the Gumtrees"	13 SEP "Growing Wilder at Ancanthe Park"	14 SEP "Whose Habitat?" "Home Among the Gumtrees"	15 SEP "Whose Habitat?" "Home Among the Gumtrees"	20 SEP "Dogs Breakfast"	23 SEP "Stones of the Ancestors"
9 OCT "Kunanyi/Mt Wellington Peak to Park Hike" "Wheel to the Waterfall"	10 OCT "Whose Habitat?" "Home Among the Gumtrees"	11 OCT "Bush Circus Advanced" "Where our Wild Things are"	12 OCT "Bush Circus Advanced" "Where our Wild Things are"	13 OCT "Bush Circus Advanced" "Where our Wild Things are"	14 OCT "Flora the Explorers Garden Play" "Real Live Reptiles"	15 OCT "Wonderful Waterbugs In Pursuit of the Platypus"
16 OCT "Flora the Explorers Tiger Trail" "Where our Wild Things are"	21 OCT "Flora the Explorers Tiger Trail" "Where our Wild Things are"	22 OCT "Flora the Explorers Tiger Trail" "Where our Wild Things are"	27 OCT "Nature Play Show"	28 OCT "Nature Play Show"	29 OCT "Wacky Waterbirds" "Birding with the Two Old Cockies on the Fence" "Parrot Puppets in the Reserve" "Raptors in the Reserve Bus Tour"	29 OCT "Wacky Waterbirds" "Birding with the Two Old Cockies on the Fence" "Parrot Puppets in the Reserve" "Raptors in the Reserve Bus Tour"
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**JUST FOR ADULTS**

Our 'Just for Adults' program includes a range of guided walks and outdoor events, designed to offer rewarding and relaxing social recreation. Information is designed for mature audiences.

**Growing Wilder at Ancanthe Park**

Wed 20 Sep, 10 am – 2 pm  
 Bush Adventures and the Positive Ageing Team will once again join together to provide a charming day out, this time at Ancanthe Park, Lenah Valley. Enjoy morning tea, join a gentle guided walk then sit back and enjoy a little music and a social barbecue lunch.  
**Bring:** Warm clothes and sturdy shoes  
**Walk grade:** Very easy  
**Meet:** Mathers House, 108 Bathurst St, Hobart at 9.45 am or Ancanthe Park, Lenah Valley Rd, Lenah Valley at 10 am  
**Cost:** \$15 per person (includes bus and food)  
**Note:** All Bookings for this event are through Mathers House on 6234 1441. Please advise if you require transport to and from Mathers House when making your booking. Bus departs Mathers House at 10 am and returns by 2 pm.

**Growing Wilder Brunch with the Birds**

Mon 23 Oct, 10 am – 12 pm  
 Bush Adventures and the Positive Ageing Team are joining together for this all-abilities activity. Enjoy a light breakfast among the birds and a walk to see some of the Waterworks local species. We'll spot as many birds as we can as part of the 'Aussie Backyard Bird Count' - a citizen science initiative of BirdLife Australia. Bus departs Mathers House at 9.30 am and returns by 12.30 pm.  
**Walk grade:** Very easy  
**Bring:** A pair of binoculars if you already have some.  
**Meet:** Mathers House, 108 Bathurst St, Hobart at 9.15 am or Waterworks Reserve, Site 9, Waterworks Rd, Ridgeway at 10 am  
**Cost:** \$10 per person (includes bus and breakfast)  
**Note:** Booking through Mathers house 6234 1441.



**Birding with the 'Two Old Cockies on the Fence'**

Sat 28 Oct, 8.30–10.30 am  
 Come and join the dynamic duo of Denis Abbot and Don Knowler as they share their wisdom, insights and humour on a very special bird watching wander through the Waterworks Reserve.  
**Meet:** Waterworks Reserve, Site 8, Waterworks Rd, Ridgeway at 8.20 am  
**Cost:** \$5.50

**Join our mailing list and be the first to receive our program every season. Visit our website [hobartcity.com.au/bushadventures](http://hobartcity.com.au/bushadventures) and click on the link. Alternatively contact the City of Hobart on 6238 2886 (BH).**

If you have any suggestions, requests or questions regarding this program please email us at [bushadventures@hobartcity.com.au](mailto:bushadventures@hobartcity.com.au)

Please note that activities may be cancelled in the event of unsuitable weather conditions (such as severe fire danger or high wind) or unforeseen circumstances. All booked participants will be notified in the case of cancellation. A refund or credit will be given if this occurs.

For all activities please bring a drink and something to snack. Always wear suitable clothing for the environment and conditions.

We have an age policy in place for all activities, and children are only able to be booked into Bush Adventures programs suitable to their age. For our Bush Kids program, out-of-age siblings can attend without charge to watch with an in-age participant. However, please note that the activity will not be modified to cater for out-of-age siblings. The Go Wild, Go Solo program has a strict minimum age of 10 years.

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**Spring Program 2017**  
Outdoor Activities for Kids, Adults and Families

Time in Nature is one of the best things for your mind, body and soul

## BUSH KIDS

These sessions are designed for specific age groups and include a variety of exciting nature-based activities.

All Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

All activities \$5.50 per child.

Please bring a snack and water.

### 2-5 YEARS

#### Home among the Gum Trees

Mon 2 Oct, 10–11.30 am

Celebrate World Habitat Day with a discovery session for young children at Waterworks Reserve! Wander amongst the trees, wonder at who calls this home and create your own inspired artwork.

**Meet:** Waterworks Reserve, Site 9, Waterworks Rd, Ridgeway

#### Flora the Explorer's Garden Play

Sat 14 Oct, 10–11.30 am

Discover the Cascade Gardens with Flora!

**Meet:** Cascade Gardens, next to 2 Mcrobies Rd, South Hobart

#### Flora the Explorer's Tiger Trail

Sat 21 Oct, 12–1.30 pm

Flora has heard that someone has spotted the Tasmanian tiger! Come along to Waterworks Reserve and explore the mystery.

**Meet:** Waterworks Reserve, Site 9, Waterworks Rd, Ridgeway

#### Nature Play

Wed 25 Oct, 10–11.30 am

Discover the newly rejuvenated Wellesley Park. Play and nature based craft activities.

**Meet:** Wellesley Park, end of Wentworth St, South Hobart

### 5-7 YEARS

#### Life in a Seashell

Sat 30 Sept, 1.30–3 pm

Squishy and slimy with a solid front door? Long, hairy legs with a big pointy claw! Can you imagine carrying your house with you, everywhere you go?

**Meet:** Long Beach, end of Beach Rd (near Beach House café), Sandy Bay

#### Whose Habitat

Mon 2 Oct, 12.30–2 pm

Celebrate World Habitat Day with a guided walk around Waterworks Reserve. Discover the where wildlife make their homes, and craft our own habitat artwork.

**Meet:** Waterworks Reserve, Site 9, Waterworks Rd, Ridgeway

#### Wheel to the Waterfall

Tue 10 Oct, 1.30–3 pm

Join us for an all abilities bicycle adventure! Walk and bike to Silver Falls.

**Bring:** Children to bring their own bicycle and helmet (adults bicycle optional).

**Meet:** Fern Tree Park, corner of Huon Rd and Summerleas Rd (opposite Fern Tree Tavern), Fern Tree

#### Bush Bingo Scavenger Hunt

Fri 13 Oct, 10–11.30 am

Bush Bingo at Mt Nelson Signal Station is a great way to explore.

**Meet:** Mt Nelson Signal Station, end of Nelson Rd, Mt Nelson

#### Wonderful Waterbugs

Sun 15 Oct, 10–11.30 am

Take a look into the sparkling world of water. Test your trapping and identification skills and explore what these little creatures might grow up to be.

**Bring:** Gumboots or old shoes and clothing that can get wet

**Meet:** Hobart Rivulet, end of Anglesea St (near C3 Church), South Hobart

### 7-10 YEARS

#### Bush Circus

Thu 5 Oct, 1.30–3.30 pm

Bush Adventures is teaming up with Circus Art Tasmania to present this kids circus session in Hobart's bushland. Join us at Waterworks Reserve to test your skills, learn some new ones and make new friends!

**Meet:** Waterworks Reserve, Site 9, Waterworks Rd, Ridgeway

#### The Arthropod Expedition

Fri 13 Oct, 1.30–3 pm

Do you think you know Hobart's arthropods? Or would you like to delve a little deeper into the mysterious micro-world? Come and explore the world of mini-beasts.

**Meet:** Mt Nelson Signal Station, end of Nelson Rd, Mt Nelson

#### In Pursuit of the Platypus

Sun 15 Oct, 12.30–2 pm

Join Bush Adventures at the Hobart rivulet to seek out the mysterious platypus. Learn about platypus biology, behaviour, and make your own platypus to take home!

**Meet:** Hobart Rivulet, end of Anglesea St (near C3 Church), South Hobart

### GO WILD, GO SOLO

Our 'Go Wild, Go Solo' program is for kids who are keen to get out on their own for some bush challenges.

Parent/guardian attendance is not required but consent forms must be completed.

All activities \$5.50 per child.

### 10-14 YEARS

#### Bush Circus Advanced

Thu 5 Oct, 1.30–3.30 pm

Bush Adventures is teaming up with Circus Art Tasmania to present this kids circus session in Hobart's bushland. Join us at Waterworks Reserve to test your skills and learn some new ones!

**Meet:** Waterworks Reserve, Site 9, Waterworks Rd, Ridgeway

#### kunanyi/Mt Wellington Peak to Park Hike

Tue 10 Oct, 10 am – 1 pm

Lace up your boots- we're going for a hike! We'll follow the Zig-zag and Pinnacle Track to the Springs, and then the group will choose their route to continue to Fern Tree.

**Bring:** Weather appropriate clothing, including a wind/rain jacket, sturdy closed shoes, small backpack, water bottle and a snack for the trail

**Meet:** The Springs, Pinnacle Rd, kunanyi/Mt Wellington

**Note:** Pick-up is at Fern Tree Park, corner of Huon Rd and Summerleas Rd, Fern Tree (near Fern Tree Tavern)

### FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Our 'For the Whole Family' program is designed to provide opportunities for your family to do something special together in Hobart's bushland.

#### Missing Mammals Nocturnal Tour

Thu 7 Sep, 6–7.30 pm

Did you know that some mammals found here once roamed across mainland Australia too?

**Bring:** A torch and warm clothes

**Meet:** Car park at the end of Old Farm Road, South Hobart

**Cost:** \$8 per person (includes supper)

#### Vanishing Birds Tour

Sat 9 Sep, 10–11 am

Join Bush Adventures for this Threatened Species Day and learn about Australia's ancient and amazing avian activity.

**Meet:** Mount Nelson Signal Station, Mount Nelson

**Cost:** \$5.50 per person

#### Stories of the ancestors

Sat 23 Sep, 10–11.30 am

We invite you to come and sit with Palawa educator Trish Hodge and share in the knowledge and wisdom of her ancestors. This activity is open to anyone who wants to know more about the first people of lutriwita/Tasmania and their ancient and living culture.

**Meet:** Waterworks Reserve, Site 9, Waterworks Rd, Ridgeway

**Cost:** FREE

#### Dogs' Breakfast

Sat 30 Sep, 10 am – 12 pm

Dear dogs of Hobart: Woof, bark, bow-wow!! Bark-bark-bark. Hooooowwwwl.

Dear dog parents of Hobart: Come along to our Long Beach dog's breakfast. Snack on a sausage and learn about sharing and caring for Tassie's beaches and wildlife.

**Meet:** Long Beach, end of Beach Rd (near childrens playground), Sandy Bay

**Cost:** FREE

#### Where Our Wild Things Are

Fri 5 Oct and Sat 21 Oct, 6.30–8 pm

Come for a night walk and see where our wild things are. Learn what's out there and take home some handy hints for spotting creatures of the night when you go on your own spotlighting adventures.

**Bring:** A torch and warm clothes

**Meet:** Waterworks Reserve, just inside the gate on Waterworks Rd, Ridgeway (park outside the gate)

**Cost:** \$8 per person (includes supper)

#### Real Live Reptiles

Sat 14 Oct, 12.30–2 pm

Tony from Wild Ways will help you experience our amazing snakes and lizards. Are you brave enough to hold some of these scaly friends?

**Meet:** Cascade Gardens, next to 2 Mcrobies Rd, South Hobart

**Cost:** \$5.50 per person

#### The AMAZING Race

Sat 21 Oct, 2.30–4 pm

The AMAZING race of Waterworks will sort the clever kookaburras from the rest. Race around Waterworks Reserve, competing in bush-themed challenges and collecting the tokens from each event.

**Meet:** Waterworks Reserve, Site 9, Waterworks Rd, Ridgeway

**Cost:** \$5.50 per child

#### Parrot Puppeteers

Sat 28 Oct, 1.30–3 pm

Who are these quirky, colourful characters hanging in the trees? Squawking, screeching, shouting, and doing as they please? Learn about these fascinating creatures with Parrot Puppeteers.

**Meet:** Waterworks Reserve, Site 9, Waterworks Rd, Ridgeway

**Cost:** \$5.50 per child

#### Wacky Waterbirds

Sun 29 Oct, 10–11.30 am

The gulls are taking a bath, the grebes are at lunch and who's that with the webbed feet? Discover the wacky water birds that call the Waterworks home!

**Meet:** Meet: Waterworks Reserve, Site 2, Waterworks Rd, Ridgeway

**Cost:** \$5.50 per child

#### Raptors in our Reserves Bus Tour

Sun 29 Oct, 1–4 pm

Do you have a thing for predators, and enthusiasm for eagles or a fascination with falcons? Join us to seek out Hobart's raptors across several reserves, and learn about their fascinating behaviour, movements and lifestyles.

**Meet:** Waterworks Reserve, Site 9, Waterworks Rd, Ridgeway at 1pm

**Cost:** \$10 per person (includes bus)

**Note:** This tour delivers information at an adult level, and while we will do our best, raptor sightings cannot be guaranteed. We welcome the entire family to join, but please note that the content has not been designed for young children.

#### Precious Pollinators

Sat 18 Nov, 10–11.30 am

Meet the busy little animals who help our plants reproduce.

**Meet:** Princes Park, 99 Salamanca Place, Battery Point

**Cost:** \$5.50 per child

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