

Sustainable Gardening Australia Workshops at Werribee Open Range Zoo

Workshop 1: Sustainable Garden Design

Date: Sunday February 21st
Time: 10am to 12noon

Learn how you can create an attractive and functional garden using sustainable design principles. This workshop covers all elements in a sustainable garden including:

- organic soil management,
- creating garden zones,
- using recycled materials,
- minimising chemical and fertiliser use, and
- successful plants for your area.

Take a guided tour of Werribee Open Range Zoo's award winning Watersmart Garden to see sustainable garden design in practice (included in workshop cost).

Workshop 2: Garden Plants for the Werribee Plains

Date: Sunday March 7th
Time: 10am to 12noon

The Werribee Plains are host to a unique yet vulnerable range of plant and animal communities. Growing some of these locally indigenous plants in your garden will help to protect them for the future. This workshop covers:

- the history and ecology of the Basalt Plains,
- appreciating local soils and ways to improve them naturally,
- mixing exotic and indigenous plants in your garden,
- using local grassland species ,
- growing plants from seed or using tube stock, and
- tips for maintaining indigenous plants in residential gardens.

Take a guided tour of Werribee Open Range Zoo's Seed Orchard to see indigenous grasses and herbaceous plants in bloom (included in workshop cost).

Cost: \$10.00 per workshop (includes Zoo entry but not safari tour).

OR \$35.00 for all 4 workshops

Bookings: On-line at Sustainable Gardening Australia
<http://sgaonline.cart.net.au/store/learn/>

Location: Werribee Open Range Zoo, K Road Werribee.



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Workshop 3: Creating Habitat Gardens

Date: Sunday March 21st
Time: 10am to 12noon

Urbanisation causes fragmentation of local plant and animal communities. Learn how you can help protect locally vulnerable species by creating habitat areas in your garden. Workshop topics include:

- the importance of local ecosystems
- creating wildlife corridors
- designing habitat zones
- attracting birds, insects, frogs and other small animals
- using recumbent rocks, logs and tree hollows .

Take a guided tour of the Werribee Zoo Volcanic Plains Walk to observe successful habitat zones (included in workshop cost).

Workshop 4: Gardening in Low Rainfall Areas

Date: Sunday April 11th
Time: 10am to 12noon

The Werribee Plains area receives significantly less water than the rest of Melbourne. Learn how you can have a beautiful and sustainable garden through careful plant selection and choosing alternative water sources. Workshop covers:

- gardening through climate change and drought
- understanding soil and its ability to hold water
- choosing the correct water retentive mulches
- installing alternative water sources for the garden
- characteristics of drought tolerant plants
- using indigenous plants suited to the local ecology.

Take a guided tour of Werribee Open Range Zoo's Watersmart Garden to see thriving dry garden zones using both indigenous and exotic plants (included in workshop cost).

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