

Cooks River Day Out

Saturday 22 August 2015

Event 11am to 3pm

Tours start from 9am

Gough Whitlam Park, Earlwood

CULTURE OF COOKS RIVER COUNTRY

Nardi Simpson and Kalina Briggs of **The Stiff Gins** sing and talk about the River. Back by popular demand!

6 piece band **Bonnie Kay and the Bonafides** play blues and roots **music**.

Environmental **weaving** with Aboriginal crafters.

Arts and crafts workshop with Gaawaa Miyay designer **Lucy Simpson**.

FAMILY FRIENDLY

Travelbugs Mini-beasts Bug Display will have spiders and other insects large and small.

Taronga Zoo's **Zoomobile** will bring native Australian animals – lizards, snakes, frogs and more!

"Sammy the Sailor and Shellie the Mermaid" play by **Eaton Theatre**.

Jumping castle & face painting.

IT'S SCIENCE WEEK!

Our key speaker is Cooks River local **Bernie Hobbs**, best known as a judge from ABC TV's The New Inventors. Bernie has won awards for the kids TV show the experiMENTALS, and for her infamous greenhouse website Planet Slayer.

Bernie has a first class honours degree in biochemistry and microbiology, a very nerdy habit of birdwatching, and more than a passing interest in cycling, kayaking and ridding her backyard of asthma weed.

Bernie volunteers with **Mudcrabs** (check out their stall at the event).

CATCHMENT TOURS

Join tours to find out what's happening in other parts of the Cooks River and Wolli Creek.

Cycle from Strathfield's High Street Library to Gough Whitlam Park with a guide, and learn more about bank naturalisation and bushcare work.

Walk from the Cup and Saucer Wetland with a guide, and see the changes to the river banks.

See the River from an **Aboriginal perspective** with walks starting at Gough Whitlam Park.

Roof to River Walk. When the rain falls on your roof, where does it go? Take a guided walking tour from St Peters train station to Tempe station.

WETLANDS, RAINGARDENS, GREYWATER AND FROGS

Practical hands-on workshops with David Knights (Alluvium) for householders and renters. These 20-30 minute workshops will teach you how you can help the River.

KAYAKING TOURS

Special opportunity to get to see the river from the river! The River Canoe Club at Tempe is offering two guided **kayaking tours**. The tours will be one hour duration, and will include kayak safety prep and 45 minutes on the water. **Bookings essential**.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Find out how to be **involved with your river community** with groups such as the Cooks River Valley Association, Wolli Creek Preservation Society, Botany Bay Association, Total Environment Centre, Ethnic Communities Council.

FOOD

Available for purchase on site and at the Cooks River Canteen.

Hosted by the **Cooks River Alliance**.

Bookings required for workshops and tours. **Event is free** and on rain or shine.

Detailed program and bookings available at cooksriverdayout.eventbrite.com.au