

Improve Your Garden with Composting

Composting is a fun, easy way to recycle and now you can learn about it at Council's free workshop.

The workshop will be held in Wallarobba Garden, Hornsby, and show participants how to use composting to improve garden soil, save space in the bin and save money.

It will also include information on worm farming.

When: Tuesday 10 March, 9.30am-11.30am

Where: Edgeworth David Avenue, Hornsby

Cost: Free

Bookings Essential: Book online at hornsby.nsw.gov.au/whatson or call the Waste Hotline on 9847 4856

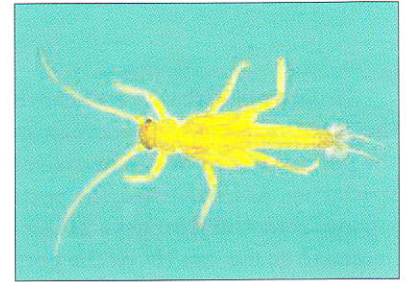


Life in our Local Waterways

By Chris Noon

Still Creek Landcare has been testing local waterways for some years. Now, as part of the Australian Museum's water quality measurement of Sydney's creeks, we are seeing what waterbugs are found in the creeks. Waterbugs are small invertebrates about 2 to 10mm long.

A butterfly net is used to sample a section of creek with different beds such as rocks, gravel, sand and leaf debris and different water conditions such as pools and riffles. We collect the samples in a bucket and then sort them into a few different body types such as mayflies, stoneflies (pictured) and others. We then count the types and the number of each. Using the appropriate manual and charts we can calculate an indicator of the health of the creek. We also look for invasive snails from NZ and South America.



Stonefly (Photo: Murray Darling Freshwater Research Centre)

Our first tests show that Still Creek at Crosslands is in very good condition, but Charltons Creek near Radnor Rd is not so good.

It is quite simple so if you would like join us to see how this measurement is done then contact Chris 9653 3870 or via email StillCreekLandcare@iinet.net.au, the website StillcreekLandcare.com.au or on Facebook.



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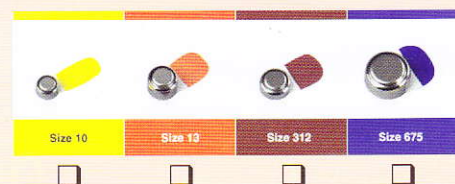
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