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Summer workshops at Green Connect's award-winning permaculture farm

Internationally recognised Green Connect farm will reopen its gates to the Illawarra and beyond for its summer workshop series.

The permaculture farm in Warrawong, which has been recognised by the Commonwealth for global leadership in sustainable development, is offering a variety of gardening workshops this summer, ranging from small space gardening and seed-raising to beekeeping and permaculture.

General Manager Kylie Flament said Green Connect is delighted to welcome the community back to the farm.

"We've missed having people at the farm during lockdown and we're so happy to be able to offer new workshops from December that suit beginners through to advanced gardeners," Ms Flament said.

"We're hoping with the lifting of travel restrictions that people will come from places like the South Coast and Sydney, as well as the Illawarra."

Workshops on offer this summer include:

- Small Space Gardening with Narelle Happ (Saturday 4 December)
- Introduction to Beekeeping (Saturday 15 January)
- In-depth Beekeeping (Saturday 5 February)
- Seed Saving and Propagation with Narelle Happ (Saturday 12 February)
- Introduction to Permaculture (Saturday 19 - Sunday 20 February)

The workshops are run by well-known gardening and permaculture experts including garden designer Narelle Happ, beekeeping expert Claire Brown and permaculture expert John Champagne.

"Our workshops are a wonderful way for people to connect with nature and introduce sustainability practices into their life," Ms Flament said.

"When people attend Green Connect's workshops they get to see a leading example of urban agriculture in Australia and one of the largest urban permaculture farms in the world.

"It's also a wonderful way to meet new people and support Green Connect."

Green Connect was one of 15 international recipients – and the only Australian winner – in the Commonwealth Secretary-General’s 2021 Innovation for Sustainable Development Awards, announced in September.

Green Connect workshops range in time from three hours to two-day workshops and early bird tickets start at \$86, with concession tickets also available. Tickets can be booked on the Green Connect website: <https://green-connect.com.au/visit/op-shop-and-farm-workshops/>

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