

IMPORTANT SUSTAINABILITY & PERMACULTURE DATES OF THE YEAR



There are certain dates throughout the year that observe important elements of the foundational permaculture ethics; *Earth Care*, *People Care* and *Fair Share*. These are fabulous days to deliver focussed education on topics that help people understand challenges facing our global community, and to equip them with strategies and resources to make positive change.

Many of these dates stay the same every year, but others change slightly from one year to the next as they fall on the “last Saturday”, or during “the first week starting on a Monday” of a month. This can make it difficult to keep on top of your calendar, especially when you’re planning in advance.

To help you navigate this more easily and confidently, listed below are important environmental and sustainability dates for each month, with an indication as to whether they change or remain the same each year.

Dates marked in **GREEN** remain the same every year. Dates marked with **BLUE** change from year to year.
Events marked with ****asterisks** are specific to Australia

January

26th - **International Day of Clean Energy**

February

All month - ****National Sustainable Living Festival**

2nd - **World Wetlands Day**

March:

(first Sunday) - ****Clean Up Australia Day**

8th - **International Women's Day**

18th - **Global Recycling Day**

22nd - **World Water Day**

(last Saturday) - **Earth Hour**

30th - **International Day of Zero Waste**

April

22nd - **Earth Day**

May:

(week beginning on first Sunday) - **International Composting Awareness Week**

20th - **World Bee Day**

22nd - **International Day for Biological Diversity**

27th-3rd June - ****National Reconciliation Week**

June

5th - **World Environment Day**

7th - **International Food Safety Day**

8th - **World Ocean Day**

July

All month - **Plastic Free July**

(week beginning first Sunday)

- ****NAIDOC Week**

(last Sunday) - ****National Tree Day**

August

(week beginning on third Saturday) - **National Science Week**

(third Saturday) - **National Honey Bee Day**

September

All month - ****National Biodiversity Month (Aus)**

(week beginning on first Monday) - **Zero Waste Week**

20th - **World Cleanup Day**

29th - **International Day of Awareness of Food Loss & Waste**

October

All month - **Buy Nothing New Month**

(first Monday) - **World Habitat Day**

16th - **World Food Day**

November

(week beginning on second Monday) - **National Recycling Week**

(week beginning on first Saturday) -

****Australian Pollinator Week**

December

5th - **World Soil Day**



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