



# WOW! WONDERS OF WADDANGALLI



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PARRAMATTA CITY COUNCIL PROJECT

#### **ENGAGING DIVERSE COMMUNITY**

'WADDANGALLI -

CREATING A HUB OF EXPERIENTIAL & INCLUSIVE LEARNING IN WESTERN SYDNEY'



- Why?
- How?
- Benefits

# WHY?

#### URBAN BUSHLAND IS VALUABLE





"Restoring habitat or setting up reserves in cities can boost people's health, improve their ability to think and lower violence and aggression in the community"

- NERP 2013





"Children who experience contact with nature develop improved self worth and higher cognitive function"

- Beyond Blue 2012

#### **OUR MEDICINES COME FROM BIODIVERSITY**





Western Sydney has unknown biological resources in Cumberland Plain Woodland which could be important for medicine for future generations





- A seed-eaters
- B nectar feeders
- C hawkers
- D small foliage gleaners
- E large foliage gleaners
- F gleaner of prey from tru and branches
- G sallying
- H pouncer
- I bird of prey
- J ground-forager

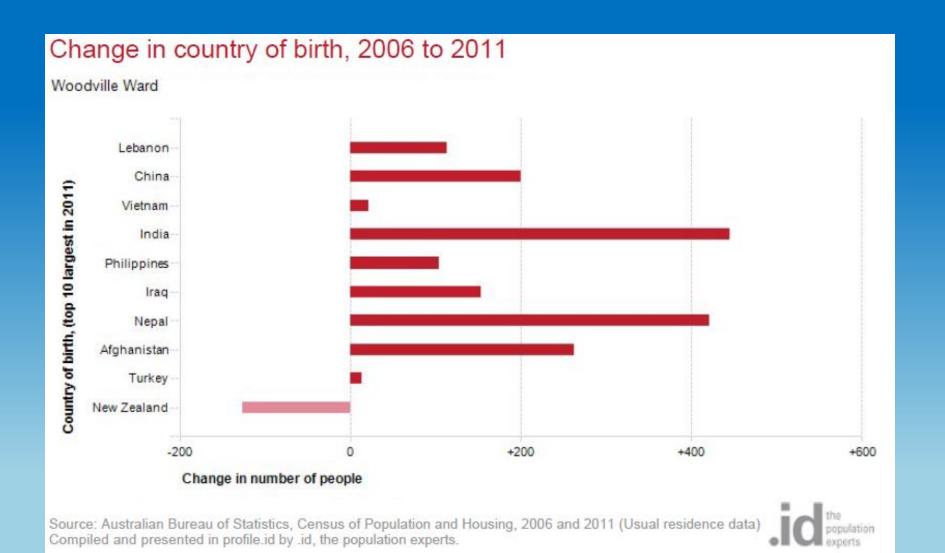
# HOW?



We are kick-starting structural diversity and invertebrate diversity by introducing fallen logs and planting islands of habitat suited to insectivorous perching woodland birds



#### WADDANGALLI'S NEIGHBOURS ARE DIVERSE







Parramatta Council's Get Back to Nature Program is attracting diverse community members, especially new arrivals or people who have been in Australia less than 12 months

### **EXPERIENTIAL**







### **INCLUSIVE?**



#### Wonders of Waddangalli WOW!

Community Event for Sathya Sai Organisation Australia

Please join us for a fun event to help protect and restore habitat for the rare and endangered plants and animals of Waddangalli Woodland.

#### WHERE

Campbell Hill Pioneer Reserve, Campbell Hill Road, Guildford.

#### FREE ACTIVITIES

- Planting trees to help our community and the environment
- Guided bushwalk to learn about the wonders of the woodland
- Australian Wildlife Displays (meet some real live Aussie animals)
- ✓ Free Games Soccer and Frisbee

Limited parking available so please come early or be sustainable and come with a friend.



Please wear suitable clothes for the bush (covered shoes, trousers, sun hat etc.), bring a picnic blanket and a water bottle.

It would be great to see everyone there to help us restore the land and save endangered species including the beautiful Scarlet Robin and Acacia pubescns.

For more information NSW Region West Enviro Care Officer 0423 028 909



#### Making it Meaningful

1008 trees were planted

– this is an auspicious
number for this
community





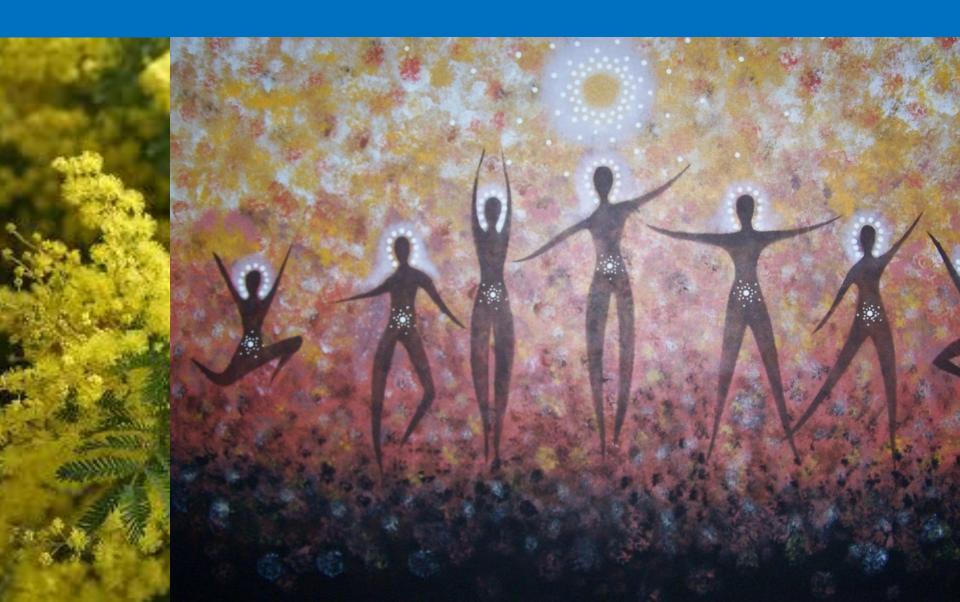
## WE FORMED PARTNERSHIPS

Understanding the needs of new arrival clients at Settlement Services International we shaped a program to help:

- build work skills,
- familiarise local places
- and build relationships with other new migrants



#### SHARING LOCAL ABORIGINAL STORIES





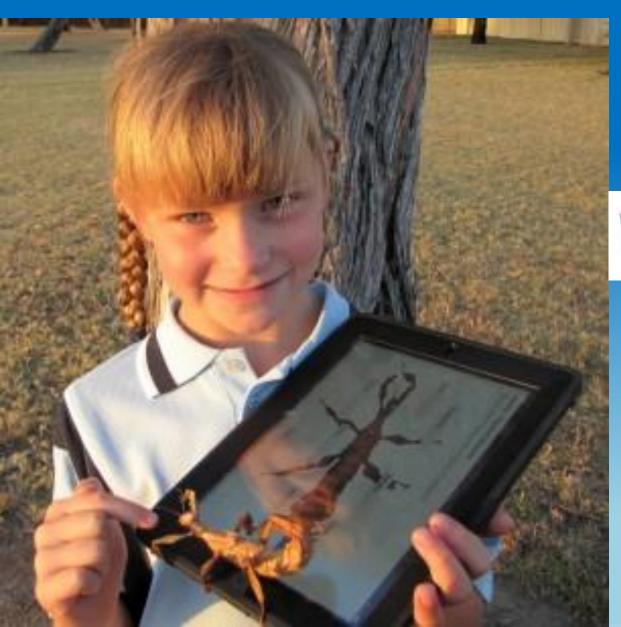
#### LANGUAGE FILMS

- Sudanese
- Arabic
- Tamil
- Mandarin
- Vietnamese
- Spanish





#### E-BOOK IPAD INTERACTIVE LEARNING RESOURCE







### BENEFITS

"One touch of nature makes the whole world kin"

William Shakespeare

