



BUSH BUDDIES

Pre-school Program



To book a session go to our website page



Cleland Wildlife Park Bush Buddies Pricing

You can enrol for the whole term of Bush Buddies, or for flexibility you can purchase a single session each week...we understand that life can sometimes be unpredictable!

Cost

Please check our website for updated cost 2026.

Program cost per session for child

Park entry for adults is not included, we recommend purchasing a Cleland membership and receive unlimited entry all year round.

If you are looking to book multiple sessions, you can contact us on 7424 5800 or email clelandwildlifepark@sa.gov.au





Cleland Wildlife Park Bush Buddies Program

Perfect for those outdoor playing, nature loving kids. Bush Buddies has become a very popular program among members and visitors and develops a sense of belonging, connection and adventure in the natural world and the native animals that we share it with. This program is held within the school term and is the perfect place for children to socialise with others. Each week children will explore a different Australian animal through storytelling, music, interactive and sensory learning experiences, while also exploring the park.

Program Information

Designed for

2–4-year-olds (5-year-olds can also attend if they are still in kindy)

Location

Cleland Wildlife Park
365c Mount Lofty Summit Road, Crafrers
SA 5152

Details

45-minute sessions over 10 weeks

Available Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

Session times: 10am & 11am

Monday 11am

Tuesday 10am

Thursday 11am

Friday 10am

Bookings are essential





BUSH BUDDIES

Term 1 2026

(10 weeks)

Commencing on the 27th of January 2026

TOPICS

- Week 1: Amazing Echidnas
- Week 2: Scaly Friends
- Week 3: Kookaburras and Lorikeets
- Week 4: Insects and their many legs
- Week 5: Give me a home among the Gumtrees
- Week 6: Curious Life Cycles
- Week 7: Terrific Tasmanian Devils
- Week 8: Mission Survive - animals in the heat
- Week 9: Wicked Wombats
- Week 10: Egg Life

All sessions are divided into
10–15-minute segments:

- Music/Storytime
- Inquiry Learning
- Sensory based activities
- Exploration in the park

Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Friday DATES

- PH, 27th, 29th, 30th January 2026
- 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 6th February 2026
- 9th, 10th, 12th, 13th February 2026
- 16th, 17th, 19th, 20st February 2026
- 23rd, 24th, 26th, 27th February 2026
- 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 6th March 2026
- PH, 10th, 12th, 13th March 2026
- 16th, 17th, 19th, 20th March 2026
- 23rd, 24th, 26th, 29th March 2026
- 30th, 31st March 2nd & PH April 2026





BUSH BUDDIES

Term 2 2026

(10 weeks)

Commencing on the 27th of April 2026

TOPICS

- Week 1: Lazy Lizards
- Week 2: Enormous Emus
- Week 3: Spiders
- Week 4: Kind Koalas
- Week 5: Cockatoo's where are you?
- Week 6: Cool Crocs & Carnivores
- Week 7: Rare Rock Wallabies
- Week 8: Amazing Australia
- Week 9: Pelicans and Cormorants
- Week 10: What's that noise?

Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Friday DATES

- 27th, 28th, 30th April - 1st, May 2026
- 4th, 5th, 7th, 8th May 2026
- 11th, 12th, 14th, 15th May 2026
- 18th, 19th, 21st, 22nd May 2026
- 25th, 26th 28th, 29th May 2026
- 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th, June 2026
- PH, 9th, 11th, 12th June 2026
- 15th, 16th, 18th, 19th June 2026
- 22nd, 23rd, 25th, 26th June 2026
- 29th, 30th June - 2nd, 3rd July 2026

All sessions are divided into
10-15 minute segments:

- Music/Storytime
- Inquiry Learning
- Sensory based activities
- Exploration in the park





BUSH BUDDIES

Term 3 2026

(10 weeks)

Commencing on the 20th of July 2026

TOPICS

Week 1: Wild Wombats

Week 2: Whose eggs, are they?

Week 3: Turtles are reptiles too!

Week 4: Rainy Days

Week 5: Jumping Kangaroos

Week 6: Flowers and Seeds

Week 7: Busy Bugs

Week 8: Delightful Ducks

Week 9: Bandicoots & Potoroos

Week 10: Possum Play

Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Friday DATES

20th, 21st, 23rd, 24th July 2026

27th, 28th, 30th, 31st July 2026

3rd, 4th, 6th, 7th August 2026

10th, 11th, 13th, 14th August 2026

17th, 18th, 20th 21st August 2026

24th, 25th, 27th, 28th August 2026

31st August 1st 3rd 4th September 2026

7th, 8th, 10th, 11th September 2026

14th, 15th, 17th, 18th September 2026

21st, 22nd, 24th, 25th September 2026

**All sessions are divided into
10–15-minute segments:**

- **Music/Storytime**
- **Inquiry Learning**
- **Sensory based activities**
- **Exploration in the park**





BUSH BUDDIES

Term 4 2026

(10 weeks)

[Commencing on the 12th of October 2026](#)

TOPICS

Week 1: Colourful Birds

Week 2: Nest Galore

Week 3: Echidna

Week 4: Wonderful Trees

Week 5: Fantastic Frogs

Week 6: What's that noise?

Week 7: Water Bugs

Week 8: Koalas

Week 9: Slithery Snakes

Week 10: Animals Tracks

Extra: Christmas themed session

All sessions are divided into
10-15-minute segments:

- Music/Storytime
- Inquiry Learning
- Sensory based activities
- Exploration in the park

Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Friday

DATES

12th, 13th, 15th, 16th October 2026

19th, 20th, 22nd, 23rd October 2026

26th, 27th, 29th, 30th October 2026

2nd, 3rd, 5th, 6th November 2026

9th, 10th, 12th, 13th November 2026

16th, 17th, 19th, 20th November 2026

23rd, 24th 26th 27th November 2026

30th Nov, 1st, 3rd, 4th, December 2026

7th, 8th, 10th, 11th December 2026

14th, 15th, 17th, 18th December 2026

16th December 2026 (10am & 11am)

