



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, Crafers
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





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Term 1 2026

(10 weeks)

Commencing on the 27th of January 2026

TOPICS

- Week 1: Lovely Lizards
- Week 2: Enormous Emus
- Week 3: Spiders those 8-Legged Critters
- Week 4: Kangaroos, Kangaroos
- Week 5: Interesting Insects
- Week 6: Totally Terrific Trees
- Week 7: Wonderful water birds and their nests
- Week 8: Look out for snakes
- Week 9: Beautiful Butterflies
- Week 10: Brilliant Bilbies - Easter

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, 20th 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

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

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





BUSH BUDDIES

Term 2 2026

(10 weeks)

Commencing on the 27th of April 2026

TOPICS

- Week 1: Turtles
- Week 2: Enormous Emus
- Week 3: Dingoes & Tasmanian Devils
- Week 4: What's that Noise
- Week 5: Fantastic Frogs
- Week 6: What grows from a seed?
- Week 7: Bugs Bugs Bugs
- Week 8: Possum Magic
- Week 9: What can hop?
- Week 10: Sneaky Potoroos and Bandicoots

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

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10-15 minute segments:

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





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Term 3 2026

(10 weeks)

Commencing on the 20th of July 2026

TOPICS

- Week 1: Reptiles are Rad!
- Week 2: Animal Homes
- Week 3: Geese Please
- Week 4: Marsupials Manners
- Week 5: Colourful Birds
- Week 6: Wallabies
- Week 7: Who lays eggs?
- Week 8: Wonderful Worms
- Week 9: Wombats
- Week 10: Be a Tree

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
- 45th, 15th, 17th, 18th September 2026
- 21st, 22nd, 24th, 25th September 2026

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10–15-minute segments:**

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





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Term 4 2026

(10 weeks)

Commencing on the 12th of October 2026

TOPICS

Week 1: Nighttime creatures
Week 2: Rare Rock Wallabies
Week 3: Scap the Scat
Week 4: Ducks Rock
Week 5: Scales, fur, feathers - Wowee
Week 6: Curious Cycles
Week 7: Safe Snakes
Week 8: Fabolous Flowers
Week 9: Echidnas
Week 10: Nothing but nests
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 2025 (10am & 11am)

